

Belefonte, Pa., December 24, 1926. At Old Jefferson College.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

By Rev. L. M. Colfelt, D. D. In the autumn of 1867 the anxious-

ly awaited hour arrived when I started for Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pa. The first step in order was the Exams for admission, conducted by Prof. Alonzo Linn and president Jonathan Edwards. Hoping only to enter the Sophomore class I was agreeably surprised that they decided I was fitted to matriculate as a Junior, leaving but two years to graduate. Thenceforward I did not study for marks but only to maintain a creditable standing as one of the first fifa handicap in courses requiring the reasoning powers. My leisure, upon release from the daily grind, I em-poyed in the acquisition of general knowledge in science, philosphy, literature, but displaying perhaps the trend of my nature in the eager perusal and study of the famous orators, Patrick Henry, Calhoun, Clay, Ed-ward Everett Burke, Mirabau, Gembetta Castelar. Not being addicted to baseball or cards as too great consumers of time, I found considerable social diversion of evenings in the homes of citizens of Canonsburg largely because my parents had been well known residents of the town for some time. An active member of the Philo Literary Society I was often chosen to participate in the debates and also as a Junior class orator and to read the yearly Lampoon at commencement.

Occasional correspondent of the Washington, Pa. newspaper, I take pleasure in the recollection that my articles and Daniel Houston's solicitations resulted in awakenng an interest and the successful subscription to \$300,000 stock which, with the aid of the Pennsylvania Railroad, put Canonsburg and Washington on the railroad map and connected them with the outside world. At that time, Dr. Beatty, president of Stubenville Semi-nary, proffered \$50,000 endowment if the college was removed and united with Washington College. It was natural that this proposition should awaken an outcry from the citizens of Canonsburg, the very tendrils of the heart being inextricably woven about their hoary old institution. To me, knowng that Washington College was nothing but a superior academy compared with Jefferson, its Alumni, undistinguished in numbers and prestige and that a college depends so largely for its future on the number, calibre and loyalty of its alumni, the idea of tearing the bigger college up by the roots and transplantng it to the site of one scarcely arrived at the dignity of a college seemed little short of monstrous. A public meeting of pro-test was called to assemble in the body inclined to the side of the stuchapel and when in the course of it dent. It gave rise to quite the most the presiding officer called for any meritorious lampooning caricature I have ever seen. A student, named pleased to make, I, remembering that Newton, born in India of missionary my great uncle, Dr. McMillan had parents, painted a huge canvas which sweated blood over the founding of the college and that my father had almost the whole east wall of the participatd in the original endowment, chapel. What was the astonishment of sprang to my feet, like Patrick Henry, the Mill Boy of the Slashes in the Vir-morning in the chapel on lifting their ginia Assembly, and poured forth my soul in a Niagara torrent of indignant | ing the whole faculty in solemn counprotest against the outrage that was cil and the hapless student awaiting about to be perpetrated in the practical sale of Jefferson College for the paltry sum of \$50,000. It resulted in finely drawn but their bodies resem-a lawsuit being carried to the Su-bled satyrs and chimeras dire, with a lawsuit being carried to the Supreme Court to undo the action of the Board of Trustees but it proved Board of Trustees but it proved neath each the pronouncement upon abortive and the college was uprooted. I do not think the consequences have been assuring of a great institution for until this day, now nearly sixty years later as I write, Washington College has not advanced much beyond the status of a high school. As for myself, I should have been recre-ant to my ancestors had I kept silent. I was a small hero to the town and the ladies of Canonsburg went so far in their approbation as to invite me to a hanquet and surprise me with the the presentation of a gold-headed was known in its history. It was so cane, which to a boy of 17 years was fine as a work of art, so apt, so harmalmost calculated to bring on vertigo. My only delight in it was the happi-ness it gave my aged parents back in the farm house and the assurance it was to them that this child of their sacrifice was beginning to make good. That it was no mean performance was witnessed by the fact that it was published, two columns and more, in the Washington Reporter and read better than it was uttered. But the most assuring criticism was that made by Professor Alonzo Linn, known by all his pupils to be extremely chary of eulogy, to Rev. Robert Sample who, in preaching my installation sermon orchard attached to the dwelling in in preaching my installation sermon over Oxford Church, Philadelphia, nearly thirty years later, informed the audience that Professor Linn in his hearing said that "The best speech in his recollection ever made in the college chapel was made by a youth of 17 years in protest against the re-moval of the college." From a man like Linn this was praise indeed but the knowledge of it came too late in life to do any harm. The college was simply conducted and shortly manned those days. There were no elective courses, Greek, Latin, Mathematics, Natural Philosophy, Mental Philosophy and Rhetoric con-stituting the substance of the curriculum. Daily recitations in all were required. The expenses of a student were modest as the luxuries of those times did not go much beyond an ice cream bun in the confectionery and a very occasional livery team to Washington. Rooms with open-grated coal fire were obtainable at \$30 a year and board at \$3.25 a week. It was spare living and high thinking indeed. My expenses all told, on account of having a scholarship, purchased by my father in aid of the endowment and none but trifling tutition charges, totalled not above \$300 per year, which in this year of grace may be sufficiently _____ The Watchman public amazing to parents who must need when it is news. Read it.

spend a small fortune upon the colege education of their sons The president of the college, Dr. Jonathan Edwards, was not a genius but a little giant in the use of words.

He seemed from his public discourses and prayers, (he was the college preacher), to have reduced all his knowledge to stereotyped phrases, to sculptured thought that he could summon at will. There were no surprises but everything was exquisitely ap-propriate and could not be improved upon in preciseness of statement. He could make an incomparable impromptu speech. He was a model lecturer on Metaphysics, Mental Philosophy and restrained in verbage, compact of thought and highly instructive. In conducting prayers in college chapel, he read the Psalms invariably and when he came to those chapters which contained the word "Selah," no matter how many times he happened upon the word, after its pronouncement he never refrained from solemnly addteen in a class of seventy, all men much more mature than I which was der it!" It came to be a standing joke among the students to inject in every conversation. "Selah: Pause and Ponder it!" Professor Alonzo Linn was instructor in the Classics and deservedly had the respect of every student as an incomparable teacher. Woe to the man that came ill prepared or in the vocative, who halted and provok-ed his sarcastic "Tempus Est Fugit-It might be hynotism or supering." ior will power, no matter what, he surpassed any man I ever came in contact with in making a student tremble. Pygmy as he was and though there was not a man in class that could not throw him over his shoulder, that little man hushed the class upon his entrance, seemed to loom gigantic and inspire every man in the class with something akin to heart palpitaton if not terror. General Sheridan, also a small man, is the only man I have ever known who had the

same singular power over men.

The joy of the college was the burly, always good natured, jocular Scotchman, Professor Jones. He was a magnificent Classical scholar and his instructions in Natural Philosophy were somewhat limited and crowded in their English by the constant stream of apt Classical quotations he was perpetually pouring forth. No student ever went through the college that did not carry with him an unbounded admiration for his instructions and his personality. After the tension with the other professors it was a relaxation to reach Professor Jones' room. witness his experiments and listen to his cheerful conversaziones on Natural Philosophy. There we all ungirded our armor and were not afraid to laugh. May his tribe increase. In the mathematical room, Professor Roberts did not seem to get on with the students and was the subject of some practical jokes that might well have been omitted. He ordered a student to remain seated near the hot stove when he claimed it was intolerable and defied the professor by removing to another seat. He was brought before the faculty for disciparents, painted a huge canvas which by night was nailed up and covered eyes to behold this vast canvas depicthis fate. Each familiar member of the faculty was portrayed with heads hoofs and tails grotesque and underwas wont to use. President Edwards in his favorite attitude, spectacles in hand, had inscribed below his figure the words, "A clear case of disobedience. Selah: Pause and Ponder it!" Beneath Alonzo Lum were the words, "Tempus est fugiting"! Time is flying, while underneath the jovial Jones were the words, "Roastare Bonus Est;" It is good to roast. Such a shout of glee, such a loud laughter shook the walls of the chapel as never was known in its history. It was so less, so utterly ridiculous that the culprit was laughed out of court and his bacon saved. The president had the canvas taken down and conveyed to his house as a souvenir of college amenities. About a block from my domicile a group of college companions were rooming, one half of them on one side of the hall and one half on the other with doors open between. The boys in one of the rooms grinding at their text books for the following day heard their fellow students opposite planwhich I was quartered. After the depredators had reached the orchard and several of them had climbed the trees, the students who had remained behind followed with a revolver and arriving at the orchard, imitated the voice of the outraged owner and shouting objurgations, began to fire repeatedly and wildly, calling upon the thieves to surrender and avoid bloodshed. The boys in the tree branchs did not wait to climb down but tumbled directly to the ground, ran pell mell in the opposite direction to the river bottom, made a detour of about a mile to ne-gotiate the square needed to reach home. Meanwhile the perpetators of the joke made their way leisurely to their room and resumed their studies, ready to receive their frightened associates and hear their panting, harrowing tale of their narrow escape and headlong flight, to which the spectacle they presented, with gar-ments torn and mud splashed, bore abundant evidence. I don't think the deceivers ever dared reveal their responsibility for the outrageous trick save in sworn confidence to trusted friends.

One Death That Would Have Pleased Actor

There is one theater effect that never changes with the years, writes Fay Templeton, in the Pictorial Review. John Barrymore, muttering andible maledictions at the coughing accompaniment to his "Hamlet," in a metropolitan theater, is merely repeating the history of the humblest barnstormer. A bronchial cough repeated several times during an impressive speech-a nicely planted sneeze during a sentimental ballad-and only a most patient Thespian can keep his self-control.

One night we were giving "Lucrezia Borgia" in Texarkana, Texas. Lucrezia's poison-party had reached its dramatic climax. As, one by one, the friends of her son, Genaro, succumbed to the fatal drink, crying: "Genaro, avenge me!" a child's voice in the audience piped up: "Oh, papa, look, he's dead !' Again : "Oh, papa, now they're all dead!" At this my father, who was playing Genaro, could stand it no longer. Posed up-stage in an attitude of great agony, he hissed through his teeth, "I wish to God you were !"

Campaign That Gave

Vast Area to Whites But for the success of Col. George Wright and his soldiers in the battle of Spokane Plains, a few years before the Civil war, development of the entire Northwest might have been indefinitely deferred. It was this battle that climaxed the campaign that resulted in crushing Indian resistance throughout a region as large as the present state of Oregon and made possible the settlement of the inland empire by white Americans, giving a new impulse to economic develop-Earlier forces that had atment. tempted to rout the Indians had been armed with defective, short range weapons, but Colonel Wright's men were equipped with the first highpowered rifles and howitzers employing explosive shells that ever had been used against the natives. The trip north from Walla Walla, Wash., was a triumphal march, terminating in the total defeat of the Indians near Spokane.-Portland Oregonian.

Good Food Neglected It was contended for many years chat no country could produce so excellent a macaroni as Italy, because of the species of hard wheat grown there, which is essential to its making. This wheat has a horny grain. and contains a large amount of gluten.

However, the hard, flinty wheats of Algeria, of Tangarok, Russia, of Argentine and of the United States, especially the Dakotas, are as rich in the element needed as the best variety of the Italian farms, Durum wheat, therefore, is the pride of the Dakotas-the farmers have almost a

Few Have Ever Found

Humming Birds' Nest Comparatively few people ever have the pleasure of peeping into a humming bird's nest, to behold two tiny eggs like round white beans, or to see two birdlets which somewhat re semble little beetles. In the first place, the nest is so

small and so resembles the surrounding shrubbery that it is easily overlooked. Then, too, it is so cleverly hidden by its wise builders and so disguised in its construction as to require an experienced eye to discover it.

Built of soft, pliant hairs and adorned with bits of moss and feathers, it forms a downy, cuplike, secluded home. The fairy hummer of Cuba, the smallest of all the humming birds, builds a nest so tiny that it can be covered completely with a copper cent. Its eggs look like twr little pearls.

The humming bird, more than 500 species of which have been classified. is distinctly American. In the main, it is a tropical bird, as fewer than 20 species are found in the United States. The one known to residents of states east of the Mississippi is the beautiful ruby throat. Audubon called humming birds "glittering fragments of the rainbow," so gorgeous are they in color.

Soldier's Name Well "Worth Army Corps"

When the French revolution flamed out, the aristocratic La Tour d'Auvergne, disdaining pleas of his fellow officers to leave France, threw in his lot with the revolutionists. Time after time he emerged from battle with his clothing torn by bullets, but unharmed, and so he gained his reputation of bearing a charmed life. Stories of his amazing courage reached the enemy and inspired terror. This reputation enabled him to cap-

ture San Sebastian, Spain, singlehanded. He arrived in a little boat bearing a tiny cannon, disembarked, marched to the citadel, announced he was the advance guard of the French army and demanded that the place be surrendered. The Spanish commandant was so intimidated that he was willing to surrender, but asked La Tour d'Auvergne to fire one shot, so it could not be said he had given up without being attacked. La Tour

d'Auvignon obligingly consented. A volley replied and then the commandant capitulated.

Trombone Long Popular

The trombone has been recognized as a meritorious musical instrument for centuries. The Romans knew it as the tuba ductilis, and there is some evidence that the trombone was known to the ancient Greeks. The bands that played at the fetes of the doge of Venice when that city was queen of the Adriatic, consisted of trombones only, according to some historians. It is also on record that there were ten trombones in the state band of Henry VIII and six in the state bands of Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth. Really eminent musicians have sometimes played the trombone. Sir George Macfarren preferred it to all other instruments in the orchestra and frequently played it at concerts conducted by Sir Michael Costa. It also was an instrument in which Alexander II of Russia took great delight .-- Vancouver Province.

Trees Required for a Christmas in Pennsylvania.

Figures compiled by the Department of Forests and Waters show that last year about two and a quarter million dollars were spent in Pennsylvania for Christmas trees. This does not include the money that was spent for holly, mistletoe, laurel, and other decorative material. Last year 520 carloads of Christmas trees were imported to Pennsylvania. These trees came from Canada, Michigan, and some of them from as far west as the State of Washington. The trees were largely of spruce and fir. The ship-ments from the far west were chiefly Douglas fir. Of the 770,000 trees imported, 381,000 were used in Philadelphia alone. The rest of the imported rees were used chiefly in Pittsburgh, Scranton, and other large cities. In addition to the trees which were imported into Pennsylvania, it is believed about 600,000 trees were also cut within the State. Most of these were used in small towns and rural districts

Each year a larger number of homegrown Christmas trees are taken from the forests of Pennsylvania. Since forest fires are being held in check, a larger number of these evergreen trees are becoming available for Christmas tree use. There are also a large number of Christmas trees being grown in Plantation within Pennsylvania. Forestry officials believe that in fifteen years from now the home grown trees will practically supply all the Christmas trees and much other decorative material needed for the Holiday season.

There is a fashion in Christmas trees as in other things. Years ago the prevailing fashion was to use extra large trees. A few years ago trees 8 to 10 feet in height were in great demand. Now many trees 2 to 5 feet high are in use. These trees are es-pecially adapted for use in apartments and other places with limited space. Another tendency is toward the use of the living Christmas tree rather than the cut tree. The living trees are carefully planted in pots, cedar tubs, or other special containers. They give much better service as Christmas trees and may later be taken out of doors and kept for orna-

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An expert observer, speaking 30 years ago, said: "It is to be regretted that macaroni, spaghetti and vermicelli do not enter more largely into the dietary of the working classes of America, not less because of their cheapness and the ease with which they may be prepared than because of their nourishing qualities."

Historic French Tomb

Le Mans, one of the old towns ot northern France, was unfamiliar to Americans until its strategic position made it a military base for the Americans during the World war. Normally the lines of travel in Europe do not touch Le Mans, so it is rarely seen by visitors. Among the things of interest there is the tomb of Berengaria, the woman whom Richard the Lion-Hearted loved, and because of whom he broke with the house of France, repudiating the sister of the king. Why she comes to lie there, while he is at Fontrevault, I do not know. But there she lies, three weeks' march northward from her father's land, the queen and the mate of the greatest man of her time .--Hilaire Belloc, in the Independent.

Old English Almshouses Trinity almshouses, in the Mile-End road, constitute in their entirety one of the most picturesque bits of old London still extant. The 30 little houses and their surroundings have been left to all intents and purposes as they were when first erected 230 years ago by the Corporation of the Trinity House for "decayed masters and commanders of ships, mates and pilots and their wives or widows." Even the models of ships, characteristic of the period, that decorate the roofs, though renovated from time to time, remain intact and so does the chapel. On the green is a statue of Capt. Robert Sandes, a generous benefactor to the institution, who died in 1721.-London Daily Mail.

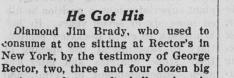
The Girl He Needed

She was young, shingled, and fairhaired, and more than ordinarily attractive. As she sat down near the well-dressed man who had called her from the adjoining room her face wore a look of expectancy. Previous to this, he had said that he badly aeeded her.

"Dear," he began; and then words seemed to fail him. He rose and made a circuit of the room as if to collect his thoughts. The girl smiled encouragingly, and

he sat down once again. With visible effort, he pulled himself together; then:

Dear sirs, in reply to yours of yes-.erda " date-"-London Answers.



oysters, a dozen soft shell crabs. six or seven full-grown lobsters, a huge steak, topped off with coffee, an entire tray of pastries, and a two-pound box of candy, washed down with three and four carafes of orange juice, was warned often against the many social leeches that preyed on his lavish

hospitality. "You shouldn't encourage these people," George Rector remonstrated. "They're only making a sucker out of

"Being a sucker is fun," Diamond Joe replied, "if you can afford it."

you.'

Cyrus Used Boiled Water That a safe water supply was considered essential to an army by the military leaders of ancient times is evident from a statement in Herodotus that Cyrus the Great of Persia carried with him on his miltary expeditions boiled water from the Coaspes river, transporting it in silver vessels on four-wheeled wagons. This famous general died about 530 B. C. There is a later record that Aristotle

advised Alexander to boil the water he took with him on desert marches to keep it from getting sour. It took nearly twenty-five centuries for men to take advantage of the lessons that these ancient rulers had learned .--Hygeia.

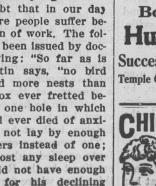
Cease Worrying

There is no doubt that in our day and generation more people suffer because of worry than of work. The following bulletin has been issued by doctors against worrying: "So far as is known," the bulletin says, "no bird ever tried to build more nests than its neighbor; no fox ever fretted because he had only one hole in which to hide; no squirrel ever died of anxiety lest he should not lay by enough nuts for two winters instead of one; and no dog ever lost any sleep over the fact that he did not have enough bones laid aside for his declining years."

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