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### Rev. J. E. Forrester's Lecture.

Wednesday evening Dr. Forrester delivered his lecture on the "Life and Character of Abraham Lincoln," at Assembly Hall. The well known ability of the orator, and the deep interest of his theme, rendered a well filled house but a natural result. The speaker commenced the discourse with an impressive description of the Nation's grief at the death of Mr. Lincoln. "What words of sorrow," he said, "shall express the feelings of a great Nation over the loss of one who has steered the old Ship of State so carefully and faithfully through four years—not through the the sea of political strife, but through the red sea of battle whose crimson spray had already swept over the Nation." He gave a brief but clear account of the prominent events of Mr. Lincoln's life, and then an eloquent and striking delineation of his character.

"His," he said, "was an extraordinary character—high, broad and deep. If we say he was a great lawyer, a great orator, a great statesman, we speak truth indeed, but not all the truth—he was a great MAN. Great before the world, at the bar, and in the councils of the Nation because he was great everywhere." The speaker dwelt at some length on the theme that from obscurity arise our great men—illustrating by the lives of Hilderbrand, Luther and others, and portraying in a thrilling manner the stern and sterling discipline Mr. Lincoln had received by his early struggles with the world. Speaking of his education he said, "Schools and colleges, to these he was a stranger, but dame Nature took the honest, awkward boy by the hand and led him through all her intricate paths." His individuality was sublime. He reminded you of no other man on the broad earth. He was himself. Everything that came to him he made his own, but he never gave himself away to sect, creed or party."

Mr. Lincoln was emphatically an American—cast in the mold of genuine American greatness. He was unbounded in his patriotism; he was president of no section alone, but of the whole country.

Referring to the Southern leaders, the speaker said, "Let it echo throughout the land that treason is crime and its punishment is death. Justice is the only mercy that should be shown traitors."

But want of space forbids a further notice. Suffice it to add that the eloquence, ability and patriotism displayed by the distinguished speaker were such as to receive the unbounded praise of those who heard him.

**THE TEACHERS AND THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.**—Last Saturday evening the Potter Literary Society was favored by the presence and assistance of two of the Teachers of the Normal School—Prof. G. A. Langley and Miss C. A. Gower. Prof. Cooper has been present quite a number of evenings during the term. Prof. Langley has frequently lent a helping hand in the exercises. Such evidences that the Teachers take an interest in the prosperity of the Societies are very gratifying to the members. We have not, however, noticed any of the other Teachers present during the performances—although they may have been. Good reasons, of course, exist for their absence. As Teachers their duties are many and laborious, and that they are faithful in the discharge of them no one can question. Still the query is often propounded, "Why do not the Teachers take an active part in the Literary Societies, and by their example and presence aid and encourage the members in their efforts?" The Societies would gladly welcome the whole Faculty as active members, and would be much gratified by their presence as spectators. We give expression to these thoughts to dispel any ideas the Teachers may have entertained that their presence is not desirable during the meetings of the Societies; and in doing so we state not an individual view alone, but the views of the members of the Societies at large.

**MYSTERIOUS.**—"Who struck Pat. Murphy?" was never more earnestly asked than "Who is Vigilante?" Said important personage is an Edinboro correspondent of the Erie "Observer," and has lately written a communication severely criticising utterances of one of the speakers on the occasion of the jubilee at this place over the capture of Jeff Davis. We presume "Vigilante" will be vigilant, for if the vigilance of the vigilant Edinborians find "Vigilante" in his vigilant retreat he might perhaps be called upon to make vigilant tracks from the vigilant pursuit of other no less vigilant "Vigilantes."

**"KEEP SHADY."**—Such is evidently the intention of the people of Edinboro judging by the many beautiful shade trees with which the town is ornamented. The long rows of maples and locusts on every street present a very pleasing view to the eye, and afford a most luxuriant coolness during these extended days of superabundant sunshine and heat. No more truly useful and beautiful ornaments could adorn our village, and they are justly a source of pride to the citizens.

**PERSONAL.**—Prof. J. W. Taylor, formerly Curator of the New York State Geological Museum, paid a short visit to the Normal School last week. He is expected to deliver a course of scientific lectures to the School next term.

**STARTLING.**—On Monday morning, of this week, the students were suddenly thrown into a state of bewilderment at Chapel. Miss Sherman took a seat before the organ, certain students opened books, looked serious and began making "crisscrossical" movements with their fingers. Soon the mystery was solved. The notes of the organ pealed forth and were joined by the voices of the students. "Good for the music" was the feeling of every one, accompanied with a hope for its continuance.

**NATIONAL FAST DAY.**—Thursday passed off very quietly in Edinboro. The Normal School suspended recitations and many of the business places were closed during the first portion of the day. Services were held at the O. S. Presbyterian Church, and a large congregation addressed in a forcible and patriotic manner by Rev. J. W. Diekey, Pastor of the Church.

**MATHEMATICAL.**—Wednesday morning, at Chapel, Prof. Thompson gave to the students, for solution, the following problem:

I desire to make a leaden ball to weigh just ten pounds. I wish to get a wooden ball turned of the exact size to make mould for the leaden one. Required, the diameter of the wooden ball.

**SKIRMISH.**—We learn that almost a battle occurred on the banks of lake Conneautee last Thursday. The principal combatants were a big boy and a little young man. As we were not on the ground, we are unable to give the particulars, but understand the results were bloodless.

**POTTER LITERARY.**—This Society still continues to hold its weekly sessions, and presents creditable performances. Limited space prevents us giving a more extended notice this week.

Mr. Emmett Terry has a violin he wishes to dispose of at a bargain. Any one desiring such an article may be assured of a good purchase by calling on the owner of this one.

**THE WEATHER.**—Everybody is sweltering under a decidedly hot spell of the season here and about.

### MARRIED.

On the 1st, inst., in this place, at the residence of the bride's father, at 6 o'clock A. M., by Rev. W. M. Bear, Mr. HARLOW C. PARKER, student of the Normal School, to MISS HATTIE FRY, youngest daughter of Mr. Fredrick Fry.

Who'd "a thunk" it! How couldst thou "did" it, Harlow, and leave us all disconsolate! But "it cannot was" otherwise now and we leave thee to thee and thine, trusting much bliss will fall to thy lot, and that thy family broils may never be more serious than little Frys!

### DIED.

In this place, on the 31st ult., Mr. DANIELETH RIDGE, aged 64 years.

In Klecknerville, on the 28th ult., TAMMY IDELL KEPLER, in the 9th year of her age, only daughter of B. S., and Elizabeth F. Kepler. Erie papers please copy.