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QUR Thanksgiving has just passed
and our minds are called to its
origin. It is in the heart of man
to be thankful for the bounties of
the Creator, and this has been shown in
all ages.

The Feast of the Passover was instituted by Moses as far back as 1491, B. C. It commemorated the incidents in connection with the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. On this occasion their prayers and thanksgivings had reference to their delivery from bondage.

Since that time many nations have had a day set aside for praise and thanks. In our own day there is an inclination on the part of some to make it a feast day and they forget its true nature.

STRIKES among the laboring men have become of such common occurrence that we rarely read a paper that does not contain accounts of them, but we were greatly amused at finding an article headed, "School

Childrens' Strike," in a late English journal. The younger boarders were greatly excited over the "news" and we believe, if there was a larger number of them, they would follow the example of their cousins, though they cannot complain here of the use of the cane, a barbarous custom, which the civilization of the 19th century should long ago have banished from the public schools. The petition against parsing is new and seems to have been met with much sympathy. We confess our ignorance as to the usefulness of this *branch of learning* and would indeed be grateful if any one would kindly enlighten us. Some have said it is excellent as a mental discipline, but surely there are many substitutes that have also other recommendations. Of all studies none to our knowledge has less to be said in favor of it, trying as it does, the patience and temper of the young children and with no good results.

We are waiting with interest the outcome of this novel strike, and sincerely trust that good may come of it.

THE idea that girls go through college to pass the time and with no plans for the future is almost universal. Why do people so think? Are we responsible for that thought? Perhaps we, unlike the student of former years, have not made our plans for the future, but this is no reason why they should be of the impression that we do not work. Still they think it and we may admit that it is the case with some.

There is no room in this beautiful world of ours for anyone who is preparing to dream life away, and there is no reason for anyone spending an hour that is not in the end productive. 'Tis true we cannot work all the time, but if we "Work while we work" our play will but produce strength for future use. It was not intended that we should be barbarians all our days. We have everything around us to inspire us to make ourselves nobler and better and it is natural for women to keep to the top. God made all things round us in nature beautiful and why not carry out His design. The birds with their varied plumage, the trees with their