tion of Vermont's Natal Day. January 17 was the nuniversary of the independence of Vermont as a sovere gn State and Vermonters all over the country celebrated the anniversary with congratulatory The most noteworthy observance of the anniversary, however, was that of the Brocklyn society of Vermonters. This society is notable for giving the only din-ners in the two cities of Brooklyn and New York to which women are invited, and the result is that its inides are lighted by handsome evening dresses and pretty faces, which give the Vermont banquets a charm of their

of this enjoyable event, but the full report printed by the Brooklyn Engle contains many particulars which will be of genreproduced in part as follows:

The company on this occasion was seated at four long tables, incing the table of honor, at which were scated the president of the society, Col. Robert J. Kimball, with Roswell G. Horr on his right and Gen. G. M. Dodge on his left. The other guests were Hiram R. Steele, Col. Aldace F. Walker of Chicago, Gen. J. G. McCullough, Rev. T. F. Frost of Baltimore, Vicelent Charles A, Tinker and the Rev. C. H. Fay. Others present were B. L. Ben-ellet, Mrs. Benedict, Mr. Pollett, Mrs. Folhett, J. H. Bates, Mrs. Bates, Mr. Spellman, Mr. Hibbard, Mr. H. R. Steche, J. J. Allen, B. H. Dewey, Mrs. Bewey, M. A. Dewey, Mrs. Steele, Dr. Hanks, Mrs. Hanks, F. H. Chandler, F. W. Chandler, A. E. Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Mathews, Dr. A. C. Perkins, Theophilus Olena, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Benedict, M. Horr, Mrs. Henry, Mrs. A. L. Tinker, . Tinker, Dr. Webster, William Chandler, A. B. Chandler, Mrs. Sprague, W. H. Cottou, L. A. Kimball, Mrs. Kimball, W. P. Allen, G. B. Bailey, Miss Greene, Mrs. L. O. Greene, Col. Sprague, Mrs. R. J. Kim-ball, George R. Morse, the Misses Kimball, A. Hoyt, Mrs. Hoyt, George B. Abbott, Hamilton Ormsber

After the dinner had been disposed of Col. Kimbail eafled the company, to order and

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Brooklyn Society of Vermonters and our guests -1 welcome you to this festive board. This society was organized, as were many others a different cities throughout the United States, for the purpose of social enjoyment. torest in our native State and its institutions. Green Mountain State but also those who by residence and association take prole in claiming to be Vermenters, and those who are so fortunate as to have married Vermont girls. So far the society has been a more so and I congratulate you on the cirtances of cordiality and happiness under which we are permitted to come to
gether again to night, our fourth remien as
Kunball said: I heard a man say in a lecture the other evening that there were certain ; people who never made bigger fools of themelves over any one thing, than they did over the fact that they were born in Virginia. A lady sitting near me asked if I supposed they were worse than Vermonters. onters everywhere are noted for boasting of their native State, and it may be not said of what has the appearance of egotism, but it has been a gratification to me, time and again, to have natives of other States at our Vermont home, and after they had and beautiful fertile valleys, the purest water and bracing atmosphere, they would come away with sincere regret, full of enthusiasm, loud in their praises, even outloing Vermonters themselves. Another year has gone by quickly, and it has been an ventful one in many respects. A great financial storm has swent the country like a horricane. As the Green Mountains break the force of the whirlwinds of nature, so this great disaster seems to have been averted on the borders of the State. More than 200State banks and more than 160 national banks have suspended in other States, but not one in the State of Vermont. The farmers have been blest with a bountiful harvest, and the annufacturing interest has suffered some, but not to any great extent, the peopleing and owing little-have felt the great depression least of any State. The other side the civil world came together in friendly competi-tion, as did also the different States, with in this it is gratifying to us, that our great Empire State took we lead, but that our loved Vermont held her high Grant and Sheridan and organs, in which she has long enjoyed a world-wide reputation, and in which she still maintains her supremare the fluor analysis. which she still insulations her suprem-are the florst quality and the most extensive. Of the 46 premiums awarded, all told, for horses, the Vermont Morgans took 26. We have before and in parts. beaten the world in our dairy products, in our exhibits in Vienna and Paris, and were equally successful in Chicago. Our maple abroad, Vermonters in the war or in civil

ing that he was confined by a severe cold, promise to attend, and introduced Roswell G.

found in that other things schlom are equal by evidence, but Many men have lived and died with a brain tion in his favor. as large as Convice or Daniel Welster and yet have never had any mental power above. Builtimore to speak for the wives and daughtings of the ordinary Hottentot. Napoleon ters. He said in part. at one time was known as the Little Cor-

sm, what a record she can show! Vermon: as only about 9500 square miles, and those can be measured only by the use of instru ments and mathematical calculations which determine areas that cannot be reached with compass and chain. New York is five times as large as the State of Vermont. You can cut the little State of Vermont out of Texas 27 times and then have edgings enough left to make another State as large as Connecti-cut and Rhode island combined. And yet

There is a person who was actual

ewhere." as to locality follows such a statement. when I say "I was born in Vermont" there is nothing vague about that statement. I remember a year ago at your anniversary Mr. Phelps, ex-minister to the court of St. James, attempted to explain the intense upon the theory that a country full of mountains, where people have to struggle in or der to live at all, always develops in its people an intense teeling of local love and local exposures. In travelling over the United hundred greatest Americans, selecting then State-Thing noticed that the people of according to his own judgment and will Vermont are more completely American study the first thirty years of each life, bethan the people of almost any other fore he reaches the end of the list he will be Northern State. Rhode Island, Connecti-thanking God for the country home and for out and Massachusetts have bad such woman, its guardian angel. an ammense indux of foreigners that the people of those States are no longer purely has been modified in those States by coming in contact and mixing with the people from the Green Mountain State, you come across. unmixed with frish, Italian, German or Vermont man marries a Vermont girl and in that way the Vermont characteristics are still preserved. The people of the New Eng-land States as a whole have their distinguishing characteristics. To be a New England Vankee means a good dead. But to be a Vermont Vankee at once suggests a condemation of business that, firmness,

The earlier settlers of Vermont had a keen realization of the importance of higher edu ention. In 1791, the same year that the State was admitted to the Union, a charter was granted by the Legislature for a college and about 30,000 acres of land given for its It is fair to presume that as they called it the University of Vermont it would be at the head of the highest educational institutions of the State, from the meaning of the word university-an assemblage of colleges, branches of learning, the arts, sciences, theology, medicine, law, etc. In 1800 Middlebury college was char tered; although without State support, it has been well enred for by its alumni, and for nearly a century has done noble work. Two years ago we had the president of the University of Vermont with us. we expected the president of Middlebury college, but were disappointed—perhaps we yet have that konor. This year the president of the alumni of Norwich university has kindly, consented to tell us some

pendence and love of country coupled with

moderation and modesty. This gives to Ver-

mont character a sort of crowning alory

thing of it and its eradicates. Gen, G. M. Dodge, president of the alof the picture, as a national event, was the world's fair, or the Columbian exhibition at Norwich university, long the only military renso Dow upon a musician at a country Chicago, Grand in its conception, beyond school in the North except. West Point, and dance. It appears that the eccentric preach mything ever before attempted in the which had a larger roster in the civil war er had stopped for the night at a gura maything over before attempted in the which had a larger roster in the civil war er had stopped for the night at a r world, and magnificent in its completion than any university in the country. During tavern where a dance was to be held.

position in those things in which she has a sy, and her marble and granite quarries long excelled, as shown by her exhibit of her manufactures, especially scales and organs, in which she has long en-

Hiram R. Steele responded to the teast, "Vermont-As is her wont, when called to the any good work, she leads the way." He

sagar and pretty girls were exhibited to-gether, and, as Saze says—'both were ex-istics which have a tendency to make us all coolingly sweet." In fact all her exhibits proud of the Green Mountain state, and were highly successful and a credit to the proud of the stock from which we are de-State. We never had greater reason to be seemled. This record is no secret; it is a thankful and proud of our noble State, her part of the history of this country, and I institutions, and her men and women, at assume that it is on account of this honorhouse alone, or when she is brought side by oble pride that this society was formed and side with her sixter States. Then let this be we are here to night. According to recent our thanksgiving day. Of all the days of census returns more than 42 per cent of all our youth, in our Vermont home, we remem-ber that as the best, when the families got in other parts of the country; so it becomes together for a remaion, a good dinner and a important and should be gratifying to know od time.

After the health of the president had been made a splendid record outside of Vermont. drunk by the company standing Col. Kimball read a letter from Security Morrill state are most proud of is, not that they live in Vermont, but that they are from Vermont. and regretting his mubility to keep his I do not admit the truth of this assertion, but if there is any foundation for it, it may Horr, who responded to the toast. "A Small be explained by the fact that Vermonters but Mighty People." He said in part:
It has long been considered an axiom in physical science that other things using case of respectability, entitling him to the find on leaving home that where a man says equal, size is the measure of power. The esteem and confidence of his fellow men misleading part of this statement is to be. This prima facie showing may be overcomesteem and confidence of his fellow men. by evidence, but there is a strong presump-

When it was intimated to me that I might like lightning from heaven. paral, yet be changed the map of Europe as much as has been done by Bismarck, who is gathering concerning. The Ladies" in general physical ghant. Take New England as a craft and the women of Vermont in particularly should. She has an area of only about 65. [ar. I began to search such Vermont literal states of the content of the conten have the honor of speaking a few words at this man would bring his manhood to its highest gathering concerning. The Ladies' in gen-600 square notes and has more than her full ture as happened to be available after some share of anomatains and barron, untillable material for a speech. I found mention of intid Vet what a history she has. The whole six New England States are not one half as large as the State of California. But where you come to be and besides to be state of California and Desires, to piety and patriot boys. It is true that they were hardy pion and Worcester, Mass.; also from William E.

what made it worth their effort to clear away forests, dig stumps, pile rocks, shoot Hessians and duck meddlesome gentlemer from New York? What made life worth living in those inhospitable regions: Why, the same thing which makes this dinner inneasurably superior to any dinner of the New England Society of Brooklyn, namely, the presence of Green Mountain girls. And again. ve must not forget that the women of Ver says "I was born in Vermont," that means something. The statement carries with it a definite idea. One says with the statement carries are statement carries with the statement carries have repeatedly whipped the Green Moun-tain boys. And the superiority of these fair onquerors is evidenced by the kind of weap on with which they did it. If anything rection of the body it would be the ministry of a mother's hand. There is nothing fensive in the thought that a hand which had consumed its own beauty and strength in service for others ought to be made in corruptible and live forever. Fame and for one await the person who shall write book that shall do practical and poetical justice to the women of Vermont. Accordpride. There is no doubt somewhat of truth ing to a widely accepted doctrine the great in that theory. But he admitted another cities rule the nation and the political bosses. fact that must be included to fully account for the intense love of Vermonters for the trine the influx of country life is the strength the State itself. It is not so large as to de-stroy one's identity, and identity is the comfort it would lay to our souls if we could mother of intensity. A person with healthy, only believe that the country home is a active affections can spread himself all over greater power than the city boss in shaping the State of Vermont without any patches the real destinies of the nation. Be this getting so thin as to lead to uncomfortable it may, if any man will make a list of the

I may be permitted to say that I have been under the uninterrupted influence of Americans. The New England character has been medified in those States by coming in contact and mixing with the people from in contact and mixing with the people from tised me in childhood. Later I went coast the old world. There is comparatively little ing, sleigh riding and skating with her, escorted her to pienics, donation parties and Martin, Col. E. A. Chittenden, and many singing schools, and climbed some of the other prominent estizens throughout the Green Mountains with her. I had the honor of being superintendent of schools in two Hungarian. The New England strain survives in all its purity. Fathers and mothers are both of revolutionary stock. True, their is that all: I had the good sense to woo a last winter, of entertaining each other is that all: I had the good sense to woo a last winter, of entertaining each other most. Hungarian. The New England strain sur- Vermont towns, visited every school as often to last year's reception, as follows: Western States and marry and intermarry with the rest of the world. But at home a good fortune to marry her at last, and have pleasantly and in such good Vermont fash been under her genial sway for 18 summers and 18 winters, and in such circumstances "December is as pleasant as May.

If any man is prepared to render a just verdict upon the schoolnea'am I am, and I pronounce her to be the handsomest, brightest, wittiest, sanciest, wisest, firmest, provokingest, bewitchingest, kindest, purest noblest gift ever bestowed upon man. She is not yet extinct, I am happy to say Evonont character a sort of crowning glory.
In introducing the next speaker President Vermont schoolma'am. It may be possible It may be possible to evolve something better, but the thing has not yet been done. She is equal to all labors and emergencies. She can board worth loving: I give you then this around, and not only survive, but grow in sentiment, "Old Vermont? May she ever around, and not only survive, but grow in grace every day. She can arise in the hold true heart's love as she holds ourforming in a room where the temperature. This was received with loud applause. s 35 degrees below zero. If the best type of Vermont women could be made universal throughout the country, and perpetuated to throughout the country turns would be safe.

the end of time, our future would be safe.

Anarchism would die, socialism would be A letter from tol. Albert Clarke of Box Anarchism would die, socialism would be A letter from tol. Albert Clarke of Bos born again, and even the tariff would be ton, on behalf of the Vermont association than of the politicians.

bright boys leave the State, most of the the toast "Vermont, the off-pring of controversy and war." Gen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war." Gen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war." Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war. "Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war." Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war. "Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war." Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war." Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war. "Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war." Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war." Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war. "Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war." Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war." Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war. "Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war." Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war." Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war. "Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war." Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war." Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war. "Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war." Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war." Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war. "Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war." Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war." Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war. "Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war." Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war. "Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war." Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war. "Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war." Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war. "Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war." Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war. "Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war." Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war. "Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war." Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war. "Sen, Dodge spoke of four versy and war." Sen, Dodge spoke of versy and war." Gen. Dodge spoke of four of their population without depleting the decrease of the home stock. Although a Pa Norwich university and said he had to thank | pretty cheap fellow may come from Canada Vermont for the lessons of order and person or Massachusetts and marry a Vermont verance learnest there. He said Vermont girl, the average of the new family is higher or Massachusetts and marry a Vermont percently conservative and prodent, borrow for any State of any State. The other side the civil war. This he attributed to the brings the bridgeroom up, toe. She exercises over him an influence like that of Lo and its success, all the nations of the the war so many undergraduates enlisted was invited to participate and consented, that for two years the university had no but, just as the exercise was about to begin commencement. Gen, Dedge gave the war rester of the university in detail and quoted compliments paid the university by Gens. begin all new undertakings with prayer. dropped to his knees and began to pray. After some general supplication for the

Now, when a Vermont damsel marries an ordinary individual from some other region she either converts him into a creditable Vermonter, or-the survival of the fittes adds another person to the list of charming widows. The women of Vermont—nothing is too good good for them. They could safely be trusted with anything that man holds dear, even with the ballot, But of how small importance is woman suffrage one way or the other in comparison with woman hood. To barter the bloom of the latter for the politics of the former would be bad aesthetics, worse economics and a more mis erable bargain in every way than Yankee have yet made. But we may dismiss al fears on that score. Such a bargain never will be made for the simple reason that American women never can be persuaded to consummate their part of it. They need neither to be patronized nor regulated by men. The man who exerts himself to kee women in her sphere is getting out of his own sphere. Women need no ad-vice nor assistance from men to keep them in their sphere. They are abundantly able to keep themselves in. So to all those men who are either advocating or deprecating so-called reforms in the female department of the universe it may be said

The fearful saints, fresh courage take; The clouds ye so much dread Are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings ony our head. That womanhood which is the guiding ion in his favor.

Boy T. P. Frost came all the way from ple has in it the purity and power for its own preservation. It will accomplish its appointed course. No man will see it fall

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on that your gatherings but magnify on respect for our State as well as for those o our brethren who have gone from among but have not forgotten us. Regretting my inability to be present at your meeting, and thanking you again, I remain sincerely SAMUEL E. PINGREE. The letter of Charles A. Catlin, president

tained the following: Why is it that the of the Green Hills everywhere, to do honor to her name? I'll tell you why it is-be cause our Vermont was, and is, a

A telegram from the Vermonters' associa tion meeting in Chicago was read, sendin joint congratulations; and a happy respons

adjusted to the needs of the people rather there, whose regular was held last week than of the politicians.

We are happy in the faith that the women of Vermont are holding their own. While visiting the State last summer I remarked to a physician on the east side: "The character of the population is changing, I understand. Quite a large foreign element coming in, is there not: "Well, yes," he replied, "some foreigners coming in, but upon the whole the character of the people is improving." That puzzled me at first, but after a month of observation I had read the secret. While it is true that many of the While it is true that many of the mountains and not the boys are green

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