

extensive fields. It is our opinion that he had few superiors, or even equals, as a writer or declaimer among those who have passed through our schools. No programme of an exhibition appeared complete during his term at Woodward without his name.

All men and students have their "likes" and "dislikes" among the various branches of study. So it was with him, for if his recitations in mathematics were not as perfect as those of some, or if he was not as proficient in this branch as many others, it is accounted for by the fact that his mind inclined more to literature than to mathematics. In the former he was certainly celebrated. Have not all of us, who heard him repeat the stirring strains of Henry, Wirt, Pitt, or Prentiss, looked forward with eagerness to the time when it again came his turn for declamation. He was a member of the last senior class that left the old building, which was the first class graduated from the new one.

What were our class meetings without Finch? Dull and tedious. He, in common with us all, had the "ups" and "downs" of our High School course, but came out triumphant over all obstacles, an active and honorable member of our association. During the four years' course at Woodward, most of his time out of school was employed in earning the means with which to supply himself with books and clothing. This was the case with several of his class, and indeed with many of those—be it said to their honor—who have graduated from our Public Schools. After leaving Woodward, he was employed, for a time, in the Seventh District school as a teacher. This did not suit his disposition, and he again entered the employ of Mr. Cist as a traveling agent in the Western States. He remained in this business for more than a year, when he returned to the city and was engaged in the office of the county clerk, under Richard Stone, Esq. During his term at Woodward, he became acquainted with Miss Eliza Smith, daughter of C. J. W. Smith, Esq. The acquaintance thus formed grew into friendship, and friendship into love, and on the 17th of March, 1858, they were married. Mr. Smith took him into his office, where he remained for