

A New York publisher had to pay \$250 for losing the manuscript of a novel sent him for examination. Henceforth authors will desire that publishers may lose manuscripts more often.

Judge Putnam in the United States circuit court at Boston rendered a decision to the effect that books found in a foreign country over twenty years ago may enter this country free of duty, even if they have been rebound during the interval.

Not long ago appeared "Ange", a story of the reign of Nero, treating of life in general at that period. Now comes "Darkness and Dawn" by Canon Farrar, to picture Nero in his true light, first as a boy and then as a king. It is a fine historical romance.

Among the latest publications is one entitled "Cross Currents" which demands special notice. Its author, Miss Dickens, is a granddaughter of the great novelist. The book has a double interest, first on account of its author, and second on account of the merit of the story. Miss Dickens, while fascinating and interesting, lacks the quaint humor of her grandfather and also his power of caricature.

Two more of the grand pioneers of American literature have passed away. September of this year witnessed the death of George William Curtis, one of the greatest and best Americans that ever lived. He was a lecturer, a statesman, and an author. In the last capacity he was both graceful and forcible. His best known "Prue and I" is read everywhere. On the eighth of the same month that pure and gentle and delightful poet John Greenleaf Whittier left this world for a better one. There are several volumes of his works. "Snow-bound" with its true descriptions has made his name immortal.

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#### EXCHANGE.

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##### Sentiment vs. 1892.

We entered the old cathedral,  
 With its massive pillars of stone,  
 Its gloomy, heavy silence,  
 And its filtered light that shone  
 On wing and nave and chancel,  
 And on many a chiselled face,  
 And I felt the girl beside me  
 Was awed by the solemn place.

We paused at the foot of a statue,  
 The tomb of a man whose name  
 Had thrilled the heart of a nation  
 With the pride of a statesman's fame.  
 We stood reflecting an instant,  
 Then she broke the silence with "Pray,  
 If he were alive and kicking,  
 Do you think he'd be in it today?"

—Polytechnic.

The *Delphic* has fixed up their office, why should not we?

The university of Minnesota has 1,368 students and 121 professors and instructors.

Ye exchange editor invites both old and new students to visit the sanctuary and read the exchanges.

The *Midland* devotes two columns and a half to the memory of the dead poet, John Greenleaf Whittier.

The *Silver and Gold*, of Colorado, has more advertisements than reading matter. They are in for the cash.

We learn from *The Courier* that the preparatory department has been abolished from the Kansas state university.

"Wasn't it camphor you asked for," queried the polite clerk. "Yaas, that's what I cam-for," murmured Cholly. —Ex.

Bentley college students are fitting up their athletic grounds. Their faculty would not help them so they are helping themselves. We like their energy and push.

Sunday school teacher: "Willie, I am afraid I shall never meet you in heaven." Willie: "Why, what have you been doing now?"—Ex.

The *Kansas Industrialist* was one of the first to take up work for the new year. It is full of useful articles. Every farmer should subscribe for it.

The Kansas state university has back seven of last year's foot-ball team. They are in for business. The invincibles is the name they hope to be able to apply to their team by next year.

We received a number of the *University Star* from the university of Omaha. The *Star* died out several years ago. We hope it will prosper and become somewhat better than the first issue promises.

The daily *Palo Alto* has arrived. Leland Stanford does not need a daily, so they say, but there is room for one. It will be rather uphill work for the paper at first, but energy and push will, we hope, make for it a national reputation.

This is expected to be the last edition by the present board. We are sorry to say farewell. But since we must go, we think it best to go without more ado. With best wishes to all and many thanks for the gentle manner in which the exchanges have treated us, we take our leave.

Miss F. Jean Nelson has received an invitation to attend the dedication services of the World's Fair buildings in October. She will be in attendance.—Bema.

For the benefit of new students we would say, Miss Nelson took first in the inter-collegiate oratorical contest last year. It pays to be at the head.

The *High School Times*, Dayton, O., is the best high school paper on our exchange list. It has so many good articles that it is useless to try to discriminate between them. We wish the rest of the high school papers would come nearer to it not only in reading matter but in general appearance.

The *Silver and Gold* is a new weekly from the university of Colorado. It contains literary productions as well as the weekly news. The exchange editor starts with the following resolve: "As tailor in this department, we take our scissors in hand resolved to enter the fall campaign with alacrity." The paper bespeaks merit and success.

The *Iowa Wesleyan* has changed into a weekly. It was formerly a monthly magazine. It is now a weekly newspaper. Here is a clipping which applies to all our new students:

Do not rush hap hazard into a literary society. Visit, and become thoroughly acquainted with the workings and reputation of the several societies before you furnish any one with your autograph. This applies to you.

A famous college president, a clergyman, was addressing the students in the chapel at the beginning of the college year. "It is," he said in conclusion, "a matter of congratulation to all the friends of the college that this year opens with the largest freshman class in its history." And then, without any pause, he turned to the scripture lesson for the day, the third Psalm, and began reading, reading in a voice of thunder, "Lord, how are they increased that trouble me."—*Chicago Interior*.

The *McKendree Repository* is a little monthly published at Lebanon, Ill. It is the revival of a paper by the same name, long since dead. The editor thinks their college must keep abreast of the times, hence he thinks the paper should be kept alive. From its first issue we conclude it would be better off if it stayed in its grave for a while longer. Yet it may improve. We hope so. There is nothing interesting in it but a few locals, which, the paper being a