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Meeting Schedule: All program meetings are at 6:30 pm on the third Monday of each month. The speakers are first on the agenda. We look forward to seeing you. Please call, Vice-President and Program Chairperson, with suggestions for programs at 217-732-3200.

Jan.: Diane Osborn – Chronology 2024

Feb.: Quilts – Bring a quilt to share

Mar.: TBA

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Members and readers who have a genealogical or historical story related to Logan County to tell can do so through the Roots & Branches. Stories can be submitted in writing or by email. These stories will provide a variety. **Bill Donath**, Editor

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The Logan County Genealogical & Historical Society research center will be closed for the following holidays: **New Year's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day,**

Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving and the day after, **Christmas Eve Day, and Christmas Day.** In the event any of the holidays fall on a Friday, the center will also be closed the following Saturday.

LCGHS Presence on Youtube - Updated.

LCGHS has the following videos on Youtube. The videos are listed in the order in which they were posted. Youtube seems to present them in random order. Sometimes the sequence is important. Some videos are informative, some are instructional, and some are just fun. If you are reading this on a computer, just click on the link. Future R&B's will have a short update on the videos posted since the previous R&B. Click here to go there.

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New videos will begin by the end of January.

In this issue we are bringing you some articles about institutions that at one time were a vital part of the life of Logan County residents. These institutions no longer exist and our local society is missing them terribly. So, let's look at these institutions as they were in former years. Lincoln College was in existence for 155 years and contributed greatly to the fabric of Logan County's history. Articles about the University regularly appeared in the newspaper.

The University

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, January 06, 1881 p5.



“Nearly all the students are in their places and at work.

“Everybody professes to have had a good time during the holidays.

“Lacking cheek, etc., etc., has deterred us from ascertaining the names of the new comers. We can take it, however, by the fine appearance which they present that they will

“Next to being able to be here the question of a somewhere to stay, ranks in importance.

Several of last term's boarding houses have ‘blown up’ and as a consequence ‘boardin’ has become decidedly scarce. It is now regarded by some of the students as a luxury to be even in smelling distance of a square meal.

“Miss **Stella Mariner** and Mr. **Lew Henry** of Mt. Zion, who left some time before the term closed, are both in school again.

“We are happy to announce the fact that **Prof. Zimmerman** has resumed the directorship of the conservatory. It is useless to say that the students of that department are glad.

be welcome to a full fellowship.

“The two dollar prize for the most improvement in penmanship, as offered by **Prof. Whetsler** at the beginning of last term, has been awarded to Miss **Helen I. Rathbun**, by decision of the penmen at Evergreen Business College, to whom the specimens were submitted.

“Selected performances in the Athenian public society to-morrow night. Doors open to the

“**Prof. Harris** has introduced Leighton's

Roman History as an adjunct text book to all the Latin classes except Tacitus.

“The Amsagacians will elect officers to morrow night.”

“Why can we not muster up enough of vim

to celebrate **Washington’s** birthday in a becoming manner? In matters of this kind we are away behind the colleges of the land. We suggest that some of the advanced classes consider the matter. Mc.”

Another institution that existed in Lincoln for more than 100 years was the **Asylum for Feeble Minded Children**. Established in 1875 the asylum was completed in 1877, and the following article tells us of the care taken by the early state and local officers to make it a successful institution. At one time, the AFMC, LSS&C or LDC, was the focus of world attention for teaching children with limited ability. Beware, some of the common place terminology used at that time is no longer acceptable but left unchanged by the editor. Other articles from this time period of Superintendent Wilbur explain the energy he spent to develop educational programs for the students a AFMC. The early leaders of the asylum held the interests of the students and parents at a high standard. As time passed, later Superintendents were selected on a patronage basis and had little knowledge or interest in the instruction of the students. As political eras came and passed the institution changed to a residential rather than an educational enterprise.

Asylum for Feeble Minded Children

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, February 03, 1881, p5



“A committee of six members of the legislature came up from Springfield last Wednesday night to visit the Asylum. They were, **Hon. J. M. Garland**, chairman, of Sangamon; **Hon. John G. Holden** of

Vermillion; **Hon. Tilman Raser**, of Marion; **Hon. Alex. P. Petrie**, of Mercer; members of the house, Senator, **Wm H. Neece**, of McDonough, and **W. H. Thacker**, clerk of the committee. Two of the members of the senate

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did not come. The committee was the one known as the visiting committee to the state charitable institutions. As a means of entertaining them and also to show what idiots can be taught to do, **Dr. Wilbur** had the

operetta of ‘Golden Hair and the Three Bears’ repeated to the delight and satisfaction of the visitors.

Asylum Notes.

“Complaints are sometimes made of the

cost to the people of the state of the state charitable institutions. This complaint is more often heard in the cities and towns where the institutions are located, as their operations are more familiar to the inhabitants of such cities and towns.

“The support of over 300 pupil in the asylum for feeble-minded children, costs each inhabitant of the state less than 33 cents for the support of each pupil at the asylum for one year. The county of Logan pays about \$1.60 annually for the support of each pupil for the entire year at the asylum.

“Messrs. **Garland, Holden, Petire and Rase** of the House, and **Hon. W. H. Neece** of the Senate, with committee clerk **Mr. Thacker**, visiting committee on state charitable institutions, were in the city last Wednesday and visited the asylum. The children performed the operetta ‘Golden Hair and the Three Bears’ in the evening.

“Out of \$16,190.47 expended by the asylum last quarter, (the most expensive quarter of the year) \$11,725.41, was paid out in the city of Lincoln: \$356.80 was sent north for potatoes, as Logan county does not raise, or did not this year, enough of potatoes to supply the wants of the people of the city of Lincoln. Many of the grocers sent abroad for potatoes this year. The asylum brought early

and bought for less money than did some of the grocers. Strange to say, the celery consumed in Lincoln is all bought from Chicago. Why don’t the county, with the best agricultural facilities of any county in the state, raise all vegetables needed for consumption in the county? Echo answers, Why?

“The asylum paid Judge Foley for gas for the quarter, \$631.57; Lincoln Coal Mining Co. for coal \$990.04; G. I. Harry & Sons for groceries, \$594.90; Gillespie & Co. for groceries, \$313.36; Boyd, Paisley & Co. for groceries, \$306.56; Adams & Hodgdon, milk and ice, \$556.05, John White, farmer, corn, \$413.66, Mr. Richter bran, \$88.64. For fresh meat: Sol. Morris, \$124.28; Frank Hutter, \$18.45; John Eckert, \$837.21, S. Rock, \$33.45, total \$1,013.39; Elliott, for meal, \$62.93, S. B. Fryer, for ice \$424.54. Paid to employees for salaries and wages, about \$5,000.

“Will any merchant say that the asylum is of no value to the city of Lincoln? The same ratio of purchases in the city has been made in all the past quarters since the asylum was located in Lincoln. Goods should not be bought in Lincoln unless they can be purchased at as low rates as elsewhere.”

A Bit of History

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, August 15, 1881, p4

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Editor’s Note: During the past year or so LCGHS has hosted programs that included information on Edward’s Trace. It is always a treat to run across articles that add information to the subjects offered as programs. The following is additional information about the activities of the 1812 track used by Governor Edwards.

Bloomington Pantagraph sends that paper a
 “A Springfield correspondent of the long article concerning the old fort near the

northwest corner of West township in McLean County. He says:

“In a former communication, something more than a year ago, I refuted, what I supposed at the time to have been, the theory that Governor Edward’s command in marching to Peoria in October 1812, had moved by way of Old Town. I showed by extracts from official reports that the command crossed Salt Creek near the present city of Lincoln, where it burned a Kickapoo town, and moved almost directly north to Peoria, very rapidly, and hence did not go nearer than forty miles distant from the old fort

“**Thomas Tovey** whom many of the old settlers will recollect, came to McLean county to live, about 1824, had recounted how he had been there in 1812, and his story was thus: The company to which he belonged left the command of **Governor Edwards**, at the Rocky Ford of Salt Creek, where the crossing was made, and going northeast they crossed the Kickapoo near where Lawndale station is. They camped there at the bend, where ‘Blue Grass Point’ was so known forty years ago. In 1839, **Mr. Tovey** was on his way, with **Mr. Cusey, John Bishop** and a large number of other witnesses to Postville, then the county seat of Logan County, to attend the suit of

Hendryx vs. Bishop, taken there by change of venue, pointed out the spot where his company had camped in 1812. **Mr. Bishop** will still recollect the circumstance. They kept along up the southeast side of the Kickapoo to the barrens at Randolph Grove to what was known as the **Jocky Draper** place. His company went on to Diamond Grove, where Tovey picked out the place for a home, which twelve years afterwards he came to and resided on. Proceeding farther they passed around the Head of Old Town timber, and found at the fort a few old Indians and women.”

“* * * * * “In March, 1844, **Cusey** was running the **Martin Bishop** saw mill, close by where the Illinois Central railroad bridge of the Kickapoo now is. This was before the days of pine lumber in this part of the state, and the mill was being run night and day during the high water, to furnish Bloomington with lumber for building. While Cusey was at his work, his saw struck some hard substance in a large log, which took off every tooth in the saw quicker than you could tell it. Stopping the mill and opening the log, he found a portion of an English bridle bit, which had been driven into the tree years before, and the wood of the growing tree had closed over it entirely.”

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Around Logan County, 1881

“**Lawndale**, Jan. 3 – “On the sick list are **C. C. Ewing, Reuben Guy** and **Lettie Poe**. .. The little daughter of **Z. T. Ewing**, aged 2 years, reported sick laws week, died last Saturday morning. A very large procession followed the remains to burial. **Father Yost** conducted services at the house.

“**Latham**, Feb. 3 – **Clark Simpson** and **Miss Mary Tribbett** of Latham were married Wednesday last at this place by, and at the residence of **Rev. J T Boetticher**.

“The oldest child of **Andrew Buoy** who moved from here to the west to years ago died recently.

“**Mt. Pulaski**, Feb 3 – **Mrs. Geo. Veale**,

who has been ill so long, died at the residence of her father, **L. K. Scroggin**, last Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The remains were buried on Saturday in the Steenbergen cemetery, service being held by **Elder John England**, though no funeral was preached. The bereaved husband wishes to express his sincere thanks to the friends who have shown so many kindnesses to his wife in her illness.

"**Atlanta**, Feb. 3 – "**Hawes & Wooley** have sold their stock of lumber to **S. H. Fields** and **J. T. Wooley** sold his interest in the remainder of the business to Mr. Hawes, who will continue the sale of Coal, salt, lime, etc. We are sorry to see so active a business man as Mr. Wooley retire from the list of Atlanta merchants.

"Born, on the 27 inst., to **Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Foster**, a daughter. Also yesterday, to **Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Taylor**, a daughter.

San Jose, Feb. 3 - "**Mrs. Samuel Biggs** died last Tuesday evening and was buried at the **Bratt** graveyard on Thursday. The funeral services were held at the M. E. church, conducted by the **Rev. Orr** of Delavan, **Rev. Beadles** being absent. **Mrs. Biggs** has been a great sufferer for several years which she has borne with fortitude and Christian resignation. She was respected and esteemed by all who knew her and the large numbers attending her funeral gave evidence of the high estimation in

which she was held in this community."

Lawndale, Feb. 3 – "The Free Methodist meeting still continues with considerable interest. **Rev. Adams** preached the funeral of **Mr. Z. T. Ewing's** child yesterday. A good congregation was out.

Atlanta, Feb. 3 – "**J. H. Hawes'** infant is dangerously sick.....**George Clark** and **Miss Lillie Booker** were married on Sunday **Joseph Richmond** and **Miss Emma Britt** were married on Thursday last. We were expecting these stirring events, but have very few particulars since, by some strange cause, we received no cards. But our hopes are with them.

Lincoln, Feb. 3 – "**Mrs. Dr. Keck**, of the Iowa Infirmary located at Davenport, Iowa, was in Lincoln four days last week, and notwithstanding it was her first visit – a stranger among strangers her rooms at the Lincoln House were daily thronged by a health-seeking and suffering humanity. Of those who called upon her, nearly one hundred availed themselves of her free treatment, most of whom place their cases in her hands and under her charge until she returns again, which will be in about seven weeks. The doctor is a lady of indomitable will and energy as instanced by her boarding the freight late on Saturday evening and going to Atlanta, where

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she was met by parties living in the country. weeks. – Lincoln times, 26th.

During the night she visited three families, returning overland to Lincoln on Sunday morning, without sleep or rest, to find her rooms, as the day before, full of persons desiring to consult with her – which continued until a late hour. On this visit she was accompanied by her daughter, **Miss Lottie**, who has charge of the Bloomington office, established about two years ago. From here Mrs. K went to her Peoria office on Monday morning, but before her departure completed arrangements to return again in about seven

Hartsburg, Feb 3, - "Miss **Harriet Musick**, daughter of **Berry Musick** of Hartsburg, was buried at the Niblick graveyard on Sunday. There being a misunderstanding about the time, relative and friends of the deceased were prevented from being present at the obsequies.

"**From Missouri** Feb 3 - Schell City, Mo. Jan. 26th, 1881. Ed. Herald: - There is plenty of ice and snow out here. The ice on the Osage river is fifteen inches thick, and as clear as glass. Small-pox and measles are raging here

now. There are twenty cases of the former at Clinton, in Henry county, north east of here. The People of Schell City, Rock river and Nevada City, won't allow passengers to get off the trains on account of fear of the disease. There is plenty of corn to gather here yet. Wheat looks very thin in parts of the county, but the farmers think it will yet come out all right. The country is building up rapidly in this section. – **T. W. Goldsmith.**”

Logan County Agricultural and Mechanical Association, “which by a provoking misunderstanding, we did not get in time for last issue. President, **Joseph Ream** of West Lincoln township; vice president, **Joseph Bell** of Oran; secretary, **W. H. Derby** of East Lincoln; treasurer, **H. L. Pierce** of West Lincoln; directors, **A. Armstrong**, Aetna; **J. T. Foster**, Corwine; **Elias Buckles** and **S. Linn Beidler**, Mt. Pulaski; **F. Gerard**, **A. B. Nicholson**, Wm. Windle and **Martin Spitly**, East Lincoln; **M. H. Beaver** and **John Thomas**, West Lincoln; **H. H. Sisson**, Sheridan.”

Lincoln, Feb. 3 - “**David Hummell** and wife and two of their children went to Decatur on Thursday last to attend the funeral of Mr.

Stanfield, father of **Mrs. H.**, who died after a lingering illness. **Mrs. Hummell** did not return until Monday, but the others came back on Friday.” **Lincoln**, Feb. 10, - “We regret to chronicle the death of **Mr. John B. Davidson**, which occurred at his residence on Monday last. Mr. D. was an old citizen, social, full of wit and information, industrious and honest; His many friends will often miss him.” **Walnut Row**, Feb. 10, - “A teachers’ institute is to be held at Walnut Row Saturday, Feb 10. All teachers and friends of education are invited to be present. The following subjects will be presented and discussed: School music, **C. W. Campbell**; Libraries and apparatus, **T. G. Seeley**; school morals, **J. S. Wren**; Interest in district, **I. N. Eiwn**; School ethics, **A. M. Kelly**; School literature, **R. T. Spencer**; Classification, **John Hilscher**; School Incentive, **J. I. Houtz**; School amusements, **J. S. Cole** and **C. E. Perry**; School government, **Miss L. A. Van Patten**; Primary teaching, **Miss C. B. Dyer** and **Miss Williams**; Education in the west, **George Moyer**. Night session; Elocutionary exercises by **Miss Rosa Carlock**; query box and citizens sociable.

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Good music and hospitality of citizens may be expected. **J. B.**”

The following excerpt was taken from the Lincoln Herald of January 1881. It is intended to give us a glimpse into the life of a Logan County family that was boarding a teacher, from the teacher’s point of view. The teacher, ‘**Grace Gaines**,’ writes of her experiences, her history and the observations of the ‘**Merton**’ family. Although the dates of the entries is said to be from 1858, pre-Civil War, she makes reference to the College on the north side of town which was not completed until 1867, post-Civil War. She uses poetry as an instrument of retelling her stories. These stories, I find, show the results of the classical education that existed prior to the industrial model now used in schools beginning in the early 20th Century.

Every Day and Sunday Too; Or Grace Gains’ Journal.

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln Illinois, January 6, 1881, p2.

“From the Lessons of the Past,
Let us learn to work today,

Nor let its toils and triumphs fade
Like wreaths of mist away.

"June 11th, 1858. – I have spent this day alone. The family left home this morning to spend the day in town. I came upstairs, closed the shutters, opened the windows, threw all the inside doors wide open; and so I have caught every breeze that has swept this wide prairie all this hot June day.

"It has been delightful. How sweet to have a long day all to one's-self. Alone in perfect freedom; to sleep, to wake, to read, to think, to plan, to rest, to pray.

"Alone, yet, not alone. The all-pervading Presence seems nearer, more perceptible. I seem to lean my heart against the heart of the Great Father, whose loving voice long ago called to me: 'Wilt thou not, from this time, cry unto me,' my Father, be thou the guide of my youth?" Oh, God! my youth has flown, with all its light and shade, its hopes and fears, gone with the fleet-winged years; and on me rests the mantle of maturer womanhood; but not the less do I need to pray. 'Father! Guide me help me, lead me all the way!'

"This afternoon as I was looking in my

trunk for a book, I came across a little box which had long been unopened. I well knew what it contained, but as I remembered how long it had been unopened, I almost wondered what I had kept it for. Then came an impulse to open and read the letters so long unseen. I knew if I did, it would revive dim and fading memories, and was I strong enough to bear it? At last I decided I was. At least, no one would witness my weakness. A fancy struck me that I would feel more at home in this new place if I would commune awhile with those with whom I mingled in my early days. So I turned the key, and emptied the box of its contents. At once I recognized the familiar handwriting of father, brother, sister, friend. No envelope to these letters, but in each case the last page was left blank that it might serve as a wrapper, and the postage stamped them as *old* letters, for five, then and sometimes twenty-five cents was marked as postage. Sparing only time for a thought of this, I opened them and read for hours. Precious mementos! No longer do I

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wonder why I kept them. I seemed to glide back in a dream to the days of long ago; till the rattling of the carriage wheels along the road, as the family returned, recalled me to a sense of the real and the present.

"I threw open the window blinds and the caught against the branch of a tree which sways against my window. I turned it aside and sat down as it seemed in a tree-top. How sweet! the fresh leaves fanned my cheek; a bird's nest was just a little beyond the reach of my hand. It was full of unfledged birdlings, and the mother bird fluttered down to them while I watched. Her mate sat upon the topmost bough, trilling his evening song. Was this to lull their little ones to sleep? So, it seemed to me as I watched the blinking eyes of the mother bird, till at last she tucked her head under her wing. Then I went down to see the Mertons. They were all tired, but had had a

pleasant day. They are certainly a good and happy family. I have spent six weeks with them, and I feel as at last I am moored in a safe and happy home.

"Old Letters.

I've been alone this Sabbath,
From morning till even-tide;
But to-night I feel that the happy
And lovely around me glide

For I have been wand'ring in fancy
To the days that have long gone by,
Communing with loved companions
Whom I think of now with a sigh.

Through brown old paper and pen-marks,
Faded, and worn out by time.
Which lie like dried flowers in winter,
Saved from spring's sunnier clime.

They bring me the fragrance of blossoms
Which bloomed when life's morning was
fair,

And home, like a garden was tended,
By fondness and fatherly care.

Oh! sweet as the gales from spice islands,
Which float to the wand'er at sea,
Are the memories of home' fond affections,
Which flow down time's vista to me.

How fond was the eye of my father,
When our mother from earth passed away;
How tender the love of my brother,
And my sisters, how thoughtful were they!

How sweet are our songs, when together,
We circled the hearth stone at night;
How glad were our greetings when morning
Awaked us to duty's delight.

Oh! withered and strewn are the branches
Of our fair, blooming, household tree;
But sweet as the gales from spice islands
It's memories come floating to me.

"June 12th. – This morning **Jennette** took me to task about the lesson she heard the boys reciting yesterday. They said it took the light a

long time to travel from the sun to the earth, and she was sure this could not be true, for this morning she was up before the sun, and, just as soon as the sun came up, 'the light flashed everywhere. We were much amused by her argument; and I took pains to explain that the sun was a fixed star, and the earth moved us sometimes away from the light. It seems she is almost too young to receive this truth, but, with childhood's earnest faith, she tried to believe it, because teacher said so. Her words suggested other thoughts to me. I thought of the 'Sun of Righteousness,' always light, always shining, but how often we insensible to His beams, only because we do not turn our hearts toward Him. And the effort she made to understand, and her willingness to believe without fully understanding, was a beautiful illustration of the text. 'Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye cannot enter

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the kingdom of Heaven.' Already I love these children. I shall take comfort, yes, delight in teaching them. Little **Nell** does not come into the school room, but oh, she is *so* funny. Last evening her papa gave her a bright little paper balloon. Full of glee, she ran out into the yard, but a wild breeze dashed it against a rosebush and it was torn to pieces. She came into the house crying sadly, but her mother soon healed her sorrows by giving her another. Away she ran, happy as a bird, but, alas! the string parted and her toy flew away on the wings of wind. There were no more to give her, and she was inconsolable till a bright thought struck her. 'Oh mamma,' she said, 'It went up, up, up. It has gone to heaven, and when I get there I will have it again.' To-night as we stood on the veranda, she was gazing earnestly at a star that glowed and twinkled through the rifts of dark clouds that had gathered with a threat of storms. 'Who is that star winking at?' she asked, and seemed to think of course I would know.

"I hear the long low roll of distant thunder, I look out into the night, but see only darkness, except now and then the bright flash that blinds me and drives me from my window. It will rain to-night.

"Morning. – From the upper windows of this house on the hill, there is one of the loveliest views in this part of the country. The house is a large two-story brick, with a graceful veranda running along the front, ornamented with shrubs and evergreens; then the broad county road running east and west. Across this, the little white school house, and beyond lie the pastures, stretching far away over many many acres of beautiful rolling prairie, divided and subdivided by rows of low green hedges, which form an ornamental feature of the landscape. To the east the land rises still higher, and orchards and forest trees bound the view, but on the south and west, the prospect is bounded only by the distance, for these pastures of luxuriant grass, dotted all over with flocks of cattle and sheep, stretch

away to where the 'bottom lands' are covered with fields of corn. Beyond, there is a line of timber which follows the creek, winding in and out like a broad ribbon of green among the yellow fields. But we are so high here that we can see right over the tree-tops to the high rolling prairie beyond, with its white farm houses gleaming through the islands of foliage; and off to the southwest, is the city of L-----, with its tall spires reflecting the sunlight; and on the north side of the city, stands the college, new and alone, rising like a tower from the earth. Above the city, hanging in mid-air, is a cloud of smoke which has risen from the morning fires of its thousand chimneys. From the west window we see in the nearer prospect beautiful homesteads dotting the knolls, surrounded by orchards and evergreens. Across the prairie from southwest to northeast, lies the railroad whose long and heavily laden trains, sweep up and down many times a day; and at night the glaring head-light is visible many miles away and with its long trail of white steam looks like a comet blazing through the night. A little north of west, stretching over a long slope of ground, is 'the silent city of the dead' with its weeping willows and gleaming marble. There sleep the two sisters of **Mrs. Merton**, who died in the prime of youth and beauty. Beyond is the fair ground, with its fine carriage drives, its groves and fountains, presents the appearance of a city park. Farther on, is the village of Vernon of which we catch a bird's-eye-view,

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including the glancing spires. Just north of the house a beautiful grove sweeps up the hill and around to the orchards on the east.

"June 28th. – As I entered the school room this morning, I found a lovely vase of flowers upon my table and the widows shaded by evergreen. At once I thought of **Fred Merton**. It was like him to do it; and as I turned and looked at him, his eyes fell and the blush that stole over his cheek, told the tale. Fred is a dear boy, so bright and quick, so full of fun, and so kindly disposed. We never hear an angry word from his lips. It amuses me to see him slip up behind his mother's chair, and stoop to steal a kiss. His merry jokes are played on all the members of the household, and though they are sometimes a little trying no one cares. 'It is only Fred.' He is not fond of his school; would just as soon stay at home as go, but when once there, he soon gets interested. His lessons are learned in half the time it takes any other pupil to learn them. He delights in arithmetic, and philosophy excites his curiosity and deepest interest.

"He reads well, except too fast, but is a very poor writer. I heard his father talking to him about the importance of acquiring a good

hand-writing; he was fondling little **Nell** all the while and did not appear to pay much attention. After Mr. M. left the room, Mrs. Merton asked Fred if he had heard what his father said, to which he replied carelessly, 'Yes, I guess so.' It seems a shame to notice his fault at all, because he is so good humored and pleasant, but I know it is a serious one, and I hope he will outgrow it. Each of the boys has a pet calf. This morning when Fred Came out of the flower garden, he forgot to shut the gate, and **Eddie's** calf walked in and was cropping everything clean from his mother's bed of choice flowers, when Ned came in sight and hurried it out. A dainty breakfast indeed! 'Tis not often that even a pet calf is regaled by a feast of geranium and tube-roses. **Ned** and Fred are twins, but very unlike in disposition. Each has a space set apart in the garden as his own. Ned's is very pretty, all arranged with thoughtful care. There are four broad low beds to form the boarder of his lot. In the center is a strong upright post which supports a frame about two yards square, and this is completely covered by a wistaria vine which hangs gracefully from the edges all round making a perfect bower. Beneath it is a rustic seat of

Ned's contrivance and on rustic stands around this center, the pots of rare, fine flowers. One of the long beds is filled with verbenas of very shade, from pure white to scarlet and purple. Another is a bed of pansies, and oh! what a delight it is to look down into it! They are wonderfully large and bright comprising a variety I never saw before. I like to see pansies in a bed by themselves, where nothing hides their loveliness. Why is it that a violet always reminds me of a human eye, and seems to return my gaze? Sweet violets! I should love Ned's garden, if only for these; but they are far

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he selected because they were the tallest in his collection. They are so highly cultivated that they present a variety of shades and colors. Just below them is a row of Japanese coxcomb. This makes one row of solid red, and a gay stripe it is. Next comes a row of blue larkspur, a row of white poppies and below them is a border of pink and purple petunias, and close to the ground blooms the blue forget-me-not. These are mostly common flowers. Ned chose them partly for their contrasting color, and partly because it required many seeds, as for this purpose they must be sown thickly. It is a gay picture, and attracts the attention of every passer-by.

"It pleases me to look at this garden, not only because I delight in whatever is beautiful, but because it tells more plainly than words can express of the taste industry, and perseverance of the one who keeps down every intruding weed and gives to each plant the care requisite to bring it to perfection.

"Fred, dear boy! does not succeed so well with his. His plan is much like this brother's. But the perseverance which brings success is not a part of his character. In short, I see he is careless; and I am sure if **Edna's** hand did not take up his neglected work, his garden would give more decided evidence of the fact than it does. I doubt whether it is right for Edna to do this. I know her motive is good; she does it

from being its only charm. There is a bed occupied by roses and lilies. Ever-blooming roses shed their fragrance from spring time till fall, and there is a rare collection of lilies. All are beautiful, but my favorites are the pure white Lily of the Nile, and the Japan lily. The last bed is in some respects the most interesting of all. Ned is experimenting in 'ribbon planting.' Against the fence he planted a row of chrysanthemums to make a green background. These grow as high as the fence and he has trimmed them to look like little trees. Next to them is a row of zinnias which

from pure, sisterly affection. She can't bear to see Fred fall behind Ned in anything. She does not want to have his failings known, and she wants to encourage him in doing right. But perhaps if the garden looked as it would with no care but his own, the contrast might act as a spur to his ambition. But I cannot tell; he might, as I have often heard him say laughingly, 'I ain't a caring.' I wonder what I can do for Fred! Is there not some secret spring which, if touched, would rouse him to earnest thoughts and thoughtful action.

"How blessed it would be, if my hand would be the one to find the spring!

"Though in a narrow humble
sphere, To Labor be my lot,
Yet by the high and lofty One.
I shall not be forgot.

To plant a seed in quickening
mould, To bloom 'neath summer's
sun,
To move a rock from out the way
That cooling rills may run;

To place the leaven in the mind,
Which shall in future life
Pervade its motives, raise its aims,
Preparing for its strife;

May seem to some, ignoble task,
But 'tis not so to me;
My hand shall work, my heart shall
pray And I shall blessed be.

'Tis not to great and mighty deeds

God's sweetest smile is given,
For those who lowliest walk on
earth, Shall brightest shine in
heaven.

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