

and Methodist by Emory, Crooks and Cummings.

This is the age of Encyclopedias. In America, we have Appleton's American Cyclopedia, recently completed in 16 vols. On American topics it is probably the best. Zell's Encyclopedia is being revised by Colange, the editor. A. J. Johnson & Son, of New York, have published one of considerable extent. The 9th Edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica—the greatest and the best—is being published at Edinburgh under the editorship of Prof. Baynes, of University of St. Andrews, and reprinted in Philadelphia by J. M. Stoddart & Co., at from \$5 to \$10 per vol. according to the binding. This reprint is winning golden opinions. Chamber's has been brought down to the inauguration of President Hayes. Like all of W. & R. C.'s publications, it is excellent and cheap—10 goodly vols. for about \$25. A revision to suit American ideas is published by Lippincott. A revised edition of the Encyclopedia Metropolitan was published a few years since in 45 cabinet 8vo. vols. Bradbury, Agnew & Co., London, publish the English Cyclopedia in 12 quarto volumes at £10 10s., which they claim to be the "largest, best, most complete, and cheapest work of the kind in the English language."

### Sonnet.

TO PROFESSOR BLACKIE, BOUND FOR EGYPT.

As Grecian sages, in the days of yore,  
Lovers of Light and high Philosophy,  
Turned ever Eastward with an eager eye,  
So thou, brave Blackie, vested with their lore,  
Farest, unwearied, to that mystic shore,  
Where still the Sphinx, in silent majesty,  
Serenely sits, sounding Eternity.  
Light is thy step, although thy locks be hoar;  
And, as the eagle wings his heavenward way.  
With youth renewed, and eye undimmed by Time,  
Thy mounting spirit, void of chilling fear,  
Bounds to the fountain of the world's young day.  
Now God be with thee in that distant clime,  
And bring thee safe to them that hold thee dear!  
25th January 1878. N.

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### Things About Home.

How's that toad?

A MUCH abused individual—the Local Editor.

ONE of the solid Seniors has been taking extra work in magnetism.

SOPHOMORE, reassuring his wavering hope. "Something happened not long since that makes me feel that she does care something about me yet. She was sitting where she could'n't see me without poking forward, and she poked."

Two young gentlemen of the Collego are taking diurnal airing on Sidewalk; two young ladies from Seminary, ditto, going opposite ways: young ladies majestically pass young gentlemen; a safe distance gained one majestic young lady proudly to the other thus: "did you see how I swept by?"

ONE of the Sophomores may be seen at parlor Sociables with an immaculate flower on his manly breast. Happy Sophomore! brilliant thought! for has he not a dear little box in which he carefully lays his dear little flower and carries it through the weather so that no petal is ruffled by his naughty overcoat. Happy Sophomore! father of *happy expedients*!

THE Temperance Meeting was a grand success; but let not the masculine element boast. Alas for the glory of men when the solar light of ladyhood gleams along side. Miss McLeod delivered a fine essay on, "Sincerity the true basis of Character." This subject was treated with that beauty of diction which seems peculiar to the sex. And Oh! we thought that all young ladies would build this life on Sincerity! But we doubt not that the young ladies of the Seminary said amen to every sentiment. The Music also was delightful. The ladies exercised their elocutionary powers to good effect. Misses Payzant and Steeves gave select readings and several gentlemen gave appropriate addresses among whom was the Rev. Mr. Chute of this place.

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