

love with literature that he read, during these years, nearly 1,000 volumes.

At the age of 21 Henry Wilson went to Natick, Mass., and engaged in the manufacture of shoes, but he had fitted himself for something better. His wide acquaintance with the heralds of the thought-world had made him a leader of men. He became popular; took an active part in politics; represented his adopted state in both branches of the legislature; served as a United States Senator; and in 1872, as a crowning honor, he was elected Vice President.

In the wilds of the Western frontier Abraham Lincoln barely had the advantages of attending an elementary school but there was in him a spark of ambition that was to kindle and glow until a nation should crown his brow with laurels. It was but few books that Lincoln could get, but eagerly did he read them over and over. After having split rails all day to fence his father's farm, the lad would walk for miles to borrow a book and then lying on the hearth would con its pages by the glimmering rays of a lightwood knot. His motto was; "I'll prepare and wait; perhaps the chance will come." And it did. When the war-cloud was fast gathering between the states, he was called to the helm of government, as the one man best fitted to guide the destiny of the Ship of State over the troubled sea of war.

These are only a few of the many instances in American history where men, by their efforts alone, have used literature as a stepping stone whereby they were enabled to rise from the lowest depths to pinnacle of fame.

In this age of books, when libraries are almost thrust upon us, and when he who wishes to read may do so, we are to blame if we fail to enrich our minds from the world's greatest storehouse.

Henceforth we have prided ourselves on being a practical people and have remained ignorant because we have failed to seek knowledge from its true source—literature. "That part of an education most beneficial to man is what he gives for himself, dreams for himself, and thinks for himself." That always remains inseparably his own. In the study of literature, man may take himself into the past. He may learn what those who have gone before have thought and done; what have been their purposes, ideals, and inspiration; what they have hoped for and what they have striven for. In thus learning, he will be enabled to know how best to spend and improve the present in order that he may hand down to posterity an even greater heritage.

There is nothing that has in it a more transforming and influencing power than a knowledge of the best literature. A knowledge of literature helps to form correct ideas of life, of "man's relation to man and to his maker." It broadens a man's sympathies, increases his capacity to think, and, his ability to do.

S. J. Kellum.

WIT AND WISDOM.

Trying to see the preacher over or through a bunch of "Merry widow" hats, is as difficult as trying to witness a ball-game through a knot-hole in a fence.

Without an occasional defeat, we could never know our weaknesses. Nearly every student, when he or she shall have gone

away from the college, will say that those days at Elon were the happiest of my life; but that's gleaned from fields which should have been harvested, while you were at the college. Why not look upon them as being bright and joyous days now?"

The "Dear Old Faculty" is most profusely abused. We'll think of them differently some time, and who knows, but that we shall place them in our affections, next to our wives, husbands, mothers and sweethearts.

Our "Ball Team" is teeming with bright prospects, and well founded hopes. Boys, "go to it." Speaking athletically, "we are with you."

Miss Wilson: "Hines, you didn't attack that note right."

Hines: "All right, let me give it another shock."

Each member of the base-ball team owes it to himself and his teammates to put his "best foot" forward. If a fellow plays well, he boosts himself and the team to which he belongs, and is applauded by an admiring grandstand. The same principle will work well, if applied to the work of our societies. Unless one puts energy, sense and enthusiasm into his or her society work, members and society both are weakened by the unfortunate association.

"The size of the trouble depends upon whose it is."

The only person who does anything, is the one who starts something. Make a start at writing something for the "Weekly."

"The strength of argument does not depend upon the volume of noise." Some of the judges of our Friday evening debates will do well to N. B. Wishing and worrying will not redeem the game we've lost. Let's go after the next, "forgetting those things which are behind us."

Whitsett Institute "trimmed" us all right; but as far as we can see there was nothing very expensive about the trimming.

Campbell: (philosophing) "The chickens always come home to roost."

Farmer: Knowin' that, without knowin' where the roost is, ain't worth nothin'.

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