

MISCELLANY

Pursuit of Knowledge Under Difficulties.

The following is a most remarkable and praiseworthy instance of perseverance and industry, rightly directed, and able to affect. Among the graduating class of the Commercial College, last week, at Williams College, was one by the name of O'Connell, from Jersey. This gentleman is a shoemaker, is married, and has a family of four children. Six years ago, becoming sensible of the blessings of an education, he commenced learning the simple branches, such as are taught in our primary schools. One by one, as he sat on his shoemaker's bench, he mastered grammar, arithmetic, geography, &c., with some occasional assistance from his fellow workers. At this time he determined to obtain a collegiate education. Without means, and with a large family depending on him for support, he commenced, and learned Latin and Greek in the evenings, after his day's labor was over, until the direction of a friend, and after the lapse of a year and a half, prepared himself, and entered a sophomore class of Williams College.

He brought his bench and tools as well as his books with him. The faculty supplied him with work, the faculty assisted him; and together with the fund for indigent students and some occasional assistance from other sources, he was enabled to go through the college course, and at the same time support his family. He graduated last week, on his day-day, and received a diploma at commencement, but declined. At the farewell meeting of the class, in consideration of his perseverance, talents, and Christian character, they presented him with an elegant set of silver spoons, tea and coffee, which handsomely expressed an appropriate recognition.

Mr. O'Connell will now enter the theological seminary at New York, and will, no doubt, make a faithful and popular minister.

What young man in this country will ever, after such an example as this, desert of obtaining an education!—Springfield Republican.

A Courageous Woman.

In Prussia, as well as in Holland, captives in the hands of the enemy, of small vessels, generally consisting of a little vessel, commanded by themselves, and crewed by a few sailors, live there constantly with their families, who accompany their head in all his voyages. One of the Prussian captives, Mr. Henry, was recently navigating his galleon Minerva, from Konigsberg to Riga. On board his vessel was his wife and three children, and a crew of four men, composed of a mate and four sailors. In the Baltic, during a violent storm in the night, while Henry and his crew were on the deck, the galleon was run into by the English merchant ship, Star, Capt. Robson. The shock of the two vessels was so violent, that the crew of the Minerva were thrown overboard, and the vessel was wrecked. The crew of the Star, which was a large vessel, was thrown overboard, and the vessel was wrecked. The crew of the Star, which was a large vessel, was thrown overboard, and the vessel was wrecked.

TURNING SCRIBBLES TO GOOD ACCOUNT.

It is said that Bishop Doane, of New Jersey, is strongly opposed to temperance, and his aide-de-camp and table are loaded with wine and brandy. A short time since, Rev. Mr. Perkins, of the order of the "Sons," dined with the Bishop, who, pouring out a glass of wine, invited the reverend gentleman to drink with him, whereupon he replied: "Can't do it, Bishop, 'twice is a mock."

Take a glass of brandy, then."

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By this time the Bishop, becoming somewhat roused and excited, remarked to Mr. Perkins:

"You put me down to the gentleman next to you."

No, Bishop, I can't do that: "two into him that putteth the bottle to his neighbor."

What was the peculiar mental condition or moral state of the Bishop, at this stage of the proceedings, our informant did not state.

DRINKING AND DRINKING.

This is perhaps the best mode of growing of such work. If you have any fields of wet clay, make a ditch around it, and cross the lateral ditches into it at different points, and you will change the very texture of the soil, increase its susceptibility to improvement, and add 35 per cent to its productive capacity.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR GRAIN.

It may be the safest course to get your grain threshed and put away in your granary out of the way of rats, &c. Before this storing it away, however, sprinkle newly slaked lime over your floor, and be sure to stop up all the holes that would admit either rats or mice.

I asked a crowd, "What is the chief end of man?" The contentious man said: "To contradict my neighbor, and wrangle forever." The noisy demagogue said: "To please my party, decay others, and hold my places forever." The hypocrite said: "To do as much good as I can, and especially to do nothing, and trifle forever." A wise child said: "To glorify God, and enjoy him forever."

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