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A DAY IN PARLIAMENT WITH WM. PITT.

Found between the leaves of an old copy of the "Rolliad," Astor Library. Supposed to have been written in 1812, by _____

BY H. W. S.

On the second day of November, A. D. 1788, I received official notification to proceed to London for the purpose of arranging, on behalf of the government, some serious complications that were growing out of the unsettled Treaty of Peace which had closed the war of the Revolution. It was not without long consideration that I accepted this honor. It necessitated a long and perhaps troublesome voyage across the Atlantic, at a season when my increasing infirmities might prove unable to stand the annoyance; it was certain to disarrange my private affairs which the conflicts of the last twelve years, and in which I had figured not inconsiderably, had left in disorder. And the beginning of the next year was to witness the first experiment of an election for President under the new constitution. Not unnaturally I wished to observe the practical workings of that machinery which was erected only by the exercise of the most skilled conservatism and compromise; and public duties of foreign relations carry with them a responsibility which, at such an advanced age, I was not disposed to assume. The solicitation of friends finally prevailed over my inclinations, and about the middle of the same month I took passage in a sailing vessel

and when I reached the bottom of the gulch I was within a foot of the surface. One miner lay two feet from me with his leg broken in three places. Mr. Johnson, the deputy surveyor, lay on the other side of me, with a gash across his hand and his left thigh injured. I was the least injured of any, although lame for several days. We were given up for lost by those that saw us, and it was a miracle that any escaped."

DEWITT, '69, has set up in legal business at Duluth, Minnesota.

EVERETT, '57.—The *Morning Herald* of St. Joseph, Missouri, dated January 13th, 1872, contains the following :

"Last night the second lecture of the course was delivered by W. S. Everett, Esq., a member of the St. Joseph Bar, and a prominent Odd Fellow. Eclipse Lodge was largely represented, and many visiting members from sister Lodges were present. The lecture was such as all might have expected, from the well-known reputation of Mr. Everett as a writer and speaker. The subject was *Pluck*, which was handled in a very interesting and able manner. The speaker showed that *pluck* was a more comprehensive term than courage, and that when backed by conscientious convictions of duty, elevated a man far above the general level of his race. Instances were taken from history, of men who fearlessly discharged hazardous duties, under circumstances that would have been considered impossible by the generality of men. 'The man of pluck, said Mr. Everett, meets necessity on the square. He does not grasp on his lance Poland-like, but throws it away, and fights with short swords. He is active in his youth ; and his gray beard is honored with the glory of a thousand glorious battles. The lecture was listened to with breathless stillness throughout, and will long be remembered by all who heard it as a treat of rare excellence.'"

McFETRIDGE, REV. N., '64, writes from Oil City : "I had decided to leave my charge here, and about two months ago tendered my resignation, but the church refused to accept it. A week after, the gentlemen of my church gave me, as a Christmas gift, an elegant gold watch and chain ; and at New Year's the ladies [the poet was always a favorite with the ladies—EDS.] left on my study table, when I was out of the city, a handsome set of "Appleton's Cyclopedia." I have concluded to accede to the request of the congregation, and have withdrawn my resignation. * * *

Some of our benevolent collections this year are four times the amount of last year. We have been blessed with a good degree of prosperity from year to year, and a number of the young have been added to the church."

NOURSE, '62.—Rev. James M. Nourse, of Bull Creek, West Virginia, writes in a recent number of the *Presbyterian Banner*, in answer to an article concerning the proposed issue, by the American Bible Society, of an edition of the Bible, divided into appropriate paragraphs, and not, as now, by chapters and verses. He calls attention to the Paragraph Bible prepared by his father, Rev. James Nourse, and issued, in 1834, by Perkins, Marvin & Co., of Boston, which, though valued by many readers, resulted in pecuniary loss to the projectors of the enterprise.

PATTERSON, JOSEPH, '60, died in February, 1872, in Westchester county, New York. He had been engaged as a civil engineer.

RUTTER, L. C., '67, writes to the *Presbyterian Banner* of February 14th, calling the attention of those seeking good investments for capital, to the advantages offered by the town of his residence, Caldwell, Noble county, Ohio, situated on the Marietta and Pittsburgh Railroad.

SCOTT, '62.—Rev. Robert Scott, who graduated at Princeton Theological Seminary, in 1865, and was pastor, for several years, of the Presbyterian Church at Smithville Flats, Chenango county, New York, and more recently at Centre Moviches, Long Island, is now a candidate for orders in the Episcopal Church, at New York City.

SQUIRE, '48.—Rev. John Squire is superintendent of the schools of Cecil county, Maryland, having under him 74 teachers and 4649 scholars.

VANSYCKEL, '62.—Rev. P. B. VanSyckel is principal of the Glenwood Institute, at Matawan, N. J.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Presbyterian Church. In attendance on this body, at its last session, were the following sons of Lafayette: Llewellyn Pratt, M. D., '39, Wheaton, Illinois; Dr. A. A. Howell, '40, Allentown, N. J.; Revs. Joseph E. Nassau, '46, Assembly's clerk, Warsaw, N. Y.; S. A. Gayley, '47, Colora, Md.; David M. James, '52, Bath, Pa.; Charles R. Mills, '53, Tungchow, China; A. Yeoman, '54, Orange, N. J.; H. G. Finney, '55, Lyco-