

saw the bright sunshine of the rosy-fleeced morn of prosperity, and lived to feel its meridian splendor on themselves and their families.

“Surely goodness and mercy attended them all their days, and they shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

THOSE LINDEN TREES.

BY ELIPHALET PRICE.

○ MAY my memory cherish long
 Those days when down the lane I strayed,
 With ardent gaze to watch for him,
 Where falls the linden's evening shade ;
 And when his manly form appeared
 Where twilight fringed the distant hill,
 The fire-fly flashed her brightest spark,
 The evening minstrels piped with skill.

I listened to the clattering hoof,
 As swift, more swift his sorrel flew,—
 A timid country girl was I—
 And he was from the country, too.
 How often in that lane we met ;
 The kiss he gave none ever knew,
 While loitering homeward on the side
 Where trees their evening shadows threw.

Each with a hand the bridle held,
 And sorrel knew each grassy place,
 For there he'd fetch us half around—
 Which always brought us face to face.

The tree-toad never learned to count,
 The katy-did, a promise made
 That none should know the kisses given
 Where falls the linden's evening shade.

When John and I are all alone,
 And crickets sing their evening strain,
 I often ask if he's forgot
 The linden trees in father's lane.
 He'll turn, and with a wandering stare,
 His gaze on me a moment fix ;
 Then hitch towards the chimney jar,
 And slowly mutter, *fid-dle-sticks*.

THE IOWA STATE NORMAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC, AT
 IOWA CITY.

BY THE SECRETARY.

THIS institution was incorporated in conformity to the laws of the state of Iowa, June 9, 1866, and duly recorded at Des Moines; also at the court house of Johnson county. The first article of incorporation is as follows: "This incorporation shall be known as the Iowa State Normal Academy of Music, with its place of business at Iowa City." "Article 2d. The object of this incorporation shall be to give complete courses of instruction in the science of music — both vocal and instrumental."

Incorporators — Robert Hutchinson, J. H. Branch, E. Shepard, N. R. Leonard, Calvin Starr, O. C. Isbell, C. L. Mosier, W. H. Hubbard.

June 6th, the above incorporators held a meeting and elected the following board of officers: Robert Hutchinson, President; N. R. Leonard, Vice-President; J. H. Branch,

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