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How thistle-down will travel! "A trifle light as air," written in haste and as quickly forgotten, will sometimes go farther than the most painstaking and laborious efforts of a busy brain. The editor of the PINE KNOT was surprised last week, while looking over his Northern exchanges to find in the Plymouth (N. H.) Record the following, in a very interesting account of the New Hampshire Press Association banquet of July 4th. The writer is describing the menu card:

"In the middle of the fifth page is a large oven which the flurried editor is quickening with a huge poker, while the "devil" is feeding the fire with an immense waste basket filled with poems on spring. The flames burst forth enclosing the long irregular row of vegetables, thus encouraged to appear hot on the table. Underneath is the quotation:

"Oh, dearly beloved spring poet! spring poet! If you've written a poem, don't show it! don't show it! But into the waste basket throw it! just throw it! The public won't care—if they only don't know it."

The "poem" is from the PINE KNOT of April 16th, and it is needless to add that the writer had no idea that it would ever figure on a menu card, 'way up in New Hampshire, when he wrote it. However, it's all right, boys! The writer was born in the old Granite State and partly "raised" there. So he is glad if he contributed anything to the enjoyment of her wide-awake newspaper men.

### AN ATTRACTIVE BOOK.

"Lasell Seminary, 1851—1887" is the title and, as is the case with most books of real merit, the cover is not the best thing about it, although that is very tasteful. "For Young Women" says the title page, and it is a good thing to say in these days of "salesladies" and "washladies." Girls can find out more of the real meaning of that honorable title in the years they spend here than in any place of which the writer has knowledge. (He ought to know something of Lasell, for he spent two years there,—one of extreme peril.)

There are twenty-seven teachers beside a goodly number of special lecturers. Last year there were students from twenty-two states and the Hawaiian Islands. Though retaining her original title of Seminary, a glance at her courses of study shows that Lasell requires of her graduates nearly all the essentials of a college course. But that which makes her sui generis is the intelligent method here pursued of molding girls into young women. When they have spent a few years here they can do something more than

chatter a little French, smatter a little German, translate an ode of Horace badly, quote glibly the opinions of others about certain English authors and bang a piano almost to the rending of wood and wire. The girl who has made good use of her privileges at Lasell can do well not only the "ornamentals," but a host of the "usefuls". She can make delicious bread, she can fit a dress or trim a bonnet for herself that won't make a caricature of her, she can take a full breath, she can row, she can walk as a woman ought, she can tell a bank check from a U. S. postal note, best of all, she knows how to govern herself.

All of which this little book tells or hints, and the telling is made clearer by charming pictures of the buildings, the grounds, the girls in their rooms, in the library; at dress-cutting, millinery, cooking; on the river in boating costume, and everywhere looking like the frank, happy, delightful American girls that they are.

Lasell's latest acquisition is a fine collection of paintings, drawings and engravings, originals and rare copies. Prof. Bragdon spent a great deal of time and money while in Europe last winter for this purpose and the result is an art collection such as no school of an equal grade, in this country possesses.

### GRAPES PAY.

A gentleman in this city who has a vineyard near by, yesterday examined a vine which is bearing the first time this year, and counted thereon sixty fine and well developed bunches of grapes. Four of these bunches will weigh one pound or more, giving the product of the vine fifteen pounds. One thousand vines, he says, can be easily raised on one acre. He sells the grapes to net him eight cents per pound. If the one thousand vines should average the product of the one above, the total product of the acre would be 15,000 pounds of grapes, which at eight cents per pound, net, would be \$1,200 from one acre of ground. But to make sure of what may be expected, suppose that each vine should yield seven and one-half pounds of grapes, almost an absolutely certain yield. Even then the receipts from that acre would be \$600. The land upon which these grapes are grown is a rocky hillside and would not, with the same fertilizer used on the grapes produce 300 pounds of cotton, which at eight cents per pound would make \$24. The gentleman says that the labor of cultivating, gathering and packing the grapes does not cost more than the cultivating of one acre of cotton. Let comparisons be made by farmers, and let them see what they are doing and what they can do.—News & Observer.