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association as many of the pupils were and undoubtedly still are. But I have always considered myself peculiarly fortunate in having found my way to the Birmingham School and have always been profoundly grateful that I was enabled to enjoy its educational advantages.

I think Mr. Bemis and Mr. Spencer were the very best teachers I have ever known. They were sympathetic and helpful and above all they inspired confidence and admiration. Another thing can be said with truth. The pupils of the Birmingham High School were profoundly in earnest. Nearly every one of them saw the necessity of making the best of his student—for, as he puts it, "I spent too much time raising a hob with George Mitchell."

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I found Joe in a hospital recovering from an auto accident. I was very behind with my schedule and had only few hours to visit with him. And in that short time we had to visit "what do you suppose we talked off?" After our separation for so many years there were various topics of conversation that would naturally enter our minds. But we talked mostly of Birmingham and of our old school mates, of Mr. Spencer, of Steve Trowbridge and Grace Webb.

I wish you would give my personal regards to the other members of the Mitchell very well, indeed, and have thought of him many times since we attended High School. This is also true of Miss Susan Trowbridge, Jennie Keyes, who heads the committee that our attendance is not at the same time.

In the year 1870 when probably all the members of your Committee were in attendance at the Birmingham High School, Henry M. Lock, a likened unto Edgar Allan Poe in his beautiful satirical poem "Cui Bono," told on the reason why. "To plume the soul for its upward flight. From the deeper dark to the lighter light. This is the aim of the builder's task. The answer to all that the Sphinx can ask. And what, O builder, unto thee shall the paltry cost of the building be. When thou shalt see, from its flying track, A radiant soul look thankfully back To bless the building where it stands Overlooking the peaceful lands. Tightly builded by thy hands." Cassius D. McEwen.

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