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JAMES W. ROBINS, A. M., Head Master. au15-mwf18t

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FACULTY.—C. Hering, M. D., practice; Ad. Lippe, M.D., mat. med.; H. N. Guernsey, M. D., obst.; C. G. Raue, M. D., diagnostics; G. R. Starkey, M. D., surg.; F. Wilson, M. D., anat.; C. Heermann, M. D., physiol.; Prof. Stephens, chemistry.

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MISS BROOKS AND MRS. J. E. HALL will Reopen their BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL for Young Ladies, at 1218 WALNUT Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th of September. au31-1m*

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MRS. BADGER HAS REMOVED TO No. 1633 SPRUCE Street, where she will resume the duties of her Institute September 19.

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MISS E. T. BROWN'S ACADEMY FOR YOUNG LADIES, 1003 SPRING Street, will open on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th. au27-1m*

MADAME MASSE AND M'LLE. MORIN'S ENGLISH and FRENCH SCHOOL for Young Ladies, at No. 1342 SPRUCE Street. Philadelphia, will reopen on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th. au29-1m*

PHILADELPHIA MILITARY SCHOOL, (Cherrick and Sanders' Institute, THIRTY-HINTH and MARKET Streets,) reopens September 5th. Address Professor E. D. SAUNDERS, D. D. an29-1m

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MARY P. ROBESON WILL OPEN her School for Young Ladies at 1613 FILBERT Street, on the 12th of Ninth Month (September). au26-1m

ACADEMY FOR BOYS, 142 NORTH TENTH Street. Duties resumed Monday, Sept. 5th. au24-1m T. BRANTLY LANGTON, Principal.

YOUNG LADIES' INSTITUTE, S. E. corner of MARSHALL and SPRING GARDEN Sts. Duties resumed September 12th. ENOCH H. SUPPLEE, A. M., Principal. au24-tf

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THE CLASSICAL AND ENGLISH SCHOOL of H. D. GREGORY, A. M., No. 1108 MARKET Street, will re-open on MONDAY, Sept. 5th. au20 1m*

MISS ELIZA W. SMITH'S SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES, 1210 SPRUCE Street, will be reopened on WEDNESDAY, Sept. 7th. The course embraces a thorough English education, with Latin, French, German, Music, Drawing, Painting, &c. au20-6m*

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MISS HOOPES WILL REOPEN HER BOARDING and DAY SCHOOL for Young Ladies, at 1409 LOCUST Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th September. au22-1m

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O. SEIDENSTICKER'S CLASSICAL INSTITUTE, 127 N. TENTH Street, will reopen MONDAY, Sept. 5. All English branches, Latin, Greek, German, and French taught. Call for a Circular. au20-1m*

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The Press.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1864.

Affairs Before Petersburg.

(Special Correspondence of The Press.)

DEEP BOTTOM, VA., Sept. 13, 1864.

PRESENT INDICATIONS OF THE NEXT BATTLE—WHERE OUR TROOPS EXPECT TO WINTER—A SENSATION RUMOR IN RICHMOND.

We have enjoyed, two days in succession, an unprecedented quietness. How long this oppressive silence is to continue will probably depend on circumstances. It may be the calm that precedes the storm which is to burst forth soon with terrific fury. From the movements of Lee and the disposition of his forces, it is expected that the next grand engagement will be brought about by the attack of the rebel commander. Present appearances rather indicate that the vicinity of the Weldon road will be the scene of the next conflict, but all that may be a *ruse de guerre* to induce General Grant to concentrate his troops there, that the wily rebel chieftain may, by a quick movement, hurl his massed forces against some less protected portion of our line. He will hardly be able to out-general the Commander of the forces of the United States.

In consequence of the freshening up of the weather, rendering camp life rather uncomfortable under present circumstances, our troops are a little impatient at the necessary delay which precedes the movement that is to furnish them with winter quarters either Richmond or Petersburg. In one of these rebel strongholds they expect to camp soon, not, however, without encountering a bloody resistance.

From the Richmond *Enquirer* of yesterday I append the following article in reference to Petersburg:

"After many Sundays of rumorless calm, Richmond succumbed to pressure on yesterday, and satisfied the greedy quid nunes with a tale—romantic, of course, but none the less easy to go the rounds. It was to the effect that General Lee was about to astonish the world by a grand strategical evacuation of Petersburg, the which, however, has not yet occurred—at least had not up to the time the train left yesterday afternoon. Passengers state that no such news was current in Petersburg; on the contrary, the military routine there had the appearance of a design on the part of General Lee to stay there during the war, and possibly make it his permanent residence. There was nothing of interest from the lines yesterday or Saturday.

"The flag-of-truce boat which went up the James river several days ago has not returned yet. The complications involved in the exchange of prisoners seem to require some time for adjustment.

Boker's Poems of the War.

We take it that directness, plain expression, and simple force of language are among the characteristics of true poetry. Those who cannot, or will not, write so that "he who runs may read," do not find their place in the van where stand the true poets. When the mind is filled with thought, spontaneously does the thought throw itself into language, ("wrenk itself into expression" are Byron's fine words,) and the result is what the world calls Poetry. There have just been published, by Ticknor & Fields, two volumes, in which is exhibited the difference between word-spinning and poetry—between the unintelligible and the strong. Robert Browning, the Englishman, is a verse-maker; George H. Boker, the American, is a true poet. Read (if you can) the "Drâmatis Personæ" of one and the War-Poems of the other, and perceive the difference between them. Browning's new volume is diffuse, dreamy, and unintelligible—the long-winded rhapsody of a versifier—his own Sir Oracle. Boker's "Poems of the War" are direct, concentrated, natural, rhythmical, earnest, active. Browning loiters on the road, without any definite goal to reach. Boker spiritedly advances, bound directly for a certain point, and carries you along with him to it without pause. In a word, still judging of the two writers by the volumes this day before us, it may be said that Browning is a muddy canal, and Boker a clear and gushing river. The Englishman evidently sits down to think what he shall write; the American writes what he thinks, and his poetry is spontaneous. If Browning cannot write what ordinary readers can understand, without straining their mind to make out his hidden meaning, we hope never again to encounter him; but we shall be glad to read another volume of Boker's poetry as soon as it may please him to present it.

Out of the war have arisen numerous incidents and passages worthy of being honored in Song. Almost countless lyrics have thus been called forth; for the most part, the writers' aspiration far exceeded their ability. Mr. Boker is among the best, if, indeed, not actually *the* best, among the true Poets who have written on the events and characters of the War. He has not, however, sung over much before Longfellow, Whittier, and Holmes, his advantage being that he is dramatic where they are didactic. He seizes upon the action of a circumstance, and evolves it in a dramatic manner. In "Before Centreville," he treats of the retreat in this living spirit, and the incidents pass before us as in a rapid panorama—the strife, the onset, the flight, the useless appeal to the fugitives, and then the creeping back to the Capital:

"On I stole,
With hanging head and abject soul,
Across the high embattled ridge,
And over the arches of the bridge.
So foully tricked my sharp disgrace,
I feared to meet the human face.
Skulking, as any woman might,
Who'd lost her virtue in the night
And sees the fearful glare of day
Prepared to light her howeward way,
Alone, heart-broken, shamed, undone,
I staggered into Washington!"

So, in the poem "On Board the Cumberland," what spirit, what life is there in the combat with the Merrimac—what force in the incidents—down to the crash, to the downward plunge of the doomed ship, and to the last moment the flag fluttering at the peak! Again, in "The Sword-Bearer," certainly one of the finest of modern ballads, what actuality, as well as action, is there in the little negro lad to whom Morris had entrusted his sword, following him with fearless fidelity and trust; sinking at last with a firm grasp of the weapon, and when rescued, and to life slowly restored, giving back the sword only to him who owned it! Again, in "The Ballad of New Orleans," how vivid is the description of the strife! no pause for description or detail; nothing to check the rapidity of the action; nothing to weaken the culminating climax, when

"Over the river came floating
The sound of the morning gun;
And the stars and stripes danced up the halyards,
And glittered against the sun."

We need not multiply examples—the book is full of them.

The volume, as its name implies, contains a large number of Poems upon the War which Mr. Boker, patriot as well as poet, has written in the last three years. We need not particularize them. We subjoin the introductory lyric, which is new:

INVOCATION.

O country, bleeding from the heart,
If these poor songs can touch thy woe,
And draw thee but awhile apart
From sorrow's bitter overflow,
This feeble strain
About the common air shall blow,
As David stood by prostrate Saul,
So wait I at thy sacred feet:
I reverently raise thy head
To see thy mighty bosom beat.
I would not wrong
Thy grief with song;
I would but utter what is meet.

Arise, O giant! Lo, the day
Flows billow from the gates of light.
The dreams, that struck thee with dismay,
Were shadows of distempered night.
'Tis just to mourn
What has been borne;
But yet the future has its right.

A glory, greater than the lot
Foretold by prophets, is to be;
A lame without the odious blot
Upon thy title to be free.
The jeer of foes,
The woe of woes,
God's curse and sorrow over thee.

Above the nations of the earth
Erect thee, prouder than before!
Consider well the trial's worth,
And let the passing tempest roar!
It spends its shock
Upon a rock:
Thou shalt outlive a thousand more.

Through tears and blood I saw a gleam,
Through all the battle smoke it shone;
A voice I heard that drowned the scream
Of widows and the orphans' moan:
An awful voice
That cried, "Rejoice!"
A light outbreaking from God's throne.

At the close of these Lyrics of the War are appended half a dozen miscellaneous poems. Of these "Prince Adeb" and "Abon's Charity," very much in the manner of Tennyson's blank verse, take the lead. Their subjects are Oriental, and their sentiment and local coloring are also of the East. There is a personal tribute to Elisha Kent Kane, and a dirge, written last November, which will dim many an eye with tears. Now, having read Mr. Boker's volume with pleasure, we leave it to the appreciation of the vast army of general readers. It will live.

New Publications.

Notwithstanding the advance in paper, composition, stereotyping, printing, binding, engraving, and wages, the rise in the retail price of new books is comparatively small, nor do we find that there is much diminution in the number of really good works. The recent issues by D. Appleton & Co., New York, illustrate both of the above propositions. They include the several standard publications.

The volume, for 1863, of the "American Annual Cyclopædia," is the third supplement, to appear every year, with the view of giving entire completeness to the "New American Cyclopædia," now complete in sixteen volumes royal octavo, each volume containing the world's history for a year, being also complete in itself. The information, which includes not only public events, but biography, geographical, scientific, legal, mechanical, literary, religious, Congressional, financial, and general progress, is conveniently placed in alphabetical order, for the advantage of ready reference. The work will be found of great value, from its completeness and accuracy.

The publishers have also brought out the fourth volume of "The History of the Romans under the Empire," by the Rev. Charles Merivale, beautifully reprinted, with maps, &c., from the fourth London edition. The present volume continues the Reign of Augustus to its close, and introduces Tiberius, his successor. The historical events, which include the birth of Christ, (Augustus died A. D. 14,) occupy some three hundred pages, and the remainder of the volume treats of the Roman Empire as Augustus left it, of its various peoples, its great cities, and above all, of Rome itself—its streets, public and private architecture, places of recreation, social condition, &c. One highly interesting episode describes the day of a Roman noble. Never before has the past of the Eternal City been so picturesquely and spiritedly presented to the reader. The map of Rome, given in vol. III., should illustrate this portion of the history.

A new edition, with copious appendix now added, of Major Percy McD. Collins' "Overland Explorations in Siberia, Northern Asia, and the Great Amoor Country, with incidental notices of Mandchooria, Mongolia, Kamschatka, and Japan," is well-timed, for its author is the person who proposed the Overland Telegraph around the world, under Russian, British, and American grants, *via* Behring's Strait and Asiatic Russia to Europe. He gives a map of the World, on Mercator's projection, in which his whole plan is clearly shown. It may be remembered that, in a communication from our Department of State, in May, addressed to Senator Zachandler, chairman of the Committee of Commerce, (one of the ablest papers ever written by Mr. Seward, for it took every point in its grasp,) a decidedly favorable opinion of Mr. Collins' project was given, with a recommendation that Congress grant him a right of way across our public lands, with the right to take therefrom materials necessary for constructing the line; the use of a national vessel, suitably officered and equipped, to make surveys and soundings along the North Pacific coast, beyond the limits of the United States, and to aid in prosecuting the work; and, finally, a stipulated compensation for the Government use of this line when it shall be constructed. Mr. Collins' voyage down the Amoor, narrated in this volume, will be found interesting not only because it describes a new and scarcely known district, which no American but himself has yet traversed, but, in connection with this telegraph line, which will go right through that country.

"Hints to Riflemen," by H. W. S. Cleveland, is a practical treatise, pleasantly as well as instructingly written upon the practice, and the varieties and comparative values of different rifles. It is liberally illustrated with wood engravings.

The Rev. Dr. Goulbourn's "Thoughts on Personal Religion, being a Treatise on the Christian Life in its two chief elements, Devotion and Practice," is the reprint of a work by one of the Prebends of St. Paul's Cathedral, London. It is the first American from the fifth London edition. In a prefatory note, the Rev. Dr. G. H. Houghton, of New York, expresses his admiration of the work, in which he confesses that by him "a few verbal changes have been made, in order that it might be the better adapted for the use of American churchmen." This