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THE JUNIOR EDITOR'S VALENTINE.

With this number of the Journal, our present connection with it ceases. Courtesy, accordingly, requires of us at least a parting word to its readers.

For five years (almost) we have occupied the chair editorial, and disposed to the large circle of our professional acquaintance such cheer as our ability could furnish from topics current, or the honor of the times. Our aim has been to render the Journal a medium of wholesome influence—to incite sound principles, public and private, and to disseminate useful information. In short, to make it a first-rate newspaper, alike welcome to family friends, to the merchant's bench and to the professional class. How far this has been accomplished, is not for us to determine; but certainly it is the Journal's worth to be measured by the increased length of its subscription list. Not, however, that we would appropriate the entire credit of this flattering result to ourselves, but we do claim an appreciation of duty faithfully discharged—assiduous attention to the two-fold interests of the concern and its patrons. Surely, on a review, we have no just cause to blush at our share of the Journal's management, or the character it bears at home or abroad.

We originally entered the office a complete novice in the business, professionally and mechanically. We had everything to learn. From the "devil" might have laughed at our verbiage—no doubt, did. But the sanctum is a great school—a school of practice, of experience, where the attentive pupil may see, and profit by its vicissitudes, moral, political and commercial; and though hardly acquiring to the honors of a full-blown graduate, we may hazard the modest opinion that we "know a thing or two" more than at the beginning.

Our Editorial terms, though by no means a sinecure, has nevertheless, taken all in all, been pleasant, with now and then a right literary spot. This occasionally a sharp-pointed pen may have inadvertently punctured somebody's side; and made us an enemy, is altogether likely; for

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PUBLIC MEASURES DENIED.

Before the adjournment of the present Legislature there are among other important matters, two bills of action upon which is demanded by the constituents of the members of that body, in the legislative manner. We allude to the bill of the Board of Canal Commissioners, and the bill of the Main Line of the Public Works. Arguments for and against these bills are in the hands of the Legislature, and it is the duty of the Legislature to decide upon them.

In the first place, a strong argument in favor of the bill of the Board of Canal Commissioners, is the fact that the Board's responsibility is divided, and that the members of the Board are not responsible for the actions of the Board. It is the duty of the Legislature to decide upon this bill, and to provide for the Board's responsibility.

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The above are but a few of the reasons which can be named. Why the Board of Canal Commissioners should be abolished, by the Legislature before its adjournment. In our opinion, limited as they are, they are conclusive enough to ensure a change, and should inspire the minds of the public conversant with the public works.

Were a popular vote polled in regard to this question, how overwhelming would be the action of our citizens in the matter? Let the Legislature then, as a body obedient to the will which created it, anticipate the expressed wishes of the public, and eradicate the evil which now fetters on the body politic, and endangers the health of the whole system.

THE NEW LIQUOR LAW.

ITS PASSAGE BY OUR LEGISLATURE.
Causes of Objection to the Present Temperance Law.

With unobtruded pleasure, we are enabled to inform our readers that the bill repealing the tavern license law of Pennsylvania, has passed both branches of the Legislature, and alone awaits the signature (if it receive it, if it has not by this time) of Governor Potter. In another column we publish in their entirety the reasons which are there set forth by way of the citizens of Pennsylvania generally, would not rather see the sale of the Public Works secured, than to make it dependent upon the election of Mr. Cameron to the Senate of the United States. We coincide in the high spirited expression of the West Chester *Village Record*, which asserts and truly too, that the people demand the sale as a right, and not as a boon from Mr. Cameron or any other man; and before they would consent to the principle of compounding their political rights they would pay taxes all their lives, grudging as it is to bear them. The people are not to be deceived by the promises of the question of the United States Senate, and from every other thing of public moment, not bearing directly upon the sale. Let the man stand upon his own merits, and we have confidence enough in the integrity of the members of the present Legislature, to rely upon them in the existing emergency, and predict that they will in the matter of the sale of the Public Works at least render the pledges upon which they were elected.

Public opinion upon this question is well known and approved. It demands imperative action of the State and the Nation; it asks to be relieved of the burden which has weighed down by means of heavy taxation for a long series of years; it wishes a cessation of the corruption and partisan favoritism so long intimately and shamefully connected with the operation of these works. As it is acknowledged that the people in a body, ask to be relieved of this onerous load; as all know how burdensome the works are to the Treasury; and how much the public are suffering by their continuance in the hands of unscrupulous politicians, and men actuated by partisan friendship, and not the common weal; is it not imperative then, that the reform should be immediate and decisive?

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EDITOR'S TABLE.

Yours' letter through dated 11th, only reached me yesterday—although it should have appeared long ago.

THE STATE, TRADE, DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN.
Why it exists—and how it may be extinguished, by H. C. Carey. A. Hart, late Carey & Hart, Philadelphia. This book is a carefully compiled digest of the various laws relating to the State, Trade, Domestic and Foreign. It is a most valuable work, and one which every citizen should possess. It is published by H. C. Carey & Hart, Philadelphia.

PARIS.—Through the politeness of Mr. W. W. Smith, the Publisher, we have received some attractive sheets of "The In and Out of Paris" by Harry Jay and Night. The book is a most valuable work, and one which every citizen should possess. It is published by H. C. Carey & Hart, Philadelphia.

Local Affairs.
METEOROLOGICAL NOTATIONS.
Reported by Dr. A. H. Hoyer, Potter, St. Amos.

NEW YORK LETTER.
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BIRD'S EYE VIEW.

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