A REMINISCENCE.

A short time ago I chanced to meet some of my old school mates who went to school at the same place that I did a little over a half century ago, and it brought to my mind some reminiscences of former times, which may be interesting to some of your readers.

We commenced going to school together at what I shall designate, as the log college. As perhaps but few of your readers ever saw just such a structure, and fewer still enjoyed the privilege of getting their education wholly or in part in a building of that kind, a short description of it may not be out of place.

It was located a short distance west of the road leading from Jerseytown to Danville in what is now Montour, but was then a part of Columbia county. It was not, as the name I have given it might indicate, a very imposing structure. According to my recollection, it was about eighteen by twenty feet on the ground and one story high. It was built with round logs, hence the name. The interstices were filled with sticks and mortar; but not so closely as to give any of us reason to complain of lack of ventilation.

This building was adorned with four windows, one in each side, and one in each end. The window at the north side had six 8x10 lights placed side by side in a horizontal position. As the house was set in a bank, this style was adopted in part to raise the windows to a proper height from the ground, and in part to avoid cutting off logs and thus weaken the structure. People of that day were not lacking in architectural ability, as will be manifest as we proceed.

This house had a door for ingress and egress. It also served another purpose which the architect may not have had in mind, when he was drawing his plans.

The male students were required on entering the house in the morning, to take off their hat and make a bow to the professor. The younger lads sometimes forget this formality, but the larger boys had to remove the hat to keep it from getting dinged, and had to make a bow to avoid bumping the head.

Slate or metal roofs were not in common use at that time, so our building was shingled with what was known as half price boards laid as close together as such boards would allow, and the joint was covered with a slab, round side up. This roof made a rather fair protection, when the rain or snow came nearly straight down; but when either was accompanied with driving wind, it made it rather unpleasant for the lads and lasses.

I will now give a brief description of our furniture, at the risk of making the modern school boy turn green with envy. Here the Architect manifested his skill to perfection.

Holes were bored in the logs at a proper distance from the floor, sloping downward from the wall; large pins were driven in these holes, and wide boards were secured on top of them. This formed the writing desk. The benches were made of slabs, that were considered too heavy for roofing purposes. Holes were bored in the rounding side of the slab for the reception of legs. The bench when completed, stood with the flat side up. A seat of that kind was no doubt well calculated to excite mental activity With the aid of a crooked pin which mischievous urchins by long practice knew just how to place, they sometimes produced physical activity.

This building was not heated with steam, nor lighted with electricity. Such improvements were not considered economical at that time.

For heating purposes we had what was called a ten plated stove, which had a very disagreeable hal it of refusing to get very warm only in summer time, when to get it out of our way, we sometimes carried it out in the sun.

For light at our evening exercises we used exclusively the tallow dip, which while it did not make as showy an appearance as some of our modern fixtures for lighting colleges or intellectual halls, it answered our purpose very well.

I may as well add, that all this expense was not gone to, merely to provide a house for day schools. It was used for a church as well. The first sermon I ever heard preached was delivered in that house. The first Sabbath school I ever attended was there. And many are the pleasant recollections connected with this antiquated structure.

And now, my little school boy friends, let me say a word to you. If some censorious old grandsire should presume to find fault with you, for not making as rapid progress in your studies, as he thinks you should do, you can say to him, that you do not have the *same* advantages which he possessed for securing an education.

Four years of my school life were spent in the building which I have attempted to describe, and I know just how to appreciate its advantages. And being deprived of it at the end of that time, I know how to sympathize with you to whom such privilege has never been extended.

Yours truly,
OLD SETTLER.

The Louisiana Lottery will probably move to Mexico next year. President Diaz is favorable to the scheme.

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Unfortunately, the four men were all named John All went for them at once.

THE SOMA PLANT. In the Aryan religion the chief offering to the gods was the fomented juice of the Soma or Moon plant, which, being a strong drink, gave new excitement to those who partook of it, and was believed to impart power to the gods. It was believed, moreover, that it wrought miracles, and for the reason, perhaps, became the chief god of the Hindus. In a vedic hymn the worshiper says:

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Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

The World For 1892.

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With a perfect equipment, a thorough organization, capable direction and a deep determination to move on and up to higher ideals and greater achievements, THE WORLD wishes its multitude of readers a Happy New Year, and confidently bids them to expect from it during 1892 even more wonderful things than it has already accomplished.

An artificial lake is to be created at Mountain Park, a summer resort on the Central Railroad of New Jersey about six or seven miles up the mountain from Wilkes-Barre. The Wilkes-Barre correspondent of the Scranton *Republican* says that the managers of Mountain Park have put a large force of men at work excavating for a lake of sufficient size to allow a reasonab y long row on it, for the use of their summer picnic patrons It will be complete before the opening of the season. A number of other features will soon be added and Mountain Park will soon be the finest picnic ground in the whole section.

I Was Disgusted

with the learned doctors after swallowing their costly medicine in vain for over a year for the relief of catarrh in my head, when I cured myself by using six bottles of Sulphur Bitters. My wife is now taking them for nervous debility.—*Abiel Carter, Parker House, Boston.* 2 19-2t.

A Little Girls Experience In a Lighthouse.

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Thousands of men fail in life simply because they fail to strike while the iron's hot.

The best and brainiest men have a sweet tooth, but they dislike to have that fact known.

A Philadelphia church that hangs out the legend, "Good singing and short prayers" ought to be popular.

Look out for the chap who sees no good in others. There is something out of kelter with him for certain.

The consumption of water in New York city is very large, averaging 100 gallons a day for each person.

The Chicago man who says he isn't fond of cold pig's feet and hot tripe is viewed with suspicion in the windy west.

The Traction Company cars in Philadelphia will be shortly changed from green to red. This is an insult to old Ireland.

The exodus of pleasure and health seekers to Florida was much smaller this season than last. Florida is losing its hold.

The constitution of the United States has been published in New York in the Hebrew language, with explanatory notes in Hebrew.

The notoriety of the patients who are trying the bi chloride of gold treatment seems to please them. To plain people it would seem like disgrace.

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