

The Young Doctors and Commencement Days.

The young doctors come along about the same time the spring chickens do, and to the accompaniment of the spring flowers, with a graceful move and smile as usual free abroad. One must not look for much of poetry proceeding from these grave professors who are the valedictorians of these commencement days especially from all sources, but as it has formed a welcome episode in the Jefferson Med. College programme of Wednesday last, the eager young students ready to walk out over the course which is not the swift nor strong always.

For the JOURNAL.

A Brilliant Actor.

Lord Beaconsfield is a very smart man, and sometimes, no doubt, says very smart things. Sometimes, too, he says things that he thinks very smart, but that, in reality, are very simple. The following is a sample of the latter sort. "The government of the world is carried on by sovereigns and statesmen, and not by anonymous paragraph writers, or the hare-brained chatter of frivolity."

That sounds very pretty, doesn't it? And it is like its author, more sound than sense. It might have been true five hundred years ago, when the printing press did not exist. But for this man to talk as if the machinery of government, ceremonial sovereigns and mountebank ministers—for he evidently means himself and his mistress—are the decisive power, and that the force of public opinion is a shadow, is as much an anachronism as is his whole tawdry scheme of half-medieval, half-oriental imperialism.

The whole pastboard and tinsel affair supported by such ciquant epigrams, is of a piece. What a pity that the homely-minded Victoria, should in her old age, unprotected by the strong sense of her husband, have fallen into the snare of this hollow, but undoubtedly brilliant performer. You remember Artemus of the Reformed Drunkard, with a real drunkard. And so this quondam novelist, having taken it into his head, like some other novelist, having one or two of his old romances, which have just a little real substance in them as the Wanderer Jew, is so singularly fortunate as to be able to bring it on the boards with a genuine cast of real characters and real properties, real Kingdoms, real Crowns, real Queens, and real Emperors, all dancing back and forth like so many marionettes, to his piping, while he salutes them all, and disposes them all, as so many "short-nosed, barbarian Franks." Such brilliant success is enough to tempt almost anybody into the theatrical profession.

As to his affection of contempt for paragraph writers. I should suppose that it depended altogether on what was in the paragraph. One who prides himself on epigrams certainly ought not to despise paragraphs. The great speech which secured the acquittal of the Seven Bishops, and, in the end, the overthrow of James the Second, was hardly more than five minutes long. It could not have included much more than five paragraphs. It is doubtful whether one lucky paragraph might not now unhorse this Hebrew Taucered, who, with truly Hebrew zeal, sets his pride in upholding the Crescent against the Cross. But if he should contend that Zulu la needs have done more towards upsetting him than English paragraphs, we should hardly be in a position to dispute him.

Nor is he wise in saying too much about "irresponsible frivolity," for where shall we find a more notable instance of it than in the man whose character and whose aims are both summed up in the one word Glitter, and whom royal favor and parliamentary obsequiousness have combined to shelter in quasi-monarchical irresponsibility? O it is a great thing for a man to be able to require her preference by making her a trumpety Empress.

Rothe, in one of the aphorisms published by you, speaks of some who imagine themselves able by their politic wisdom to overturn the nature of things. An excellent description of the Right Honorable Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield, K. G. HAWKEYE.

It is no small commendation to manage a little well. He is a good waggoner who can turn in a little room; to live well in abundance is the praise of the estate, not of the person. Study more how to give a good account of your little than how to make it more.

No man can be the friend of another unless he loves that other better than himself, and to be able to love another better than yourself is to empty yourself of selfishness that you become better toward all the world and in all other relationships.

Wealth, which strips the trees from around us makes us see the distant regions they formerly concealed; so does old age rob us of our enjoyments only to enlarge the prospect of eternity before us.

As the profoundest philosophy of ancient Rome and Greece lighted her taper at Israel's altar, so the sweetest strains of the pagan muse were swept from harps attuned on Zion's hill.

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It appears to be among the laws of nature that the mighty of intellect should be pursued and cooped by the little, as the solitary flight of one little bird is followed by the twittering petulance of many smaller.

An Irishman remarked to his companion on observing a lady pass: "Pat, did ye ever see a woman so thin as that before?" "Thin!" replied the other; "Bothershun! I see a woman as thin as two of her put together, so I did."

The imagination often magnifies the veriest trifle, by a false and romantic preference, till it fills the whole soul; or, in its heedless presumption brings down the most elevated subjects to our own low standard.

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