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"Panassus Hall" Dick. Coll.

Carlisle March 3^d 1850.

Dear Friend,

I suppose that you have been expecting a letter from me for some time, but owing to the press of my studies, I have not been enabled to answer your very welcome, and interesting letter, which I received in due time, before this. I must again beg pardon for delaying my answer so long, & I hope that the excuse presented above will be sufficient. For some time, I have been preparing for my 'April Examination', which will take place in the latter part of March. I have been very busily engaged, at one time diving into the hidden treasures of Classic Lore, and again toiling over the abstruse ramifications of Mathematics, or at another time rearing myself over that abominable text book, Paly's Evidences of Christianity. Thus you see that I am kept pretty busy, and another reason for this is that the course here is being raised considerably.

I don't know that I have any news
to tell you about Greencastle, as I
suppose you receive communication
from there as often as I do.

But perhaps you may not have
heard of the death of Wm. Forzinger.
About two weeks ago, he was riding
out the turnpike, when, at about the
toll gate one of the stumps broke,
& the saddle turned, but the ^{foot pole} other
stump, ~~stays~~ and the horse dragged
him from there to Sam. Coniads, galloping,
and moving from one side of the
road to the other.

His nose was sawed off, except the skin,
his collar bone broken, & his body dreadfully
bruised. He lived until the night of
Monday 25th Feby.

There has been a good deal of
bad behaviour about college for
a few weeks. On the night of Tuesday 25th
some persons tore all the seats out
of Prof. Marshall's lecture room, and
made a bonfire of them in the Campus.
Other such deeds have been of frequent
recurrence lately.

I am now reading in Latin,
The Satires of Horace, and in Greek,
The Memorabilia of Socrates, together
with a Lesson in Arnold's Latin, & also his
Greek Prose Composition. The latter two
are detestable "bores."

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will commence conic sections.

I would be glad to receive
a letter from Jas. Allison, & I wish
you would tell him so.

If he is there yet, give him my respects.

I send along a scheme of the Belles
Lettres Society's exhibition, but I don't want
you to infer from that, that I am a
Belles. No Sir, I am proud to say that I
belong to The Union Philosophical Society,
and ever shall admire the white rose (our
emblem), in a degree far above my admiration
for the red rose, (their emblem) favouring the blue
rosette, (the emblem of the Neokosmian Soc.) I shall say
nothing, as it would be lowering the dignity of
a Sophomore, to write concerning anything in
"Prepdom". Let the generations of urban "preps"
look forward to that, but for my part I cannot
condescend to ~~set~~ rank it with the red rose,
much less the White. Write soon, your truly,
J. W. A. Quincy.

Rec^d Mar 6th 1850

Amherst



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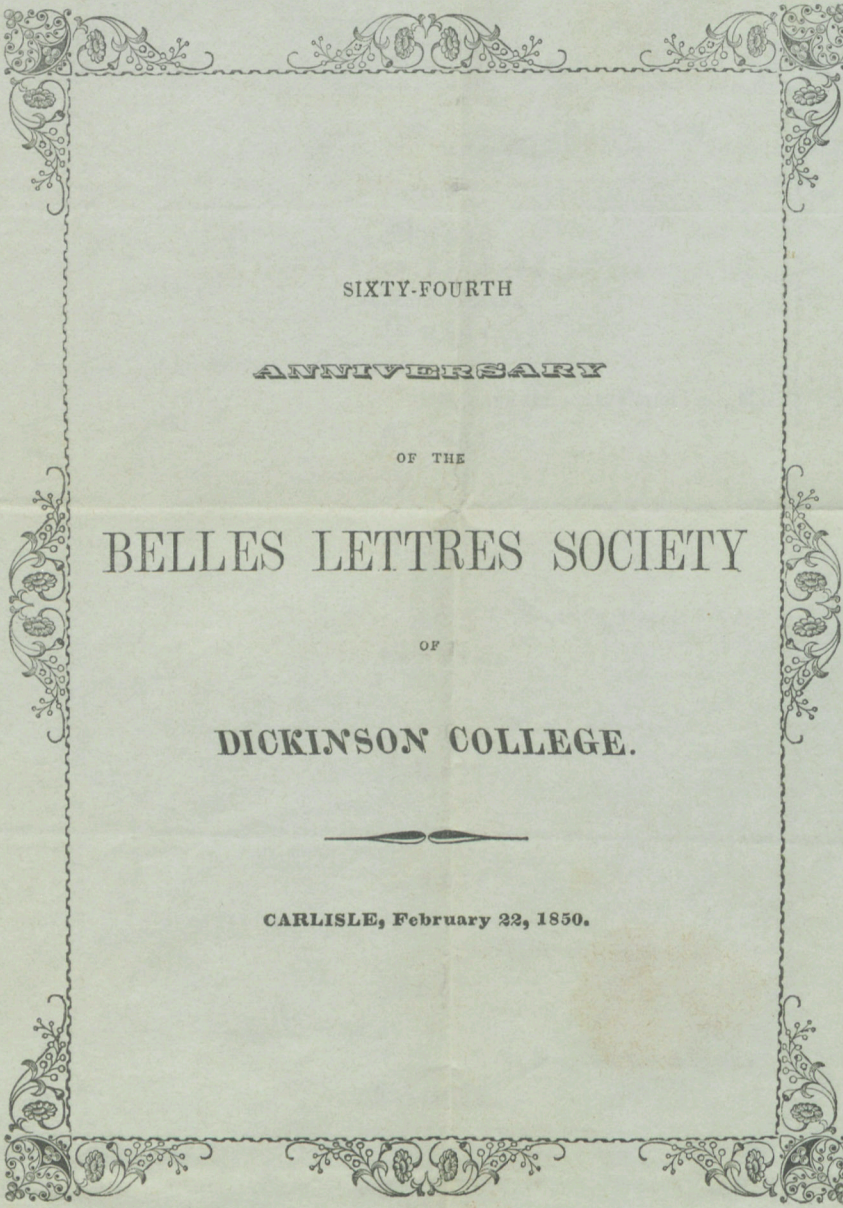
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Mr. J. S. Gordon.
Mount Holly.
Burlington Co.

N. J.

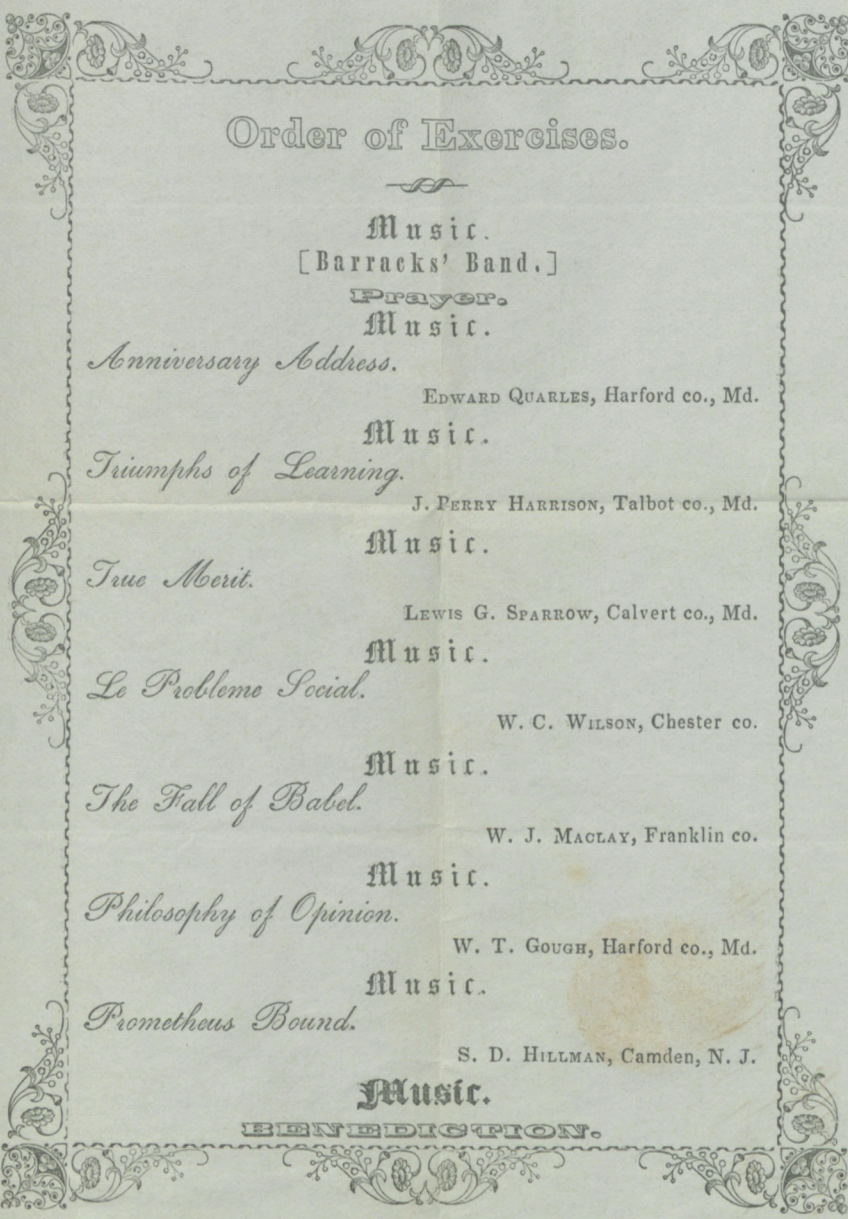
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SIXTY-FOURTH
ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
BELLES LETTRES SOCIETY
OF
DICKINSON COLLEGE.

CARLISLE, February 22, 1850.



Order of Exercises.

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Music.

[Barracks' Band.]

Prayer.

Music.

Anniversary Address.

EDWARD QUARLES, Harford co., Md.

Music.

Triumphs of Learning.

J. PERRY HARRISON, Talbot co., Md.

Music.

True Merit.

LEWIS G. SPARROW, Calvert co., Md.

Music.

Le Probleme Social.

W. C. WILSON, Chester co.

Music.

The Fall of Babel.

W. J. MACLAY, Franklin co.

Music.

Philosophy of Opinion.

W. T. GOUGH, Harford co., Md.

Music.

Prometheus Bound.

S. D. HILLMAN, Camden, N. J.

Music.

BENEDICTION.

“Parnassus Hall” Dick Coll.

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Write soon, yours truly,

W.A. Snively