

people, she has adopted a plan by which she thinks she may be able to retain this friendship. She has sent to the United States, so the accounts say, fifty agents, thirty-five being women, whose duty is to modify, if possible, the impression that the Americans have obtained from magazines and newspapers, of Russian cruelties. These agents certainly have a hard task to perform. To every non prejudiced person it must be apparent that a great reform is needed in Russia. The papers of Kennan have shown this. The Americans have accepted these reports as true and the fifty agents will not be able to disprove them. Hence we say that their task will be doubly hard. Nothing short of reform will place Russia in the high esteem of the United States, and if she brings about this reform; then, indeed, will she be worthy the confidence and friendship of any nation on the globe.

#### ONLY A YEAR.

[The subject of this beautiful poem was the only son of Mrs. E. M. J. Cooley and a member of the class of '91. He died February 26, 1889. The poem was written on the first anniversary of his death.]

Only a year, since in sorrow unspoken,  
I looked for the last on your beautiful face;  
Pleading in vain, that the silence be broken,  
Ere they laid you to rest, in earth's cold embrace.  
Only a year; yet it seems as though ages,  
All laden with sorrow, above me have flown  
As I turn back the leaves of Memory's pages  
To the hour when we left you in silence, alone.

Only a year; Oh, Harry, my darling,  
Come back to our grief stricken hearts, this sad day;  
Tell us what scenes part our sorrow dimmed vision,  
Have kept you so long, from our fond love away;  
Hear, while I call you: come back, Oh, my darling;  
Press for a moment your lips to my own;  
Whisper once more "I love you, my mamma"  
While I revel in joy at the musical tone.

Only a year; O come while I'm calling,  
Lay for a moment, your head on my breast;  
See! O my loved one, the tear drops are falling,  
Come, let me hush you once more to your rest;  
Spring with her blossoms, and summer with beauty,  
Autumn with fruitage, and winter with gloom  
Coming and going, yet still you are sleeping,  
Unheeding of sunshine or storm, in the tomb.

Only a year, your comrades are grasping  
The honors you hoped for—Oh, Harry, my boy,  
Do you hear the glad shout? The victors are clasping  
The prizes they've won. Do you join in their joy?  
Still you are sleeping, no voice breaks the silence;  
Your hand does not brush off the fast falling tear;  
Has heaven so charmed you that you have forgotten  
The dear ones on earth in only a year?

Nay, traher your home is beyond all earth's sorrows,  
Above all its triumphs, its trials and gloom,  
Where death cannot reach you and whisper "to-morrow",  
While pointing with shadowy hand to the tomb,  
And sometime when Death's dreaded power shall be broken  
Where graves are unknown, and wiped every tear  
I shall hear the sweet words that must now be unspoken;  
And never more mourn, "It is only a year."

Mrs. E. M. J. COOLEY.

Prof. Loissette's Memory System is creating greater interest than ever in all parts of the country, and all persons wishing to improve their memory should send for his prospectus free as advertised in another column.

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#### ALUMNI ALLUSIONS.

'88.—J. R. Schofield was in town during vacation.

'84.—A. A. Munro was among the throng at the teachers' meeting.

'88.—W. H. Wagner, principal of a Beatrice school, was in town during vacation.

'89.—T. A. Williams was at the university last week. He is teaching near Ashland.

'84.—E. J. Robison started with a surveying party for New Castle, Wyo., March 22.

'89.—W. Logan Stephens, a professor in Union seminary, Bennett, Neb., was in town for a short visit last week.

'89.—Chas. W. Bigelow, a Beatrice pedagogue was in Lincoln during vacation attending the state teacher's association.

'87.—A. H. Bigelow, principal of the Greely Center, Neb., public schools was in attendance at the pedagogue pow-wow.

'87.—W. S. Perrin with his wife Eugenia Lynn—Perrin was seen in town during vacation. We understand he is a grain dealer at Roca.

'87.—E. C. Wiggernhorn has a position in the pension department in Washington and is taking a post-graduate course at Georgetown university.

Baron de Stoughton acted as railroad secretary during the teachers' conclave, and F. C. Taylor was special police to frighten the small boys in the armory.

'88.—O. V. P. Stout stopped over in Lincoln March 17 to greet his old college friends. He is in the employ of the U. P. railroad as civil engineer and his field of operation is in Colorado.

#### STRAY PICK-UPS.

During vacation Miss Hull was in Lincoln visiting friends. They Dew say that McCrosky has Russelled another cake. Miss McDermott left last Friday to teach at the Ong school.

Ask Edwards if he felt Little in the reading room the other morning.

C. A. Beach is business manager of the Lincoln bureau of the *Omaha Republican*.

Not long ago Dr. J. S. Kingsley received a visit from his brother, L. J. Kingsley.

The annual report of the agricultural experiment station is out and being distributed.

L. A. Tilson, a former student, has gone into the jewelry business in Kearney, Neb.

First prep girl to a senior: "I wouldn't be a senior." "Why?" "They know too much."

G. W. Gerwig recently enjoyed a visit from his father, Mr. C. W. Gerwig, of Pittsburg, Pa.

A very affecting scene was witnessed when Charles Byers Jackson parted from several of his schoolmates.

A. M. Troyer spent the holidays in Logan, Col., where he went to hold his homestead before the time expired.

Helvie, '91, has left school temporarily to take a position in the B. & M. engineering department. We understand that he does not intend to graduate with the class of '91.