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Selected Poetry.

LIFE'S A PROMISE.

I am alone. This bleak, chill hour... The hope which cheered has lost its power...

Miscellaneous.

[From the Germantown Telegraph.]

The Capture of Major Andre.

The circumstances connected with this all-important event in our country's earlier history have been so frequently commented upon...

him that a person would meet him on the 20th of September... At the appointed time, Andre proceeded to Dobb's ferry...

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During Smith's absence, Arnold went down the river about two miles below Haverstraw, and concealing himself in a bushy covert, awaited Andre's arrival...

The night had passed away, and the rosy light of coming dawn was tipping the hazy tree-tops, yet no intention to cease the conference was perceptible...

tion, and conceived a plan for attacking her from the shore; he had, some time previous, applied to Arnold for two pieces of heavy ordnance...

During the morning passed at Smith's every preliminary connected with this plot of treason was adjusted, and an early period named for its accomplishment...

The evening drew on and Andre expressed to Smith his desire to leave immediately for the Vulture, also requesting him as had been agreed upon, to act as guide...

Night was at hand when Andre and his conductor arrived at Verplank's Point, a post on the opposite shore of the Hudson, then occupied by American troops...

Smith was a cowardly man, and the remarks of Captain Boyd induced him to desire the deferral of their further progress until the following morning...

Early in the succeeding morning, the journey was renewed, and so soon as Andre was informed that the patrolling companies of Americans were all passed...

companion, yet without the excessive dissipation of a majority of the class, and was ever universally popular from his many endearing qualities of head and heart...

Smith now bid Andre adieu, having urged him, before departing, to eschew the Tarri-town road, as it abounded with "Cow Boys" and other questionable characters...

As a number of suspicious individuals had been observed at various times, frequenting the road we have mentioned, it was considered advisable by the Americans to collect a party for the purpose of observing such persons...

Paulding who was the oldest and the spokesman of the party assured him they intended no harm, but that as so many doubtful persons had passed along the road...

Paulding was thus a captive, with every proof about him of treasonable complicity, and in the hands of those whom no bribe or remonstrance could serve from the path of duty...

In conclusion, let us remark that the remains of the tree, beneath which this captive and search tock were seen yet lingering, although the moss has grown about its decaying trunk and gray lichens cover the mouldering branches...

The teaching of one thus qualified will be vital, and not mechanical. And those who go out from under the instructions of such, will never speak of them as Herr Feupelsdreck speaks of his...

Educational Department.

The annual examinations for Teachers for 1860, will be holden at the following times and places, viz:

- October 24, at the Milan School House, in Ulster.
Oct. 25, at the borough house, Athens.
Oct. 26, at the center house, Fitchfield.
Oct. 27, at the Keykendall house, Windham.
Oct. 29, at the Bowen Hollow house, Warren.

The examinations will commence precisely at 10 o'clock, A. M. No candidates will be examined who do not come in before 11, unless the tardiness be unavoidable...

Reading.

Is not an acquaintance with literature an essential qualification of a good teacher? If there is any particular science which one can teach as well without having studied literature, it is mathematics...

The WINTER OF THE HEART.—Let it never come upon you. Live as that good angel may protect you from this terrible evil—the winter of the heart.

growth of mind. How can an inanimate, mechanical Grundgrinder, the like of whom will, in a subsequent century be manufactured at Kurburg...

Now traveling in a stage coach I met a young lady who seemed to be on the constant lookout for something laughable; and not content with laughing herself, took great pains to make others do the same.

The good-natured coachman drew up his horses, and the good old lady coming to the fence squeezed herself through two bars, which were not only in a horizontal position, but very near together.

"My dear," said she, "you are young, healthy and happy; I have been so too, but that time has past; I am now decrepit and forlorn."

"Putting up the steps, the driver mounted his box, and we were upon the road again. Our merry young friend had placed her card in her pocket."

"You may be forced to toil wearily, steadily on to earn a livelihood; you may encounter fraud and base avarice, which would extort the last farthing, till you well nigh turn in disgust from your fellow-beings."

"Do not lose faith in human excellence because your confidence has been betrayed, nor believe that friendship is only a delusion and love a bright phantasm which glides away from your grasp."

Keep a holy trust in heaven through every trial; bear adversity with fortitude, and look upward in hours of temptation and suffering. When your locks are white, your eyes dim, and your limbs weary...