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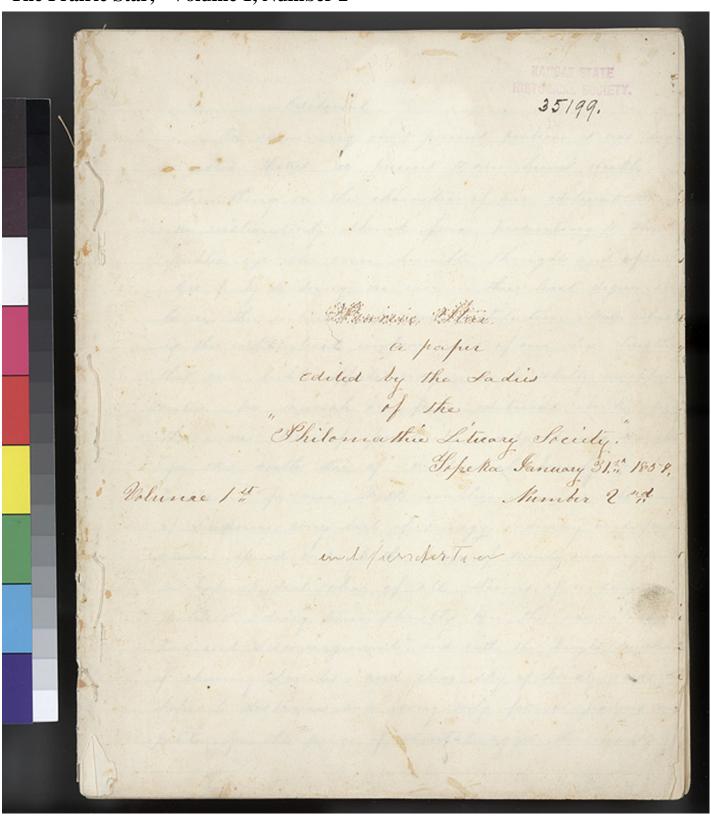
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	that find him conguise spirit	
	Thoughts of a lisure home.	
	In this great and growing city	
	Which the people call Topeka	
	On the glowing rooming hairie	
	There the birds are swelly singing	
	The have Smill our prougal deallings.	
	Thom the city from the mountain	
	From the seems, and homes of childhood	
	To Tapaka, we have handred.	
	If you ask me its pasition:	
	If you ask me its condition!	
	If you ask me what its prosperts:	
	I should answer, I should tile you.	
	dy a large and flowing war.	
	On a grouful slaping hillsed.	
	Stands the capital of Fandas.	
	Not a trade, or men profession	
	But is Sure well depresented.	
	There is not a warm heart loving	
	Not a character do stuble	
	Sot a charecter de denful.	



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	But finds here congenial spirito	
	There wire choles in Mewibers.	
	O. D. C. and O. M. C.	
	Which I think would be much better	
	If of them in would be timing	
	And just have The two united.	
	Lituary Institutions"	
	fin the town a reputation	
	Which New England Town and cities	
	Might with all there wisdom every	
	47 Thick the about town of Passas	
	Might with all thre price have wished for.	
	And our glorious Temperane Union"	
	May to piledges suit be brokers.	
	In the digit years of the feeture	
	Look in with a glance prophetic	
	With a glaner of good, prophetic-	
	Of That nated town, Tapeka	
	In that glaves, metherches I see	
	Many buildings for and stately	1
	Some to decine consecrated	
	Some to God and More to Masserer.	
	And the Capital of Randas	
	Theres among the sest in trumph.	
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. I good home is all one can wish for in this
our earthly nating place. In the long and advisors
hours of Siekness how pleasant it is to think . That
we have a place in takich to story and call our three,
Three are a great snary who do not appreciate a
good house and think nothing of it while away
from it, while athers connect for a Lungle day com
- tint thurselves away from home, How many things
we may leave by distining to the finision consusation.
and how pleasant to have our friends around us
in our hours. How much better it is to spend our
survings at home with true and lowings friends
thou in unmoving gouttes arthefaclish and un
- principled associates of the soine cup or going
- table. Them traveling are not our last thought at-
night and first in the marning of the home
we have left, and when depended from the
Sound spat down it was deem as the un sours
return to the home of our childhood, Let us then
think of our hornes. To which if we are true, toi shall
All It us all endence to make our sorthly homes
Then let us all endeavon to make our sorthly homes a Saffy time. "Ellen!"
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for was the not a hing.	
The Sonely Grave	
"Fuas Twilight on the penine	
The days last crimson light	
In matrix shis had faded.	
Defore the coming night	
The evening due road trimbling	
Expor a lonely mound	
And wildly blue the breges	
With Sono and dig like Sound	
the the first of the first shows	
No prairie floring indivined it	
Now Sindlings doing around	
M 2 · f · mar framewing	
No Survey Su was humming	
Above that grassy mound.	
But all was gloom and believe	
No living thing was there	
No my to break the shadow	
Nought that was Snight and fair.	
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No costly Brian Marbles	
Mond there to mark the grave .	
No safly deceping willow	
Above the dead to wave.	



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	Get was there not a being	
	. In lovely dadress left:	
	No heart to moune the parting	
	Of decreet love breft;	-
	The tradering their had folded	7
	Serehame Some suble chiffice	Ses
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	Chericath that Sonely place.	
	Gerehame some have young warrier	
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	Three met a fearful door	1
	On fairy footed maiden	341
	Lay shrauded in The gloom,	
	the formand out is heard the	
	Thown may be lying	
	Upon the Randas plain	
	Some being must be lonely	1.00
	Some heart must bleed in bain.) As
	But mone can tele who slupethe	
	There counth sweer care	
	No sione con tele who weepth	
	The one that luth there.	
	Luxia Lee.	
	" Hen He dead to lane	



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The Sisting Appeal.
"Fromise me my Braskin, Oh! promise me" thus
Il like the first will an unbridge
pleadingly urged a fair young girl as walning
on her couch at early down, the gazed tearfully
up with the free of a noble youth , who wife
Last and earnest look was gasing mountfully
down whom that fair young free Fromise in brother
Of manies are I the repeated as the ditent tear
Oh promise me . She repeated as the Literate tear
Stale gently down his check, and the Mother
muremed half andibly as he build his fore
in the pillow. Forgin ine Later and don't believe
me". In the calmer evening how the quitte girl
Sad left the churful social wiels and with
a bounding heart sought Sur work. passing by
In Brathus soon his day Inbarrous buttering.
attented her attention, pausing at his door, the
Junes of Spirit Sent a paring of anyone farebading
to her heart, sectioning due fears toure to fully realized
There lay an idalized brother blufring the deep
unnatural sleep of the inchreated, around
The sad dickening effects, proceing to cover up
the effects of intogreation that no other eight



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Lee there with a cry of heartfelt grif she sont
when his best of the state of the
upon her knees by his bedside with the supplied
ting ory. Ch. Father. , reaching her own room
beaken date alone total the anguals of that
Leters heart. Has, Alas very seather, as the effects
of that drong potion ware off the deather wahered.
instantly his eye full whom the seine around him
truly the desert let a last district of
truly no heart but a fond distirs would thus be
pronted to hide his disgrae from others eyes.
with her and confusions he sought his sisters
Worth for and confusions he sought his distins
couch. In a distribed Shurter the lay accusionly
broken by a deep daigh. The trac stain still whom
her check. In a love whisper the Brather Spake,
Lester, makening and gently Twening her fair
arms around his met , the repealed . Francisi
me brother meser to touch it again. But sister
Twas ruly wine, and some confectionary I ate which
made me Sieh, and the Says would make me
drink all I trak to merch. but don't betray
me. Still the sister plead, horrise me mon
I yild again, and he ward he answered ear
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