

LITERARY ADDRESS.

The following address was, by request, delivered at the meeting of the Philadelphia Society of Women...

You can hardly expect a man, who has all the functions of the ministerial office to perform, and besides having much of his time and energy...

Without claiming, then, the learning which can reform the present age, and guide the following: I propose at this time to take a more modest course...

The thing which the student desires above all others in this life, is success, by which he means obtaining an influence among men...

Let that respect depend upon moral character more than upon all other things, and that it is in the power of every one to be respected.

Let the motto of your society, "Veritas coronat coronat," not only be written upon your Hall and within your library...

Within the precincts of your Society Halls, it is that you must learn, that it is a law of your being, if you wish to acquire influence...

Young men may set their marks to become mature early, for instance they suppose themselves men when yet boys...

Medicines which are slowest in their operation, are for the most part, the most valuable. If then you find, that your efforts already put forth...

It is a good hint which I wish to throw out, that in all the journey of life, it depends entirely on yourself how much or little you are respected...

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THORNS BY THE WAYSIDE.

ON THE NIGHT OF HIS BIRTHDAY.

Oh! mama, only look at this charming bouquet, Isabel Delaney, and the fair speaker displayed a rare collection of beautiful exotics...

The entire gift indicated refinement of taste and delicacy of sentiment. 'Tis indeed beautiful Isabel, and most refreshing this salubrious morn-to whom are you indebted for this fragrant offering?

That I cannot say, it comes from an unknown friend; but the tell-tale blush which mantled her cheeks and the pious confusion which showed that she was not altogether ignorant of the gift.

The chaste offering of love was laid on the rich pier table already glittering with costly gifts, each one a tribute of friendship to the lovely and youthful Isabel, who this day was to make her debut in the fashionable circles of A—.

A single spray of delicate bells hung pendant from the holder, she lifted the drooping buds on which the bright dew drops still lingered and murmured: how graceful, how pure and beautiful, 'tis his gifts I know, none other could have displayed half the delicacy and refinement evinced by this offering.

Mrs. Delaney watched with interest the varying expressions of her daughter's countenance, she had long known the idol worship of that heart, whose secrets she now so plainly read in the countenance.

Isabel, she said, which of your gifts please you most? Oh the beautiful flowers mama, they are so sweet, so simple, and yet so expressive! Is not that a beautiful fancy of some one who says in "eastern lands they tell their love in flowers"...

But that heart, Isabel, you say is incongruous, how then can you repay its homage as you a believer in the spiritual magnetism of love, and do you trust to its mysterious inducement in finding your spirit's mate?

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That night Isabel fled her home. The society of A— was stung by the news of the elopement of his bella; a mother's heart was broken and a once happy home made desolate.

In a narrow cell of the order of saint— lay the attenuated figure of a dying man; "Consumption, like a worm in the bud had preyed upon her vitality." The morbid brilliancy of the eye, the faint, but hurried breathing showed that the sands were rapidly falling from the glass.

The sister bent low to catch the dying sound; no sound; the lips ceased to speak; no nothing escaped, the powers were too feeble for utterance. She motioned for wine, it was administered and the sufferer rallied.

Holy one strengthen me in this my last agony, my last— is distinctly heard. Pray for the peace of my soul. The effort was too much for exhausted nature, and the flickering flame went out.

When the sisters had performed the mournful task of robbing the body for its dreamless sleep, and removed it from the hard bed on which it had endured self-imposed torture, they beheld concealed a manuscript, which proved on examination to be an epitome of the sister Angela's life, in which was carefully enclosed a long, dried, and withered bunch of flowers, a massive ring of plain gold which was engraved the names of Isabel and that of ISABEL DELANEY.

The tears of the sons flowed fresh at this revelation of her great sorrow, and her patient endurance in their eyes invested the sanctity of an Angel. MARY E. B. OF SALISBURY.

ON SUNDAY MORNING LAST, a man calling himself Thompson, from Philadelphia, arrived in Charlotte, and put up at the Mansion House. During the day it was found that he was tampering with the slaves of the place; he having approached a trusty negro man named Elias, belonging to Mr. Samuel Taylor, on the subject of freedom, asking him if he did not desire freedom; that it was wrong for a negro to work for a white man; that the negroes ought to be free, &c.

It is romance rather to love the divine creations of God's power and goodness. No Isabel, you mistake me; each delicate streak of the flowers' leaf, and every green sprig of grass in your pathway, conveys to you a lesson if you would but read and learn it; but while you admire the blushing beauty of the rose, despise not the wholesome truth, the thorn may impart.

In the halcyon days of my youth, like you, Isabel, I looked forward to a life of happiness and despaired the admonitions of friends, and the dispensations of providence; and when I awoke from the dream it was to learn that, lasting happiness is to be found on earth. Last disappointment be yours! my daughter, I now endeavor to check, if not change, the current of your feelings; think not of any misanthropic feeling impels me to this or that. My heart has grown too old to relish the pleasures of earth.

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CAROLINA WATCHMAN.

SALISBURY, N. C. TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 31, 1857. TERMS OF THIS PAPER \$2.00 CASH.

The Salisbury Watchman and the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad.

We published last week, for the purpose of calling attention to it, an article from the Salisbury Watchman, making complaint of the detention of goods for that point, shipped by the way of Wilmington, and alluding particularly to the instance of a "bundle of shovels for G. M. & A. T. Jones, of Salisbury, N. C., consigned to the Railroad Agent at Wilmington, &c."

We are authorized to say that the advertisement was not inserted by the Railroad Agent, but by the consignees of the vessel which brought the said bundle to this port, and that even then the railroad agent was in possession of no bill of lading authorizing him to take charge of the bundle in question, such bill of lading not having arrived here until after the arrival of the goods.

We understand that Messrs. Jones have been apprised of these facts by letter. We presume that there is no blame in the matter, it attaches to the Northern Shippers who did not send on the bill of lading. In such cases we understand that the Road will receive and store goods to await the bill of lading, so as to offer facility. We are also authorized to say that the company is directing special attention to this branch of their business, and that every effort will be made to perfect arrangements for the forwarding of goods to, and the bringing down of produce from the west, with all practicable despatch and regularity.

We learn that the President of the N. C. R. R. Co. Mr. Finley, immediately, on hearing the complaints to which we alluded two weeks ago, sent a special messenger to Raleigh and to Goldsboro' to examine the store-houses on this line for any packages which might have been left at either place; and that the messenger returned and reported that there were no goods at either place for this section of the State.

For ourselves we have no doubt it is the anxious concern of the officers of both the Wilmington and N. C. Roads, to accommodate their patrons every where with the greatest possible despatch. That they should fail to do so, however, in every case, is altogether probable; and we are inclined to think that such failings must be more the result of accident, than of carelessness or inattention. Be this as it may, it must expect to hear complaints, for it is quite certain that those who have goods lagging behind—goods that customers are waiting for—fine, fancy, seasonal goods which it is expected will be turned into cash the moment they are exposed to light at their destination—will complain. It is amusing sometimes, and sometimes awful, to watch the faces of merchants who can't get their goods! Some are long and sorrowful, with the under lip pendant. Others are contracted and frightful to behold; whilst others bespeak a fiery which, if let loose, would tear up railroad tracks and scatter iron rails like straws in the wind.

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