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THE OHIO FEMALE COLLEGE, an institution possessing chartered collegiate powers, is located at College Hill, a few miles north of Cincinnati. The HON. JOHN McLEAN is President of the Board of Trustees, and Rev. JOHN COVERT, A.M., President of the Faculty. The annual examination and graduation of the Senior Class, for the year 1852, took place in the College Chapel, on the 17th of July.

After the usual exercises by the members of the Class, an Address, characterized by earnestness of manner and appropriateness of thought and subject, was delivered by MANNING F. FORCE, Esq., of Cincinnati. The Poem, to which the following Correspondence has reference, was then read by the author:—

College Hill, July 25, 1852.

JAR. W. WARD, Esq.:

Dear Sir,—Having listened with pleasure to the very interesting Poem read by yourself at the late Anniversary of the Ohio Female College, we would respectfully solicit a copy of the same for publication.

Yours, with respect,

[Signed]

JOHN McLEAN,
SAML. W. FISHER,
J. K. GLENN,
JOHN COVERT.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E .

Cincinnati, July 30, 1852.

GENTLEMEN :

I am gratified that the Poem I had the honor of reading before your late graduating class, meets with your approbation, and accede to your request for its publication ; not, however, without an unaffected apprehension, that public criticism will have less consideration for my temerity than the generous partiality of personal friends. But " the purpose must weigh with the folly," and the manuscript is at your disposal.

Nec que, nec quomodo, sed quorsum.

It is proper to say, that the Poem was originally prepared for, and read before the Young Men's Mercantile Library Association of this city. By several additions and modifications, it was adapted to the purpose for which you desired it, and is now presented as read at your Institution.

With deference and respect,

Your servant,

JAS W. WARD.

HON. JOHN McLEAN,
S. W. FISHER, etc.,
Trustees.

TO
HIS WIFE,
THE AUTHOR DEDICATES
THIS
TRIBUTE OF ESTEEM.

Beaucoup des gens sont la risée du public et croient en être l'admiration ; le bourdonnement de l'avidité flagornerie cause seul leur erreur. — Celui-là ne sait point aimer les bonnes, qui ne hait pas les méchantes.