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Select Poetry.

What is a Year?

What is a year? 'Tis but a wave On life's dark rolling stream, Which is so quickly gone, that we Account it but a dream: 'Tis but a single earnest throb Of Time's old fron heart, As tireless now, and strong as when It first with life did start.

What is a year? Tis but a turn Of Time's old brazen wheel, = 25 Or but a page upon the book Which death must shortly steal; Tis but a step upon the road A few more steps and we shall walk Lite's weary road no more.

What is a year? 'Tis but a breath From Time's nostrils blown, As rushing onward o'er the earth, We hear its weighty moan; 'Tis like a bubble on the wave, Or dew upon the lawn-As transient as the mist of morn Beneath the Summer sun.

What is a year? 'Tis but a type Of life's oft changing scene-Youth's happy morn comes gaily on With hills and valley's green: Next, Sammer's prime succeeds the Spring Then Autumn with a tear, Then comes old Winter-death, and all Must find their level here.

Progress.

BY PARK BENJAMIN.

Why should men ponder o'er the golden tin Why linger o'er the grandeur that is gone! Sad is the visage of the Past and wan, Mournful her form and bearing, the sublime Around her towers the sky loves to climb, On her great altar lies the verdant moss, Robbing their prostrate marble of its gloss, And hiding all the glories of their prime. Why should we sympatiate with long decay Surely in growth there's something grande still.

The power that cuts thro' forest-wilds its way-The force of man's unconquerable will-The march of Progress, making as she goes. The desert place to blossom as the rose.

From the Autobiography of Rev. J. B. Fulier The Two spies.

As early as the year 1780 the block-house

Nature; and among the most luxuriant of there were those which lav along the Hockhocking Valley, and especially that portion of it on which the town of Lancaster now stands. This place, for its beauty, its richness of soil, and picturesque scenery, was selected as a location for an Indian village. This afforded a suitable place for the gambol of the Indian sportsmen, as well as a central spot for concentrating the Indian warriors.

Here the tribes of the North and West met to counsel and from this spot led forth the tomahawk leaped in its scabbard, and the spirits of their friends, who had died in the visions and called loudly for revenge, it was ascertained at the garrison above the mouth of the Hocknocking river, that the Indians will carry the tidings of my death to my few greatest danger. She knew that every leadwere gathering in great numbers for the purpose of striking a blow on some post of the frontiers. To meet this crisis two of the most skilled and indefatigable spies were despatched to watch their movements and report.

M'Cleland and White, two spirits that never quailed at danger, and as unconquerable as the Lyban hon, in the month of October, on one of the baliny days of Indian summer, took leave of their fellows and moved on through the thick plum and hazel bushes with their unering and trusty ritles. They continued their march, skirting the prairie, till they reached that most remarkable prominchee, now known by the name of Mount Pressant, the western termination of which is western views towers to the clouds and over- The arch foe now made evident preparations fault; and agreed that a nail should be drawn looks the vast plains below. When this point to attack them on the flank, which could be

of the Indians below in the valley. Every day added a new accession of warexercises of horse-racing, running foot races, sibility of escape. Our brave spies saw the jumping, throwing the tomahawk and dan- utter hopelessness of their situation, which cing; the old sacheins looking on with their nothing could avert but a prave companion gaged in their playful gambols. The arrival pending fate resting upon them, they contin-Mount Pleasant, were driven back in the va- ance of a numerous foe could produce. rious indentations of the surrounding hills. producing reverberations and echoes as if ten to the hearts of those unaccustomed to Indi-

To our spies this was but martial musicthirsty nature of these savage. warriors. They were therefore, not likely to be ensnared or tomahawks. On several occasions, small be proceeded to the task with the utmost er, as our ideal of virtue and mariliness; one are of Italy—from Milan—is that your birthparties left the prairie, and ascended the composure. mount from the eastern side. On these oc-

the Indians. For drink, they depended on lost a favorite watrior, as well as being disapsome rainwater which still stood in the holthis store was exhausted, and McCleland and the advantage gained would be of short dua new supply. To accomplish this most haz-ardous enterprise, McCleland being the old-est, resolved to make the attempt; and with his fellow companion. Now, too, the attack his trusty rifle in his hand, and their two can- in front was renewed with increased fury, so teens strung across his shoulders, he descen- as to require the incessant fire of both spies the hazel thickets, he reached the river, and warrior making preparations to leap to the turning to a bold point o the hill, he found fatal rock. The leap was made, and the Inwatchful companion. It was now determined to have a fresh supply of water every day, and this duty was performed alternately.
On one of these occasions, after White had

squaws a few feet of him. Upon turning up and the spies thought that through terror she arm, the jut of the hill, the eldest squaw gave one had escaped to her former captors or that she of those far reaching whoops peculiar to In- had been killed during the fight, but they dians. White at once comprehended his per- were not long left to conjecture. The girl saints—and then came the vain consolation ilous situation. If the alarm should reach was seen emerging from behind a rock, and by which one endeavored to cheat the other. must inevitably perish. Self preservation compelled him to inflict a noiseless death on the squays, and in such a manner as, if possible, to leave no trace behind. Ever rapid in thought, and prompt in action, he sprang in thought, and prompt in action, he sprang in the squays are above our comprehension. But our line in the rand, its living beauty, and that thought or their jown sunny land, its living beauty, and that thought on his lips, but took his stand on the other can soar away through the regions of illimit able space, yet all tells us of the unsearchable wisdom and power of a Divine Being, whose ways are above our comprehension. But our cled banner is unfulled in every port. Our in thought, and prompt in action, he sprang ess herself of his gun and ammunition; and upon his victims with the rapidity and pow crouching down beneath the underbrush, she cerecloth, foggy; dark, and dreary; the fath-

Releasing his hold, she informed him that she had been a prisoner for ten years, and soon overspread the whole heavens, and the was taken from below Wheeling, and that elements were rent with the peals of thunder. was taken from below Wheeling, and that elements were rent with the peals of thunder. code of articles of belief, which his subjects judge!"
the Indians had killed all the family, and that Darkness, deep and gloomy, shrouded the were desired to subscribe to; he had institu"Nay, nay, not thus roughly," said Lord the Indians had killed all the family, and that her brother and lierself were taken prisoners, but he succeeded on the second night, in making his escape; During this narrative, White head account of which he made. Lord Crombin the succeeded on the second night, in making his escape; During this narrative, White her float off with the current, where it would not probably be found out soon. He now plan; it was agreed that the girl should go directed the girl to follow him, and with his directed to subscribe to subscribe to subscribe to subscribe to subscribe to subscri They had scarcely gone half way when they in case they should fall in with any of the heard the alarm cry some quarter of a mile parties of the outposts. From her knowledge herents of the Romish creed in his new char-

reached the eastern acclivity of the mount removing two sentinels to a short distance, ded, except on the west perpendicular side, ling of a dog at a short distance apprised them and all hope of escape was cut off. In this of new danger. The almost simultaneous resolved to do, and advised the girl to escape of the Indian camps, and their lives depended warpath in different directions. Upon one of to the Indians and tell them she had been to the most profound silence, and implicity is in braved all contingencies, courting the the occasions, when the war spirit moved ken prisoner. She said, "No, death to me, following her footsteps. A moment aftermightily among the sons of Nature, and the in the presence of my own people, is a thous ward, the girl was accosted by a squaw from and times sweeter than capivity and slavery. an opening in her wigwam; she replied in lehting cruelty.

Furnish me with a gun, and I will show you the Indian language, and, without stopping, At length there stood at the bar an aged field of battle, visited the warrior in his night I can fight as well as die. This place I leave still pressed forward. In a shor time not. Here my bones shall lie, bleaching with stopped and assured the spice that the village yours, and should either of you escape, you was cleared, and that they had passed the

relations." Remonstrance proved fruitless.

tack from the front, where, from the very small backbone of the mount, the savages had to advance in single file, and without any covert. Beyond this neck, the warriors availed them elves of the rocks and trees in advancing, but in passing from one to the other they must be exposed for a short time, and a with the noiseless tread of punthers, armed moments exposure of their swarthy forms was enough for the unerring rifles of the spics. The Indians being entirely ignorant of how many were in ambuscade, were the more cautions how they advanced.

After bravely maintaining the fight in front, a perpendicular chit of rocks of some hun- and keeping the enemy in check, they disdreds of feet high, and whose summit, from a covered a new danger threatening them. was gained, our hardy spies held a position most successfully done by reaching an insolafrom which they could see every movement ted rock lying in one of the ravines on the southern hill side. This rock once gained by the Indians, they could bring the spies under riors to the company. They, witnessed their point blank shot of the rifle without the posludan indifference, the squaws engaged in and an unerring shot. These they had not, their usual drudgery, and the children en- but the brave never despair. With this imof a new warrior was greeted with terrible ued calm and calculating, and as unwearied shouts, which, striking the mural face of as the strongest desire of life, and the resist-

Soon M'Cleland saw a tall and swarthy figure preparing to spring from a covert so the usand needs were gathered at a universal near to the fatal rock that a bound of two levee. Such yells would have struck terror would reach it, and all hope of life then was gone. He felt that all depended on one single advantageous shot; and although but an inch or two of the warrior's body was exposstrains which waked their watchfulness, and ed, and that at the distance of eighty or a heavily strung their veteran courage. From hundred yards, he resolved to risk all, coolly the man he once was; he is covered with glanced over the notes that had been handed their early youth they had always been on raised his rifle to his face, and shading the scars—dishonorable scars; which will disfigthe fronder, and were well practised in all sight with his hand, he drew a bead so sure ure his character as long as he lives. the subulty, craft and cuming of Indian that he felt conscious it would do the deed. warfare, as well as the ferocity and blood He touched the trigger with his finger, the hammer came down, but in place of striking fire, it broke his flint into many pieces; and by their cunning, nor without a desperate although he felt that the Indian must reach no enemies. He is nobody who has not got conflict, to fall victims to their scalping knives the rock before he could adjust another, flint, pluck enough to get an enemy. Give us rath- on the merchant and his daughter. "Ye

Casting his eye toward the fearful point, and fearless love of the thing he sees to be casions the spics would hide in the deep lissuddenly he saw the warrior stretching every right. The man of carnest purposes, strong of Lucca, "and oh! noble Lord, if there is suites of the rocks on the warrior stretching every right. The man of carnest purposes, strong of Lucca, "and oh! noble Lord, if there is sures of the rocks on the west, and again muscle for the leap; and with the agility of will, and love of principle for its own sake, mercy in this world show it now to this untheir uninvit the panther he made the spring, but instead must have enemies. But this, so far from be- ha and unwelcome sistors had disappeared of reaching the panther he made the spring, but instead must have enemies. But this, so far from be-happy girl?"

For food, they depended on icrked verison the rock, he gave a yell, and his ing ill, is to him a good. The strong tree is "To both or to neither?" exclaimed the For food, they depended on jerked venison and corn bread, with which their knapsacks were well stored. They dare not kindle a meyer who and the report of one of their rifles would from some unknown hand.—

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have brought upon them the entire force of terrible shout. It was evident that they had lows of some of the rocks; but in a short time movement. A very few minutes proved that White must abandon their enterprise or find ration; for already the spies caught a glimpse ded, by a circuitous route, to the prairie, skir- to prevent the Indians from gaining the emiting the hill on the north, and under cover of nence, and in a short time M'Cleland saw a

a beautiful spring within a few feet of the riv-er, now known by the name of Cold Spring. on the farm of D. Talmadge, Esq. He filled his canteens and returned in safety to his their behalf. This second sacrifice cast dismay into the ranks of their assailants, and just as the sun was disappearing behind the western hills, the foe withdrew to a short distance to devise some new mode of attack,filled his canteens, he sat a few momenta This respite came most seasonably to our spice, watching the limpid element as a came gury ling out of the bosom of the earth, when the tained the unequal fight from nearly the light sound of footsteps caught his practiced dle of the day.

Now for the first time was the girl missing,

the camp or town, he and his companion coming to them with a rifle in her hand .er of a lion, and grasping the throat of each, crawled to the place, and succeeded in her er's brow numbered more wrinkles the once sprang into the river. He thrust the head of enterprise. Her keen and watchful eye had black hair was more nearly bleached, the feahe cliest under the water. While making early noticed the fatal rock and here was the tures more attenuated. strong efforts to submerge the younger, who, investerious hand by which the two warriors however, powerfully resisted him, and during fell, the last being the most intrepid and transparent land the short struggle with this young athletic, blood-thirsty of the Shawnee tribe, and the light was dim. to his astonishment, she addressed him in his leader of the company which killed her mothown language, though in almost inarticulate er and her sisters, and took her and her broth-

Now, in the west, arose dark clouds, which There nature was in her undisturbed livery of the river just as the body of the squaw floar and dowing prairies. Then the forest had not heard, the sound of the woodmagks are not the plow of the woodmagks are not the plow of the husbandman opered the boson of the earth. Then those beautiful prairies waved their golden bloom to the God of Nature; and among the most luxuriant or White and the most luxuriant or where the forest had not the following prairies are not the space of the language, she might deceive the sentitor of the Romish creed in his new charts of the Romish creed in his new charts. As she did so the Vicar General lifted from the grid standard which the value and the girl sand how in creed in his proved, for scarcely had be the river just as the sound of the Romish creed in his new charts. As she did so the Vicar General lifted from the row had be the mediately to strike off in every direction, and of a quarter of an hour, began to excite the who was no beauty in fore a party of some twenty warriors had peared and told them she had succeeded in reached the eastern acclivity of the mount removing two sentingle to a claim of the space of that dismal month spread like a dark veil claimed: "It is the same! it is our sick soldier guest."

"Even so," said Lord Cromwell, "even so, my dear and gentle nurse. He who was then reached the eastern acclivity of the mount removing two sentingles to a claim of the heart. and were cautiously and carefully keeping who were directly on their route. The deunder cover. Soon the spies saw their swart scent was noiselessly resumed, and the spies thy foes as they glided from tree to tree and followed their intrepid leader for half a mile rock to rock, till their position was surround in the most profound silence, when the barkperilous condition nothing was left but to sell click of the spie's rifles was heard by the girl, their lives as dearly as possible, and this they who stated that they were now in the midst ing pass was guarded safely by the Indians, and at once resolved to adopt the bold adven-The two spies quickly matured the plan of ture of passing through the centre of the vildefence, and vigorously commenced the at- lage, as the least hazardous, and the sequel proved the correctness of her judgment. They attempt to gainsy. The aged merchant well nigh unto death. But the poor soldier now steered a course for the Ohio river, and arowed his fidelity to the Pope as a true son hath a home; come thou and thy father and after three days travel arrived safe at the of the church-denied the supremacy of Henblockhouse. Their escape and adventure pre- ry over any part of the fold, and thus seafed vented the Indians from their contemplated his own doom. attack; and the rescued girl proved to be the sister of the intrepid Corneal Washburn, celebrated in the history of Indian warfare, and as the renowned spy of captain Kenton's

bloody Kentuckians. Print it in Letters of Gold.

A father, whose son was addicted to some vicious propensities, bade the boy drive a nail into a certain post whenever he committed a out whenever he corrected an error. In process of time the post was completely filled

The vouth became alarmed at the extent of his indiscretions, and set about reforming himself. One by one of the nails were drawn out, the delighted father commended him for he read; it was stern, indicative of calm dehimself from his faults. "They are all drawn out," said the par-

The boy looked sad, and there was a whole volume of practical wisdom in his sadness.— With a heavy heart he replied:

"True, father; but the scars are there Parents who would have their children grow to sound and healthy character, must sow the seed at the fireside. Charitable associations can reform the man, and perhaps rested on Emilia and her father. A strange make him a useful member of society; but alas! the scars are there. The reformed drunkard, gambler or thief, is only the wreck of Lord Cromwell broke the silence. He kard, gambler or thief, is only the wreck of

"He HAS NOT AN ENEMY IN THE WORLD." -Hasn't he! Well, we are sorry for him! For he has mighty little character who has who has many enemics—one who has candor, place ?"

Miscellaneons.

Judge. A TALE OF THE PAST.

The two vessels joined, and the mimic

agony and horror burst from his lips: Oh could wish that sleep to be the sleep of monstrous implety of an accursed and sacrideath! legious king! sounded loudly above the din The c

immediately consigned over to the secular

Oh! sad were those prison hours! the girl told her beads—the father prayed to all the They thought of their own sunny land, its

And the daughter! ah! youth is the

transparent lamp of hope—but in her the In tear and trembling the unhappy foreigners waited the day of doom. The merchant's

ope in the heart.
The Judges took their places, a crowd of wretched delinquents came to receive their ing from your charity his daily bread as an doom. We suppose it to be a refinement of modern days that men are not punished for their crimes, but only to deter others from gentle Emilia, the sight of thee, comes like committing them. This court of Henry's seemed to think otherwise; there was all the array of human passions in the Judges, as well as in the judged. On one hand nore-ant fear abjured his creed; on another, heropile and the stake with even passionate desire, and the pile and stake were given with unre-

man and a youthful girl; the long white hair of the one fell loosely over the shoulders, and thou didst lay upon my pillow, while this left unshaded a face wrinkled as much by care as by age the dark locks of the other fondly thinking their sweetness would be a were braided over a countenance clouded by balm; and how thou wert used to steal into sorrow and wet with tears.

The mockery of trial went on. It was easy to prove what even the criminal did not bast thou been welcomed? To a prison, and

There was an awful stillness through the court—stilless, the precursor of doom—broken only by the sobs of the weeping girl, as she clung to her father's arm. Howbeit, the expected sentence was interrupted; then came a sudden rush; fresh attendance thronged the court. "Room for Lord Cromwell! room for Lord Cromwell!" and the Vicar General came in his pomp and state, with all the insignia of office, to assume his place of pre-eminence at that tribunal. Notes of the proceedings were laid before Lord Cromwell. He was told of the intended sentence, and he made a gesture of approbation.

A gleam of hope seemed to dawn upon the mind of the Italian girl as Lord Cromwell entered. She watched his countenance while his noble, self denying heroism, in freeing termination; but there were lines in it that spoke more of mistaken duty than innate cruelfy. Yet when the Vicar General gave his token of assent the steel entered Emilia's soul, and a sob, the veriest accent of despair, ran through that court, and where it met the human heart, pierced through all the cruelty and oppression that armed it, and struck upon the natural feelings that divide men from

> The sound struck upon Cromwell's car. his eye sought the place whence it proceeded; it emotion passed over the face of the stern

> to him, speaking apparently to himself: From Italy—a Merchant—Milan—ruined by the wars—ay, those Milan wars were owing to Clement's ambition and Charles' knavery the loss of substance—to England to reclaim an old indebtment."

Lord Cromwell's eye rested once more up-

"We are Tuscana", replied the merchant

journed. The sufferers were hurried back to their cell, some went whither they could, others where they would not; but all disappear

The Merchant's Daughter and the A faint and solitary light gleamed from a

test was begun. Of course, the English colores triumphed over the Papal. Up to this point, the merchant bore his pangs in silence but when the English galley had assumed the victory, then came the trial of patience. Effigies of the cardinals were hurled into the the very excitement of the misery wore out stream amidst the shouts and derisions of the body's power of endurance, and sleep like stream amidst the shouts and defisions of the the body's power of endurance, and sleep like and judging properly, is a part of education mob. At each plunge ground issued from his a torpor, a stupor, a lethargy, bound thee in breast. It was in vain that Emilia clung to its chains! Into such a sleep had Emilia clung to its chains! Into such a sleep had Emilia clung to its chains! She was lying on the prison floor had a long to faller. She was lying on the prison floor had been like and judging properly, is a part of education. An education that fits us only for a superficial xon-existence, is worse than useless; for breast. It was in vain that Emilia clung to its chains? Into such a sleep had Emilia cial non-existence, is worse than useless; for lis arm and implored him, by every fear, to fallen. She was lying on the prison floor, her to fulfil its great design, it must prepare us to nestrain himself. His religious zeal overcame face pale, as if ready for the grave, the large his prudence, and when at last the figure of tears yet resting upon her cheeks, and over the Pope, dressed in his pontifical robes, was her sat the merchant, thinking what a treashurled into the tide, the loud exclamation of ure she was and had ever been to him-he

The clanking of a key caught the merchant's ear; a gentle step entered the prison. It was enough the unhappy merchant was The father's first thought was for his child He made a motion to enjoin silence; it was obeyed. His visitor advanced with a quiet tread; the merchant looked upon him with wonder. Surely-no-and yet should it be ! that his Judge, Lord Cromwell, the Vicar General, stood before him, and stood not with General, stood before him, and stood not with ders of the universe. It is a field in which threatening in his eye, not with denunciation we must ever be lost; though in thought we

Amazement bound up the faculties of the merchant. He seemed to himself as one that

"Awake, gentle girl, awake," said Lord Cromwell, as he stooped over Emilia. "Let me hear thy voice once more, as it sounded in mine ear in other days." the spell of that heavy slumber, and the mer

The gentle accents fell too light to break chant whose fears, feelings and confusion to sustain privations, and bear with fortitude offence was one little likely to meet with formed a perfect chaos, stooping over his all the ills of life. We may also learn that mercy. Henry was jealous of his title as head of the church. He had drawn up a "Emilia! Emilia! awake and behold our to meet with their reward, while the evil are

Cromwell; but the sound had already called Emilia to a sense of wretchedness. She half raised herself from her recumbent posture in ever have remained dormant.

the poor dependent on your bounty, receive alms, hath this day presided over the issues of life and death as your judges; but fear not. the memory of youth, and kindlier thoughts cross the sterner mood that lately darkened over me. They whose voice may influence the destiny of a nation gradually loose the memory of gentler thoughts. It may be Providence that hath sent thee to melt me back again into a softer nature. Many h heart shall be gladdened, that but for my sight of thee had been sad unto death. I be think me, gentle girl, of the flowers laden heart throbbed with agony of pain upon it, my chamber and listen to tales of this, the land of my home. Thou art here, and how

share it." An hour! who dare prophesy its events? At the beginning of that hour the merchant and his daughter had been sorrowful captives of a prison; at its close they were the treasured guests of a palace.

Eclipses for the Year.—In the year 18 54 there will be two eclipses of the Sun, and two of the Moon. 1. The Moon will be partially eclipsed of

the 12th of May, visible as follows: Begining at 4h. 10m., greatest obscuration h. 26ml, and 6h. 34m. P. M. Eclipse begins 147 degrees 52 minutes

from vertex to the right. Digits, eclipsed 101 on the Northern Limb. The line of Central and Annular Eclipse

passing through a portion of the northern part of the United States and southern part of British America. This will be the largest eclipse visible in the United States until the year 1900, when the Sun will be totally eclipsed, the centre

passing near Washington. 3. A partial eclipse of the Moon will occur on the 4th of November, at 4h. 11m. P. M., invisible. The Moon will rise with a slight shade on its Northern Limb.

4. The Sun will be totally eclipsed on the 20th of November, the middle occuring at 5h. 14m. A. M. invisible. This eclipse will be central and total in the southern part of Africa, South America, and the Southern

Hans, do yer see the red cow what eats der cabbage last night?

Vell, now you takes der fowling-piece, and when you sees her poke her nose under de fence, load der barrels mit powder and ball, and brake de tam gun over her head.

The substance of the verdict of a recent coroner's jury on a man who died in a state of inebriation, was: "Death by hanging ling pleasures of earth. He did not intend -round a rum-shop." There are many such

Zeb?" says an urchin to a roller boy. "Why, turn from contemplating the evil and misery he shells, stupid," retorted Zeb.

Education.

This is a subject which has often engrossed my thoughts, and ever left me unsatisfied with my own conclusions; for I do not believe the chink of the prison wall—it came from the finite mind is capable of comprehending its narrow cell of the Italian merchant and his vast importance in moulding the destinics of

men not only for time, but for eternity. What is education? It is the culture of faculties, whatever tends to develop and improve these; whatever unfolds the talents, and enlarges the capacity of the mind for thinking meet all the storms and conflicts of life with manly fortitude and resignation, and enable us to enter with activity and usefulness the vast drama of human life that is enacting in the world : not an idle spectator of its varied ture opens to us a book in whose inspired pages we may read. She unveils to us a source of knowledge as boundless as infinity, and unfolds to our enraptured gaze the glorious wonwhile eternity rolls its ceaseless rounds. In contemplating the works and laws of Nature, we may learn the duty we owe to God, and to each other. Still, very much can be learned from the writings of great and good men, of the past and present age. We may learn from the example of some how to overcome apparently insurmountable difficulties, how to meet with their reward, while the evil are ever punished. Some have given examples for the cultivation or discipline of intellect,

The history of the rise and downfall of Empires and Nations, the origin and progress of the arts and sciences, and the lives of heroes, poets, warriors and statesinen; the accounts telligence and refinement of the people, is the of the laws, customs and usages of the past, ted to us through the medium of the press, are rich stores of information, almost exhaustless. What is a nation without education? Look at France! what is she! a nation of blind fanatics. Her vascillating multitudes offer up

their adulatory homage to a tyrant, who grinds the iron rod of oppression. After making so government; after wading through rivers of blood to achieve that liberty which so soon has been wrested from her: why is it she cannot govern herself? because her masses lack the general intelligence and solid principle on which every republican government must be based. The people lack education, and are consequently destitute of the power of judging properly between the two great principles

of right and wrong.

Look at Italy, with her sunny skies, lefty mountains, and smiling vallies; her lovely vineyards, magnificent scenery, and gorgeous resources of wealth and prosperity? the glorious Italia of poetry is bowed beneath the sway of an infatuated and higoted clergy. The lower orders are kept in the deepest ignorance. We need not go back to the dark ages to see superstition; we can see it there! we need not go to India to see idol worship; we can see it there! What a dark picture, to behold the human mind, which is capable of such vast expansion, such exalted comprehension, contracted by the palling influence of ignorance and superstition, into the narrow sphere of bigotry and fanaticism. O, Italy, would that he who is thought by you to be the royal representative of the ruler of the universe, could rescue you from the depths of misery and degradation into which you have fallen. One thing he might do, he might give you

lacks knowledge. Turn your eyes but for a moment at any of those nations destitute of education or the means of general intelligence, and what are they? Russia, a nation of slaves and serfs! where the lower classes are ground in the dust by the nobles, and higher orders. Her countless hordes are but the degraded minions of her proud Emperor. Though Nicholas may have millions of savages to obey his sovereign will, he can never command intellect. The mind, that God-like dower, is not always found beneath the gorgeous pageantry of

the means of education. In a word, Italy

wealth and power. Look at India! let the Ganges tell its own story; where the poor benighted heathen offer up their prayers to senseless blocks! where the mother, stifling the best feelings of her nature, and turning a deaf ear to the instincts of natural affection, consigns her offspring to a watery grave.

"What though with lavish kindness The gifts of God are strewn; The heathen in their blindness

What is lacking to elevate India in the scale of being, and place her on the level with other nations, in a moral and intellectual point of view? | She lacks education.

Is ignorance conducive to happiness? think you the pagan who calls unheard, unanswered, in his misery upon his wooden god, feels any happiness in making his unavailing petitions? Think you the effeminate disciple of the Koran, who dreams away half his life un-der the bancful influence of the narcotic drug, is happy? can the puffings of a narghile sat-isfy the longings of an immortal mind? I answer, no! a wise Creator did not form the mind of man to be contented with the grovelthat happiness should exist without a knowledge of Him. But we desist from looking What's the next thing to oysters, longer on the dark side of the picture, and education.

tropics where the very air breathes the per-fume of countless groves or rainbow tinted flowers. Her ships apread their canvas to the

gale and bear to every quarter of the globe the benefits of her extensive companies.

She is governed by men of widom and learning and controled by just and equitable laws. The cause of her prosperity is plain. It is because the means of knowledge are mind, the development of the mental and placed within the reach of all. The press moral capacities. God has given us certain disseminates its great truths; and by its indisseminates its great truths; and by its invaluable productions, books and newspapers, places the means of information and learning

within the reach of every man.

Her prosperity is undoubtedly owing to the means for general education which she possesses. To constitute an enlightened na-

tion we must have an enlightened people. We will now glance at our own glorious republic. She is now in the zenith of her glory, a model for nations, the downtrodden masses of Europe, emulating her glorious example are endeavoring to throw off the tyscenes, but a partaker. Net no one is so fool- rants yoke. We are a free, a noble people. ish as to suppose that knowledge is to be gained alone from books. Every event and circumstance of our lives is contributing in some arch of occurs dashes his briny waves in sularch occurs dashes his bring waves and the len pride against the emerald shore. Weil may the heart of every American beat with exultation, as he contemplates his country, exhaustless in her natural resources of wealth, unbounded in her natural prosperity, enjoying a glorious though dearly bought liberty. progression in knowledge will never cease gled banner is unfurled in every port. Our nation is composed of a brilliant galaxy of thirty one stars, all moving in perfect harmony; and governed by wise and equitable laws, framed by men eminent for talent and learn-

ing. What country either ancient or modern, has produced men of equal greatness? of such gigantic intellects, noble minds, and patriotic hearts! her heroes, statesmen, and generals, are unequalled and remain unsur-passed. The people of America, for we have no castes in society here, are intelligent and enlightened beyond those of any other nation. The means of acquiring knowledge are placed within the reach of every man; literature once guarded with such jealous care, is

alike open to all.
Schools are instituted for the poorest classes, for the poor as well as the rich may acquire an education. And we may safely come to the conclusion that the general inus remember we are accountable to God for our talents, and endeavor to cultivate our mental and moral capacities, and thus enable us to prepare for a broader sphere of usefulness. here, and the enjoyment of true happiness

Susquehanna County Teacher's As-

many efforts to sustain a republican form of tv Teacher's Association, convened at Montrose, in the Susquehanna Academy Building, on the evening of Saturday, January 28th.

sociation.

The Association was called to order by the President, S. T. Scott, and the Secretary being in the chair, the Association immediately

proceeded to business. After disposing of some incidental, preliminary business, the Business Committee reported that they had succeeded in procuring the services of Bentley S. Foster, in capacity

of lecturer before the Association. On motion, the President called for the lecture to be delivered, and Mr. Foster being present, immediately responded to the call by

The lecturer deservedly secured the marked attention of the Association. He was listened to with all that interest which a decidedly practical, and consequently useful effort is calculated to secure.

At the close of the lecture, C. W. Deans offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due to Mr. Foster for his very able and instructive address. The reading of the constitution was then

called for, and was accordingly read by the Secretary. All persons present who were not already members of the Association, were now solicited to affix their names to the Constitu-

During the signing of the Constitution, the on the objects of the Association, also by the Secretary in regard to the erroncous impressions created in the minds of some in various parts of the county, as to the motives which actuated Teachers in the formation of this Association.

On motion a committee was appointed by the President, consisting of B. S. Foster, E. McKenzie and A. B. Johnson, to draft bylaws for the Association including a Schedule of business.

On motion it was also agreed that the Schedule be reported to this meeting, and the by-laws to the next stated meeting of the

On motion of the Business Committee, the topic of School Government was taken up and discussed with much mutual benefit and good humor. The meeting was addressed by the President, E. McKenzie, B. S. Foster, C.

W. Deans and others on this topic. On invitation of the Secretary, S. U. Hanilton Esq. of Gibson, favored the Association with a very interesting and instructive address as to the nature of its duties and its peculiar attitude before the people of this coun-

The Committee on by-laws now gave notice that they were ready to report a School-

Schedule-1st. Calling of the roll. 2nd. Reading of Secretary's Revort. 3d. Miscellaneous Business.

4th. Appointment of Committees. 5th. Address, 6th. Discussion.

7th. Report of Committees.

9th. Adjournment.