ward journey, this was the bitterest pill

left, did you?" I replied only with the

placed my party in the car he had as-

seventeen minutes are even now barely up,

After no little hot shot cast back and

forth, with the usual variations and final

your another," etc., I asked him whether

flection. "Why," quoth he, "the train

you've just been chasing with such poor

ern Express!" With much and increas-

Eastern train?" "Why, there it is." re-

ever, at the rear door of the last car as I

was nearing it, came near being too much

for me. I discovered the group of my

seemed bursting with poorly suppressed

less effect by the fire in the rear, from

which I had providentially felt. I heard-

hoarse laughter of full-chested men, the

hysterical efforts of mirth-exhausted wo-

men. They had all witnessed my chase

tive began to grow " small by degrees and

beautifully less." They had witnessed

pot-master, the strange procrastination in

starting for the right train, until at length

st had actually started and I had entered

contest of legs cersus a locomotive. They

had witnessed my final triumph, but how

gracefully I was welcomed, and with what

feelings I received their peculiar congrat-

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The world has followed in the fashion Old Horace in the classic days, Sang sweetest of Love's fatal sorrow Catullus wrote an ode in praise Of Lesbia and her pretty sparrow; Beranger sang to his Lisette; And Burns to Mary brimmed the challee; There's lovely Beatrice—Dante's pet; The Laurente's Adaline, and Alice.

And still to love the lyre is strung. There's not a maiden's name nusung, No phase of Love's eternal pleasures Love beckons in the painter's orem.

Makes music in the poet's metre, beckons in the painter's dream, O'er youth and age he rules supreme And still the songs of all the world Shall celebrate Love's endless blisses,

And while a red lip pouts for kisses.

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The praise of Love the sweetest line is, Until Fate takes the pen in hand. And on the page of life writes "Finis." A LIFE'S LESSON.

While on a neck a tress is curled,

am sitting again by the old oak tree. Though it's many a year a-gone. and many a brave tree has bent and broke, And many a heart since then, But mine is as strong as the brave old oak, And as green as the broom in the glen. The harvest moon lent a tiny beam

Of white for each golden tress, And you seemed like a spirit one sees dream, In your wondrous leveliness. Like a spirit? Oh, no! it was real and true, That story of love, I ween; That I read as it trembled in love-wrung dew On the lash of your violet een. In the lips that clung in their feet to part,

In the white hands' close entwine, in the quick beat of the brave little heart I was pressing so close to mine! So I loved—was it strange?—though I mind but It was cruel-but, oh! it was kind of you To be deaf to my prayer to wed! You were pale as death, as you rose to go,

Your brow in its cold pain knit; Four voice, in its agony, low-so low !-But it faltered never a whit. Twere death, where I love so well, to be wed To be loved for a sweet short hour; But shun'd when the morn of my bloom has

Be rather the gift to another one Than you of my life and its truth, For when he grows cold I can still live on, In the dream of my early youth." You have wed since then, but you have I have loved, but I have not wed;

And let but the faded flower."

Here, under the old oak tree,

And my life's experience has but proved The wisdom of all you said. Now years have lent you a tiny beam Of white for each golden tress, And I-I am somewhat to old to dream— Yet I worship you none the less. But I have to think of the past to prove

# hat 'tis better we never were married, love,

Burning of Alabama University.

BY MOSES GOIT TYLER In the College Courant of the date Sept. 4th, 1869, appeared an article refering to the recent election o Prof. Cyrus Northrop, of Yale, as president of Alabama University. The writer gives a concise sketch of the history of this Southern university, and refers very naturally to the lamentable destruction of its buildings

during the war. It will be interesting and valuable to quote the exact language of the Conrant; This is a state university, and was established in 1831. Previous to the rebellion it had 120 students, and 20,000 volumes in the libraries. On April 3rd, 1865, the college buildings valued at 250,000, the libraries, cabinets, ect., were burned by a brigade of U. S cavalry, hy command of Maj. Gen. Wilson. The brigade was under the command of Brig. Gen. J. T. Croxton, of Kentucky, a classmate of Prof. Northrop. In a note we received from the university two years ago, the act of burning this college was spoken of as a 'vandal deed.' Unless it was used as quarters for the rebel troops, we cannot see how the act could have been justifiable [sic]; and, were it so used, the libraries and cabinets should have been spared. We understand that Admiral Semmes was the rebei candidate for the position [of president]. It is a somewhat remarkable coincidence that one Yale man should be the instrument used by the Government in destroying this college, and that a class-

mate of his should be elected president to and western entrances alike—as much so rebuild it." As a classmate and a friend both of the reputed destroyer and of the elected rebuilder of Alabama University, I could not help reading the foregoing statements | thought I, will give me an opportunity to | with particular interest. The circumstance that two classmates should have so peculiar and athletica relation to that same university was one of those telling facts which seem arranged by Providence for and, after an absence of exactly thirteen the especial felicitation and behoof of minutes, having enjoyed a delightful and paragraph writers; and accordingly this fact, started in the Courant, has furnished a capital personal item for nearly every newspaper, rural and urban, in the land. There is no force known to physics mighty enough to head off and turn back so good an item as that. All that is left for one in the least interested in the matter is to hope for the luck to start another item half as good, which may tell half as many people a different story about the same off like a sky-rocket with a double fuse. thing. So the name of General Croxton within the last six weeks has passed un- own way; I thought I was gaining ground, der one cannot say how many million eyes although I knew I was losing wind. I as the performer of "a vandal deed," and was encouraged in the race by sundry that road, their descent and ultimate ruin as acting the terrible part of the third helpful fellows who kept crying out as I are certain. But it cannot be gainsaid that, person of the Rindoo Trinity, having been to a noble and beneficent public institution a sort of ruthless Federal Shiva.

# also, that very likely there were sound reasons of military necesity to justify an act which in any view was most deplor- to the chagrin of being left; to lose my

able; I sent to him a note the other day, party and my passage; to meet with disbegging him to give me an exact account of the circumstances of the case. His letter is so ample a compliance with this request, and withal, like himself, is so frank, straightforward, soldierlike, that it ought to go on public record, for the satisfaction of all parties, as well as for a noble sol-

mand, in April, 1865.

As far as my defense is concerned, I might close the case by pleading the order resentment of a "silencing eye." If I of my commanding officer. This however, looked as I tried to look, my photograph would leave the charge unanswered as taken at that instant would hardly be against him; and hence I proceed to give chosen to grace an album gallery of "emthe reasons why it was so ordered.

nent divines." Several by standers seeking information, asked, with a show of The University had been converted into a military academy, where, under confidential interest in my case, on what officers detailed by the rebel war depart- wise the thing had happened? and others ment, men were educated to command wishing "to point a moral," advised me rebel troops. Having been prostituted to be on hand a little earlier next time. to the purpose of war, it only met the fate | With returning breath relief and words of war. We were not vandals, invading came together, and I squarely charged the the peaceful retreats of the Muses. They railroad official with all the blame. I had been enthroned by the rebels, and spoke of his incompetence, in no measured terms, recalling how that after I had driven hence; and we care to avenge

tunity offered. We entered Tuscaloosa at midnight, by and yet the train is gone and out of sight." the bridge over the Black Warrior, cap turing the guard that held it. Several hundred cadets, supported by the scatter- perorations of " you did and you didn't," ing troops that constituted the garrison of the place, came down to drive us back; I would be risking another chance of bebut we succeeded in holding the bridge ing left if I depended on him to give me until daybreak, when I passed over my the exact hour of the departure of the command, and, deploying, moved out next Eastern tarin. "Eastern!" exthrough the city, ordering the command- claimed he. "Yes, Eastern," replied I,

sity buildings. The day previous, I had encountered Jackson's rebel division-a force double luck wasn't an Eastern train, but the Westmy own; and I had no reason to believe he was ignorant of my advance on Tusca- ing confusion and excitement I stammer-

out of the place. The command was in line of battle plied he, "just getting under way at the when the baildings were fired by a detail subscient of the denot; less it, or you'll from the line. from the line.

while I was with the center of the line, | through that depot like the wind. I felt and no opportunity of seeing and did not as if I was all legs. One glance, howhear of the books and works of art until it was to late too save them.

I candidly say that I would gladly have saved them, and incurred some risk to do long lost friends, whose forms and faces stence, much less of their preservation.

inspired by their loss. As ever, yours, JNO. T. CRONTON. Of all those kinds of propriety, public after the wrong train; now fearful lest r private, which the inevitable havon of indeed I should overtake it, and then tewar may consume, there is no other the joiced at my evident lack of what jockeys ruin of which is so much lamented by call "bottom," as my speed began to every liberal mind as the edifices and the slacken and my chances with the locomoapparatus of education. All loyal Amerans who have heard of the disaster which overwhelmed the once prosperous University of Alabama, no doubt, sincerely orieve at it; but all of them who may see this statement of Gen. Croxton will likewise see that the dire calamity was perpetrated in no wanton spirit, and that it they feared I was left again, as they lookleaves no stain upon the record of a brave ed with breathless interest at the unequal

University of Michigan, Oct. 16th, 1869. An Amusing Story--A Reverend

Rev. J. Hyatt Smith, a popular preacher of New York State, relates the following as one of his amusing incidents of a traveler's life:

dinner. You remember the railroad depot, centrally situated, with its eastern as the two ends of a car. After we had dined, the depot-master informed me that we had seventeen minutes to spare before the departure of the Eastern train. This, see the city and a glorious chance for "a smoke," provided a clergyman could be tempted into such a piece of wasteful and worldly amusement. I sauntered forth, soothing stroll, I was leisurely returning, watch in hand, when, to my sudden astonishment, I beheld the train slowly gliding out at the other end of the depot, and ncreasing its speed at every puff of its gigantic locomotive. Here indeed was a call that admitted of neither correspondence nor delay; there was no time for taking it into consideration." So, without conferring with flesh or blood, 1 put For a moment I thought I had it all my

being either a god, a vandal, or the Bruh- they shouted the less inclined I was to minical god of destruction; and believing | run, and the more decidedly did the locomotive make terrible headway against me. To give up the chaise; to submit appointment and not to meet with friends, all this was bad enough; but the thought of encountering, all the way back to the depot, that line of interested individuals who with their cheering exclamations had so feelingly encouraged me on my out-

dier's reputation. Here it is. in this unexpected dose. But it must be Paris, Ky., Oct. 11, 1869. done; so tapering off gradually, I gave up My dear old Friend:-Your kind note the contest and turned back to meet my of the 5th, enclosing paragraph from the | fate, and-if I could find him-the depot Yale Courant, reached me several days | master whose blundering statements were ago; and at my earliest opportunity I the cause of all my trouble. Without hasten to reply to your inquiry as to burn- search that individual advanced to greet ing of Alabama University by my com- me with the bland recognition of a fact that no one could deny, " Well, you got

I am free to say that the books and sured me that there were full seventeen works of art would have been removed minutes to spare before the train went from the buildings, had their existence out; "while here," said I, with a triumbeen within my knowledge and had oppor- phant exhibition of my watch, "the

ing officer on the right to fire the Univer- with a decided upward and sarcastic in-

lossa, and I expected a fight before I got edout, 'Then where in Joppa is the

The University was on the extreme left | time I made it then. I passed right

so. But I had no opportunity of seeing; no one told me; and the surroundings of and ill-timed mirth. As I reached safely that and previous days and years were not | the platform, the fire that opened apon me could only be equalled for its mercisuch as to suggest a thought of their ex-I'm really sorry that the poeple of Aljibes, and jokes, and jeers; I heard the abama lost their books, and trust they

will gather wisdom from the reflections

and patriotic soldier. Gentleman Chased by a Loco-

motive.

Louisville Courier - Journal, that journalism has risen to the dignity of a profession We stopped at Syracuse (N. Y.) for which requires as much social standing, education, and moral worth, combined with engergy, to succeed in, as medicine, law or commerce. The majority of the men now in it took it up because they prefered it. Some who have failed as lawyers, ministers and physicians, have been driven to journalism and achieved success. The fascination of the life, with all its wear and tear, cannot be declined. There is an exhibaration to the mind in the constant changes of the kaleidescope made of the news of the world, which keeps the mind constantly occupied with something novel. To have the events of the day passing, as it were, in a panorama before tracted her across the ocean to meet the the minds eye, is of itself absorbing. We hear a great deal about the "exhausting effects of the life of a journalist on the mind and body," but it may be doubted whether the life of a physician or a sailor are not equally as hard; yet men retain their health and cheerfulness in both of these professions. The truth is that the reason so many brilliant men of letters have been borne to untimely graves is not that they were worn out by their work, but by their habits. The hours many of them keep tempt to disipate. Once on passed "go it, gaiters." "plucky boy!" if journalists will lead regular lives and meaning and benignant exhortations. "piucky boy! cultivate habits of soberness and cleanliness, they will live and last as long as other men. "Whiskey" is the epitaph Having, however, on my own part, sev- Though they intended, perhaps, helping of the literary men who have sunk into good many things "come ensier" if we eral distinct doubts about John T. Croxton me over the course. I found that the more early graves within the past twenty years.

# Philadelphia.

The Day, the new daily published in Philadelphia, thus speaks of Philadelphia's

early revolution history: Philadelphia, for at least twenty years, vas a great historic centre. Here, in 1774 t teachip came, and though our ancestors did not dress themselves up as Indians, and at night throw the contraband stuff into the Delaware, and their descendants have not celebrated the feat as most beroic ever since yet with gravity and dignity they refused the ship an entry, and sternly ordered her away. Here in Philadelphia stood then and stands now (and may it stand for ever!) the modest building, out of sight almost, up an alley, built by the master carpenters according to our observation down to this day, the most intelligent class of mechanics -where the mother Congress met in 1774. Here Patrick Henry made some of his great traditionary speeches, and when one looks at the small-very small room in which it believed they were pronounced, there is a little wonder at the narrow compass with in which the thunders were compressed. We pass by "Independence," its record, and its traditions, simply noting a popular error, generated, perhaps, by Trumbull's picture that the signature of the Declaration was a contemporaneous net-the truth being that several did not sign till August, and one, it s surmise l, not till five years later. When the war began Philadelphia was a spot of imposing interest. It was, in a military riew, the objective point of the hostile movements. In 1776 it was vainly threatened. The Hessian ancestors of a race of foreign mercenaries surviving in our own lay came within twenty miles of us. In 1777 Philadelphia fell, and for nearly a year fermantown, and Barren, Chestnut and Edge Hills, and the Skippack, and White Marsh and Valley Forge, were made classic. Here occured the fruitless attempt of the British Commissioners to negotiate. Here after the evacuation, in the artificial soil of disloyal society, really germinated Arnold's treason; and here, before he was a known tailor, he was, as a peculiar, discovered and exposed. Thus, for our limits of illustration are exhausted, we pass down the course of time, recording only the great work of confederation in 1778, when the Thirteen pronounced themselves "sover-

Federal Constitution, which made the more perfect Union. Are we then wrong-are we unduly selfcomplacent—in claiming for this city of our birth, and life its distinction as, in ancient story, the most illustrious spot on the surface of the old Thirteen? Boston saw, smelt no danger after 1775. New York was in the quiet possession of the enemy from 1776 to 1782. Baltimore was "no where," Hence all honorto the historic fame of Rev-

eign," till we come to the great act of the

#### lutionary Philadelphia. Droll Scene at a Negro Camp Pray-

er-meeting. One of the droll scenes of the war, and one, on the whole, which was rather jolly n the monotonies of camp life, was the neetings-half dance, half prayer-meeting -of the negroes. One of these little gather ngs has been deftly sketched by Colonel Higginson, down at Beaufort, in December

1862 : This evening after working themselves rushed off, got a barrel, and mounted some man upon it who said, "Gib anuder song, and I'se gib you a speech!" After some hesitation, and sundry shouts of "Rise de sing, somebody!" and "Stan' up for Jesus nils, they soon got upon the John Brown song, always a favorite, adding a jubilant verse which I had never before heard: We'll beat Beauregard ou de clare battle field." Then came the promised speech; and then seven other speech, by as many men, on a variety of barrels. The most eloquent perhaps, was by Corporal Lambkin, just arrived from Fernandina, who evidently had a previous reputation among them. His historical references were very interesting. He reminded them that he had predicted this war ever since Fremont's time, to which some of the crowd assented : he then gave a very intelligent account of that Presidential campaign; and then described most impressively the secret anxiety of the slaves in Florida to know all about President Lincoln's and told how they all refused to work on the 4th of March expecting their freedom to date from that day. He finally brought out one of the very few really impressive appeals for the American flag that I have ever heard: "Our mas'rs day hab lib under de' flag, dey got the "blowing up" administered the de- dere wealth under it and ebery ting beautiful for dere chil'en. Under it dev hab grind us up, and put us in dere pocket for money. But de fus' minute dey tink dat ole flag mean freedom for we colored people dev upon a second " stern chase." Then pull it right down, and run up de rag ob dere own." (Immense applause.) "But we'll neber desert de ole flag boys-neber ! we hab lib under it for eighteen hundred and sixty-two years, and we'll die for it'now!" With which overpowering discharge of chronology-at-long-range this most effectiive of stump speeches closed .- Editon's DRAWER, in Harper's Magazine for Decemulations, I leave my hearers to imagine.

What Came of a Photograph. A friend who knows whereof he speaks, gives us the particulars of a little bit of ronance, the actors of which are residents of this county. Less than two years since, there arrived in the Eastern part of the county, from Switzerland, a young man of goodly appearance and fair educational acquirements. So well pleased was he with his new home, that he soon reported to his friends across the water the many advantages that an honest, industrious immigrant found here. A young lady in Switzerland-and entire stranger to him-learning from a lady friend of his happy situation in America, wrote to him through friends that she would like to visit his adopted home, and along with the letter

she forwarded her photograph. He was pleased with the picture-the features were fair to look upon, and the letter indicated a well educated mind, so he sent her his photograph. Thus commenced a correspondence that in a few months atman she had learned to love, though had never seen. With a friend she arrived the last of October at Tuscola, Douglas county, where her unknown lover met her as she alighted from the cars-inquiring like one of old, "if she were his Katherine"-and there he first saw her and first kissed her as his affianced. Within two days the couple, thus strangely and romantically brought together, were married, and are on the way back to the residence of the young man's employer in this country, where they have since lived, both doing acceptable service fore one of our enterprising farmers, and both seemingly as happy as it there had been five years' courtship .- Carrolton (Ill.) Patriot.

A PREEDMEN'S teacher writes of a colored woman who, having learned her alphabet, said, "Now I want to learn to spell Jesus. for 'pears like the rest will come easier if I learn to spell that blessed name first." A