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combined with *Poems of the Past and the Present* and the illustrations discarded" (page 106).

If, obeying the direction to "see also COLLECTED EDITIONS," one turns to page 284 of Purdy's *Study*, one finds mention of the London (Macmillan) 1912 edition of *Wessex Poems*, but no other edition of this book is there listed or mentioned. Purdy had thus provided support for our previous belief that our file of editions of *Wessex Poems* was complete. The arrival of Mr. Clemens' gift proved that we were wrong in that belief. We now know that there was a 1903 edition also, Macmillan's first issue of this book.

Before sending it, Mark Twain's nephew inscribed the book thus: "For the Colby College Hardy Collection, with high admiration for its magnificent achievement, from the poet's friend and author of *My Chat with Thomas Hardy*.—Cyril Clemens."



AN ECHO OF EARLY MAINE HISTORY

THROUGH the kindness of "Phyllis and Howard Mott" (Mr. and Mrs. Howard S. Mott of Sheffield, Massachusetts), the Library has received an interesting item—a Maine imprint dated Ellsworth, August 23, 1842. It is an announcement of the opening, or re-opening, of Charles J. Whiting's Military School on October 1, 1842. Since some details in this announcement will interest students of Maine history, particularly among the many enthusiastic readers of Dr. Marriner's *Kennebec Yesterdays*, we quote from it here:

"The School is at St. Leonard's Crags, a pleasant, elevated and healthy situation three miles and a half from the village of Ellsworth, on the main post road from that village to the city of Bangor. There are ample accommodations for forty Scholars who will reside in the family of

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their Instructor, and who will receive every attention in respect to their health and morals, as well as to their studies.

“The course of instruction will be that adopted at the military academy at West Point; but pupils will also be prepared for admission to the Universities and Colleges of New England, and for mercantile pursuits.

“There will be two vacations in the year of one month each, beginning on the fifteenth of June, and December.

“The terms for Board, Washing, and Tuition, are One Hundred and Fifty Dollars per annum payable quarterly.”

Readers who sigh nostalgically over this reminder of what one could buy a century ago with one hundred and fifty dollars may console themselves with the thought that it was then just as hard to come by a hundred dollars as it is to acquire a thousand today. What success this West Point academy in Maine had, the Ellsworth printing does not record.



TWO GIFTS

To Mr. George F. Hughes, of Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, we are indebted for a set of Edward H. Nolan's *History of the War Against Russia* (London, James S. Virtue & Co., 1855-1857; 8 vols., illustrated), a most detailed and complete account of the Crimean War.

To Mr. M. M. Goldfine, of Boston, we are indebted for a two-volume addition to our collection of Elzevir printings. This is an edition of Horace, printed at Leyden in 1629. Elzevir was one of the great printing families in the Low Countries which succeeded in carrying on the traditions of artistic printing, even after the quality of printing began to deteriorate in the sixteenth century.