

had allowed to slip by in his early days; he felt that had he made use of them they would have been of great advantage to him many times in his life since, but they were gone forever; no matter how hard he longed for them, they were gone forever.

Look around you; read the history of the past; profit by lessons before you. We read of heroes, martyrs to science, art, religion and to the higher qualities that men possess. Men and women who have been the standardbearers of truth and righteousness. These are before you to profit by their example and labors.

Be an artist in your work. Have an ideal as the artist does, and a good one. The man who has no ideal does not know what excelsior is. Every man and woman should, like the artist, have in their mind's eye a beautiful ideal to work to, that your course may be towards the highest excelsior motto continually.

God has revealed laws that if we will live in accordance with them will insure to us health, longevity and strength that our bodies may be a fit abode for the Godlike and eternal spirit that dwells in them.

How about those that corrupt their bodies by smoking, drinking and moving in an atmosphere that is polluted morally and physically? What is their ideal? You cannot see it for tobacco smoke.

Dr. Maeser spoke of the Israelites. How they were freed from their Egyptian bondage by the power of God through the instrumentality of Moses the servant of God; how God guided, fed and instructed His people for many years that He might continue with them, but they were not worthy of this great and glorious privilege, and when they came to Mount Sinai and the Lord told them to come up to the mount that He might speak to them, they were afraid and said Moses will go up and we will make a fence around the mount and "whoever shall go inside of that, be it man or beast save it be thee, we will slay," but there is no fence around Mount Sinai now. It has been removed and we can climb to the top of the mountain if we will and there commune with Jehovah. This is our destiny as the people of God. Dr. Maeser hoped that we would live up to our privileges. Keep the word excelsior constantly in view as a motto. He closed by invoking the blessings of God upon those present.

The benediction was pronounced by Elias Morris, after which meeting adjourned for one week.

### WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, March 6, 1893.—If Congress persists in refusing to fix a day later in the spring than the fourth of March for the inauguration of our Presidents, all of the out door ceremonies should in the interest of humanity be abolished. It is little short of a crime—certainly a crime against health—to keep thousands of people standing for eight hours in an inch or two of snow and slush, or sitting on temporary stands, poorly protected from the bitter northwest blast which drove the snowflakes in all directions, as was done here on Saturday, in order

to give them an opportunity to see the inaugural parade. By 10 o'clock in the morning there were several hundred thousand people on Pennsylvania avenue, between the Capitol and Twenty-Second street, and they remained there until after six in the afternoon, some sitting on stands, paying from \$1, to \$5, each for the privilege, and notwithstanding, although the greater portion of the time a blinding snow storm was in progress. The procession was supposed to be started at about one o'clock, but as a matter of fact its head did not reach the President's reviewing stand until after three. There was terrible suffering from cold, and President Cleveland got his full share of it, and if he hasn't a constitution of iron he will pay for constantly baring his head as the various organizations in the line passed before him, the marching men suffering but little less than the outlookers. So evident was Mr. Cleveland's suffering that Gen. Schofield, who was sitting with Mrs. Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson, and other prominent ladies and gentlemen, directly behind him, placed a long military cloak over his shoulders before the parade ended.

The attendance at the inauguration was large, but not as large as it would have been had the weather been clear. The storm reduced the number of excursionists from the immediate vicinity more than one-half, according to the estimates of the railroad men. It also played havoc with the street decorations, and kept a number of the most striking features out of the parade, besides lessening the number of the paraders in the organizations which braved the weather, and I am very much afraid that it will result in a harvest for the doctors, and perhaps for the grave diggers too.

The inaugural ball was a great success. The immense hall of the pension office, so well adapted for the purpose, looked with its \$10,000 worth of illuminations and decorations like a veritable fairy land, although the 12,000 men and women in full dress who attended did not at all resemble fairies. Mrs. Cleveland was, of course the observed of all observers, and if the indications are not at fault she is going to be more of a popular idol during this term of her husband than she was before if such a thing can be possible. The official program for the ball closed at midnight, but somehow the ball went on quite a while after it was Sunday morning.

"What does it mean?" was a question heard on all sides when it was learned that President Cleveland had not said one word about the annexation of Hawaii in his inaugural address. What made this omission irregularly significant was, that he prefaced the address by saying: "I deem it fitting on this occasion while indicating the opinions I hold concerning public questions of present importance," etc. Hon. Don M. Dickinson when this Hawaiian matter was first brought to public attention, while acting in other matters for Mr. Cleveland, strongly endorsed annexation and gave Congressmen the impression, if he did not say so in exactly those words, that Mr. Cleveland also favored it. If Mr. Cleveland favors it, why did he not

give some indication thereof in his inaugural address? or, does he consider that it is not a question of "present importance?"

Now that one has the chance to carefully examine the legislative results of the Fifty-second Congress, it is really surprising, even to those who have been with it during its two sessions, to see how puny they are. Not a single measure of national importance, except the automatic car coupler bill, that was not seriously opposed in either House or Senate got through. The anti-option bill, after having passed both House and Senate, died in the House through its failure to get a two-thirds vote in favor of concurring in the Senate amendments to the bill. Numerous financial and tariff bills were brought forward, some of them were passed by the House and endorsed by a Republican senatorial caucus. The Nicaragua canal bill never came to a vote in the Senate, where it originated, and the treaty for the annexation of Hawaii was left unacted upon, as was the nomination of Judge Hanchett to succeed Judge Jackson on the U. S. circuit court, and a number of others.

### NOTES.

WHILE ONE wing of fashion threatens to adopt the crinoline, and another wing hurls anathemas at it, let us be just enough to say that the hoop-skirt has one decisive merit—it is a good ventilator.

JEAN INGELow thinks that women are entitled to either rights or privileges and usually have one at the expense of the other. For herself she has decided to waive the rights and cling to the privileges.

OF THE appointment of ex-Secretary Thompson by President Hayes it is related that Mrs. Thompson scornfully remarked: "What! Richard for secretary of the navy? Why, he doesn't even know how to swim!"

A BOSTON poet begins a roundelay with "Hail, gentle spring, love's season, hail;" and judging from the weather reports, local and otherwise, gentle spring has taken the lunatic's advice.

COME to think of it, there is some inconsistency in our laws which permit an ex-Confederate, like Mr. Herbert, to become secretary of the navy, and yet forbid him to hold a commission in the army. Hasn't the war been over long enough to render safe the repeal of the latter prohibition?

BUFFALO BILL is said by an Indianapolis paper to be the "typical American" whom Utah will honor in a statue of silver at the World's Fair. In thanking the Hoosier editor for his needless suggestion to abandon this idea, Utah has but to remind him that one has to go away from home to hear the news.

TWO SHIFTY and well-trained Australians, Col. Robert Fitzsimmons and Col. James Hall, will this evening supply rare delectation to a select audience in New Orleans by endeavoring to pummel each other into human jelly and insensibility. If they could only make the latter lasting, we should be almost ready to exclaim, success to both of them!