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For the Hornets' Nest.

**The Dawn Girl.**  
Twas ere long and the shining sun  
Shed light on the dew of the morn,  
O'er the hills and the forests dim,  
Where many a flower lay dead and dim.

**Around her throne weeping band**  
With breaking hearts and choking breath,  
And one held her pale and dead hand  
To keep her from the grasp of death.

**Her aged mother down whose cheek**  
The tears were falling fast,  
Who with a spirit bowed and meek  
They watched her child—her loved—her last.

**Clouds of grief and sorrow o'er the brow**  
Of the young girl were lying dim,  
And round her neck a mourning shawl  
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**None are secure who run in the way of the Lord.** Here moral rectitude and Christian virtues predominate, an unperturbed tranquillity reigns supreme, the same monotonous drudgery is to be endured, the same transit glories "nostris quibus," forever shimmering in a bosom of bright green, slipping hills.

**On Sunday our sky being overcast with sombre clouds,** indications of heavy rain were apparent in the early part of the evening, with vivid flashes of lightning and angry thunderbolts, the rain descended in torrents. Meteorologists assert, that thunder storms result from change of temperature, generally occasioned by the transition from hot to cold, and evidently that assertion was verified and substantiated by the sequent unseasonable weather we have lately been contending with.

**Our Institution flourishes under the most flattering auspices,** and it is difficult to compete with the youthful talent yearly concentrated within Mount Zion College. The distinguished President, James W. Hudson, still strays the sceptre triumphantly from his imperial throne, and the marked respect of his audacious evinces their high appreciation of his consistent deportment and well-regulated system.

**Your R. A. Road is fast progressing,** and the Cars now daily trip between 2 and 3 miles beyond Winstonsboro. Business is tolerably brisk, and the exhilarating weather induces your correspondent to seek the "open air," until the advent of his next appointment time for troubling his muse, when he promises to amend his past conduct and omit not to write you methodically. Until then, adieu, amiter.

**LAST WORDS OF THE PRESIDENTS.** When Washington was 67 years old he lay upon his death-bed. I find I am dying," said he; *my breath cannot last long.* And again, "Doctor, I die hard, but I am not afraid to go: I believed from my first attack, I should not survive it; my breath cannot last long." And he ceased to breathe.

**Five years after this, at 71 years of age, Monroe ceased to breathe.**

**Five years after this, at 85 years of age, Madison ceased to breathe.**

**Nearly five years after this, at 67 years of age, Harrison remarked: "Sir, I wish you to understand the true principles of the government; I wish them carried out: I ask nothing more." And he ceased to breathe.**

**Four years after this, at 78 years of age, Jackson observed in substance: "My sufferings, though great, are nothing in comparison with those of my dying Saviour, through whose death I look for everlasting happiness." And he ceased to breathe.**

**In less than three years after this, at 87 years of age, the second Adams declared: "This is the last of earth; I am content." And he ceased to breathe.**

**In a little more than one year after this, at 53 years of age, Polk bowed his head in baptism, confessing his Saviour. And he ceased to breathe.**

**The lamented Taylor, at 65 years of age, submitted to the solemn decree: "I am ready for the summons," said he; "I have endeavored to do my duty. I am sorry to leave my friends." And he too, ceased to breathe.**

**KEEP AWAY FROM TEMPTATION.**—The only safe course for a young man who would retain his virtue and his correct principles, is to keep away from temptation. He may have fallen who

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