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Castles in the Air.

Oh how many structures,
Are founded on the wind,
But they all fall earthward,
As many of us find.

They are built in sunshine
Not a shadow near.
All the rainbow colors
Shining bright and clear.

But the night soon cometh
And is cold and dark.
Then the castle falleth
And it leaves no mark.

All the dainty turrets
Raised with so much care,
And the light foundations
Melt away in air.

Vanished is the castle,
Gone each tiny line,
And of its foundations
There is left no sign.

How the castle faded
None of us can tell,
But we're very certain
That our castle fell.

Where the castle vanished
We can never know,
And yet, to build another,
Straight to work we go.

A. B.

NOTES.

—The study rooms are comparatively cool which may be accounted for by the fact that they get the benefit of the strong south breeze.

—Why couldn't the Board of Education give the Seniors a banquet with a portion of the money obtained at the commencement?

—The plastering on the top flight of the north stairway has again fallen, probably caused by the pattering of little feet in the gymnasium.

—One of the editors would like to receive the sympathies of those who have been out in the recent rains without umbrellas or gossamers. He knows how it goes.

—Some of the electric bells seem to ring only when the spirit moves them, and are in the habit of neglecting their duties. One especially, which we have in mind nearly caused a stampede by giving out a prolonged ring, after two months of painful silence.

—It was said that only one woman voted the democratic ticket in the recent school board election. From one-third to one-half of those voting were women.

—If the REGISTER has a wilted appearance this week it is caused by the combined influence of hot weather, examinations, and expectations for the next two months.

—It is said that the peanut gallery at Boyd's is nearer heaven than is the parquet, but those who have been there say that, judging from the heat, it is nearer hades.

—It seems fashionable now to leave school. All the nice folks have left or are going to leave. All who have not already gone, express their intentions of leaving next week.

—Several members of the military company added their splendor to the "Naiad Queen," the opera recently given at Boyd's, in the Dryad Legion. But they won't be called supes.

—It is expected that Mr. Fred Sladen will pass through Omaha within a few days. Mr. Sladen was a member of the class of 1885, and has been at West Point Military Academy since June of that year.

—A benefit to the Board of Education will be given by the Seniors at Boyd's Opera House, June 23d. It is hoped that the house will be filled at the low price of admission—only 25 cents—as the Board is greatly in need of funds.

—That vacation is near, no one will regret. Everybody seems tired and languid. Examinations are the only things that mar the pleasures of the close of the term and only those who have neglected their studies during the term dread these.

—The second picnic given by High School Scholars this season at Hanscom Park, was given on Monday the election day. The best time was enjoyed. The committee were Herbert Rogers, Howard Clarke, Bert Wheeler and Chas. Stone. The chaperones were Mrs. Fonda, Mrs. Coburn, and Mrs. J. W. Morse. Hoffman's Orchestra furnished the Music.

—There are only three delinquents in the subscription list.—two in the Ninth Grade and one in the Tenth—a very creditable record for a school that is composed of scholars who are not noted for their wealth. But we are sorry to say the three delinquents possess the necessary fifty cents.

—There is one boy in town who is applying his leisure time to a novel pursuit. He has decided to manufacture his own fire-works and is laboring hard to make the various fancy pieces. He has made these things before so that success is assured. Could not the boys here increase their fire-works in a like manner? The manipulation is easy and the materials are much cheaper than the fire-works bought while more-over, the experience would be instructive and well worth the time spent.

—The names of the graduates this year are:

Mr. Detwiler, Mr. Broatch, Mr. Rosewater, Mr. Bonner, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Ahlquist, Mr. Harris, Miss Woodman, Miss Gibbs, Miss Whitner, Miss Ball, Miss Schlesinger, Miss Bauserman, Miss Peacock, Miss Cox, Miss Carrie House, Miss Ludington, Miss Howell, Miss Balcombe, Miss Griffin, Miss Blumve, Miss Dorn, Miss Annie McCague, Miss Moyer, Miss Shropshire, Miss Leiseniug, Miss Wells, Miss Donahoe.

Examinations.

The following is the programme of the examinations which began yesterday:

Thursday, June 16th.—German, 12th Latin, 9th Greek.

Friday,—12th Literature, 12th Hist., 9th Book-keeping.

Monday,—12th Geology, 9th and 10th History, Adv. Algebra Anabasis.

Tuesday,—9th Algebra, 10th and 11th Physics, Constitution.

Wednesday,—9th and 10th Latin, 11th Literature.

Thursday,—9th Zoology, 10th Geometry, 11th Latin.

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JUNE 17, 1887.

THE managing editor of the REGISTER and three of the assistant editors will be graduated on the 23d, and the publisher resigns with this issue, so that there will be very important changes in the staff of the paper. But the REGISTER will be as interesting as ever when it reappears in September, and as worthy the support of all who have assisted in making the enterprise a success.

THE wheels of the year have almost completed another revolution, and the time draws nigh when the seniors of '87 will be High School students no more. There is something solemn about leaving a place endeared to one by so many pleasant associations. The long days of blundering recitation, the dreary evenings spent over seemingly unintelligible passages of the Iliad, or hopelessly confused mathematical definitions are now almost forgotten; we remember only the pleasant faces and cheerful scenes which cheered our days at school. So to us, who have chng together as a class for nearly four years, the day of Commencement will bring at once something of hope and regret. Of hope because in youth no difficulties in the future seem insurmountable; of regret, because we must at last depart from scenes familiar to us from childhood. Commencement always seemed very far off to most of us; it now comes upon us with startling suddenness. It has often appeared in years past that each succeeding class in departing carried with it nearly all that was best and noblest among the scholars; but others soon step into the gap, and the former leaders of the students are scarcely missed and quickly forgot-

ten. It is not pleasant to think that within ten years or so not one of us will be even remembered at the school where we have passed the first part of our lives. Future generations of pupils will walk these floors and perhaps wonder who it was that cut their names in the beams of the gymnasium, or obtained the percentages recorded in the Principal's book. The name of the most skillful cricketer or the most thorough student now with us will recall nothing to those who will succeed them in a few short years. But none the less the work we have done and the lessons we have learned will tell on the whole course of our lives. And if we, who are about to assume the more serious business of life, have contributed anything, however little, to the welfare of the younger and less experienced scholars, our time passed within the walls of the High School has by no means been wasted.

A Review.

The warm days have occasioned a general demoralization in all departments of the High School, and not only have the lessons fallen off but even interest in games and sports has become very slack. Now, since nothing new is happening, we have time to glance back and see how the various societies composed of High School scholars have fared during the past six months.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

To begin, the Athletic Association has not been so prosperous as in 1886. Nevertheless a few games of cricket have been played, and several base ball matches won by the Association men, assisted in some instances by outsiders.

The nine has beaten the Bankers two times, the Eighth Grade club three times, and a club called a Creighton College nine once. The High School boys were defeated at Bellevue by the Bellevue College club of that place; also the Bankers have beaten the High School once.

Messrs. F. Rustin, W. Rustin, B. Nelson, Beall, Hackney, Brown, M. Nelson and Ahlquist have played for the High School in most of these games.

The base ball captain for 1887 was Fred Rustin, who held his place until June, when he was succeeded by Ben Nelson.

Of cricket only four "match" games were played in 1887. Wallace Broatch was cricketing captain until the latter part of May. Since his resignation no games have been played. The present captain is Morris Beall.

It may be of interest, in this connec-

tion, to publish the averages of the eleven best High School cricketers for the past two years.

1885.

Cook 10.4	Stockham 4.8
Giou 7.4	Sweezy 4.7
Broatch 7.1	F. Rustin 4.3
Griffitts 5.4	Rose 4.2
Clark 5.1	Brown 3.4
McCormick 4.8	

(McCormick was captain until September, 1886, when Broatch was elected.)

DECEMBER TO MARCH, 1886.

Broatch 16.2	Griffitts 8.0
Stockham 15.0	Rose 5.0
McCormick 11.4	Cook 4.0
F. Rustin 10.0	B. Nelson 3.3
Beall 10.0	Kelley 2.5
C. Bubb 10.0	McConnell 2.3

These averages were considerably modified before June 1st, 1886, most of the double figures having been reduced, while McCormick alone more than held his place. But no scores can be given for the time between April 1st and September 1st, 1886, as all the scores for that period have been destroyed.

For the last half of 1886, however, the record is very full. This was the best season of cricket which the game has ever had in the school.

AVERAGES FOR 1886.

Beall 13.65	McConnell 6.62
F. Rustin 11.91	W. Rustin 5.95
B. Nelson 7.41	Barnum 6.35
Broatch 8.13	McCague 4.39
Ahlquist 7.80	Kuhn 4.27
Cook 7.75	Griffitts 7.28

AVERAGES FOR 1887.

The averages for 1887 are not at hand as all the scores are not in the possession of the REGISTER. A table containing all useful statistics of cricket in the High School will be compiled when the scores can be obtained.

The foot ball captain is Ben Nelson, who now holds two offices in the Association.

But few games have been played, although Mr. Nelson tried very hard to induce the Creighton College men to play us.

Taken on the whole the Association has not been as prosperous in 1887 as might have been expected. Its failure to fulfill expectation may be attributed in part to the unwise policy of playing outsiders on High School teams—a thing which no manager can prevent unless he is backed by the membership—and to the lack of interest manifested on the part of the scholars, in athletic sports.

The literary societies may have detracted somewhat from the pupils' disposition to engage in physical contests; if so their effect is deplorable, for the nations which have stood highest in science and literature are those in which

great care has been taken to train the bodies of the young, as ancient Athens and modern Germany bear witness. Returning, however, to the Athletic Association, there remains little to say save that Mr. Wheeler, the manager for 1887, has shown an earnest desire to promote the interests of the Association.

MILITARY COMPANY.

The High School Guards held their last drill for the summer on last Tuesday. About twenty-five men were present, and the colors were posted on the left of the company. Bringing the men to a parade rest, the acting first sergeant read the farewell order of the retiring captain, who brought the company to the present arms and turned over the command to Lieutenant Rogers, Lieutenant Durnall becoming first lieutenant, and Sergeant Smith second lieutenant. After issuing an order in regard to the cleaning of the muskets, Captain Rogers dismissed the company.

This High School company was the first successful military organization which was ever organized in the High School. Formed last winter, it has drilled once or twice almost every week since that time, and the members have become somewhat proficient in company maneuvers. The present officers, who will hold their commissions indefinitely, are H. M. Rogers, captain; W. F. Durnall, first lieutenant; and H. W. Smith, second lieutenant. Mr. George Strang is treasurer of the organization.

LITERARY SOCIETIES.

The literary societies ceased to hold their sessions when the Friday afternoon exercises were introduced. The latter were a source of considerable entertainment until they had been repeated so often that the interest in them somewhat subsided. It seems a pity to have destroyed the literary societies, but the latter were in such bad condition that the loss occasioned by their downfall was by no means great.

GYMNASIUM.

The gymnasium society has flourished under the able management of Mr. Durnall, who should be re-elected to the presidency so long as he remains in the school. Besides Mr. Durnall, the present officers of the gymnasium society are "the popular" Mr. Knight, vice president, and Mr. Hungate, secretary. These are good men for their offices.

Exchanges.

The *High School Times* of Springfield, Illinois, is a large and well printed paper. We notice, under the heading "Literary," an article with which we

cannot quite agree, our objection is to the passage which states that "the successful men of the world are seldom men of great intellect." If by "success" is meant the attainment of a moderate degree of honor and prosperity, then it is true that "successful" men are rarely men of great intellect. But the word intellect comes from a word meaning to understand, and we defy the *Times* to produce the man who has framed the constitutions of nations, led armies to victory, or given a great invention to the world, merely by means of blind energy. Men of great intellect are great men and great men are rare, so that it is to a certain extent true that successful men are seldom men of great intellect, for men may be successful and yet not great. But success is never won, save by energy and understanding combined, and understanding is intellect.

The *Springfield High School Times*, alluded to above says, "we are sorry to see the *Lincolonian* eternally running down its opponent, the REGISTER, and expresses its intention to help the latter. We never see the *Lincolonian*, but we would say that if it has been attacking the Omaha HIGH SCHOOL REGISTER it may peg away for all we care, though we thank the *Times* for its offer of help. We are reminded of a little story. Once a very little man became enraged at his opponent in debate, and accordingly commenced to pummel him. The larger man paid no attention to this assault for several moments, at the end of which he looked inquiringly at his contemptible adversary, and asked "What are you doing?" "Fighting, Sir, fighting!" exclaimed the belligerent debater, to the astonishment of his big enemy. And now if the *Lincolonian* is "Fighting, Sir, Fighting" against the Omaha REGISTER, let us say that we can endure its assaults until they cease from sheer exhaustion.

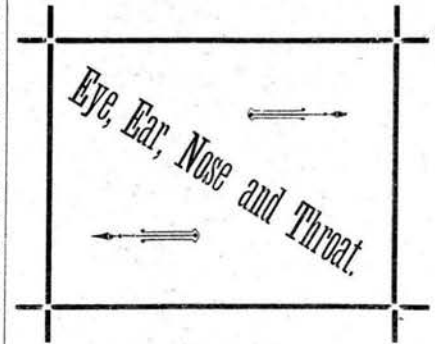
—A new craze has broken loose in the gymnasium. Influenced somewhat by the recent six day walk in the Exposition Building a few of the individuals who frequent the gymnasium chalked off a track and had a little back door race, keeping tally on the back of the door. Since that memorable afternoon all other gymnasium amusements have been laid aside until the "peds" are all walked out. A big race was booked for Wednesday afternoon but nearly all the contestants were detained by previous engagements in the various class rooms.

—Light shades in all shapes of hats at Pease Bros.

—The gymnasium has the distinction of being extremely hot in summer and extremely cold in winter.

E. T. ALLEN, M. D.

SPECIALIST.

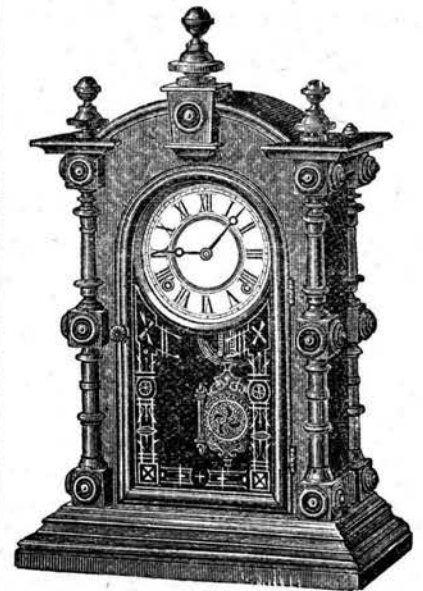


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Trials of Seniors.

Visitors to this school, no doubt leave with the opinion that the seniors ought to be taken to an insane asylum. To see them wrangling over some disputed point, talking about their graduating clothes or walking about muttering their essays to themselves, would convince anyone that their minds are heavily taxed. Their life is, indeed, not the most pleasant at this time. How many girls are worrying about their costumes? How many are in anxiety lest their orders for flowers sent to the florist weeks ago, might be overlooked? Then, besides all this, is the anticipation of the examinations soon to come. Each is afraid he will mix a part of his school-fellow's essay with his own, and thus spoil both. The elocution teacher is continually harassing them. To hear the declamation broken into with remarks like this:—"Don't raise your voice there." "Louder?" and "Stand up straight"—is enough to make each one wish that commencement could pass without any exercises. If anyone is not tired of his essay, let him listen to it, read by some friend, and his spirit will break down immediately.

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