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"Never give up."

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Sadness.

It is not our nature dimmed and polluted by sin as it is always to be gay and lively, and no person can say with truth that they have not at times felt a sadness for which they could assign no evident cause. & many times when we are in a greater state of excitement & hilarity than usual a gloom will momentarily steal over us causing us to forget all that is going on around us while the mind is contemplating some event which is in no wise connected with our gaiety. Persons who are called always cheerful are in truth some times sad, as we should see could we follow them to their quiet chambers & there note their feelings when no mortal eye scans the unloosing of the bonds the restraints of society impose. The question often arises. Is it right or even well to indulge in

sadness & melancholy & from our own heart arises the response that it may be proper but certainly it is not always right or well to indulge in sad reflections. If we contrast two persons, one of a cheerful and gay disposition & another of retired & pensive manners, we shall see that the former will produce a better effect upon those around them than the latter; for when the cheerful one approaches smiles seem to reign: for all readily enter into their feelings & appreciate their desires. But if the sad one enters "with pale pensive brow" the natural sympathy of our natures lead us to enquire into the cause of their dejection & though they may not be able to render any particular reason for it themselves & may beg us not to notice it as it is natural to them, still a similar feeling will insensibly

steal over us & we feel a foreboding
though we know not why).

If from our present constitution
sadness has become as a part
of our nature then why is it
not right & proper that we
should sometimes indulge it.

We know that when we feel
sad and lonely ourselves we
can & do more readily listen
too & appreciate the woes and
trials of others & we more readily
realize the goodness of God when
in such a form of mind
than in any other, because at
such seasons we are subdued
& feel our dependance to be on
Him alone. Then let us believe
that it is not wrong or improper
to indulge in sadness in the
proper time & way.

Wanted immediately

a fresh supply of smiles and
kind words those which we possess
have become so in insipid that
they do not have the desired effect

The answer to commandrum in the
last Echo is No 30

Winter. Selected.

Oh, why are the leaves all scattered and
And why are the blossoms all blasted and
Why? Why are the rivers once sportive and
Now silent and sad, - and in slavery?
Oh, winter! stern monarch - thy sway is begun
And thou lovest to undo what the summer hath
The fairest, most cherished of blossoms and flowers
The queen of the meadows - the princess of bowers
The lily and rose - these waken thy spirit
And ^{they} fly from thy presence, in terror and
The leaves of the forest turn pale in thy
From thy hail and thy frost the birds shrink
And the bright robe of green that was woven by
Is torn from the landscape, for smothered
Oh winter! stern tyrant - if such be thy reign
O'er the mountain and meadow - o'er hill and
If all that is lovely - 'tis thine to o'erthrow
Let us keep from our hearts, thy frost
Snow.

Madame Baunor has
exceedingly busy ^{this month} trying to get up
interesting parties for the holidays
we fear she has failed

A ship called the Breeze
lately went to sea but on her
^{she was} accidentally thrown on the rocks
slunder and of course sunk.

Editorial.

As the time allotted for study this month, has been very short, and broken by a holiday, we were excused from an examination, but we cannot omit preparing our paper which gives us all so much pleasure and we hope profits. We have had an important and interesting accession to our family this month from the Indian country. It is that of a lady & her three daughters. This lady has been a missionary among the Osage and Shawnees for 26 years, and is now on her way to visit her friends in the East. Some persons consider such a sacrifice of homes and friends a very foolish business, but such is not our opinion. We think that it is a noble undertaking to give up all one loves to labor in the cause of Christ, and lead a life of self denial, and we wish her all the comforts and blessings of this life & may she live long to enjoy the society of her friends & receive her reward for the faithful performance of such a laborious & trying duty in another world.

This lady has taken charge of the town school and therefore "Jerry" is set at liberty; and our teacher is changed also, Miss Eliza has resumed her old post of duty, and Miss Rossiter is relieved from her irksome task. & we are subjected to a change of teachers which is not as agreeable as a holiday would be at this season, for it is not easy to yield a tried friend, though when we are called to do it for their benefit we must do so in the spirit of the golden rule, and strive to be happy in so doing. On the 5.th & 7.th of this month we had a great rain, & on the 6.th the hardest snow storm we have witnessed for some winters. It snowed very fast all day, and there was a fall of at least a foot deep, but it disappearing very fast and the grass is again to be seen. To some Southerners with us it was a novel sight, and elicited from them many curious and interesting questions as to its qualities and durability. This is the last month in the year and we are called to bid adieu to the old year & welcome

in the new one. We have but one holiday, although we should like very much to have Christmas week, but alas! rules are in the way again, and Aunt Mary thinks best not to consent to our wishes. So we must strive to be happy in our usual course of duty. —

Be Kind.

Be kind to all of whatever color or station in life, & also to the dumb beast, and believe me you will never suffer for your kindness. The way to gain friends is to be friendly to every one. If you are treated ill return kindness for it and it will teach the perverse one a good lesson that he will not soon forget. Be kind to your sisters and brothers it will teach them to return good for evil. Some people act as if they were incapable of kindness and treat every thing in a rough manner such persons are not beloved by any one & no even the dumb ^{beast} can tell when such people are about and show it by being

afraid to go near them.

God commands us to be kind to our neighbor and every living creature and are we obeying his command when we treat them ill. Reason answers answers do treat the poor with kindness. If you see a family in poverty and suffering do not turn from them with a cold look but exert yourself to help them out of their difficulties and you will not only have the approbation of your friends on earth and a good conscience but that of your Father in heaven. Be kind to your Schoolmates, if they speak to you answer them with a smiling face and not answer as if you were ready to bite. It looks very badly to see school ^{girl} disagree and it is very wrong when just one kind word would soothe and they could part as friendly as ever. There are a few lines that are very appropriate for this subject which I will ^{quote} to show what a kind word can do when kindly spoken.

A little word in kindness ^{spoken}

A motion or a tear

Has often healed the heart that ^{broken}

And made a friend sincere

Then deem it not an idle thing

It pleasant word to speak

The face you were the ^{your} thought

It heart may heal or break

almost concluded to give up my

journey and return for I must confess

I was somewhat discouraged with the

general appearances and the sameness

of the country. But fortunately for

me when I was about retracing my

steps I discovered a spring and

I can never find words to describe

its beauty attended by its fine

appearance I alighted from my horse

and prepared to refresh myself with its

cool waters when judge of my

astonishment and pleasure when I

perceived it to be a soda fountain

the most agreeable that I ever tasted

Having found one object so interesting

my dejected spirits rose and I

proceeded on my way thinking that

where one curiosity exists others might

also I had often heard awful tales

about the savageness of certain tribes

of Indians in that quarter and my

fears were materially aroused but

the beauties of the country drew me

onward about 40 miles from the

wonderful spring I found a

petrified forest all green and beautiful

and the ground was covered with

flowers and shrubs of the most

exquisite kind and not the least

Correspondence of the Echo

My Dear Editors

St Louis Dec 15th 1846

Dear Ladies

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astonishing things among the beauties
 was the beautiful singing birds the
 melody of notes were quite cheerful
 to a lonely wanderer like myself
 but it must be remembered that
 the birds also were in a state of
 petrification I could have staid
 here forever I thought at the time I
 was so charmed but I have not
 time to tell you more of my journey
 now and until favored with such
 a privilege. Believe me sincerely Yours

JG

To Let

at very good house on the
 corner of ave and Grindstone streets
 suitable for a private family
 containing five rooms One side
 will soon fall down having
 neither plastering nor paints there
 are nine windows in all boasting
 three panes of glass Locks are considered
 quite useless on the doors water is
 plenty and handy at a mill pond
 about a half a mile distant
 this house with a little repairing
 will be made both a comfortable and
 splendid dwelling and we hope to see it ^{renewed}
 by one of the seven new families who are
 to settle in Old St Charles

Friendship

Who is there among us that does
 not know the value of a true friend
 I hope there is not one in our
 number but remembers with pleasure
 some early friend of their childhood
 The way to gain friends is to do
 what we think is our duty towards
 all around us we must love one
 another and if we do not gain
 friends in that way we will never
 gain them If we all understood
 the value of a true friend we would
 be more friendly for we often
 feel badly ourselves and need a
 real friend to sympathize with
 us if we have anything which
 causes grief we are much easier
 relieved if we can communicate
 it to a true friend than if we
 keep it all to ourselves A Mother
 is the best friend on the earth
 When we look around us and see
 all the world looking bold and
 dreary where can we turn for
 real consolation but to a Mother
 When we are sick to whom can
 we go for help with such sure
 confidence as to a Mother to her
 we can confide all our troubles

without hesitation we never ought instant desolation.
to be afraid of our Mother & she is the one and the only one that will be true at all times and ever offer real sympathy I look around for some kind friend. Oh tell me tell me where can a real friend be found far Mother I have not But let me not forget there is a friend who is immutable His name is Jesus Christ

Summary of the Month.

Our piano has at last received tuning and sounds much better for the attention it has received.

We received another visit from our old grandmother and were glad to see she has not forgotten us but condescends to call on us occasionally

We hope that our exchange of teachers will not bring the distress with it. We have with much grief been called to witness the death of our faithful old Est. She departed this life a few weeks ago and her poor old grandmother was so much overcome that for a while we feared it would induce

instant desolation. In other important circumstances in this months events is that we have a new mail Bag and what is still more so it has a good lock and key to it and now we defy all the country to get the news before us if they can

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My James is such a good boy said an old Lady but he has his little failings and you know none of us are perfect last week dont you think he put the cut in the fire. plung his Grandfathers wig down the sifter and put his Daddys powder horn in the stove tied the coffepot to Soulers tail set off squibs in the barn and the rascal took my box bobbin for fishing lines and tried to stick a park in his sisters eye but these are only childish follies which you know he will outgrow and really he is so funny in his tricks that I cannot get vexed for he is such a good boy !!

There is a great scarcity of ideas in this vicinity if any one has a superabundance we would be much obliged to them if they would deposit a few at the Linden Wood Gate for Efferys. Eliza fears that we will not be able to fill our paper next month if this month's effort is any proof

The long wished for ^{new} ~~new~~ is at hand and it is with inexpressible pleasure that we look forward to that merry day different but still joyful are the feelings that precede each bosom in anticipation of that happy anniversary. We hope and trust that we have made many improvements since last we hailed the joyful day yet it is with feelings of sorrow and regret that we prepare to bid the old

year adieu for we all feel and know that many opportunities of improvement have passed ^{un}utilized by us and many things which have been done we would fain recall yet we trust that the coming year will be better improved and if we are permitted to see

it too depart it will be with a feeling that it has recurred due in a greater degree. We proffer our kindest thanks to those obliging and dear friends who have watched over us since last we greeted a fair Christmas morn and guided our erring footsteps with anxious solicitude ever since we were placed under their care we know that we have been the cause of much trouble and anxiety to them but we hope that they will kindly overlook our many past faults and forgive us our many transgressions and still love us as well as to make further efforts to improve us and now as a hearty and well meant Merry Christmas and happy New Year to each and all our friends

J.

There will be a public examination at L. W. S. on the last Friday of Jan. 1847. To which ^{most} cordially invite all who are interested in our improvement & in the cause of education in general.