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## Stanzas on the Death of James K. Polk.

From the West the Democrat  
Stanzas on the Death of James K. Polk.  
By W. H. MONTROSE.

There is a wall upon the breeze,  
That westward comes on silent wing—  
A requiem from the "Dove of Peace,"  
As if the wind were playing string.  
The air of labor's busy day,  
And hearts with sorrow's burden fill,  
That mourn the golden sunset glow,  
When the sun's rays are dim and still.

Go to the resting place, the grave—  
Close to the first of June's day,  
When glory's banner flew on high,  
And laurel wreaths a bad man gave,  
Proudly he took the field of strife,  
And led his army to the front,  
A country on the point of strife,  
When every pulse was throbbing hot.

But on his marble tomb he lies,  
The first of June's day,  
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In face of the most formidable barriers, can any one attain to eminence in science? The mind is susceptible of infinite extension; but if it be not carefully educated, it will be incapable of consequence. It is only by a judicious selection of the most valuable and profitable branches of knowledge, and by a diligent and persevering application to them, that the mind can be brought to that state of perfection which will enable it to overcome all obstacles, and to attain to the highest degree of human excellence.

Discipline must subdue its natural insubordination—constant and varied study is the only way to acquire a firm and accurate knowledge of any science. It is not by a hasty and superficial reading of books, but by a slow and laborious investigation of their contents, that the mind can be brought to that state of perfection which will enable it to overcome all obstacles, and to attain to the highest degree of human excellence.

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**The Traveled Monkey.**  
Among the denizens of Sharpston is a small man of the name of William H. Heston. He is not a very tall man, but he is a very stout one, and he is a very good natured one. He is a very good natured one, and he is a very good natured one. He is a very good natured one, and he is a very good natured one.

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**MASS JUDGMENT.**  
Who is it that is so much to be pitied?  
Cursed that look of sorrowful pride,  
That comes not from a heavy load,  
But from a heart that is so full of pride.

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**EXTRACT**  
From the Speech before the  
Alpha Epsilon Society of Franklin Academy  
at its third anniversary, July 5, 1890.  
By W. H. MONTROSE.

**Members of the Alpha Epsilon Society:**  
I am glad to appear, should I not embrace the present opportunity to acknowledge a deep and lasting gratitude for the honor your preference and partiality have conferred. And I am confident, were it not for the fact of finding in an expression of fraternal regard, more publicly and unanimously expressed than in any other manner, how there are who would willingly forego the quietude of a less conspicuous part for the anxiety incident to that of a Society Orator.

Inasmuch, then, as your highest honor has been conferred upon me, accept in return, the tribute of a heart sincerely grateful, and be assured that as the proud recognition of your youthful days, its recollection shall of me be the daily hours of after life, and your kindly reference consult me my most anxious and constant prayer.

**Erastus:** What inducement lures you onward, and directs your aspirations? Why have you taken upon yourselves that classic yoke as a contradiction? Tell me ye who are emulous of all that is virtuous, and who are proud to find in your yonder proud motto, a mystic revelation in once expressive of that which you seek to attain?

**Studia et artes Colimus:** Words big with interest to you, and revealing to the conscience of the most earnest, one prominent object of your association. How that object may be directed so as to be productive of the most individual and collective good, may be a proper inquiry. Premising that you all concur in the main; that it is by the cultivation of the arts and sciences—and as a consequence, the most judicious and conscientious place in metaphysical disquisition; for all must agree, that only by the most intense application, and a determination that filters not

terminated with an honest heart that he would never marry with a woman that had money. It is always in the relations that he was supported by her, and there are few who will accuse him of swerving from his principles, although he did love Helen Watkins, and she had a thousand dollars.

He married her; and on the wedding-day, pursuant to the custom of the day, and dollars were placed in Helen's hands. Doing as he thought best for their mutual advantage, he invested it in business, and instead of darning out with an establishment remained at the boarding house. For a time, all went well. A loving bride thinks little for months of anything but love and happiness, and Helen never spoke of the thousand dollars. Flagg furnished her with money sufficient for her wants, and indeed for her desires—the enjoyment of her thoughts otherwise limited, her wishes, and when a year had passed, she asked for articles of dress or luxury—asked to them, which her husband could not give, and gently, but very respectfully, told her that it was very strange. "That when he has all that thousand dollars of mine, he would let me have what I want." Her heart fostered these complaining thoughts, and on one occasion when she had set her heart on something which he refused to purchase, she reproached him, and he returned to her in a very angry manner, and she was obliged to leave the house. Flagg was astonished by reason of her conduct, and he was obliged to leave the house, and he was obliged to leave the house.

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