A TALE OF OUR ENGLISH LITERATURE.
BY ROBERT ALIVY, N.D.

[Given before the Southern Illinois Teachers' Association at Cairo, in August.]

Homer says that many brave men lived before Achilles; but they are lost to oblivion because they failed to find a poet or a historian or a writer of books to preserve their fame.

Or at an age, in order to be held in the everlasting memory of mankind, must have been able to perform noble deeds. It must have had an ancestry behind it strong of body, filled with love of truth, and inspired by an unyielding justice and right. It must, further, have the idea of its connection with all the infinities of power, wishes, and hopes of mankind. Then, it was in the presence of those as certainly as it feels the earth beneath its feet, or the comparison, singularly true, and is, and therefore connected and associated in this.
manufacturing point of some note and account of the abundance of coal there. Just before crossing the Colorado line, which is near the entrance of the tunnel, we passed the house of "Uncle Dick," the famous coal dealer in the Rio Grande valley. We discovered this pass over the mountains into New Mexico. He took a government claim in this place and charged his coal at a dollar a ton, and to this day he still owns a team with a five dollars toll. The Santa Fe Company purchased from "Uncle Dick" a right of way through the tunnel, and cut the railroad and made the free passes for life over the railroad, and the train stops before his door when he desires it.

The highest point on the line, 8,000 feet above sea level, is through the Raton tunnel. Raton, one of the chief cities of New Mexico, is just beyond this tunnel. We saw several large cattle grazing on the range. We met others belonging to Senator Dorey, of "Star Route" fame. The country appears to be barren, but what grass there is is very nutritious, and a large herd can detestively eat it. Green grass can be seen. Wherever water can be found there is life and enterprise. Several syndicates have purchased the rights to the underground millions of acres, in the eastern and southern part of New Mexico, and are preparing to irrigate it from the Rio Grande.

Our first sight of Mexicans and their low, flat-roofed adobe houses was near the Colorado line. These adobe houses are built of sun-dried bricks, mud lashed, and a common lime-burned brick, and have the appearance of stone. They are as durable as brick houses in this country of "eternal sunshine," and many of them are stoned inside, and are very nice and are said to be more comfortable than frame houses, being warmer in winter and cooler in summer. To give some idea of the durability of these structures, it may be of interest to note that the oldest buildings in New Mexico, and probably in the United States, are one hundred years in age at Santa Fe. Prior to the Spanish colonization of Santa Fe, in 1598, it was the site of a Pueblo Indian village. One building still remains, which has been built by that semi-divine art of sun-dried bricks. There is a fine two-storied brick court house, with stone basement used for a jail. Life and property are just as safe, and there is no more disturbance from the masses, as in the small town of the same name. We are abundantly supplied with water from the Silver City water works. The climate is warmer, the air is purer, the mountains and stars shine brighter and one's range of vision is broader here than in our native state.

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Minor McCracken is employed in E. Fatten's drug store of this city.

Misses Mary Roberts and Ada Duns- way have made a record of "nice long, gray", constituted a part of the society on the 29th ult.

William Wallis came home "eat, drink (coffee), and be merry" Thanksgiving Day. He reports progress in his school work.

Joe B. Gill is now sole editor and proprietor of the Murphysboro Independent and is making the sparks fly for the Democratic party.

The vocal solo of Theo. M. Sprocher, rendered in the Opera House at the after-entertainment on Thanksgiving, was greeted with rapturous applause and a prolonged encore.

Miss Gusie Pfeffer has been elected librarian of the Cobden public library. We also notice that Miss Mary Wright is now the president of the library association of that place.

Mrs. Lulu V. Pierce, niece of V. W. Quintle, was recently the guest of her old schoolmate, Mrs. Mitchell, of this city. She was accompanied by her husband and little daughter.

The regulation of Myrtle Phillips as an essayist won for her a place on the grounds of merit and the audience was not disappointed, for her essay on "Our Patriot Mothers" was well received.

H. Goodwali Dickerman, at a late meeting, favored the Zetetics with two selections from his store of humor. That Mr. Dickerman is an actor of rare talent must be admitted by all who are fortunate enough to hear him.

The reading of Miss Belle Bonner on the evening of Thanksgiving, excelled her reputation as the very popular humorous reciter of the Zetetic Society. She always has something good and gives it in a very taking manner.

Samuel H. Goodall is now established as a student of the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. He went to work into his work there with the same zeal which characterized him as a student of the S. J. R. U.

The piano duet of Dora L. Merz at the Thanksgiving entertainment was most favorably received and the comments made were very complimentary. Miss Merz has very few equals and no pupil in the school as a performer on the piano.

Robert Steele, the iridescent funny man, of the Zetetic Society, has at last found his match in Hattie Jenkins, a Zetetic, in a very clever and funny vocal duet at the late entertainment. Both parts were rendered to perfection, and the selection was highly appreciated.

At a recent meeting, Miss Bertie Barr rendered the song of Mrs. John R. Thomas, "The Golden Rod," in a manner highly appreciated by her audience. This is indeed a production of great merit, and although national in its scope, is especially appreciated in Southern Illinois.

Married.—Harry H. Jenkins, of Carbondale, and Miss Nellie Dobson, of Anna. The ceremony was performed at the residence of Mrs. E. A. Barr, Rev. Dr. Paris. Both young people have for some time been attendants of the hospital, and are well known here. —(Honoreco Gazette.)

A copy of the Charleston Playbills lies on our desk, containing so exquisitely rich and helpful article for teachers from the pen of Miss Clara Kinzie. It has for its heading, "The Theater as a Schoolmate," and a careful reading at once entitles it to a place among productions of genuine merit. Miss Kinzie is meeting with deserved success as a teacher in the Charleston schools.

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John Stites is teaching west of Murphysboro.

Charles Richardson is conducting a successful term of school near Ava.

J. B. Bundy delivered a splendid oration at the Thanksgiving entertainment.

L. W. Throgmorton, of Edwardsville, was recently the guest of that place.

Miss Bertie Smith, of Palos Heights, was recently the guest of Rev. Dr. Farris. Both claive and popular entertainers, and in carrying out all its worthy plans, it is unexcelled by any society in Illinois. The Scroatic Society will, no doubt, keep its high standing during the next term and all succeeding terms.

A special invitation was extended to the teachers in session here November 29, to visit our society on that evening. A large number came, so that Scroatic hall was crowded. That they appropriated the exercises was evident from the resolution passed by them Saturday, thanking the Scroatic Society for its courtesy, and the excellent program which it had presented.

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The boys of the military department had drawn parade on the 5th.

Miss Mahal Smith spent part of last week in Carlinville.

Jeremiah Bonham, editor of the American Journal of Education, was with us on the 22d ultimo.

Miss Lisie Sheppard spent her Thanksgiving vacation visiting Mrs. N. H. Smith.

Robert M. Allen, class of '87, now of Springfield, has been admitted to the bar as an attorney. His many S. L. N. U. friends wish him abundant success.

An institute will be held at Anna for Union county on the 23d and 24th insts. Prof. T. C. Clendenen, of Cairo, and Prof. J. N. Patrick, of St. Louis, will conduct the exercises alternately. They will also give lectures in the evening.

Perry county will hold its winter institute at DuQuoin on Monday and Tuesday, December 23 and 24. Various topics will be presented, and it promises to be of more than usual interest.

Dr. Allin will give two lectures on Monday, in the afternoon and evening.

As a revivification from a not professional, the rendering of "Brier Rose" by Miss Mamie Hill, of Central, at the Thanksgiving entertain­ment, has been one on a Carbondale stage for years, if ever. It was a surprise even to her most ardent admirers.

The music at the Thanksgiving entertain­ment was both vocal and instrumental, was excellently fine. The orchestra was composed of members from the Socratie society, with one ex­ception, and under the leadership of Prof. L. T. Scott, discussed some excellent music.

This fall Carbondale has entertained, and right royally, too, the Grand Lodge of the Masonic fraternity, the Southern Illinois M. E. Conference, and the annual session of the Southern Illinois Medical Association.

Why not invite the Southern Illinois Teachers' Association to hold their annual meetings in Carbondale.

At the second session of the Woman's State Teachers' Association, held last month, Miss Ann C. Anderson was elected president, and Miss Martha Beck associated her as correspond­ing secretary. These are the best of selections, and a compliment both to these ladies and the Southern Normal.

Thirty-one books have been added to our library during the last month. The students are making use of the library with more profit to themselves than ever before. Among some of the books there are from thirty to forty regular readers in the reading-room, while a much larger number of books are al­ways "out." Our Campbell Hill correspondent of the Ax Advertising has the following to say of Prof. Parkinson's lecture at that place on the 12th ult.: "The lecture delivered by Prof. Parkinson at the high school last week was a surprise to all who attended it. The Professor's reputation was such as to insure it to be an occasion of rare interest, but "rarce" is too weak a term. By the use of an air-pump and many accessories, "the air we breathe" was shown upon in its different elements and relations in a manner highly entertain­ing and instructive to all. The lecture lasted almost two hours, but so great was the interest that not the least sign of impatience was exhibited; indeed, it seemed but a few minutes. The pro­cesses go toward fitting up a new department in this school."" Our correspondent elaborates extensively on the efficient work and popular­ity of Prof. and Mrs. S. M. Inglis, of the Southern Normal University at Carlinville, of which Prof. Inglis is president. Dr. E. L. A Tullock, of Blackburn University, Carthage, Ill., and scores of others who, by vocal and instrumental music, art and literary work, have made the sessions of the Illinois Teachers' Association attrac­tive, famous and interesting—but we do not publish a memorandum daily, and very much regret our inability to illustrate the same as what.—American Journal of Edu­cation, St. Louis.

The interest displayed by the students of the Normal University for the welfare of our girls is most commendable. The proceeds from the Dickensian entertain­ment have been appropriated to the purchase of books for the students in getting up and success­fully conducting the entertain­ment for the benefit of the poor. The exercises were arranged so as to call for the best efforts of the members of the Normal University, and to demand the very best in the way of reading room, while a superintend­ent of the Normal University, under Prof. Inglis, was highly interesting and practical.

Prof. Parkinson's talk on stimulants and narcotics was of the greatest benefit to the teachers of the county in presenting that subject.

The paper on literature in public schools by L. F. Burt, was not only very good, but exceedingly practical. We may at some time present it to our readers.

E. E. Ward, county superintendent of education for the county, was present both Saturday and Sunday, and was a very welcome visitor. He is a member of the class of '81, of the Southern Normal.

The institute was most appropriately close by stirring talk from Dr. Allyn. He always has something good to say, and he is never more at home than when before a body of active teachers.

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