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## THE DYING YEAR.

BY HENRY MORFORD. A pinge goes past on the sounding blast

As the north wind hurries by, Means through the wintry sky.

Hark! the passing dirge of Time is borne
On the fierce wind cold and drear, The knell of days that can ne'er return, The knell of the Dying Year.

It has passed along since the cheerful song Rung out for its natal day;
O'er earth and sky it has hasted by, Nor paused on its hurried way Full many a smile it brought us then, And the sigh it hath left us here:

The hopes and tears of the sons of men Liave passed in the Dying Year. And many a smile, that has shone awhile On the lips of the young and proud, Hath thitted away, with the grave and gay, Like the sunbeam from the cloud. Glad voices have passed away from earth, That gave us the Christmas cheer;

Pale Sorrow has palled their hour of mirth-They have died with the Dying Year. The fiding gleam that Hope's rale beam Lound our path awhile hath shed, It has passed and gone, and its knell rung on The dirge of the early dead. We have heaved the sigh for the loved that sleep, We have wiped the pearly tear, And spirits we loved around us keep The watch of the Dying Year.

Hark! the dirge is rung for the souls that hung In a world more fair they have gathered there— They were all too bright for this. They naned as the changing season passed, With the leaf grew pale and sere,
They sunk 'neath Autumn's chilling blast, They died with the Dying Year.

Time's tireless wave to the silent grave Is bearing us ever on,
In the steps to tread of the early dead, Where the Dying Year hath gone. Hatk! the passing dirge of Time is borne
On the north wind cold and drear— The knell of days that can ne'er return, The knell of the Dying Year.

### AN ADDRESS PELIVERED REFORE THE SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY NORMAL SCHOOL Montrose, Tuesday, Dec. 1st, 1857.

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it has been said that " the word Education head of an essay." Nothing is more evident. department of human thought or action we turn our attention. It is a word which logi- a brief consideration of the spirit which cians might call a "universal." It covers should animate us in the pursuit of knowleverything. It has as many meanings as there are chapters in earth's history, as there are vibrations in the pendulum of individual The first

To some, the word is defined, by reference to the educational machinery of a government system, like that of Prussia, where all are trained upon one model, and compelled to learn, upon penalty of fine and imprisonment. Some understand by it, the routine of Acada Latin Grammar, at the other by a Latin Diploma. Some make it to be a few months' schooling in the winter, with enimpress and make available the knowledge thus attained, during the rest of the year. literation," to the sentiment of the English yeoman, expressed on a public occasion, The three R.'s which have made England what she is: Readin, Ritin and Rithmetic!" Some will make Education the arena-for the discussion of the question, whether Dr. Bell or Mr. Lancaster originated the monitorial or mutual system of instruction, while others would call every well digested system,

"A childish waste of philosophic pains." Some claim that education is purely intellectual, others lay greater stress on the physical, while many justly claim that both combined, without the religious element, are of little or no avail. Some make it simply a question of economics, and wonder that men of sense will countenance any attempt at improvement upon the orthography of the immortal Cobb, or the arithmetic of. a Daboll ! Even the teacher sometimes thinks of Education as a patient, wearisome, thankless toil, and the pupil in turn regards it as a necessary evil. The politician makes it a convenient is due to a pen?" tool for exalting himself in popular favor; the mechanic welcomes it as introducing new you would have all that is noble, and good, facilities for the prosecution of his work; the and great within you, dwarfed and dwindled farmer, as giving him the control of agents to a skeleton, cherish high ideas of yourself! believe unserviceable because unknown. How fatal to intellectual growth, to be satis-These are some of the varied phases in which fied with a drop, when the fountains of truth Education appears to different minds. Some are flowing at your side untouched. It will are radical and extreme, though each con- not do to minister the stimulus of pride to tains an element of truth, and all serve to one who is thirsting for knowledge. You Sibuyah maintained that the word "sting" might as well feed with fire, a man dying for was in the nominative, and Kasai maintained Yet these differences are not all mere ques- The man is ignorant, and by becoming vain tions as to form. There is real diversity as has only added to his ignorance, for now he young are trained in French, music, and the that "of all the passions, vanity is the most polished arts, leaving weightier matters for macorer years. Another, and by far the To write an exhaustive and complete trea-

complete treatise upon all things under the geography. Education is the development of man-not man as a physical, intellectual, moral, or religious being, but as all comhined. All things bring to man their tribute, as the kings of the earth and the "queen of the South" brought their treasures to the feet of Solomon. All scenes, all experience, all instruction, all successes, all failures-eveted; though sad to state the majority of the race are schooled in ignorance and vice.— The Monammedan boy is educated. His Humanity and humility are sister virtues. of his nature in subordination to the higher? one's self?

mind? How should instruction be imparted? society, also to study, with a more self-sacri-How should it be received? These are ficing energy, and a more reverential humil-grave questions, each worthy of mature de-ity, the character of the "High and lofty One liberation. Their just solution is of great who inhabiteth Eternity." importance, and we cannot study them too The second element in the spirit of a stuclosely. It is, however, chiefly to the last dent is Thoroughness. of these questions, that I propose to give a

should instruction be received? may sink below it, but you cannot rise above Geology, Astronomy, Logic, and Mental tion; but let him fix his thoughts upon great themes, let him ascend among the towering passion for study more insatiate, and every energy be fixed upon making nearer and nearer approaches to the fountain of Eternal

The farmer studies, as he notes the philos-

ophy of the seasons, the composition of soils, the laws and processes of vegetable growth, is arraying itself in the mantle of hopeful autumn. The loom and the anvil, the count ing-room and the exchange, furnish ample themes for profitable and continued study. The lawyer is a student, or should be, all his days. The physician who does not study with the greatest assiduity and patience the nature of diseases and their remedies, is a Tripoli, my Syrian home, between several whose heart and lip is to be moulded by the "Book of books," who must be conversant is so large, that one may almost as well put with individuals and society, with facts and their philosophy; with theology, that seience which embraces all other sciences. "which attracts all to itself, subordinates application. Like the firmament above, the them and receives from them their tribute;" I know Arabic, and Italian, and English, and each beneath, or the air we breathe, it is surely he must be a student. The teacher is Turkish, but my brother Yakoob speaks Engr suggested, and ever present, to whatever no less a student than the taught. It is safe lish better than I do."

> The first characteristic of this spirit is intellectual humility.

Nothing can be more important to a stuhumble. Nothing is more fatal to intellectual progress than intellectual pride. We live in world of great realities. There is a solememy and College, terminated at one end by nity and a sublimity in truth, which sometimes comes upon the mind with an overwhelming power, bringing with it an oppressive sense of human weakness. The greatest tire neglect of everything which tends to men of our earth bear unbroken testimony to the fact, that their highest flights and deepest explorations have only disclosed greater Others would subser be fully, "verbatim et beights and more profound depths, beyond their intellectual scope. Pride of intellect is evidence of a weak mind. No one who thinks great thoughts, and comes in contact with It were an easy thing for one who dwells only among pigmies, to regard himself a giant, but he whose companions are giants, will

feel conscious of his own littleness. A man to be humble, must be great. "Could an emmet pry into itself, it might marvel at

But let it look on eagles, to discern how mean a thing

A Newton could reply without affectation to the congratulations of his admirers, "To invaelf I seem to have been as a child playing on the sca-shore, while the immense ocean of truth lay unexplored before me." And Baxter, whose warm devotional spirit and gifted intellect are embalmed imperishably in his writings, a priceless treasure to the Christian

If you would lose all vitality and vigor, if unsocial." It is true especially of him whose

using the lighter accomplishments, as the outside architecture of the glowing soul within.

It is a very easy thing to be superficial.—

To write an extraction and counter of instance of tise upon Education, would be to write a tunate man and the truth! No longer does easy to make mistakes. It is not easy to sun. As well write a universal history or his earnest questionings reiterated with im- you must work. One of the most common

spurned away unanswered. Remember, too, that as you are a student, you are also a man. You are not only to live with books but with men; and the "art ting the comma in the right place. When ry current of influence without, every cher- of living with others," is by far too much one ished habit within, operate upon and modify of the "lost arts" in our day. It needs more the man, develop him, contribute to his Ed- of attention than we are wont to give it. And ucation. In some sense, every man is educa- nothing is more clear, then that humility is one of the indispensable elements in the character of one who is to live with men.-

error. Yet it is an education. Whatever no human form but your own should ever forms a habit in man, forms a part of his darken your threshold, what can contribute educate man, so as to keep the lower parts humility, which is simply a just estimate of our schools are equal to this in punctuation equal dignity. If men are trained to study the which come in upon the soul laden with all rence being that the article four of his nature in cubestimate of our schools are equal to this in punctuation equal dignity. If men are trained to study the

be placed upon the throne? Is self to rule of and above humanity—an attribute of the society or be ruled by it? Are men to grow divine—a rare exotic, not indigenous in man. up in shapeless deformity, with one-sided Be it so. What can justify the neglect of views of all subjects, and a just, impartial him who never puts forth an effort to attain view of none? What does man know? - it, robs himself of its heavenly influence, and What does he not know? How can men be builds around him a wall to exclude its entrained and disciplined so at to live with men? trance forever! It can only be attained by Is there a training which will fit man for communion with exalted themes and superior communion with God! Who are qualified beings. Be it then your aim, while you give to impart instruction and mould immortal your humble energy to the study of self and

The Romans had a proverb, "Multum partial answer at the present time? How non multa," " Much not many things," which is well rendered in our proverb, "Better What is the proper spirit of a Student? - know everything of something than somein the first elements of Simple Arithmetic. It is a common remark that students of-

is equally true that many of the young of teachers give you hard problems in matheboth sexes, speak of knowing Latin, French, Geometry, Astronomy, Natural Philosophy and other branches of study, when their knowledge is at best but a mere figment of their own fancy. How many, think you, of those who know French, can converse freely whether it be when the winter stricken earth and accurately in the French language? How many who know Astronomy in this sense, spring, or amid the rustling sheaves of golden | can repeat the names of the constellations, or point them out in a clear evening, or calculate an eclipse? Would it not be better for us to cultivate a small field and do it well. rather than add acre to sere and field to field and let all run to waste and weeds?

curse rather than a blessing to society. The Greek boys whose ages ranged from eight to minister of the gospel, too, the language of twelve years. Said one to another, "Selim, how many languages do you know?"
"Why, Giurgius, I know Arabic, and Eng-

lish, and French, and Turkish, and I am now going to study Italian. How many do you know, Giurgius?" " May your good be increased, O Selim

English."

"This is my English, Good morning, sir; and then another word ' Very well, I thank edge may not be inappropriate to the present you.' That is all I know. "Very good," answered the rest.

Now Yakoob's English was a pretty good specimen of the linguistic attainments of the dent, one whose very occupation is a tacit crowd, and had any one of them put his confession of his ignorance, than that he be French, or Italian, or Turkish, to the test, it would probably evaporate in the same way. And similar would be the fate of many American boys, I doubt not, were their supposed attainments subjected to a fair and searching trial. I have even heard it said by good authori-

ty, that it is no slight task for the printers in the city of Washington to correct the bad spelling and false syntax of manuscript Conressional speeches sent to them for publicaedge, that a literary production received a second prize in a celebrated Institution of great thoughts, and comes in contact with this country, when nothing prevented its regreat truths, can ever harbor a proud spirit. of the words were outrageously misspelled. Above all things I insist upon it that you learn your own language well. Learn to speak, and read, and write, and spell, correctly. If you read books, read a few and master them. Better know one book well, than many books superficially. Better read "Robinson Crusoe" thoroughly and intelligently,

than a whole library without knowing what I do not mean by thoroughness, a magni-fying of iille things. A few years ago the Patriarch Maximus of Damascus, spent three years of precious time and a vast amount of money in litigation about the shape of an ecclesiastical cop! He wrote letters and pamphlets, argued and discussed, journeyed to Conworld, exclaimed at the close of his life, "I stantinople and back again, and all to decide was but a pen in God's hand, and what praise the shape of a cap. You would not call such a man thorough or great for though he may be great on little things, you would expect him to be little on great things.

Abulfeda, an Arab historian, tells a story of a famous controversy which once took place between two celebrated grammarians, Sibuyah, and Kasai. The dispute was on the words, "I thought the sting of a scorpion worse than the sting of a wasp." Sibuyah maintained that the word "sting'

arising from diversities in the human mind. want of water. The great want still remains. that it was in the accusative. The Khalif, or prince, before whom the discussion was held. decided in favor of Kasai, and Sibuyah was to substance. One will be satisfied if the is proud and does not know it. It is said so greatly distressed at his defeat that he happy, but a useful life. In science, it teachtravelled away from Irak to Shiraz and died es the student that while one theory is most there. It might be said in justification of generally accepted and clearly established, fortune is linked in with others in the acquisuch an intense devotion to a comparatively there are others which are entitled to candid sition of knowledge. The loss of humility, triffing question, that minuteness is necessawiser, will insist upon laying deep the foun-dation with logic and philosophy and history, is the forfeiture of mutual confidence. A ry to thoroughness, but you will allow me how wide the separation between the unfor- It is very hard to be thorough. It is very he seek it with ardent zeal. No longer are correct them. If you would be thorough, portunity. He stands alone, unenvied, unlever sphere it had its origin; in loved. Whether you interrogate Nature, writing. What teacher has not been amazed religion, that there are other creeds besides Providence, or the volume of human science, and confounded, if not diverted, at the mis- its own-that there is no evidence that any

school boys' compositions. Here is a specimen of false punctuation. which will illustrate the importance of putproperly pointed, the sentence is quite sensible and correct. As it is, you will readily observe that the meaning is grossly pervert-

"Lord Palmerston entered the room on his head,-his old familiar hat on his feet,his well-polished boots on his brow, his spec-But if you should never mingle with men, tackes under his arm, his cane which he held is in service attachment to soul-destroying if your life is to be hidden in the cloister, and with the firmness of youth completing the picture, and after speaking a few words silently, he turned and left the room."

Are the passions and appetites to be dominant and controling, or are the higher and hopeful, in that realm of shadows, and hopeful, in

The third point to which I ask your atten- be men of great hearts and great minds, they magnetic pole, they act with controlling force tion is an appreciation of the true object of academic study.

of learning everything, or mastering every variety—not a distracting, but a refreshing knowledge. The true object of study is minute attention to a single point, because lected for his motto, "Respice finem"—mental discipline. God has given you minds, the mind of a youth has a particular bent Consider the end—think of the end. Think The great difference between educated men

better minds, but that they know better how to use what they have.
Solomon says, "If the iron be blunt and

an educated man can accomplish a given in: of the things that are to be done, but of life's supply fields, and like miners to be tine of official duty, the preparation of imit. Apathy and corroding care may gnaw Philosophy, when these same pupils might portant documents and the intense mental out the vitals of the highest aspirations, and with more propriety study words of three application thus involved, were thrown upon degrade man to the level of the irrational crea syllables in the Spelling Book and practice him, he sank under the burden. A man accustomed to literary labor, can accomplish in one day that which another unaccustomed summits of truth, and his field of vision will ten graduate in our colleges, who are not to it might not be able to accomplish in be enlarged; his mind will be clearer, his able to translate their Latin Diplomas. It weeks, Do not be afraid of hard studies. Your matics, long lists of dates in history, and hard sentences in Greek and Latin, not so of infidel philosophy known as Modern Pla-

> portance in sharpening and polishing axes,— all heathenish systems in the name of God, but a charity which is tolerant, which sufferestly battle with a hard problem, every effect, ath long and is kind. "which applied not fort to commit to memery a difficult task, eth long and is kind; "which envieth not, sharpens the edge of your intellect, and makes the next task easier.

There is another use of academic study .-It teaches you how to concentrate your mind -how to be short, pointed, concise.

There are many words wasted in this world. There would not be so many books in the world if all authors were men of well disciplined mind; at all events what books there are would be shorter. We have a proverb, "Brevity is the soul of wit." The Arabs have a proverb of similar import:

" If words are silver,

And another Eastern nation have a story illustrating the same point, which runs someof India, such a voluminous library, that one thousand camels were requisite for its transpaid for its care. The king felt no inclinahimself, and ordered his librarians to furnish him with an extract, or abridgment, for his private use. They set to work, and in about twenty years' time they produced a nice little Encyclopedia which might have been easilv carried by thirty camels. But the monarch found it still too large and

had not even patience enough to read the The indefatigable Brahmins began thereore afresh, and reduced the thirty camel

oads into so small a substance that a single donkey could bear it with ease. But the king's dislike for reading had increased with

in the little word. Perhaps." "Three expressions contain the history o mankind: They were born; they suffered;

they died."

Now this story, whether fabulous or real illustrates the very important truth "that all the graces of character—Charity. of making books there is no end," and that there is in this world a great deal of "darkening counsel by words without knowledge." needs, and more words than ideas, and tho'

you and the world if all books were thus con- full speed to certain destruction; but there those of John addressed to little children densed, yet I doubt not it would be a bless- is something sad and fearful beyond express- and his Book of Revelation winding up the ing if we had one hundred men like the librarians of the Eastern tale, to go through man, enjoying universal confidence and some of our libraries, and sift out the wheat crowned with earth's laurels, suddenly swerv- the new Jerusalem whose gates are of pearl from the chaff. And it would be an interesting experi-

of such a school as this, and put them into a hydraulic press, and see how much solid matter would remain after all the gaseous and he fall." Such histories are mournfully sugirrelevant expressions had made their escape. Perhaps the experiment would prove equally interesting if applied to lawyers at the not self-control. bar, and to the addresses of other men in other professions.

There is a great evil, a sad neglect in the education of youth, which may find its appro- his death, he exclaimed: "Alas, I have civpriate remedy in the fourth characteristic of ilized my own subjects, I have conquered a student's spirit—Charity.

It is that broad, comprehensive, liberal civilize or conquer myself!" spirit, which enables one to lead not only a and careful investigation; in politics, that there is no ground for believing that all nor wealth, nor accidental elevation renders one class better than another, but that true worth of character is to be loved and imita-

you must be an humble questioner, or be takes in punctuation constantly occurring in one sect has all the truth, but that while they have much in common, each may be the ser vitor of some distinctive truth-that religion is a life, not a name, and that the simple. heartfelt worship of a disciple in the desert or the wilderness, may be more acceptable to God than all the "pomp and circumstance" of gorgeous ceremonials and external forms, in the midst of which the bollow-bearted offering is like the dry rattling of a skeleton

There is too much of narrow-mindedness

a cathedral!

must view the truth on every side. It is not well to confine the mind to a sin-You do not attend school for the purpose gle study or pursuit. There should be a rection, so that by observing the man, you

science, or penetrating the mysteries of all variety. The mind needs it. Instead of a

partment and that alone for the concentration ing, striving, waiting. You must be efficient, of its energies, you will compress the entire faithful now, if you would be ready for it. range of intellectual and moral vision. You

made to shine for him alone. I do not mean here by Charity that species much for their own sake, as for the sake of tonism, which teaches "that the great prindisciplining the mind and strengthening the ciples of all philosophical and religious truth are to be found equally in all sects, differing Hard studies are a grindstone. A grind-only in the mode of expressing them"—a stone is not beautiful. It would not make a principle which opens the flood-gates of error good parlor ornament, but it is of wast im upon all that is pure and holy, and baptizes vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, a dark valley in every life's pilgrimage, being not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; re- fore the enchanted mountains are reached, joiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things,

hopeth all things, endureth all things." intelligently, and manfully, to inform and re-

One of the great advantages of a college preciate something of the hidden influences and under currents which form the distinct learning features of character in different parts of the being?

The Georgia stull f you are young and wish entertaining if he story of Paradise, of Adport, and one hundred Brahmins had to be land and the world. The Georgia student will be surprised that the Vermonter stories, there is the story of Paradise, of Adtion to wade through this heap of learning is not that impersonation of foxy cunning, am and Eve, of the Flood and the Ark, of manners, which he had pictured to himself, Isaac, of Esau selling his birthright, of the and there will be equally agreeable surprise story of Joseph, the birth of Moses, the in the other party. There is thus incidental growth of a large and liberal spirit:

fect, when it beguneth in young years; this we call education, which is, in effect, but an early custom." And the same author remarks the Philistines, the wondrous history of in another connection, "Certainly it is beaven Sampson, the thrilling career of David the upon earth to have a man's mind move in shepherd boy who became king, of Solomon Charity, rest in Providence, and turn upon and his wonderful temple, of his wisdom, the poles of Truth."

day. Conflicting opinions bring men into and the lions' den. Ruth the gleaner and Queen frequent opposition. Elements are brought Esther, and a thousand other stories with into combination, which have no affinity for each other, and the student, who should study then the New Testament, it seems to have men and things as well as books, and fit been made on purpose for the young. Its himself to act thoughtfully and discreetly, life of Christ, its simple language, its parashould not neglect to cultivate this gem of bles, its teachings of gentleness and love, its

There is something sad in the contempla-tion of a majestic ship in the midst of a tem-His pure, lovely and loving character, the pestuous sea, without a pilot, unmanageable deeds done by the Apostles, their voyages There are more books than the world and on the verge of ruin; there is something and travels, their shipwrecks, falling among fearful in the thought of a ponderous engine, I would not say that it would be better for without any restraining hand, dashing on at in prison, and then their letters, especially ion, in the condition of a great and good ing from the path of rectitude, and plunging and whose streets are of fine gold, which into the gulf of disgrace and wretchedness .ment to take the compositions of the pupils It sends a shock through society, and a voice comes thrilling in deep undertone: "Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest

gestive, and we inquire, why this sad consummation? Alas, the unhappy victim had It is said that when Peter the Great, in

violation of one of his own laws, had inflicted a blow upon his gardener which resulted in other nations, yet I have not been able to

those whose temptations are so great as those of the student! You live in a world very much by yourselves. You are in danger of trol-and while its "royal preacher" reminds forgetting what kind of men live outside, you that "much study is a weariness of the making up the great mass of society. If fissh," he also calls upon you immediyou trim your sails only for an inland sea, ately to "hear the conclusion of the whole you will be unable to weather the storms of matter. life's great ocean. You need a habit of self-ments." control. There is a self-discipline in small end! things, which will fit a man at length for the shock of the fiercest battle. And there is a self-neglect in small things, which in the end? results in great discomfiture and sorrow. - are apt to entertain very erroneous ideas upon Impatience in study, irregularity, inattention the subject, when we talk of a great city of a to health and recklessness as to the future, all million of inhabitants. The whole circuit of betray a want of self-control, and betoken the the walled city is just six miles. The mass certain triumph of the soul's worst enemies.

but remark in conclusion, that one of the most important characteristics of the spirit of a student, is a reserence to the end of life. It is said that there is a final cause, to which every creative and Providential act of God and human action? A final cause is an end, don Times Corr. among the arches and aisles and columns of which acts as a cause. Sometimes motives

I need not insist upon a truth so evident,

make their appeal from the regrets and disappointments of the past. History holds out in our age. A republic should be a republic its page, now illumined with promise, now of kindly feeling, generous sympathy, and veiled in sorrow; the soul looks upon it, and

upon the plans and purposes and pursuits of men, keeping the needle always in one dimay know at once for what he is living. One of the seven wise men of Greece se

and you come here to learn how to use them. toward it, the attention should be given the as you live and suffer and enjoy, as you float more to other things. If a man would rear in the irra-hued clouds of imagination over and men who are not educated is not that the a lofty monument, there must be breadth of the dizzy mountain summits of life, and then former are naturally more gifted or have base, clse it will come tumbling to the ground. sink suddenly to the very depths of its dark As another has well remarked, "Much ravines; think as glory gleams on your path, may be said of the advantage of keeping a or sorrow arrays you in the mantle of the man to few pursuits, and of the great things sepulchre; when your highest aspirations he do not whet the edge, then must be put done thereby in the making of pins and nee- quiver and reverse their flight like wounded to more strength." This is the reason why dles. But in this matter, we are not thinking birds; when you seem to have strayed from

tellectual task with half the exertion requi- the persons who are to do them-not wealth, working in the dark; in fine, be your mind site for an uneducated man in the perform. but men. A number of one-sided men may blank and dreary as a deserted house, or Limited as it may seem, this question is one thing of everything." There is great danger of nearly universal application. We are all that students will try to learn too many students. No one has reached such an emisting that students will try to learn too many students. No one has reached such an emisting that something that something the same task. The one is working make a great nation, though I much incline that students will try to learn too many with a sharpened axe, and the other with a doubt that; but such a nation will not think of the end! It is something certain, and the other with a doubt that; but such a nation will not think of the end! It is something real. You know that it will come, nence in scientific or literary attainments, as by their pupils with the most pertinacious ident Harrison had been so little accustom. a lesson to be learned in youth. If you though you know not when, nor how. You to soar above the atmosphere of study. You requests for permission to study Chemistry, ed to close mental toil, that when the rou cramp the mind, and give it a particular de- know that it is that for which you are study-

"In ancient times, there were instituted in imprison man in the valley, little dreaming of the honors of Prometheus, certain games of the magnificent prospect from the mountain lamp-bearers, in which they that strove for tops, and whether his "name be Norval" or the prize, were wont to carry torches lighted. and so cast back themselves; so that whosoever came first to the mark with his torch burning, received the prize."

Thus, let it be your aim, while you press forward toward the mark, to keep your torch burning. Go not impetuously, lest your self-control be lost, and your light extinguished; linger not, lest you lose sight of the golden prize. Keep it burning, with the gentle flame of humility and the radiating beams of an expansive charity, and while it illumines your own path, it will guide many

and you will need a light to guide you there You know where to look for the fountain of all light and truth. You know that there It does not acquiesce in error, nor treat it is a book which contains the earliest and most with bitterness and threats, but strives kindly, accurate history, the sublimest poetry, the profoundest reasoning, the most burning eloquence, the purest morality-whose wisdom. profound and pure, runs like a stream through education, to a young man, to say nothing of all literature, so that if the thoughts copied the discipline of mind and habits of study, is from and suggested by the Book of books the fact that he is thrown into contact with were taken out of Milton, Shakspeare and young men of his own age from all parts of other eminent authors, there would be an the land, of every variety of political and empty skeleton instead of the living fire and social views and opinions, and learns to ap-strength which have immortalized them: all this you know. Need I urge you to study

blustering impudence and uncouthness of the tower of Babel, of Abraham offering plagues in Egypt, the crossing of the Red to the very acquisition of knowledge, the Sea, the pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire, the manna, the brazen serpent, the return of Lord Bacon says, "Custom is most per-the spies bringing the grapes of Eschol, the et, when it beguneth in young years; this siege of Jericho, Elijah and the ravens, Elisha and the boys at Bethel, the wars with his way of deciding which of two claimants There is need of greater charity in our was the mother of the child, and then Daniel which the old Testament abounds. And beautiful images, its sweet and winning invitations, its accounts of Jesus' miracles and robbers, being stoned and persecuted and put glorious Book of the Lord with a most inter esting and attractive picture of the holy city has no night, and needs not sun, or moon or

Can there be a richer or more attractive treasure house of story and incident for the

If Alexander the great could carry a copy of Homer in a golden casket enriched with ewels; so may you bear enshrined in a casket more precious than gold, even your own heart's affections, that book, whose author is in heaven. Read it to learn, to grow, to profit by it, to appropriate and assimilate elements which may contribute to your culture and your growth.

In it you will find the sweetest and most What a lesson to the young especially to attractive exemplar of Humility-the broad. est precepts and examples of Charity-the clearest directions to the exercise of self-conmatter. Fear God and keep his command-" Respice finem"-Consider the

THE CITY OF CANTON,-People who have never seen an unadulterated Eastern city, of habitations are about fifteen feet high, and contain three rooms; they have one entrance clused by a bamboo screen. Some of the shops have a low upper story, and the house, roof and terrace, all together, may rise twen ty-five feet from the street. Better houses there are, but they are not more lofty. All is referrible, and should there not be a final these edifices are of the most fragile descripcause to which we may refer all human effort tion, built of soft brick, wood, or mud .- Lon-

COCHINEAL FROM CALIFORNIA. - The Placer Courier mentions the reception of a sample trived a sort of ceremonial inclined plane for of the cochineal from Dr. Trask, of Todd's such visitors, which being lubricated with Valley, California. It has all the properties broad charity. Every man is king, and should is wrought up with new energy. But there of the cochineal found in Brazil and the southlearn to treat every other one as possessed of are influences from the future, prospective, ern part of Mexico, the only apparent diffeinscriptions only on one side of the grand pyrthat is mysterious and uncertain, possible nia is a light pink, while that found elsewhere and is a deep scarlet. It is said to be quite plen-

# INVOCATION.

Where hast thou flown, O muse!
Come aid me while I sing,
Come, hie thee to our trysting place,
With fleet and faithful wing.

Come tell of days when youth First sought this sylvan grot. First felt the beauty of thy smi

They must not be forgot.

For I am sad to-night,
Friend Muse, my dearest friend,
And fain would seek some mem'ry fond,

To, with the present, blend. A strange, sweet sound steals forth,
As mem'ry's chords I sweep,
And echoes o'er the heart's deep fount.

Then, lightly touch the strings— My ear hath caught the tone— Oh, let them rest—all undisturbed To slumber on, alone!

Forgive, O friend, the tears,

That gather in my eye; I will not weep—though it were sweet— While thou art ling ring nigh.

Why should I mourn o'er hopes Long trampled in the dust; Or sigh that through the cares of life, Love's brightest links may rust?

No, let me meet life's ills,
With calm, unclouded brow;
And ever, down the stream of life,
My bank glide amouth as now.

# TRUTHS.

"Every man's house is his castle," but he has no right to make his castle the manufactory for diffusive nuisances-to render it a stronghold or keep, say, for the non-drainage of a particular spot. "Every man's house is his castle," but he must not be allowed to shoot poisoned arrows at the community from the battlements of his castle.—Lord John Russel.

O Land! O Land for all the broken-hearted! The mildest herald by our fate allotted,

Beckons and with inverted torch doth stand, To lead us, with a gentle hand, Into the Land of the great departed— Into the Silent Land!

Were but human beings always that which ney are in their best moments, then should e know here already on earth a kingdom of heaven of beauty and goodness.—Freder-

All is the gift of industry; whate'er Delightful. Pensive Winter, cheered by him, Sits at the social fire, and happy hears.
The excluded tempest idly rave along;
His hardened fingers deck the gandy Spring; Without him Summer were an arid waste; Nor to the autumnal months could thus transmit Those full, mature, immeasurable stores, That, waving round, recall my wandering song.

It is a dangerous thing even to assist an envious man, for whilst he receives your succor, he feels your power and his own dependence, and that excites the gangrene of his

moral constitution.—Lacon. Oh, beware of coot:

It crushes out the manhood of a man,
Robs the bright eye of boldness, cheats his limbs
Of elasticity, unnerves his hand,
Beclouds his judgment, dalls his intellect,
Perils his uprightness, and stains his mans,
And minifies him to his fellow men;
Yea, far worse degradation, to himself.

—The Gamester.

The shallowest understanding, the rudes hand, is more than equal to the task of pulling down and destroying. Folly and rage can dilapidate more in a half an hour, than wisdom, deliberation and forecast can build in many years.—Burke.

There are some hearts that, like the loving vine. Cling to unkindly rocks and ruined towers,
Spirits that suffer and do not repine—
Patient and sweet as lowly trodden flowers,
That from beneath the passer's heel orise,
And give back odorous breath instead of sighs.

We cannot always see into the heart, and our judgment would perhaps be condemned as often as approved by our Saviour. Instead of casting stones at an individual, we would often, if we knew and felt as Jesus does, sympathizing, say to the erring, "Go and sin no more." We are called upon to exercise not judgment so much as mercy and love.-Jeremy Taylor.

Fair stars! are not your beings pure? Can sin, can death your worlds obscure? Else why so swell the thoughts at your Aspect above?
Ye must be Heavens that make us sure Live well, and make virtue thy guide, and then let death come sooner or later, it mat.

ters not. Then it will be a friendly hand that opens the inlet to a cortain happiness, and puts an end to doubtful and alloyed pleasures .- Penn. Not vainly did the early Persian make

Not vainly did the early remain make

His alter the high places and the peak
Of carth—o'er gazing mountains, and thus take
A fit and unwalled Temple, there to seek
The Spirit, in whose honor shrincs are weak,
Upreared of human hands. Come, and compare
Columns and idol dwellings, Goth, or Greek,
With Kature's realms of worship, earth and air,
Nor fix on fond abodes to circumscribe thy prayer!

Some sermons are written as if sin were to be taken out of man, like Eve out of Adam, by putting him to sleep. Sidney LEAVE-TAKIEG .- Dr. Holmes, in his article,

"The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table" in the Atlantic Monthly, says:
"Don't you know how hard it is for some people to get out of a room after a visit is really over? They want to be off, and you want to have them off, but they don't know how to manage it. One would think they had been built in your parlor or study, and were waiting to be launched. I have concertain smooth phrases, backs them down, metaphorically speaking, stern foremost, into

their native element of out-doors." The son of Henry S. Gun, of Minis-aippi, ran off two weeks ago with his father's