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From Professor M. Hopkins, of Williams College.

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From Professor M. P. Jenett, of Marietta College, Ohio.

"Of the necessity of something of the kind to hold fast the thousand important facts and sentiments which refuse to be detained by the slight associations of the moment, I have been fully, painfully sensible. A few years ago I adopted the plan recommended by Locke, but soon relinquished it, as requiring too much time and labor. I subsequently purchased the Cambridge Theological Common Place Book, but here I found myself embarrassed by a printed Index of subjects designed only for professional reading. And it is only in the plan of the Rev. Mr. Todd's work that I find an arrangement exactly suited to the wants of the professional and literary man."

From M. A. H. Niles, Professor of Languages, in South Hanover College, Indiana.

"It gives me pleasure to express my concurrence in the opinions that have been given, commendatory of the "Index Rerum," by Rev. John Todd, of Northampton, Mass. I would particularly recommend the use of it, to all young persons, both as a means of inspiring a love of reading, and of making their reading useful."

From the Northampton Courier.

"The Index Rerum is designed to aid the memory of students, professional men, and every individual who may desire to refresh his mind by reference to facts and valuable sentiments and opinions, or have them so noted down as to be within the compass of his observation. The plan is totally different from Locke's, where the mechanical labor of copying everything is most tedious. It is after the system of an index, with conspicuous words and references where the subject matter may be found. We commend it to the notice of our friends and the public generally."

From the Commercial Herald, Philadelphia.

"INDEX RERUM.—Every reader has felt the difficulty of retaining in his memory the names of books in which he has seen able dissertations on any given subject, or from which he has acquired any specific information; felt the inconvenience of not being able to refer to the subject, whenever occasion might require: hence the importance of not only mentioning, but marking by proper means, the books and pages which contain information that strikes us as valuable, with a view of being able to refer to it at any subsequent period.

Now, the book, whose name heads this article, is designed for the purpose of an index to facts, sentiments, subjects, &c., which, having been read, are considered worth remembering, or which may strike us as worthy being again referred to. We have heard the remark made, by a gentleman of great acquirements, that next in importance to being thoroughly acquainted with a subject, was the knowledge of where it could be found easily treated of. The remark was the result of long experience, and was true. The Index Rerum is designed to supply this secondary knowledge."

From the U. S. Gazette.

"INDEX RERUM.—A volume which may be of inestimable value to the student, and even general reader. It is entitled the "Index Rerum." It is the mode adopted by the Rev. John Todd, of Northampton, Mass. for retaining for good use the valuable portion of all his reading. It is a solid post, ruled and lettered, for the reception of the limits that occur to the reader. For example, suppose you were reading Lowth's Lectures on Hebrew Poetry, and you believe that his remarks upon the character of the book of Job might be hereafter referred to with advantage, you turn to your Index, and under the letter J, you write your book investigated—Lowth's Heb. Poet. Lect. 33 and 34. Or, in reading this very article, you should feel that the notice of a good work is deserving remembrance, you write: Index—notice of—U. S. Gazette, May 20th. Memo. to purchase a copy.

By this mode, the drudgery of a common place book is saved, one is spared the trouble of copying the whole of the article of which remembrance is desired."

From the National Gazette, Philadelphia.

"The quarto Index Rerum, or 'Index of Subjects intended as a manual to aid the student and professional man in preparing himself for usefulness,' is better adapted to its purpose than any work of the kind which we have seen. The author of the arrangement is the Rev. John Todd, of Northampton, Mass. We could not recommend too strongly the use of it to all persons who would turn their reading to full account. Mr. Todd's sensible introduction explains the method, which is so simple as it is efficacious."

"I fully concur in the favorable opinion expressed of the simple arrangement and utility of the Index Rerum." GEORGE BANCROFT.
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Designed, by specific directions, to aid in forming and strengthening the intellectual and moral character and habits of the Student. By John Tomn, Pastor of the Edwards Church, Northampton.

Extract of a letter from Professor Stuart, to the Author.

"I thank you very cordially for your STUDENT'S MANUAL. I have not found time yet to read it through; but I have read a number of chapters, and truly approve of both the design and execution. It cannot fail to do good. It will attract the sullen independence of to-morrow, as well as the sparkling brilliancy of youth, and happiness virtu! Persevere in your own advice, and it cannot be that you will not reap a bountiful harvest."

From Alcott's Religious Magazine.

"This book, in a literary point of view, is open to criticism; but in its moral and intellectual bearings, is deserving of all praise. If we were about to send a son to college, we would place this book in his hands, as one of the best friends and guides he could possibly possess. If it were made the text-book of the freshman class in college, it would do more towards promoting energetic habits of study, and cordial acquaintance in the government of the institution, than all the systems of fines and punishments that ever have been devised. There are but few students, whether in the academy, the college, or the high schools of divinity, medicine, and law, who would not derive immense advantage from its perusal. If this book could be placed in the hands of every student in our country, it would accomplish more good than any other book, the Bible excepted, with which we are acquainted."

From the Episcopal Recorder, Philadelphia.

"This book is just what the title intimates. From our knowledge of the author's mind, we should expect, what we find in examination, a truly valuable work. It supplies a vacancy which no other work has filled. It evinces a thorough acquaintance with the dangers, propensities, and excellences of youthful students, and a warm and discriminating affection for their welfare and happiness. It discusses a great variety of topics, and in a manner that will interest, amuse, and instruct. The book is valuable in every respect. It should be in the hands of all young men who wish to cultivate their minds, and to be respectable and happy in life."

From the Knickerbocker.

"We do not often meet with a book which contains a greater amount of sound counsel, and honest sense, than this. The views of the writer are in general, most judicious; the plans he has proposed for improving the colleges, and actions upon them could scarcely fail to be productive of the best results. He has brought to his task a mind whose experience has been large, whose acquirements and discrimination are everywhere apparent. Ends, desirable to be reached, are pointed out with remarkable perspicacity, and the whole scope and intention of the volume cannot be too highly praised."

From the U. S. Gazette, Philadelphia.

"In our opinion, Mr. Todd has thrown together some of the best practical lessons for students, or for young men generally, that we have ever seen embodied in a single work. The advice suits the experience of students as they are in our colleges. The advice suits the experience of the young—and he has furnished them with a book which if carefully read, and its precepts adopted, will lead them through all difficulties."

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"By adapting truth to particular classes of men, a great advantage is gained in point of impressiveness and utility. This is clearly seen in the able and interesting work we have just named. The Author writes as one that has been himself over the ground which he points out to the young student—and he pours out the results of experience, observation and reading, from a full mind, and in forcible and perspicuous language. The topics are rich and varied, and are treated in a way which will attract and fix the attention of the reader; who will be very unwilling to miss such a work, and whose mind is broadened and elevated by the assistance of such a guide during the period of his academic studies. It is a faithful chart of a student's course. The daily experience of every member of a literary institution; the proper division of time as to study and miscellaneous reading, for society and other relaxations; the examples of the wittiest and most sagacious of their day; the cooperation of great minds in the labors of inquiry; the prospect of that young man who will not profit by the reading. If in my power I would make it the rule of all the young men in the land, accompanied with the motto, Nocturna vereunt man, versate dum parva. I' till the full benefits of the volume shall be realized. No parent should neglect the advice of the Author, and every young student in the land, accompanied with the motto, Nocturna vereunt man, versate dum parva."

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"It cannot but afford pleasure to every friend of human excellence, to observe what extensive favor your 'STUDENT'S MANUAL' receives everywhere. Having passed through three editions, within five months, it has become so extensively known that all commendation for the purpose of furthering its circulation is unnecessary. There is no scholar, new engaged in the duties of active life, who does not most deeply regret the absence of such a guide during the period of his academic studies. It is a faithful chart of a student's course. The daily experience of every member of a literary institution; the proper division of time as to study and miscellaneous reading, for society and other relaxations; the examples of the wittiest and most sagacious of their day; the cooperation of great minds in the labors of inquiry; the prospect of that young man who will not profit by the reading. If in my power I would make it the rule of all the young men in the land, accompanied with the motto, Nocturna vereunt man, versate dum parva. I' till the full benefits of the volume shall be realized. No parent should neglect the advice of the Author, and every young student in the land, accompanied with the motto, Nocturna vereunt man, versate dum parva."

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Nocturna versate manu, versate diurna.—Hor.

Third Edition.

NORTHAMPTON.....J. H. BUTLER.
1836.
NOTE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

This work has now been before the public a single year, and though no effort has been made to draw notice towards it, yet the sale of one large edition, the unsolicited testimony of many gentlemen who have spoken of it in terms sufficiently flattering, together with the fact, that more than one imitation has followed in its track, give the Author the pleasure of believing that he did not mistake the evidence that such a work was needed, and would be useful.

If it will not be thought out of place, he would respectfully refer those who use this book, to the chapters on "Study," "Habits," and "Reading," in his "Student's Manual," for more full directions, and he would ardently hope, for inducements to make the most of their opportunities.

Northampton, Jan. 1, 1835.
INTRODUCTION.

The plan of the following sheets grew out of the author's own wants, and his repeated attempts to supply these wants. Its utility has been tested by his own experience. In conversation with gentlemen of different professions, to whom he has shewn his own Index, there has been but one opinion expressed, a strong approbation of the plan, and an earnest wish that it may become the property of every student. Its only claim is, that it will aid the diligent student, and if perseveringly followed, it will at the end of a very few years, place a fund of knowledge at his ready command, which no money can purchase.

Should any one procure this Book with the expectation that it will supercede labor and study, he will be deservedly disappointed. No plans or inventions can ever do that. But if he hopes it will, with a very moderate share of time and labor spent upon it, yield him a great reward, I think I may venture to promise that he will not be disappointed.

The Common-place Book of Locke is the only one that has come into much notice; and if that has, it is not owing to any intrinsic merit which it possesses, but to its bearing his own great name, and professing to be the result of his experience. But neither that nor any other Common-place Book which I have ever seen, will either come into any thing like extensive use, or be of any essential advantage to the student, and the man of literary habits. The reason is perfectly obvious to any one who has tried to use them for any length of time. They require too much time, and too much labor. Every thing that is saved must be copied out in full, and then noted also in the Index. Few have the time, and fewer still the patience to do this. Books are so common, and so constantly multiplying, that few have the courage to
undertake to make extracts, and to copy what is really valuable. I have seen multitudes of such books commenced, but have seen but very few which were not abandoned at an early hour.

Every one is aware that we frequently want the thoughts, or the materials of thought with which we have met in books which we have read, but which, though now sought after in every corner of the memory, are not to be found. Their faint impressions are seen, dim, like the ghosts of Ossian, but too distant and too undefined, to be of any use. Nor can we recollect the books in which we met them. We frequently too, wish to recall a fact, or a striking passage, or a valuable discussion, but the memory is tasked in vain. Few are aware, unless they have bestowed particular thought on the subject, how much of all our valuable reading is lost, because we retain only faint impressions of it, and have no method of recalling it.

Let a young man when he begins life, be in the habit of making an Index to all that he reads which is truly valuable, (and he ought to read nothing else,) and at the age of thirty-five or forty, he has something of his own, and which no price could purchase. Many would think hundreds of dollars well spent, could they purchase what they have thrown away: and what each one might most easily save for himself; and to aid in saving which, this Book is prepared.

One of the most distinguished and accomplished scholars of whom this or any other country can boast,* makes the following remarks: "Old-fashioned economists will tell you never to pass an old nail, or an old horse-shoe, or buckle, or even a pin, without taking it up; because although you may not want it now, you will find a use for it some time or other. I say the same thing to you with regard to knowledge. However useless it may appear to you, at the moment, seize upon all that is fairly within your reach. For there is not a fact, within the whole circle of human observation, nor even a fugitive anecdote that you read in a newspaper, or hear in conversation, that will not come in play, some time or other: and occasions will arise when they will, involuntarily, present their dim shadows in the train of your think-

*William Wirt.
ing and reasoning, as belonging to that train, and you will regret that you cannot recall them more distinctly.”

This is certainly a valuable thought, and a valuable opinion of a great man. It is appropriate to my subject and design. I read it some two or three years since. And now, how am I to recall it, when needed? I cannot copy out all such valuable thoughts with which I meet; and it is in vain to command the memory to retain them. Making extracts with the pen is so tedious, that the very name of a Common-place Book is associated with drudgery, and wearisomeness. But by the Index which I make out, I can preserve this, or any other extract which I wish, and that readily.

Some may think I have done little to aid them, by laying out the work of years. I might indeed, have published my own Index Rerum, and it would probably have been acceptable to some in my own profession. But it would be of but little value to any one of another profession. Every man ought to make out his own Index, according to his profession, employments, habits of reading and thinking. An Index filled out, if confined to one profession, or one kind of reading, would be too contracted for general use; and if it embraced the whole circle of reading, it would be too voluminous.

Some may hesitate about commencing such a book, since their youth is past, and the day in which to lay up knowledge seems also to be past. Such, however, have special need of the aid here offered, and will receive special benefit from it, because it is never too late to read to advantage, and because knowledge, like the seed of the fruit-tree which you put into the ground today, will yield its fruits soon; and because also, memory, as life advances, becomes more treacherous, and needs something to assist it. I feel confident that the plan is as well adapted to those who have lived past their youth, as to any other class.

This idea of publishing blank sheets is not very cheering to the fame of authorship; but mortified pride may have this consoling reflection, that many who fill out their sheets, had better have left them blank; and that each one can fill out this book more to his own satisfaction and benefit, than the most gifted mind could do for him.
DIRECTIONS FOR USING THIS INDEX.

1. Read nothing which is not worth remembering, and which you may not wish hereafter to review. Have your Index at hand, and when you meet with any thing of interest, just note it down, the subject, the Book, and the page, and any word designating its qualities, which you may please, according to the method hereafter described. The Index should be your constant companion when you read.

2. Make your Index according to subjects as much as possible, selecting that word which conveys the best idea of the subject.

3. You will find the Index ruled with blue ink, with a wide margin on the left hand of each page. The margin is to contain the word selected as a guide to the subject noted down. On the corners of the page, you will find the letters of the alphabet (capitals) and in the center, the first five vowels, a. e. i. o. u. Each letter of the alphabet has two pages to each of the vowels, and of course, each letter has ten pages.

4. When you read anything which you may hereafter need, place the principal word in the margin, under the first letter in that word, and the first vowel in it. I will here give some examples as they stand in my own Index. Suppose I wish to note something relating to America. I turn to A. and the vowel e. because A. is the first letter, and e. is the first vowel—thus:

| AMERICA, | supposed to be known in the time of Homer: Thomas’ Hist. Print. vol. 1. p. 20. |
| ATHEISM, | of France, picture of: Schlegel’s Lect. v. 2. p. 199. |
| BRADFORD, | Governor, notice of: Am. Quart. Rev. v. 2. p. 497. |
| DIFFICULTIES, | this under C. i. |
| DESTRUCTION, | this under D. a. |
| ELOQUENCE, | of our probation considered: Butler’s Anal. part 1. ch. 4. |
| ELOQUENT, | of Jerusalem, accurately described: Smith’s view of the Hebs. Chap. 1. |
| ENGLISH, | remarks upon, (good) Goldsmith’s Bee, p. 173. |
| EROUENT, | this under E. o. |
| ELOQUENT, | remarks on slavery: Cunningham’s World without Souls, p. 87. |
Faculties, of man, distinguished from those of the brute: Coleridge’s Friend, p. 130.

Frederic, the Great—instances of severity and ingratitude: Bœck’s Works, v. 4. p. 235.


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Hiero, of Syracuse, remarkable answer to, concerning the nature of God: Cicero de nat.

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Hume & Finley, their death compared, (powerful and beautiful, by Dr. Mason.) Panoplist v. 4. p.

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Importance, of Christianity to the world: Butler’s Anal. p. 155.

Jews, some black found in India: Buchanan’s Res. p. 255.

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Job, the Book of, investigated: Lowth’s Heb. Poet. Lect. 33 & 34.

Knowledge, no power to sanctify the heart, (good) Bp. Atterbury’s Ser. vol. 2. ser. 2.

Ledyard, his beautiful eulogy on women: Am. Quart. Rev. vol. 3. p. 103.


Memory, remarkable example of in a painter: Abercrombie’s Intel. Pow. p. 112.

Morality, of deism, fair specimen of: Bœck’s Works, v. 5. p. 256.


Novels, proof of degeneracy in religion: Wilberforce’s View, p. 230.

Original, languages, use, and best mode of studying: Diss. Trans. by Stuart, & notes, (good.)

Ode, the Hebrew, great beauty of: Lowth’s Heb. Poet. Lect. 25.

Press, method of correcting the proofs of: Bigelow’s Tech. p. 64.


Princess, Charlotte, sermon on her death, (sublime and eloquent) Hall’s Works, vol. 1. p. 179.

Questions, for thought and study: Appendix to this Book, p. 25.


Religion, christian, short and unanswerable arguments for: Leslie’s Deism, passim.
I have here copied at random one or more specimens under each letter. The selection might, of course, be carried to a much greater extent, but these examples are sufficient to show the design and method of using this Index. No language can describe the value of such an Index, after it has been growing under the hand of a diligent student for some years. To such I now commend it, hoping and believing that they will find it answering its sole design, which is, to aid them in preparing for usefulness. At the close of the Index is an Appendix which can be used as each one pleases; perhaps for the purpose of recording such facts as are not likely to be met with again.

Northampton, Dec. 1, 1833.
Cæs. Vesp. 

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And chase his pain and mundane pleads;
Our joys below it cure in peace
And anticipate the bliss above."

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National Debt of England. The evils arising from excessive taxation. Coleridge: Table Talk VIII. p. 69

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