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could not restrain within their gloomy bounds the flight of his genius. This very imprisonment for aught we know, called forth that beautiful allegory which so vividly pictures the christians pathway from his humble home on earth to his royal palace on high. Genius cannot be subdued. Webster says "it is like the earth's central fire, seas may quench it and mountains weight it down for a while, but at some time, and some place, it will heave both the ocean and the land and mount up to the skies.

You citizens, have now an institution which properly nurtured, will be to you an inestimable blessing. You can offer to scholars better accommodations than most similar institutions, and even better than many that don the more pretentious names of College, Institute, University, &c. By remaining united you can always employ the best talent in the land as teachers, your daughters will be carried further here in the languages, mathematics and solid sciences, than in the average female college, for these sciences are obliged to be taught to greater perfection where boys are educated. The influence of a good school in your midst will soon have a telling effect on the social condition of your people. If your children have to be educated abroad you are deprived of the influence that a good school exerts over a community. Flowers and fruits brought from a distance may be as sweet as those raised at home, but you do not enjoy half the fragrance that you would if they grew in your own yard. * * * * *. Then to give your school a reputation you must first educate here your own children, and when they go out into the world it will be the best advertisement that can be sent abroad.

This institution should be regarded by you and your children as a most precious inheritance. All other possessions except learning may be swept away by the changes of fortune, riches may be wrung from the hand of the most frugal money king. Every expenditure whether for good or evil, is liable to diminish the miser's treasure, but he who gives from his store of knowledge is enriched by giving. He who teaches learns faster than those who are taught. Cicero says that "he who kindly shows the way to a wanderer acts as though he kindled a torch from his own light, that will shine none the less for himself which he has kindled for another. He who created the earth on which we live, clothed it with its mantle of beauty and endowed it with its untold treasures of wealth. He who created those distant worlds that sparkle like jewels on the mantle of night, has declared that one human soul outweighs them all, for He says: "What is a man profited if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul, or what would he give in exchange for it," implying that the treasures of the whole universe would not redeem it. Then if He who created the mind deems it a gem of such priceless value, He will not obliterate any work that you may do to enhance its beauty and increase its value, when He claims it to deck His palace in Heaven. The tree of knowledge blooms and sheds its fragrance on earth, but its fruit ripens to be enjoyed in eternity. Then say to thy soul, drink deep at the fountain of wisdom, plume thy wings for a heaven-bound flight, to revel amid worlds that circle around the throne of the Great eternal, and to rejoice in the floods of golden light that emanate from the brow of supreme intelligence, ever approximating nearer and nearer in knowledge, power and perfection Him who gave the being.

—Peace in life springs from acquiescence even in disagreeable things, not in exemption from suffering.

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BEWARE OF THE WIDOW.

The widow is a dangerous thing,
With soft, black, shining curls;
And looketh more bewitching
Than a host of romping girls;
Her laugh is so delicious—
So knowing, clear, beside—
You'd never dream her thinking
Soon to become a bride.

Her dress, though made of sable,
Gives roundness to her form—
A touch of something thoughtful,
A witching, winning charm;
And when she sits down by you,
With quiet, easy grace,
A tear may fall unbidden,
Or a smile light up her face.

Her voice is soft, melodious,
And flute-like in tone,
She sometimes sighs " 'Tis dreadful
To pass through life alone!"
Then she'll tell you, you remind her
Of the loved one dead and gone,
Your step, your form, your features—
Thus the widow will run on.

Oh! listen, yet be careful,
For well she plays her part;
Her lips distil the nectar
That doth enslave the heart;
Be guarded, or she'll win you
With sighs, and smiles and tears,
And when you're safely wedded
She may box your silly ears?

A Wife's Commandments.

1. Thou shalt have no other wife but me.
 2. Thou shalt not take into thy house any beautiful brazen image of a servant girl, to bow down to her and serve her; for I am a jealous wife, visiting, &c.
 3. Thou shalt not take the name of thy wife in vain.
 4. Remember thy wife to keep her respectably.
 5. Honor thy wife's father and mother.
 6. Thou shalt not fret.
 7. Thou shalt not find fault with thy dinner.
 8. Thou shalt not chew tobacco.
 9. Thou shalt not be behind thy neighbor.
 10. Thou shalt not visit the rum tavern, thou shalt not covet the tavern keeper's rum, nor his brandy, nor his gin, nor his wine, nor anything that is behind the bar of the rum seller.
 11. Thou shalt not visit the billiard hall, neither for worshipping in the dance, nor heaps of money that lie on the table.
- And the 12th commandment is, Thou shalt not stay out later than 9 o'clock at night.

—Young Mr. Tremble, who is quite bright, was at a party one night and he was quite well looked at by the girls before he was introduced. After the introduction he soon caught on, and was making himself very popular.

"Oh, la, Mr. Tremble," laughed Miss Mollie at one of his witty remarks, "you remind me so much of a friend of mine."

"Indeed Miss," said Tremble, "in what way?"

"Oh he looked just like he hadn't a bit of sense, but when one knew him, he was just too awfully cute for any use."

—If there is a person to whom you feel a dislike, that is the person of whom you should never speak.

An Extensive Auditorium.

"Can you tell me," said an itinerant preacher to a Texas cowboy "how far it is to the church where Bro. Stone is carrying on a protracted siege against the strongholds of satan?"

"Well, sir," replied the cowboy, "you're in the church now, but it's nigh on to four miles to the pulpit."

"I do not understand you," continued the minister

"Wall, it's this way: Preacher Stone's pulpit is a dry goods box under a live oak tree."

How He Felt.—"I heard you kissed the prettest girl in the room at the party last night," observed an Austin youth in blue-glass goggles to his companion.

"Well, I did, for a fact. What of it?"

"Oh, nothing, but I'd just like to know how you felt during the sweet osculation."

"Felt like a beefsteak."

"Like a beefsteak?"

"Yes, smothered in onions."—Texas Siftings.

PRINTERS AND POISON.—A printer named Robert H. Jones died in this city on Friday last from the effects of leading poisoning. He was a sober man, and while at work he inhaled the dust from the type which he was compelled to handle. This dust is known to be quite poisonous. The death of this poor man brings out the fact that alcohol is very generally regarded as antidote for lead-poisoning. This is at least a tradition in all well regulated newspaper offices, and it is for this reason that printers are never asked to join temperance societies. If they do sign a pledge, it is with a mental reservation touching lead-poisoning.—New York World.

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OWNBEY BROS.

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