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Poetry.

APPRECIATION.

BY ANTHESTARIONE.

My shepherd is the Lord,
My wants are all supplied ;
I'm led in pastures green,
And by the gentle tide.

He has my soul restored,
As only he can bless ;
For His name's sake I'm led,
In paths of righteousness.

Yea, though I walk in death,
I will no evil fear ;
Thy rod and staff console ;
For thou art ever near.

A feast for me is spread,
Before mine enemies ;
Annointest now my head ;
With oil of happiness.

My cup of joy is filled,
It will no more contain ;

I'm followed with his love,
What can for me remain ?

Thus will I spare my life,
And then with Him for aye ;
Those mansions bright shall share,
And live through endless day.

Editorial.

Before the next issue of the COLLEGIAN is in the hands of our subscribers, the person who is to be President of the United States for the ensuing four years, will probably have been chosen. The contest lies between the two great parties, and at present the friends of each candidate are hopeful for the success of their party. Much depends upon the strength of the People's Party, for if they have sufficient influence at the polls, the election may fall to the house. In such a case we would, perhaps, have a Democratic President with a Republican Vice President. In the meantime the voice of the stump speaker is heard in the land proclaiming the merits of his own party, and invariably hoping for the spoils of victory.

In another column is printed the proclamation of the President concerning Columbus' Day. Every school should have some kind of an entertainment. The students of our schools should be taught to honor the memory of those persons who have made the history of our grand country. By such means a patriotism will be instilled into the hearts of the young that can never be removed.

The world has suffered great loss in the death of three great literary men. The lives of Whittier, Curtis and Tennyson, are remarkable for natural talent displayed at an

early age. Whitaker and Curtis neither had the advantage of a university education yet both developed great literary ability, both were journalists, and did much for the anti-slavery cause. Curtis wielded his chief influence in politics as editor of *Harper's Weekly*. Whittier exerted his influence through his poems, by which he will ever be remembered. Tennyson, the poet laureate of England, is known throughout the world for his poems, especially those of his earlier manhood.

The *Overland Monthly*, for October, has an excellent article on the university of California. It may be interesting to compare the wealth and number of students of five leading colleges, as given in that article, viz:

COMPARATIVE WEALTH:

1. Columbia.....	\$18,000,000
2. Harvard.....	16,700,000
3. Yale.....	11,000,000
4. Michigan.....	9,000,000
5. California.....	8,130,720

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

1. Michigan.....	2,693
2. Harvard.....	2,657
3. Yale.....	1,784
4. Columbia.....	1,564
5. California.....	1,079

Literary.

SUCCESS.

MARIAN T. COCHRAN.

Some one has said, humanly speaking, two things are essential to man's success in life—ability and opportunity. True, doubtless, yet this places no "if" in any one's way.

Did success necessarily imply winning a place exalted in the eyes of men, there might be reason for discouragement. Fortunately this is not so.

It is an old, old thought, and as true as old, that no life comes into being without

some God given mission to fulfill. With the commission comes ever the power and place to do. We all believe this implicitly, but too many of us spend so much time hunting for our "mission" that, ere we know it, the time has past and the life-work remains undone.

The mission of the majority of men and women is merely to do the duty that lies next. Most beautiful lives are mosaics whose polished stones are the homely tasks and kindly deeds of everyday life.

Influence and wealth are desirable, place and power among men are not to be despised, yet none of these are essential to true nobility of character.

True culture and refinement are not incompatible with a life of toil. The hewers of wood and the drawers of water are probably as important in the social economy as some of more exalted station. No work requisite to the well being of mankind is of itself degrading. To argue otherwise would be to contend that a wise and loving Creator had so framed the world as to doom some of His creatures to inevitable degradation,—a doctrine utterly inconsistent with the idea of infinite goodness and wisdom. The true man or woman, by his or her own personal worth, dignifies any honest necessary work.

A leader necessarily implies those that are led. If our place has been assigned to us in the front ranks, we have a right to be thankful; if not, we may be able to set in motion waves of influence that "shall extend and widen to the eternal shore."

To be a Carlyle and be able to write beautiful systems of morals, may be well,—to be able to apply them in a beautiful life is far better.

To delve in the mythical lore of the past and carve from the snowy marble the sad faced Oenone mourning over her Paris false, or to immortalize her name in song, demands the genius of a Homer or a Tenny-

son. To find all about us, real mourners, longing for sympathy, and to aid and relieve their wants needs not acquaintance with the legends of yore, nor poetic, nor artistic skill, but only a warm, loving heart.

Italy's greatest poet, in his immortal poem, has vividly portrayed the approach of the sea born monsters and their deadly embrace of the fated family of Laocoon. So life-like does it seem that we shudder when we read the graphic description. We know not which to admire most—the brilliant word painting of the poet, or the skill of the sculptor who gave us the Laocoon group in stone. We honor as well as admire the genius they displayed, yet it is not true that he who sees the twin serpents, ignorance and vice, fastening their fangs upon the helpless, homeless ones that throng all lauds, and saves a single soul from their fell embrace, has wrought a greater work than that which engaged the dark eyed sculptor or the Roman bard.

Genius is rare, and world-renowned names are found but seldom in a century, yet the possibility of noble living is not confined to a few. The pathway of each is strewn with opportunities for grander deeds than the conquest of a world.

No day ever dawns without bringing every one the occasion for "kingly service." Only when we have failed to recognize the importance of faithfulness in little things, will it be possible to write above our finished lives the said word "Failure."

MARS.

Astronomy is the most ancient of the sciences. It is probably as old as man; hence many of its records are unauthentic. The Chinese boast much of their discoveries and, in fact, have the first record of an eclipse of the sun, 2138 B. C. Of the Greeks, Thales was called the "father of astronomy." He taught that the world is round and that

the moon receives her light from the sun. Pythagoras (570-599 B. C.) founded a school at Crotona, Italy, and had many enthusiastic students. He taught that the earth rotates on its own axis and revolves about the sun. Hipparchus, the most celebrated of the Greek astronomers, calculated the length of the year to within six minutes. And in the school at Alexandria, founded two hundred years after Pythagoras, Ptolemy launched into the world the Ptolemaic system. It provided for the movement of the planets by leaving them attached to bars or rods with the earth at the center. This system prevailed until Copernicus established the system having the sun as the center. This led to Kepler's attempt to follow the planet Mars in a circular orb. At this he labored untiringly for eight years. At the end of this time being unable to accomplish the desired results, he tried the same by considering Mars as traveling in an ellipse.

He placed the sun in the center and again started on his long chase. Again unsuccessful he was determined not thus to be discouraged and once more harnessed himself to his work, placing the sun at one of the foci. Nor did he labor in vain, for this time success crowned his efforts, and he was at last able to follow Mars in her heavenly flight. Soon after this, what was afterwards developed into the telescope was accidentally discovered by the little daughter of a Dutchman, from all accounts an oculist, who, while playing with some glasses one day noticed that by holding one glass near her eye and moving another back and forward, she was able to make the object appear nearer. Galileo hearing this set himself to work and soon had the first telescope. After this came Newton, giving to the world "Law of Gravitation."

So that from having Mars held out in space by a rod or bar revolving around the earth, we have him held in space by an unseen power and revolving around the sun.

MARS—GOD OF WAR.

Mars is the first superior planet and its orbit is almost a circle. This is that red star we have been watching so intently during the summer evening in the eastern sky. It is the nearest it has been since 1877 and nearly the nearest approach possible. It was the nearest on August 5th, when it was about 35,100,000 miles; not varying, however, as much as half a million miles for ten days before or after this time. Since the center of its orbit is more than 13,000,000 miles from the sun, it is less than 35,000,000 miles at its nearest approach, while more than 62,000,000 miles at its farthest. Since it takes Mars about one year and ten months to make a complete trip around the sun, and the earth only about 365½ days or one year, we can readily see that the earth would be continually passing it in about 2 years and 50 days, and so once in every fifteen (15) years it would pass it in its nearest point. Fifteen years ago Prof. Hall, of the National Observatory, of Washington, discovered two small satellites revolving about Mars which gave immortality to his name.

Even at 35,000,000 miles we must not get alarmed, as it is still 150 times as far distant as the moon. A place the size of San Francisco could be seen on the moon while it would take a place on Mars at 25 miles to be seen. On account of the warmth of the planet it has steadily increased until at its largest it was about fifteen times as bright and the disk about seven times as large. This is accounted for by the fact that a year ago it was something like 246,000,000 miles distant. Since its near approach this summer many telescopes the world over have turned toward it.

One among the many interesting features now noticeable is, what are supposed to be ice-fields at each pole. The one at the south pole being especially noticeable, and up to July 1st, it was 1,000 miles across. While

at the north pole only a white mark is distinguishable—the pole being tipped from us. Also noticeable are the bays and oceans which almost completely girdle the planet's equator. One especially noticeable is shaped much the same as the Bay of Bengal, with the pointing toward the earth.

Recently there has been discovered what looks like a net-work completely covering Mars. They appear to be canals. At times they seem to go together, and again to separate. As only one astronomer claims to have seen them, although many have sought to see them, it is not thus far considered very authentic, and hence disbelieved by most all; some persons thinking that probably it might have been the condition of the atmosphere at that time.

Inasmuch as Mars has been so much talked about of late, and many are wondering if it is inhabited. Mars is the most favorable planet of all for supporting inhabitants such as we are, although the sun's rays are only about one-half as strong as Mars is on the earth, yet the temperature seems to be higher. The atmosphere seems to be thinner and storms are less prevalent than here.

Fifteen years ago two white pillars were thought to be seen, called the fountain of youth. At the approach this summer a perfect triangle was discernable. These signs are thought by some to be signals made to us by those on Mars, supposing that they, too, knowing something of astronomy were aware of the nearness of the planets, and are trying to find out if this planet is inhabited. There was some talk of making a large and powerful mirror and reflecting lights from electric lights. Say we were to form a square of electric lights, and soon their triangle would be changed into a square. Then we would consider that our triangle had been seen and answered. But even with this the question arises, could we establish an alphabet? We are told of men in prison, of entirely different nationalities, being able to

communicate by scratching on the wall, on one side and answering on the other. The thing is to establish a certain character—it matters not what each may call it. Then establish enough characters for an alphabet and begin your conversation. I suspect the first thing, some one would want to know the price of hops; what corner lots on the electric line, one and one-half miles from the center of town, or the postoffice were worth; if there was any prospects for a base ball game; how large a bonus they would give to the Air Ship Company; and doubtless some faithful politician would rush in post haste to see if there were any prospects of polling a few votes—cost what it may—and the wives would be serving the latest afternoon "Mars' tea party," while our markets would be flooded with "the latest fashions on Mars," for our young ladies—fashions don't worry boys, you know.

Miscellaneous.

COLUMBUS DAY PROCLAMATION.

President Harrison, complying with the act of Congress, of June 29th, has issued his proclamation, making Friday, October 21st a general holiday. This is the recognition of the movement to put the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America into the hands of all the people by giving it to the institutions closest to the people—the public school.

The movement undertaken by the National Educational Association, through an executive committee, which has so presented it as to gain the endorsement of the press and general popular acceptance in advance of this proclamation.

The proclamation is as follows:

WHEREAS, By a joint resolution approved June 29, 1892, it was resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, of the

United States of America, in Congress assembled, "That the President of the United States be authorized and directed to issue a proclamation recommending the people the observance in all their localities of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America, on October 21, 1892, by public demonstration and by suitable exercises in their schools and other places of assembly."

Now, therefore, I, Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States of America, in pursuance of the aforesaid joint resolution, do hereby appoint Friday, October 21, 1892, the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus, as a general holiday for the people of the United States. On that day let the people so far as possible, cease from toil and devote themselves to such exercises as may best express honor to the discoverer and their appreciation of the great achievements of the four completed centuries of American life.

Columbus stood in his age the pioneer of progress and enlightenment. The system of universal education is in our age the most prominent and salutary feature of the spirit of enlightenment, and it is peculiarly appropriate that the schools be made by the people the center of the day's demonstration. Let the national flag float over every school-house in the country and the exercises be such as shall impress upon our youth the patriotic duties of American citizenship.

In the churches and in the other places of assembly of the people let there be expressions of gratitude to Divine Providence for the devout faith of the discoverer and for the Divine care and guidance which has directed our history and so abundantly blessed our people.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this 21st day of July, in the year of our Lord, one

thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and seventh.

BENJ. HARRISON.

By the President:

JOHN W. FOSTER, Secretary of State.

"GIRLS."

A boy of the East school, being required to write a composition, produced the following:

Girls are animals. They belong to the human family, and inhabit most all parts of the world. Their eyes are gray, brown, blue or black. Skin white and sometimes freckled. Their hair is generally worn long, and brown, black, red, yellow and mixed colors. They are very timid creatures, but sometimes two or three will kill a mouse or a spider. They are like a horse, wild when young, but when they become old they get tame. The nose is straight and sometimes naturally turned up at the end, but they always elevate it when they get mad. They have very affectionate dispositions and like geese or sheep go in flocks or herds. They are very fond of sweets, especially when contributed. Some girls are very fond of chewing gum and are said to use it to create jaw. Girls are very graceful—unless caught in a wind storm. Girl is a common noun; generally singular—until eighteen years old, when they try to be plural; most always in the first person. Girls show their barbarian ancestry by wearing ear rings and bracelets, and by painting and coloring their hair.

Alumni.

In assuming control of the Alumni editorial chair I have only a few things to say. I was not born an editor, nor did I achieve editorship, but I had editorship thrust upon me. (That sounds all right.)

The alumni of the Willamette University are an able and influential body—I have

heard that before—and the public, no doubt, are interested in what they do. (What a supposition.) Oregon is their washpot, and over the whole country have they cast their shoe. I shall faithfully tell all I can find out about them that is good, bad or indifferent, wise or foolish, smart or otherwise.

Tilmon Ford, '70, will be a member of the next legislature.

Hon. C. B. Moores, '70, has for a long time been an alderman in Salem, Oregon.

Hon. E. H. Belknap, '84, of Monroe, Ore., will be a member of the coming legislature.

Jno. O. Goltra, '87, and Mrs. Goltra, '85, are aiding the University by supplying useful apparatus.

Miss Susie Harrington, '90, left on October 13th, for Singapore, India, to serve as a "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." God bless the talented lady who leaves the joys of our land to find joy in fulfilling the Redeemer's requirements.

Virgil Peringer, '90, committed matrimony with Miss Lottie Allyn during the summer. What a caper! Wish 'em joy.

The progressive J. B. Horner, '85, is professor in the Oregon State Agricultural College.

Hon. R. A. Miller wants to be elected a presidential elector in November next. Well, genial Bob would make a good one, but—

Societies.

On September 9th the Philodossians held their election, which resulted as follows: President, Anna Alderson; vice president, Carrie Bradshaw; secretary, Myrtie Marsh; treasurer, Marie Rockwell; librarian, Belle Aitken; censor, Cora Winters; sergeant-at-arms, Mattie Beatty; custodian, Edith Frizzell.

For various reasons the ladies have dis-

cussed only two questions. On September 30th, the question was, "*Resolved*, That the the secular newspapers are more injurious than beneficial." The affirmative leader was Miss Bradshaw and the negative Miss Henry. The question was decided in favor of the negative.

On October 14th Miss Alderson and her assistants proved to the satisfaction of the president that Cromwell was a better man than Napoleon, all that Miss Aitken and her colleague could say to the contrary notwithstanding.

Miss Cunningham has presented the society with a tambourine on which is a beautiful oil painting executed by the donor.

The ladies begin the new year under favorable auspices with an increase of eight or ten in membership.

On September 9th, the Philodorians met and elected the following officers: President, B. B. Barker; vice president, F. E. Brown; secretary, E. E. Porter; assistant secretary, L. B. Austin; treasurer, J. H. Robinett; censor, J. W. Reynolds; librarian, Bert Savage; sergeant-at-arms, P. L. Brown; custodian, A. W. Prescott.

The debates of the Philodorians have been as follows: "*Resolved*, That every young man of this day should have a college education." The affirmative leader was F. E. Brown, and the negative J. H. Whitaker. It was decided in favor of the negative.

"*Resolved*, That the arctic explorations are a waste of time and money." J. W. Reynolds led on the part of the affirmative, and J. H. Whitaker on the part of the negative. The negative won the question.

"*Resolved*, That ladies are better teachers than gentlemen for children in the grammar grades." L. T. Reynolds failed to prove this against the negations of M. S. Wilson. Twelve participated in the debate.

"*Resolved*, That labor unions and strikes are justifiable." The affirmative leader was J. H. Whitaker, and negative by Phil. Metschan. The chair decided in favor of the affirmative. Ten or fifteen took part in this debate. The debates have been very interesting and it is pleasant to note the manner in which the new members are acquitting themselves. Between fifteen and twenty new members have been initiated, and all have entered for work. The prosperity and progress of the society does not depend so much upon the age of the members as upon the spirit in which they perform their duties. The rules of order are made a study and rigorously enforced, and for this purpose the executive power is not spared.

October 7th was the regular time for an opening meeting of the Philodorians. The following was the program: Lecture, B. B. Barker; declamation, M. S. Wilson; violin solo, Mr. Kruse; dream, A. W. Prescott; question box; vocal solo, L. B. Austin. The dream, which was somewhat after the Bellamy plan, and represented the members in 1912, was highly amusing, as was also the question box, conducted by L. T. Reynolds and W. C. Hawley. After the program those present engaged in social converse until 10:30 o'clock, when with one accord they wended their way to their respective abodes.

On the first Monday of the school year, the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. gave a reception to the students and new professors. After enjoying a short program in the chapel, including an address of welcome to the new professors by Prof. Arnold, a reply by Prof. Cochran, a recitation by Prof. Scriber, and a short address by Rev. F. H. Gwynne, the visitors were invited to meet with the students in the Society halls, where a pleasant social hour was spent.

This year a hand book was issued by the association containing those things which

are useful to a new student. Committees were appointed to attend the trains and receive new students. The associations have received several new members.

The young men sent F. E. Brown and E. E. Porter as delegates to the recent Tacoma convention.

The officers of the Y. M. C. A. were elected last year.

The Y. W. C. A. have elected the following officers: President, Belle Aitken; vice president, Cora Winters; recording secretary, Marie Rockwell; corresponding secretary, Carrie Bradshaw; treasurer, Edith Frizzell.

Local and Personal.

Harvey Bond is married.

Messrs. S. W. Collins and Pierce are at Stanford.

Cook Martzall and F. A. French are attending school at Oberlin, Ohio.

Mable Janes and Minnie Lansing are teaching at Woodburn.

Will Alderson and wife (nee Maggie Brown) are teaching in East Portland.

Mr Gus Richman is applying some of the principles learned from Physics at Ft. Jones, Cal.

Mr Gardner is learning a new art.

D. S. Benedict and sister are attending school at New Lisbond, Wis.

The students regret Prof. Starr's absence, although his place is ably filled by Prof. Cochran. Prof. Star is now acting as field agent of the Portland Hospital. We wish him success in his new work.

Why does Prof. Hawley dislike cats? Examine his Hebrew book and you will see.

Frank Mathews is at Stanford. We hope his record there will equal that made at "Old Willamette" for he is a good student.

Miss Mattie Kummeler, from Indiana, will enter school next term.

Miss Ella Pohle after teaching one year entered school this week.

Fannie Mann is teaching at Zena, Polk Co. Balm, her sister, is wielding the birch at Helix, Umatilla Co. Viola is at Willamette.

Miss Gertrude Cleaver is studying Music, and her sister Grace is expected to enter school next term.

Hattie Gunn a normal graduate of last year is teaching in the Goldendale Academy.

A. A. Stafford is striving for an M. D. under the guidance of Dr. Richardson.

Mr. Wilson a normal graduate is now studying law.

Miss Elvara Victor, an alumni, has returned from Ferry, Or., where she has been teaching during the summer.

We would advise somebody not to take a walk during study hours.

About two weeks ago Mr. J. J. Fitzgerald was admitted to the bar. Upon being asked his present occupation, he replied, that he was just "monkeying around" trying to recuperate after his hard (?) toil in a little "office" all summer.

Virgil Perring and Lottie Allyn were married at Goldendale, September 30. Mr. P. graduated in Willamette's class of '90 and is now principal of a school at Cearbrook, Wash.

Frank Moore and Mattie Layman, former students of Willamette University, were married at the Woodburn church Sept. 29. Mr. Moore has entered the ministry and is now stationed in Columbia county. May peace and prosperity attend their footsteps.

Last Wednesday evening there was given in the chapel the first of a series of entertainments. Dr. Whitaker delivered a very interesting and profitable lecture. The pro-

ceeds of these entertainments are to be devoted to periodicals for the library and to the much needed International dictionary.

Miss Scriber has been elected professor of elocution and is giving much satisfaction in her department.

Prof. Cochran, who now occupies the position left vacant by the resignation of Prof. Starr, has won the friendship of all students of Willamette.

Miss Minnie Frickey, an alumnus, is pursuing a course of study in Hanover, Germany. Fears for her safety during the cholera season were entertained by her Salem friends, as Hanover is near Hamburg, where cholera raged so furiously. But she writes that only two cases have occurred in Hanover.

Last June, Olive Tower, one of a class of 65, graduated with high honors from Wesleyan University, in Middleton, Conn. He is now taking a post-graduate course in the same school.

On the 16th of October, Misses Sue Harrington and Emma Ferris will bid farewell to American shores. They are going as missionaries to Singapore. Success in the work will be theirs, for their lives so truly exemplify the story which they go to teach.

Once upon an evening in the not very distant past, it chanced that a party of young folks were pursuing their homeward way through the Canby camp-ground. They were driving at quite a rapid rate, when suddenly they were thrown backward from the buggy-seat with great violence. Mister F. thought his neck was broken, Miss G. thought her throat was cut, and Miss F. experienced sensations similar to those undergone by persons in the hangman's noose. Upon investigation it was found that someone had stretched a clothesline across the road. Said clothesline was at such a height as to interfere very materially with their

progress, and to leave visible marks of its effects on their necks, after emphatically expressing their opinion of the man who had stretched this line across the road, they slowly and sadly wander homeward. For a week afterwards they might have been classed with the haughty "stiff-necked generation." On being asked how they enjoyed the trip, Miss F. said she enjoyed it very much all but the post script (referring to the clothes line escapade). Miss G. remarked that it was rather an added *line*. Moral: When you go riding after dark be wary of clothes lines.

Exchange.

The commencement issue of the *Mephistophelean* appears among our exchanges and is one of the best papers received.

The largest farm in the world is in Louisiana. It is 100 by 25 miles and embraces 1,600 acres. It costs \$56,000 to fence it.—*Ec.*

The little college founded by Gen. Washington in Rockbridge county, Va., has educated thirty-seven governors, eight United States Senators and thirty-one college presidents.—*Portfolio.*

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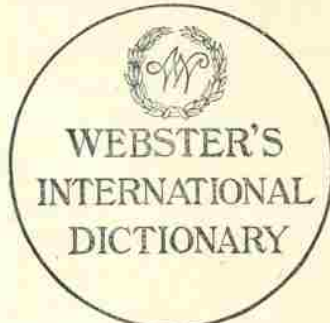
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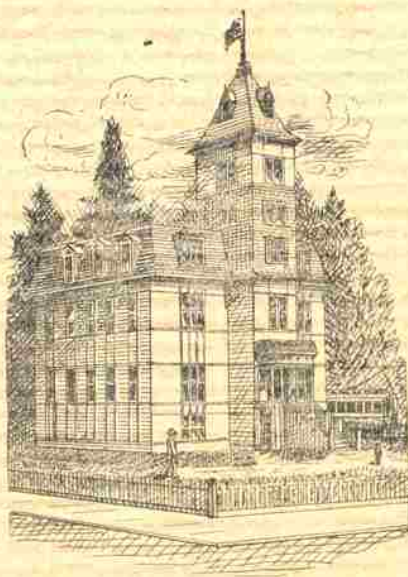
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