

leaping out of the cart, turning back summersaults, falling out, any way at all just to get clear of the "Prof." In less than ten seconds the latter had full possession of the cart and, laughing contentedly to himself, turned his horse's head homeward.



## CHARACTER BUILDING.

### *Prize Junior Oration.*

"Heaven is not gained by a single bound. But we build the ladder by which we rise from the lowly earth to the vaulted skies, and we mount to its summit round by round." So it is in rearing that superstructure we call character. It is a creation to which heaven and earth lend effort, but of which we are the master builder, under whose superintendence it is each day growing in massiveness, solidity and beauty, or crumbling to ruin.

Character is not merely the outward appearance which appeals to the life of the inexperienced, but it is the building itself. Character is what we are, reputation what we are supposed to be. Reputation is decorative; it may give lightness and beauty but nothing of solidity to character, and certainly no material thing can be as truly one's own as his character, not of choice, but of necessity because it is himself.

Ideals of manhood have differed with every age. Physical strength was once the primary glory of the race. Samson among the Hebrews, Hector among the Trojans, Achilles among the Greeks, and Richard the Lion-hearted among the Crusaders, were as valuable as batteries or battalions now are. Until Christian civilization changed it, the measure of the man was his muscle and his passport to respect was his fighting weight; but we live in a different era. It is character that tells in this age.