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There are 190 college papers in the United States.

A complete collection of American cents is worth \$1,500.

Life is not so short but that there is always time for courtesy.

Lord Tennyson has been elected President of the London Library, in succession to the late Lord Houghton.

Mr. William Black, it is reported, realizes \$40000 annually from his novels.

Dr. Evans of Edinburgh, Scotland, says: "The medical practice of the present day is neither philosophical nor common sense."

When Ouida asked Charles Reade for a name for her dog, he suggested "Tonic" adding, "it is sure to be a mixture of bark, steal and whine."

The classic studies laid down by the teachers of the 15th century, are for the first time in all this period, losing ground in our leading universities.

"Our earthly reputations are the color of the grass and the same sun that makes the green, bleaches it out again."—James Russell Lowell.

No less than 18000 young women are at college in this country, and about twice as many young men are waiting outside to teach them to forget their knowledge.

The students of the University of Cincinnati are in mourning. Their large building valued at \$75000 has been destroyed by fire, and the laboratory seriously damaged.

"Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested; that is, some few to be read wholly, and with diligence and attention."—Bacon.

We can aid human improvement, but we cannot unduly hasten it. Whenever man has sprung too rapidly to a conclusion, he has alighted upon error, and has had to retrace his steps.

It doesn't follow that you must do a mean thing to a man who has done a mean thing to you. The old proverb runs: "Because the cur has bitten me, shall I bite the cur?"—*Chicago Standard*.

A very commendable movement has been inaugurated by the "Massachusetts Classical and High School Teachers Association," which if successful will establish a perfect system of co-operation between the preparatory schools and colleges in New England. The importance of this is apparent and will no doubt be followed by the larger movement for the unification of the educational systems of all the state.

To Michigan belongs the credit of establishing the first organic system of public instruction embracing all grades of education from the primary schools to the University. She first took the advanced position that all grades of education should be equally under control of the state, and equally supported at the expense of the public. THE UNIVERSITY says, and says truly, that the educational system thus established, though imperfect and crippled by the material conditions of the new and sparsely settled region, was yet in point of unity and proportion, far in advance of the heterogeneous and uneven accommodations afforded in any of the eastern states.

## THE HUMA.\*

By LOUISA P. SMITH.

Fly on, nor touch thy wing, bright bird,  
Too near our shaded earth,  
Or the warbling now so sweetly heard  
May lose its note of mirth.  
Fly on, nor seek a place of rest,  
In home of "care-worn things;"  
'T would dim the light of thy shining crest,  
And thy brightly burnishing wings,  
To dip them where the waters glide  
That flow from a troubled earthly tide.

The fields of upper air are thine,  
Thy place where stars shine free;  
I would thy home, bright one, were mine,  
Above life's stormy sea.  
I would never wander, bird, like thee,  
So near this place again;  
With wing and spirit once light and free,  
They should wear no more the chain  
With which they are bound and fettered here,  
Forever struggling for skies more clear.

There are many things like thee, bright bird;  
Hopes as thy plumage gay;  
Our air is with them forever stirred,  
But still in air they stay.  
And happiness, like thee, fair one,  
Is ever hovering o'er,  
But rests in a land of brighter sun,  
On a waveless, peaceful shore,  
And stoops to lave her weary wings,  
Where the fount of "living waters" springs.

\*A bird peculiar to the East. It is supposed to fly constantly in the air, and never touch the ground.

Canon Farar is reported to have said in Philadelphia that he regarded "The Scarlet Letter" by Nathaniel Hawthorne, as the ablest American novel.

The Columbian University Law School of Washington closes its doors against colored students. This looks rather odd in a country that holds that "all men are created free and equal."

"Nine-tenths of our current literature has no other end but to inveigle a thaler or two out of the public pocket, for which purpose author, publisher, and printer, are leagued together."—*Arthur Schopenhauer*.

The proposed monument to the memory of Major Andre seems doomed never to be. Some patriotic American citizens do not believe in the idea, and express their disbelief very forcibly by the aid of dynamite.

Soon after the proclamation for the abolition of serfdom in Russia the women of that country petitioned for permission to attend the examination for the admission into the higher institutions of learning in the empire, but not until about seven years ago was this finally granted, and then with evident reluctance. During these seven years not less than 25000 women have availed themselves of this privilege. The late erection by the government of a school exclusively for women at a cost of \$150,000 convinces us that Russia will soon cease to be ranked among the semi-barbarous nations.