

All the misfortunes of this people may be ascribed to the ruinous influence of those who should have devoted themselves to the care of spiritual matters, instead of perniciously intermeddling with temporal affairs, thwarting the intentions and perverting the meaning of the rulers of the country, working mischief in every possible way, instead of inculcating the precept, "Fear God and honor the king." Of the manners, customs, dwellings and relations of the Acadians, of which the general impression seems to be that they had almost arrived at a state of pastoral perfection and innocency, we should like to say something on some future occasion, and in the meantime we would recommend to all for whom the history of their country possesses any interest, an attentive perusal of Mr. Hannay's book.

#### MR. BURDETTE'S LECTURE.

THE first lecture of our course for the present year was delivered in the Academy Hall on the evening of the 15th Sept., by R. J. Burdette, Editor of the *Burlington Hawk-eye*. Mr. Burdette is not a stranger to many of our readers, as he has spent a good part of the summer in the provinces. The subject of the lecture, a somewhat curious one, was the "Rise and Fall of the Mustache," which, more fully developed, was the history of the developing of youth into manhood, and then on to the decline and end of life. In describing this the lecturer chose a hero whom he familiarly named Tom. Tom was neither wonderfully good, nor inexpressibly bad, general characteristics of youthful biography; but a plain common-sense boy. In all his feelings, actions and environments affected as other boys naturally are. The points in which boyhood seems to have the advantage and be in advance of any other time in life, were brought out in the boyish intuitions and actions of Tom. The longing peculiar to budding genius, to do something very noble or daring, was illustrated by Tom's intense desire at this particular period, of becoming either a missionary or a pirate.

The anxious solicitude with which he watched the first appearance of his mustache, his fostering and encouraging it in every possible way, even to sit up with at nights; all this was (we suppose) quite natural. Then the inevitable falling in love a weakness common to mortals in the nascent period of their understanding, was delineated in beautiful imagery, and at considerable length. The decline of life and breaking up of the household gave room for some beautiful outbursts of pathos.

As a humorist, Mr. Burdette possesses the somewhat rare qualities of being fresh and original; but to consider him as merely a humorist would be to do him a great injustice. The pathos of some passages we have seldom heard equalled; and while containing no cumbersome moral appendages, the lecture was throughout replete in moral teaching, and useful, practical hints. It also contained many well-put thrusts at popular fashions and follies of the times.

On the whole we were very much pleased with the lecture, and quite as much with the man; and while we shall look back with much satisfaction to our first acquaintance, we will look forward with equal pleasure in hope of a renewal of the same at no distant date.

#### RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

The following resolution was passed at the first meeting of our Society held this year:

*Whereas*, Death has taken our much esteemed fellow-student, JOHN E. ARMSTRONG, who was a genial companion, firm friend, and a consistent Christian, whose absence leaves a blank in our gatherings, and whose early demise we mourn, therefore

*Resolved*, That we convey to the sorrowing parent and friends of the deceased an expression of our heartfelt sympathy for them in their affliction, trusting that He whom the departed sought, to serve in his life, will sustain and comfort them in this night of sorrow.

*Therefore Resolved*, That this resolution be forwarded to the bereaved family, and that it be published in the ACADIA ATHENÆUM.

Signed on behalf of the students of Acadia College,

A. C. CHUTE,	} Committee.
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