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CELEBRATION.

THE PHILOMATHÆAN SOCIE-TY, of Pennsylvania College, willcelebrate its 15th Anniversary on Wednesday Evening the 18th of February next, With a wing on the easth and a wing on the sea. occasion several orations will be delived by How calm was the ocean! how gentle its swell! active members of the Society. The friends of Literature and the public generally are respectfully invited to attend. Music suitable to the occasion has been procured.

WM. P. RUTHRAUFF, 7 8 WM. P. RUTHRAGE.
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TOTAL STREET J. A. S. TRESSLER, M. R. ZIMMERMAN, 3 January 23, 1846.

LITERARY CELEBRATION.

THE PHRENAKOSMIAN SOCIETY OF Pennsylvania College, will celebrate its 15th Anniversary, in Christ's Church, Gettysburg, on Wednesday the 25th of February There are moments, I think; when the spirit reinst. at 6 1-2 o'clock. Several addresses will be delivered by active members. The honorary members of the Society, the friends of Literature, and the public generally are respectfully invited to attend.

GEORGE J. MARTZ,7 3 WM. H. MORRIS, DAVID J. EYLER, JOHN A. LYNCH,

Anniversary Celebration.

THE Anniversary of Washington's Birth Day will be celebrated by the "Union Total Abstinence Society of Gettysburg," on Monday the 23d of February inst. at 10 o'clock, A. M. in the English Lutheran Church. 'The "Farewell Address" will be read by A. R. Stevenson, Esq. and a Discourse appropriate to the occasion, delivered by Rev. Dr. KRAUTH.

M. L. STOEVER D. A. BUEHLER, H. J. SCHREINER,

Committee of Arrangement. Feb. 6, 1846.

Temperance Mass Convention.

THE Committee of Arrangements appointed at the County Temperance Mass Meeting, held in the Hunterstown Church, on the 22d of February, 1845, in accordance with the Resolution conferring their appointment, duties and powers, call upon the members of the various Temperance Associations within the County, and upon all the friends of the Temperance cause in our midst, to assemble in MASS CONVENTION, at the Hunterstown Church, on Saturday the 21st day of February inst. (the 22d falling, this year, on consult together upon the interests of the may give you cause to mourn all the days cause, so vitally and indissolubly bound up of your life. Never revenge an injury, in the prosperity of the Country. Several Addresses will be delivered by able speakers, on topics connected with the Reform. The zealous friends of Temperance, and especially the Secretaries in the several Societies of the County, are carnestly re- Let one kindness be followed by another, quested to prepare and make full reports of till you have compassed your end. By the condition of all the Associations within little and little great things are completed. our bounds. Let each and every Society in the County be represented in Mass Convention, by its Delegates, and by its Report.

John Neely, A. Taughingbaugh, Wm. D. Himes, D. M' Conaughy, H. A. Picking, James J. Wills, Joseph Hunter, James Blakely, A. K. Myers, February 6, 1846.

NOTICE.

The School Directors of CUMBERLAND township will meet at the house of Conrad Snyder, on Saturday the 14th inst, at 1 o'clock, P. A prompt attendance of the members of the Board is desirable.

ROBERT COBEAN, Sec'y. Feb. 6, 1846.

POETRY.

lar, shall have be forgotten.

The Rainbow. BI "AMELIA."

I sometimes have thought in my loneliest hours, That lie on my heart like the dew on the flowers, Of a ramble I took one bright afternoon, When my heart was as light as a blossom in June: The green earth was moist with the late faller

The breeze floated down and blew open the flow

While a single white cloud to its haven of rest, On the white wing of peace floated off in the West.

As I threw back my tresses to catch the cool breeze, That scattered the rain-drops and dimpled the seas, Far up the blue sky a fair rainbow unrolled Its soft-tinted pinions of purple and gold! Twas born in a moment, yet, quick as its birth, t was stretched to the uttermost parts of the earth

Like a woman's soft bosom it rose and it fell; While its light sparkling waves stealing laughingly When they saw the fair rainbow knelt down to th

No sweet hymn ascended, no murmur of prayer, Yet I felt that the spirit of worship was there, And bent my young head in devotion and love, Neath the form of the angel that floated above.

How wide was the sweep of its beautiful wings! How boundless its circle! how radiant its rings! If I looked on the sky, twas suspended in air, If I looked on the ocean the rainbow was there; Thus forming a girdle as brilliant and whole, As the thoughts of the rainbow that circled my sou Like the wing of the Deity, calmly unfurl'd, It bent from the cloud and encircled the world.

Whole volumes of thought on its unwritten leaves, When the folds of the heart in a moment unclose, Like the innermost leaves from the heart of a rose; And thus, when the rainbow had passed from the

And thoughts it awoke were too deep to pass by; It left my full soul like the wing of a dove, All fluttering with pleasure, and fluttering with love

But shortens the links in life's mystical chain; I know that my form, like that bow from the wave May pass from the earth, and lie cold in the grave; Yet, oh! when death's shadows my bosom unclou When I shrink from the thought of the coffin and

May hope, like the rainbow, my spirit unfold, In her beautiful pinions of purple and gold.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Councils for the Young .- Never be east down by trifles. If a spider breaks his thread twenty times, twenty times will The Citizens of the borough and the vicin-ity are invited to attend. The vicin-he mend again. Make up your minds to do a thing, and you will do it. Fear not if troubles come upon you; keep ud your spirits though the day be a dark one.

Troubles never stop forever, The darkest day will pass away. If the sun is going down, look up at the stars; if the earth be dark, keep your eyes

Never despair when the fog's in the air!

content with a bubble that will burst, or a pity. firework that willend in smoke and darkness. Get that which you can keep, and that which is worth keeping.

Something sterling that will stay When gold and silver fly away.

Fight hard against a hasty temper. An-Sunday,) at half past 10 o'clock, A. M., to may set a house on fire. A fit of passion mother.

He that revenges knows no rest; The meek possess a peaceful breast

If you have an enemy act kindly to him and make him your friend. You may not win him over at once, but try again.

Water falling day by day, Wears the hardest rock away.

And so repeated kindness will soften a heart of stone.

Whatever you do, do it willingly. boy that is whipped to school never learns his lesson well. A man that is compelled to work cares not how badly it is performed. He that pulls off his coat cheerfully strips up his sleeves in carnest, and sings while he works, is the man for me.

A cheerful spirit gets on quick; A grumbler in the mud will stick.

Evil thoughts are worse enemies than thoughts may find no room to enter.

Be on your guard, and strive and pray. To drive all evil thoughts away.

stitution."

be on your guard. There are a thousand temptations in your path and a thousand voices calling you away from duty. Poor Kendall! a few months ago he was full of Society held its annual meeting in the life and activity; the pride of his father Temperance Hall, in Trenton on the 28th and the hope of his mother. Now he is instant. Among the resolutions was one pencath the clods of the valley; struck determining to prosecute the appeal from down in the freshness of his youth; with- the decision of the Supreme Court of this out a moment's warning. With his companion at the ten-pin alley he quarrelled. Away, then, from temptation. Go not near where the spirit is drank and gambling is countenanced. If you are not called so suddenly away as this young man, you will sow the bitter seeds of vice to spring. up to your injury at some future day. may be delightful to associate with the vicious-but remember their end:

"The path That leads to infamy and death, with flowers Of rare perfume, will oft be strew'd to draw Thy purity away. The syren voice Upon the evening air—and peacefullness Will mark the step of those who plot thy fall, Thou must not go. That principle within Will keep thee in the right, if thou wilt ask Guidance continually of heaven. Live near To God. The daily prayer from broken hearts

Will penetrate the skies. We repeat-be on your guard. Let nothing corrupt your virtue; no art seduce your integrity; no association blind your eyes; no pleasure lure you to ruin. It is a fearful step to take, upon your first er's counsel or a father's advice, when to show independence, you launch your frail bark on turbulent waters, and venture near pray you. You may be an honor to society or a curse to community; it is for you to decide. May heaven direct you! Portland Bulletin.

TRUTH FORCIBLY SPOKEN.—There is a triking philosophical truth in the following paragraph in the New York Mirror:

The most eloquent and effective lectures him in his cups. It is a sight deplorable up stairs. Soon after the fire communicated goods and men, and to the relatives and ted with the wood, and a faithful spaniel Truth and goodness will not only endure ses from their secrecy. The operations on heaven! With God's presence and friends of the fallen one, it is a grief which seeing it, went to the room where the boys neither words nor tears can adequately express. We have witnessed some instances of late that were melancholy and pain- smoke convinced them that the house was

We witnessed on Monday in Front street, a scene if possible more painful than that indicated above-an aged mother, as she appeared to be, holding on to the arm of the cream) much difficulty is experienced in maher staggering son, as if buoyed up by a king the cream into butter. A lady writer in the mother's hope, and determined not to give Indiana Farmer recommends the following course ger will come, but resist it stoutly. A spark him up. Oh, the trials of the drunkard's

> ing that frequently passes like a cloud over haps, three hours to no purpose, and then the spirit. It comes upon the soul in the tried to think of something I had read in busy bustle of life, to the social circle in the Indiana Farmer, or some other perithe calm and silent retreats of solitude. - odical. I could not remember precisely, At one time it is caused by the flitting of a but recollected the reason stated was the single thought across the mind. A sound cream being too sour. I then thought of will come booming over the ocean of mem- soda, (pearlash I presume would do as ory, gloomy and solemn as the death knell well,) and dissolved a large tea-spoonful in overshadowing all the bright hopes and a pint of warm water, and, as I poured it in, sunning feeling of the heart. Who can churning at the same time, it in a moment be maintained only at great exertion, and These results may be not be developed.
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> They may not now desire it, and yet who has not felt its be- and gradually formed into a beautiful lump by subjecting men to an unnatural con- and matured at once. They may not now sort of sorrow; and like a cloud dimming the sunshine on the river, although causing a momentary shade of gloom, it enhances the beauty of returning bright-

lions and tigers, for we can keep out of the teen individuals. An additional subscripthe Holy Scriptures, the purport of which light! If all that is done, in these ascociatuary of God. We are deceived if the appeared to him to be replete with virtuitions be "pure, lovely, and of good report," more recent class of secret societies do not their way everywhere. The cup that is made in smaller sums. With this \$20,000 ous precepts, and, as such, likely to do good; why should they shrink and guard them- already display this partiality of their memfull will hold no more; keep your heads it is proposed to purchase the whole re- that it was a book of virtue, and with this solves so sedulously from the public gaze? bers for each other, in some of the comand hearts full of good thoughts that bad maining territory from Cape Mount to Cape conviction, he recommended it to the pe- Will not disinterested men suspect that mon concerns of life. So far as this pro-Palmas, and thus forever bannish from rusal of his people, and gave them permis- Christ's reason is the real one, "they love vails it will spread jealousy, discord and big three hundred miles of the coast the accursion to read it, and act agreeably to their darkness rather than light because their terness between them and other classes. sed slave trade .- Jour. Com.

SWEARING .- Whatever fortune may be SOMETHING LIKE A NEWSPAPER. The made by perjury, I belive there never was London Times, the most influential news-The following lines from the pen of Mrs. Well a man who made a fortune by profane paper in England, was commenced by a Bx, have been often published, and are no doubt swearing. It often happens that men pay joint stock company. On its first appearfamiliar to all; still they will be read with renew. for swearing, but it seldom happens that ance it was a small, dingy looking sheet; de pleaasure by every lover of real, genuine poetry.

Although there is a peculiar beauty and richness in all the productions of the citted authorses with the production and the citted authorses with the citted authors all the productions of the gifted authoress, yet the because he is a notable blusterer? Or is er and influence. The property is, at the "Rainbow" is one of her finest efforts. "AMELIA" any man advanced in dignity because he present time, divided into twenty-four is expert in profane swearing? Low must shares, of which sixteen belong to Mr. J. the lines below, and not smile at the charge? Who be the character which such impertinence Walter. The political opinions of the can believe that a mind so gifted, a mind that could will not degrade. Inexcusable, therefore, journal are directed by the majority of votes give birth to verses like these, would thus hazard a must be a practice which has neither reason of the shareholders; and thus, as Mr. Walwell-earned and wide-spread fame? No! it is nor passion to support it. The drunkard ter possesses two thirds of the entire propfalse-absurd! Such assaults cannot injure the has his cups; the lecher his mistress; the erty, his voice controls the bias of the jourreputation of "AMELIA." Her poetry will be read satirist his revenge; the ambitious man his nal. The value of the Times, in a purely and admired when other authors, now more popu. preferment; the miser his gold; but the commercial point of view, is £312,000 common swearer has nothing; he sells his each share being worth £13,000. The soul for nought, and drudges in the service annual profit of the Times is about £45,000, of the devil gratis. Swearing is void of of which Mr. Walter receives as his por- as they may think proper, to publish it in one or all plea, it is not the off-spring of the soul, tion £30,000. It goes on the cash sysnot interwoven with the texture of the body tem and never grants credit to any one. nor any how allied to our frame. For as Every notice of a death or a marriage is Tillotson expresses it "though some men charged for-the simplest-announcement pour out oaths as if they were natural, yet not being inserted for less than seven shillno man was ever born of a swearing con- ings and sixpence, nearly two dollars. It is said that Mr. Walter gave his daughter,

page of the journal-a splendid fortune. THE N. JERSEY STATE ANTI-SLAVERY State, respecting the constitutionality of slavery in New Jersey, in the Court of different parts of the State was appointed to carry this, determination into effect.

RHODE ISLAND VS. MASSACHUSETTS .-The long pending law case between Rhode the latter, in 1832, for the possession of seventy-one thousand acres of land, is now before the Supreme Court of the U. States. The counsel for Massachusetts are Messrs. Choate and Webster, and for Rhode Island Messrs. Richard S. Randolph and John Whipple. The suit has been in agitation for fourteen years. One, of the counsel being at its commencement, and all the counsel eriginally engaged in it. -

Charleston Mercury says:--"It seems that break away from judicious advice and in 1844 gave a majority of nearly 1000 are too large or too old to listen to a moth- Congressional election! The fact needs no Our inquiry respects these societies, not as

> CIRCUS WIT. - One of the clowns of the New York Amphitheatre brings out the was throw off. "We had an awful storm once when I was at sea in the Ohio Canal-Captain told us to take in all sail."-"Take in all sail on a Canal boat!—How did you do that, sir!" "Jumped ashore and knocked the horse down.'

VALUABLE ANIMAL.—A trusty house dog is sometimes the best of friends. We on Temperance are those addressed to the have an instance before us. A Mr. Betts, eye. To see a man of splendid intellect in Sandersford, Mass., having gone out on staggering about the street, like a "star shot an evening visit, directed the oldest boy madly from its sphere," and abusing his about ten years old, to place wood unbest friend, is a sight more melancholy der the stove to be in readiness for than death. We never could laugh at a the morning fire. This the boy did and righteous means. But it must be obvious often gains a dangerous sway, and leads to drunken man, though wit may sparkle from then went to bed with the other children that whatever is good and true, needs no unhappy consequences. This exclusive were three times, barking and howling, heful in the extreme. For the poor degra- on fire, and on going down found the dog fullest display of their nature, that they thus isolated, so far forth, from society at Mind what you run after! Never be ded victims, we can only feel an infinite scattering the brands with his teeth and paws in every direction.

> CHURNING BUTTER .- Every good housewife knows that, at times, for some peculiar causes, (most generally extra sourness or bitterness of

I wish to inform my sister buttermakers of the means I used, which to successful-SADNESS .- There is a mysterious feel- ly removed the difficulty. I churned, per-

Colonization.—The \$15,000 subscriptinger was present, and among other things rounding spectators will ask, and with read of mankind. The disclosures in regard to tion for the purchase of territory in Liberia stated "that he had perused a late edict by son too, why is this secrecy so rigidly masonry showed that it had carried paris completed, and would have been much the Emperor of China, wherein the Emmaintained, unless to hide something which tiality for its members into business and sooner had not the terms of it required that peror informs his subjects that he had heard will not bear disclosure? Why should politics, that it infected the administration the whole amount should be given by fif- read to him extracts from a book entitled any thing shun the light that will bear the of justice, and even intruded into the same own desires.'

From the New York Observer. Evils of Secret Societies. Action of the Consociation of Fairfield West, Connecticut.

The Association of Fairfield West, at their annual meeting held at Wilton, May 28, 1845, referred the subject of Secret Societies to a special Committee, consisting of Dr. Hewit, Mr. Atwater, and Mr. J. Smith, with instructions to make re port to the next annual meeting of the Consociation of this district.

At the annual meeting of the Consociation of of Fairfield West, held at Stanford, Oct. 15, 1845, Mr. Atwater, in behalf of the Committee on Schillat covets it. It exempts iniquity from cret Societies, presented a report. Whereupon it that exposure to public reproof and indigwas voted unanimously, that this Consociation approve the sentiments of said report, and request powerful check. Shielded by the secrecy. the Committee, after making such verbal alteramore of the religious newspapers which circulate rent to the original designs of their foundin this district. Attest.

THEOPHILUS SMITH, Register of the Consociation. REPORT.

as her wedding portion, the profits of the the present meeting of the Consociation on

"Free-Masonry," that a large and increasing number of our church members are encountenanced?

tion is. We do not inquire whether these whether confirmed by this fearful solemity, said that he had survived half the Court in societies are or are not pursuing praise- or not. For in order to be lawful, they worthy objects. We are willing to admit; must bind us to that and that only, which The New Orleans correspondent of the such as the promotion of charity, tempe- know this, who promises or swears to rance, or other branches of sound morality. make a secret of that of the nature of which the notorious parish of Plaquemines, which To these objects we ourselves are devoted, he is, from the necessity of the case, utterproper restraint, when you feel that you for Polk, polled 148 votes at the recent righteous measures for their advancement. may not prove to be of such a character, and rejoice, in our humble way, to aid all ly ignorant? How does he know that it they are benevolent, but as they are secret. It touches only the element of secrecy in that the promise will be "better kept in the their structure and operations. The questhe whirlpool, which has been the destruction horse laugh occasionally. Not a few vest tion is, whether this is a good or a bad trait pledges of secreey, therefore, are plainly strings were broken when the following in voluntary Associations, especially such unlawful. We believe that in some, if not as are widely extended; whether it aug- all instances, they are so framed as to bind ments or hinders their usefulness, or ex- to other things, such as fidelity and devoposes them to be converted into engines of tion to the interests of these associations. mischief; whether, in short, it is a reason | These promises, for the same reasons as for upholding and joining them, or for dis- the promise of secrecy, are plainly unwarapproving and shunning them.

Your Committee have no hesitation in cause is such by reason of its conformity and devotion to goodness and truth.-FESTATION of the truths, to commend our-other men and to society at large. It dissight of God."

be a serious hindrance to any good cause channels of friendship and business, the with which it is associated. It interferes administration of justice, the conferring of its influence purely negative in this respect, society, when, if they were not members, it is at best an incumbrance, a clog in the they would not receive it, and on their own machinery of a good enterprise. It can merits are not entitled to it. straint, enforced by a vigorous association- appear, even in the germ. But the seeds of THE BIBLE IN CHINA.—In confirmation al police. This surely fetters and cramps them certainly exist in the very nature of of former intelligence, a correspondent of the movements of any good organization. a secret society. In proportion as they the Bible Society writes from India:—"On Moreover, it justly exposes any institution spring up and grow, they operate as a disthe 7th of last June, a dinner was given by in which it exists to the suspicion of enter-turbing and disastrous influence in all the the East India Company. Sir Henry Pot- taining sinister ends and projects. Sur- spheres of human activity, all the relations déeds are evil ?' It is at best a dangerous eddy, which

3. This secreey, if not designed to hide evil, is nevertheless calculated foster it.—
For as light is the native and congenial element of truth and goodness, so darkness is the favorite element of delusion and wickedness. This is so true, so universally recognized and felt, that all the world understands a deed of darkness to mean a deed of iniquity. Hence Christ declares, "every one that doeth evil, hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest." Thus we see nation which would constitute its most of these societies, men may be unconsciously beguiled into proceedings wholly abhorers and of themselves, when they first became members. Such we believe was the course of events in the Masonic institution. The first objects of this society appear to have been purely benevolent. Most of its The Committee appointed to report to members probably joined the fraternity BE ON YOUR GUARD.—Yes, young man, first column of advertisements in the first the subject of Secret Societies, respectfully the magic protection of secresy, enormous corruptions were gradually fostered, which That Societies of this description have at length forced their own disclosure, and arecently multiplied in this country with ex- roused a tempest of opposition to it, from traordinary rapidity. They are gathering which, as yet, it has shown no symptoms to their ranks a large proportion of the of recovery. This is the natural, and, as young and middle-aged men in many por- we think, unavoidable tendency of secresy tions of this and other States. Being os- in all associations, however pure or benevtensibly devoted to charitable or other wor- lent their original objects. It removes thy objects, they of course present their some of the most important restraints of claims to the followers of Christ, who, ac- human depravity, and opens a field in Errors. A committee of twenty-five from cording to their holy profession, should be which the ambitious and profligate can con-"ready to every good work." The con- cert sinister schemes, and acquire a disassequence is, as was formerly the case with trous influence unhindered by the salutary check of public scrutiny and discussion.

4. Serious objections lie against the Island and Massachusetts, growing out of rolled on their lists. It thus becomes a oaths and pledges to preserve secrecy, taa claim set up by the former State against question of high moment to all who, as ken by members of these societies. Our pastors or laymen, are called to give coun- Savior's prohibition, "swear not all," in sel or exert influence on this subject, what the most liberal construction which can be are the tendencies of secret associations, given to it, restricts the liber of using and ought they to be encouraged or dis- the oath to high and solemn occasion, in which the most momentous interests are Before presenting our views on this sub- staked upon it. Even the promises or ject, we will state distinctly what the ques- pledges given in these cases, are unlawful so far as this discussion is concerned, that at the time of making them, we know to these objects are what they purport to be, be right and proper. But how can he to disclose it as soon as he knows it, and breach than the observance?" rantable. The moral evil is of course greater when this wrong is guarded and solemtaking the ground that secresy is a danger- nized by an oath for its confirmation. The ous attribute of such associations, and for administration of oaths unlawful in their the following reasons:-1. It cannot aid nature and objects, involves a trifling with any truly worthy cause. Every worthy this important solemnity, which is highly pernicious in its tendency and influence.

5. All secret associations engender a the severest scrutiny, but the more thor- of each secret society being concealed from will their heavenly and eternal excellence communion or sympathy in regard to it becan be propagated. Mankind cannot be large, in their feelings and aims. This circonverted to them, without first being ap- cumstance, joined to the opportunity which prised in what they consist. This is the secrecy affords for devising and adopting only way in which they have ever been methods of selfish agrandisement, veiled diffused among men, by the constant pro- from the view, and shielded from the cenclamation and enforcement of them, "line sure of the public, often generates a veheupon line, precept upon precept, here a lit-tle and there a little." This is the Bible thering their own interests, which interway; not by the hiding, but "by the MANI- feges with their obligations and duties to selves to every man's conscience in the turbs and diverts the natural and spontaneous action of the social feelings and affec-2. Hence it follows that secrecy must tions in private and public relations, in the with that manifestation of truth and good- place or power in church or state. In othness, which is essential to their progress er words, it often leads to the giving of supand diffusion. Were it otherwise, were port or patronage to the members of the