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History

History is a very useful study and not only a very useful study but also a very interesting study and a study that ought to be learnt by every one who can get the chance it is by the study of History that we learn a great many things that we could not learn otherwise it is by the study of History that we learn why when ~~how~~ and by whom those immense ruins which time has not entirely destroyed were built and how those large cities after flourishing for a while fell it is by the study of History that we learn how a few men if they are true to their cause can maintain their independence against large numbers for instance in the case of William Tell and his companions who resisted the house of Austria and maintained their freedom and that of Switzerland against Gessler The ancient Greeks who although a mere handful in proportion to the Persians under Xerxes who had the largest

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army known to ^{us} historians yet successfully
sustained them we also learn by the
study of History how all nations
become corrupted by vice and immorality
and even our own country where although
the motto of the government is said
to be all men are free and equal and
the people are said to have the
best most free and liberal government
of any nation upon the earth yet above
three millions of the inhabitants are
all the while in the most cruel
bondage imaginable and the selling
of strong drink is allowed by the
laws By reading History we will
see that no nation has ever flourished
long when such vices as these are permitted
and the persons guilty of them
justified by the laws there is very
little of the History of some of the
ancient nations known and what
is known is so fabulous that the
person who reads it does not know
what to believe and what to condemn
the armies that the ancients are
said to have had are so immense that
no one can believe them and this

has led some to condemn the whole
History By reading History we will
see that when the least chance of
coming in possession of a kingdom offers itself
men to gain that kingdom will commit
the most dreadful crimes and after
gaining it will not unrequently
attempt to conquer the whole world
and so unboundless is the ambition of some
men that ~~when~~ they even get it
accomplished this shows how much better
a republican government is when
conducted upon the right principles

Chas. Huggins

Our Basket

Is the name we have chosen for our little paper. I think it an interesting and pretty name: may it prove to be both pleasant and profitable to all of us.

But we can never obtain any thing valuable without striving for it. If we want our paper to be useful to us we must try hard to make it so: for it depends wholly upon ourselves.

We must feel an interest in it. We must feel that it is a great privilege and also a great pleasure to contribute to its pages.

And we must be careful that we keep up our interest in it that we be not discouraged for we will have to contend against many difficulties and obstacles.

To some our paper might seem trifling and insignificant: but to us it is invaluable and we will reap the advantages if we persevere.

How important that we improve the advantage we have now in our youth. for this period of life will soon be past and as sure as we misimprove it now just so sure will we repent it in after life. We are yet in the spring time of life. A boundless field of knowledge is spread out before us. let us hasten and gather in the rich fruit from this glorious

harvest. In our endeavors to enlarge our minds and expand our intellect by gathering in useful knowledge. We experience more happiness than ever can be felt from the ~~possessions~~ enjoyment of the vain and selfish pleasures of this world. Yes, though we could decorate these feeble bodies with the most costly apparel the most beautiful ornaments that man could devise, still the heart would crave some higher and holier enjoyment on which to feed. Though we possess all the luxuries that heart could wish so that we could indulge our appetites ^{and} to the fullest extent. Though we have gems from the mountain and pearls from the ocean. Though our residence be the most beautiful and refined yet all these with out the pursuit of knowledge is a ~~plan~~ a mere nothing. No pleasure can be compared to that of feeding the immortal mind.

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Advantage of knowing how to write

Knowing how to write is a great advantage we ought to be thankful that we know how to write I am very glad that I know how. I learned to write when I was nine years old Mrs Hopkins taught me how to write I was very much pleased when she set me ^{to writing} the first letter I ever wrote was to my Father he was as pleased as I was I have written a good many to him since he has got them all yet he says he intends to keep them as long as he lives. ^{writing} It is a great pleasure as well as advantage we ought to try and improve our writing while we are young for it will be too late for us to improve much when we get old It is a great pleasure for any one to know how to write it is pleasant for us to write to our friends and to receive answers. we far apart from each other we can hear from each other all the time a person is counted very ignorant when they do not know how to write writing is important as well as useful good while ago they had nothing to write on but parchment and hardly any of the poor folk knew how to write and I suppose that the parchment was scarce and and very dear so the poor people hardly ever

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wrote to their friends, since then they have
got to making nice smooth paper to write
on and ~~a~~ great many of the poor people have
learned how to write since then and ^a long
time ago there were not as many papers publ
as they have now. They make paper of all
kinds they make it smooth and nice to
write on. ^a great many people make up
acquaintance by writing to each other and good
many lost friends have been found by writing
we ought to be very glad that we know how to
write so as if we should get kidnapped or
lost and had a chance to we could write to our
friends. Miss Edw. please excuse the
the mistakes.

J. C. L.

Prospectus

In commencing this paper we do not expect to place before our readers gems of sparkling wit or pages of deep scientific learning but we hope to be able to place before them things that will afford some interest and instruction. Our pieces will all come from the pens of youthful writers and will be intended only for the youth of this school, each member is expected to take an interest in it and do what they can to keep that interest alive. We will endeavor to publish Our Basket once in two weeks, that is every alternate Friday. It will be written on letter paper in a legible hand though not very stylish. Our motive is the improvement of the mind.

The Editors' greeting

It is with extreme reluctance I take the responsibility of editing this paper upon myself. But as it seemed to be the wish of several or all of Our Basket writers I consented to resolving to do what I can to make its pages instructive and interesting. But my abilities are not as good as my intentions or my wishes. It would be a source of gratification to me to know that my efforts are not wholly lost; (You see I have rejected the appellation of we in which editors usually style themselves. I cannot promise to write much for the paper as there are many other duties resting upon me besides editing the Basket but I will try to make it attractive

I will write a list of mistakes in each piece
and hand them to the writers of the piece
My this weeks work is very imperfect but I hope to do
better in future if you will excuse my failure this
time

Counsels for the young selected
Never be cast down by trifles If a spider breaks
his thread twenty times twenty times will he mend
it again Make up your mind to do a thing and
you will do it fear not if trouble comes upon you
keep up your spirits though the day be a dark one

Troubles never stop forever

The darkest day will pass away

Mind what you run after Never be content with a
bubble that will burst Or a fire work that will
end in smoke and darkness Get that which you
can keep and which is worth keeping

Fight hard against a hasty temper Anger will come
and resist it stoutly A fit of passion may cause you
to mourn all the days of your life Never revenge
an injury

He that revenges knows no rest

The meek possess a powerful rest

Idleness

He that works not for his bread
Ought not to be clothed or fed

He must have reproach and shame

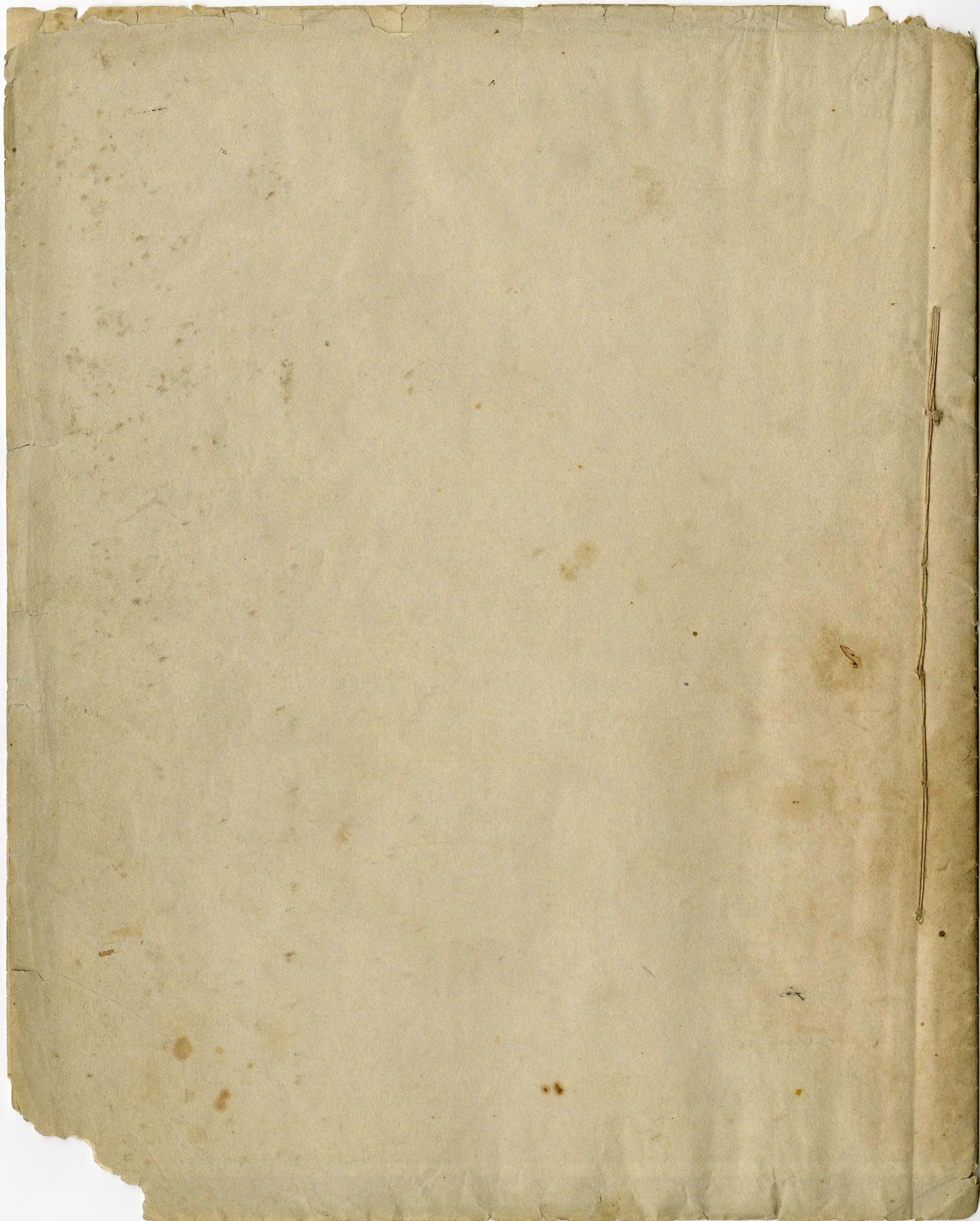
And the sinners fearful blame

For idleness is sinful still

Idle hands do nought but ill

Idle feet run swift to sin

Let us work ere night begin





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