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## *"Songs of Exile."*

Under this forbidding title appears the record of the sojourn among us of a transplanted poet, Herbert Bates. This little book is not, let it be emphatically said, a libel upon Nebraska, or a wail of hard times and falling prices. It is, indeed a tribute to our winds and sunshine and our "Dark draws where tawniest sunflowers nod,"—such a tribute as no son of Nebraska has been able to bring her. The poet does not love our sunflowers. But at least he notices them, and that is more than we have done. Perhaps it is for the "discoverers" first to come from the eastern sea, and find for us our wealth of unheeded treasure.

Students who know the work of Mr. Bates in his four years with us will be glad to find that the "Charter Day Poem," the "Song of the Drouth," "Prairie" and other verses with which they are familiar, are included with many poems that are newer, and some that are older. The "Baccalaureate Hymn" and the "Class Day Ode," both of the Harvard class of '90, are of particular interest, though "Home," "Lone God," and especially "Exiles of Plain," which strikes the key note of the book, show better the strong, later work of the writer. "The Giant Wolf," which appeared in the Chap Book, is as artistically gruesome as the most fastidious taste could desire. But the greater part of the poems are of the contrast between "the harsh, sweet scent of the Atlantic waves," and the plains where

"The golden sunflowers myriad blossoming blaze,

From hill to golden hill,  
And melt at last into the golden haze  
Of the great distance."

The little book coming with its beautiful typography and convenient size, and at a price that endears it to every student heart, is a special boon at this holiday time.

## *College Settlement.*

The monthly report of the committee on College Settlement was laid before the Board of Control today. The report details the work of the sub-committees and shows that the work is being vigorously pushed in all directions.

The committee on Children's Department entertain the children Saturday afternoons and conduct a circulating library for children. Plans are complete for a children's entertainment on Saturday afternoon before Christmas.

The social committee will hereafter give evening socials semi-monthly. The entertainment committee will hold semi-monthly entertainments alternating with those of the social committee. A Christmas entertainment, including a Christmas cantata will be given. The instruction committee has arranged for instruction in the following branches: German, music, drawing, reading, orthography, penmanship and arithmetic. Messrs Gutleben, Meier and Lange are conducting evening classes in German. Misses Cochran and Pirtle will begin a Saturday afternoon course in vocal music. There is a

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