

The High School.

DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF THE HIGH SCHOOL AND OMAHA AMATEURS.

Legendo, Cogitando, atque Scribendo vere docti fiamus.

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POETRY.

TO SPRING.

From all the blasts of heaven thou hast descended!
'Tis like a spirit, like a thought which makes
Unwonted tears throng to the thorny eyes,
And beatings haunt the desolated heart
Which should have learned repose; thou hast descended
Cradled in tempests; thou dost awake, O Spring!
O child of many winds! As suddenly
Thou comest as the memory of a dream,
Which now is sad because it hath been sweet;
Like genius, or like joy, which riseth up
As from the earth, clothing with golden clouds
The desert of our life.
This is the season, this the day, the hour;
At sunrise thou shouldst come, sweet sister mine,
Too long delayed, too long delaying, come!
How like death-worms the wingless moments crawl!
The point of one white star is quivering still,
Deep in the orange light of widening morn
Beyond the purple mountains; through a chasm
Of wind-divided mist the darker lake
Reflects it. Now it wanes; it gleams again
As the waves fade, and as the burning threads
Of woven cloud unravel in pale air
'Tis lost! and through you peaks of cloud-like snow
The resolute sunlight quivers. Hear I not
The Eolian music of her sea-green plumes
Winnowing the crimson dawn? I feel, I see,
Those eyes which burn through smiles that fade in tears
Like stars that I quenched in mists of silver dew.
Beloved and most beautiful, who wearest
The shadow of that soul by which I live,
How late thou art! The sphere's sun had climbed
The sea; my heart was sick with hope before
The fruitless air felt thy belated plumes.
(SHELLEY—Prometheus Unbound.)

LOUISVILLE MEDICAL COLLEGE.

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS DELIVERED BY
F. B. KENNARD, OF NEBRASKA.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—As the honored representative of the first *alumni class* of the Medical Department of the Central University, it is with feelings of great pride that I meet you, to offer words of gratulation; also, to bid you a kind adieu upon the auspicious close of this the first year of its existence. When it was announced on last September that the halls of the Hospital College were open for the reception of students of medicine, divers were the speculations indulged in by outsiders, and a few of those cynics, pedantic pedagogues of the medical profession, as to its success. Such criticisms and innuendoes are always numerous in the event of the establishment of any new enterprise of pith and moment, "they fall indiscriminately upon every good thing like frost upon the flowers." But to-night, despite her discouragements, the youngest of the three sister medical schools of Louisville is proud to present to the world, out of a class numbering one hundred and one, an alumni corps of fifty-four, a success unparalleled in the first year's history of medical schools in the State of Kentucky. This seems to give abundant and flattering evidence that Louisville, possessing as she does the great natural advantages of geographical location, with her combined facilities for the promotion of medical education, through her enviable and justly acquired prestige as a growing medical centre, and most of all, through the wide-spread fame of her illustrious teachers of medicine, of the past and of the present, she is capable of giving support to at least three, and perhaps as many more laudable, well organized medical schools as may be established in her midst.

The questions suggest themselves: From what sources has the Hospital College derived her immediate remarkable prosperity? Has it been from any superior advantages which she has offered the student? Does she claim an innovation in the mode of teaching medicine in Louisville?

To these questions we can give our hearty answer, yes. It is a principle that has been recognized by medical men for centuries, that experimental research at the bedside of the patient is absolutely essential to the successful study of disease; and that without ample clinical facilities no institution can teach medicine. Finely-spun gossamer theories and systems were at one time prized above all things else, and the *ipse dixit* of the teacher was the law, inviolable: in those days there were "many tongues to talk, but few heads to think"—many to follow, but few to lead. "The times have changed, and we have changed with them." We are living in the age of common sense, reason and liberal ideas; we have no set systems from which we dare not deviate for fear of the denunciations of a Bombastus Paracelsus or a Hahnemann, but investigation with a view toward

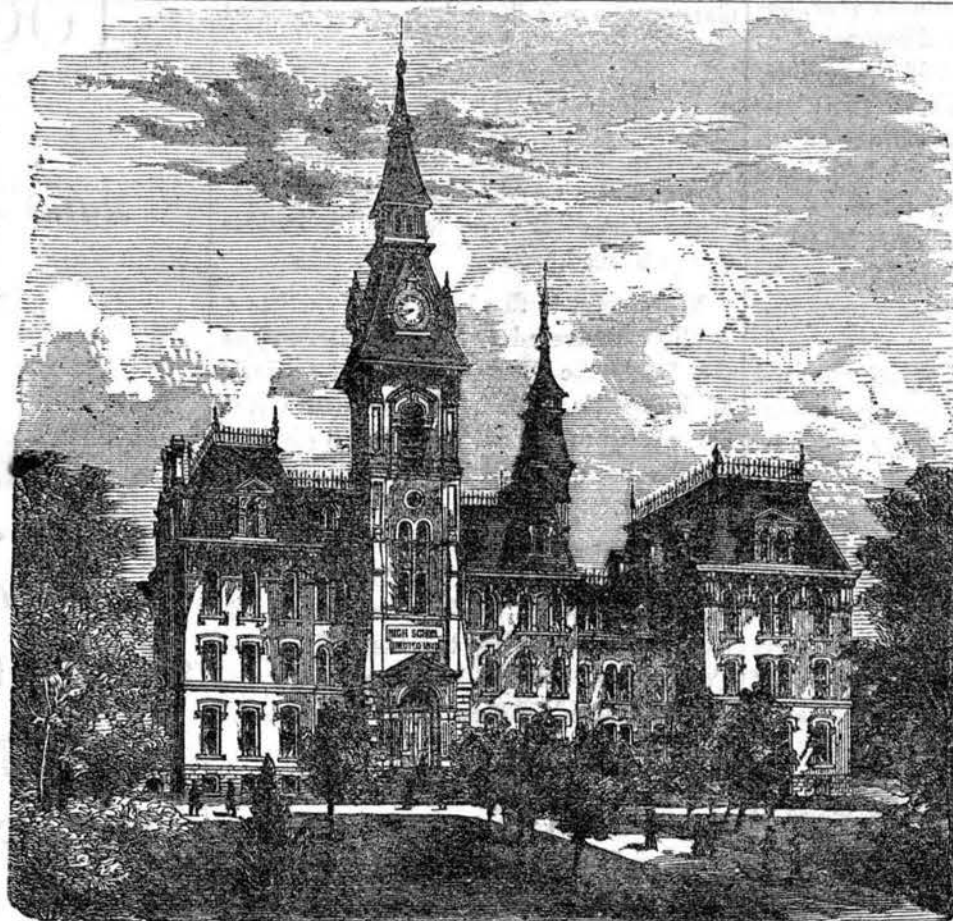
ascertaining truth is the privilege of all, and valuable discovery is welcomed from whatever source it may come. Even the student of today demands proof for all things, and to nature he appeals as the only infallible authority; there by experiment and observation he discovers for himself the truth or falsity of his theories; there he is able to recognize the symptoms which arise in the course of disease, to observe the ravages of the destroyer; there he is able to witness the happy results of well directed treatment.

The faculty of the Hospital College of Medicine have not been unmindful of the wants of the students; from the very inception of the institution they adopted as a maxim: no clinic, no school. By availing themselves of the privilege bestowed upon the school by the Commissioners of the Louisville City Hospital, where there is constantly present a large supply of clinical material, through the munificence of that magnificent institution, the Hospital of Sts. Mary and Elizabeth, which also furnishes subjects for instruction, through that great public charity, the Free Dispensary of the Hospital College, which is visited daily by numbers of the poor of the city; and lastly by drawing largely upon their private practice, have they been enabled to illustrate the whole didactic course of lectures by cases in actual practice. It will at once be seen that the substantial benefits which this school bestows upon its pupils must at once give it a position above all others in the Southwest. We can proudly and justly hail the Hospital College as a good school of clinical medicine; we can truly say, there has been an innovation in the mode of teaching medicine in Louisville.

Thus, by their unfailing zeal and untiring industry, have our faculty afforded their pupils opportunities of almost inestimable value. As ardent laborers in a worthy cause Providence has smiled upon their efforts. To-night we stand here to testify to the richness of the fruits of their labor, and me thinks I hear, coming from a higher source, the welcome words in accents soft as the flutter of the angel's wings on which they are borne, "Well done good and faithful servants."

I would consider myself as failing of my duty if I were not to speak of the beneficence of the curators, who, by their wise and liberal policy have placed within the reach of young men, who, by reason of their impecunious circumstances, are unable to pay the fees of the institution, a thorough course of medical instruction. A beneficiary scholarship in this school doesn't mean a deduction from the regular fees, which is to be eventually restored by taxing the student from five to ten dollars for various private classes organized by the teachers, but it entitles the possessor to all the privileges enjoyed by his fellow classmates. How many sons of genius have remained "mute and inglorious," held down by the relentless hand of poverty, whose names had else shone on the pages of history with the lustre of a Henry Miller, a Daniel Drake, or a Charles Caldwell. No longer is he forced to return, saying: "Behold, Lord, here is thy pound," but "he that will come, may come," and drink at the fountain of knowledge. The names of the curators of Central University will be treasured in many a grateful heart, and upon the return of the ambitious son to the humble abode of his widowed mother, will be heard the words: God bless the officers and teachers of the Hospital College.

With no ordinary feelings of solemnity do we pronounce the words—farewell to you, citizens of Louisville. We have been associated with you sufficiently long to form



VIEW OF THE OMAHA HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

friendships of the most agreeable nature; friendships, the memories of which we will nourish in our breasts with feelings of kindness all the days of our lives. In the midst of strangers we have found benevolence of heart, coupled with mind, to appreciate and promote our happiness and comfort. We depart, as thousands have done before, with hearts full of gratitude for the hospitality and kindly offices shown us while sojourning with you—and often will be wafted back upon the soft breezes from far South, and upon the zephyrs from the distant hills of the West, kind wishes for your continued happiness and prosperity. May security and peace bless your dwellings, and glory and strength encircle the "City of the Falls" forever.

Respected teachers, we bid you adieu with profound regret. You have become endeared to us by every tie that makes life a joy, and friendship a blessing. By your assiduous labors in our behalf, by the sacrifice of time voluntarily given, have you shown an uncommon interest in rendering our attendance here both profitable and agreeable. You have endeavored to impress us with a high and honorable appreciation of the profession we have chosen; you have striven to animate us with a desire to acquire a thorough knowledge, that that it might wisely be applied to the alleviation of the sufferings of our fellow-creatures; you have told us that just in proportion to the extent of our attainments, would be the chances of success in our profession; you have pointed out to us the responsibilities attending the practice of medicine, and have bade us well beware how we discharge our sacred trust. We feel that by following the many principles you have laid down for our guidance, success and honorable position must certainly be our portion. For your sincere efforts to secure to us the greatest benefits possible, that we might sustain the honor of our profession and our institution, and worthily fulfill our mission, we owe you a debt of gratitude that time cannot cancel. For the excellent words of wisdom which you have expressed to us from time to time we thank you, and whatever of success may attend us in our professional career, if it shall be the fortune of any member of this class to gain distinction in this life, and be honored with high position, we unite in saying, may it redound to the honor of our teachers—the Faculty of the Hospital College of Medicine.

Classmates, we have met together for the last time. Ere another day shall have passed we shall be separated by hundreds of miles. Though we be scattered far and wide over all parts of the land, yet happy remembrances of the past winter will cling to our memories for years to come, and oft in our imaginations will we be associated together within the walls of our *Alma Mater*. Ah! who that has not been placed in the position can appreciate the feelings of the graduate when he realizes for the first time that he is no longer a college-student, cut

off from the dearest associations of his life, thrust upon the world, oftentimes with hope and ambition alone to strengthen and encourage while grim-visaged failure stares them in the face. Out of the deep despair of his heart he cries, Oh! that I were a student once more.

"There are points from which we can survey our lives, When the soul sweeps the future like a glass; And coming things full-freighted with our fate, Just out on the dark offing of the mind."

We stand to-night upon the threshold of a professional life; we are about to take our first step forward upon a stage where each must play his part alone. The boundless future is before us, as a scroll upon which we are to write our own

history. We have pledged to devote our noblest efforts in promoting the advancement of the glorious profession of our choice. There are more than ordinary incentives for us to labor strenuously in the cause we have espoused, as the first class of our institution; as the nucleus around which is to gather a vast alumni, the duty devolves upon us to exercise diligence and perseverance, that in future years, when our *alma mater* is asked for in jewels, she can point to this class with pride and satisfaction. We have a sure foundation upon which we can build the fabric of our medical education, but it will take long and patient labor to achieve the end; it is the work of a lifetime; it is fraught with difficulties and discouragements, but all difficulties yield to perseverance.

The war we are to wage is not without its victories, and they are victories which meet with heaven's approval, the smile of God. The lawyer stands before the jury-box, his eye glowing with pathetic emotion. Pleading the cause of his guilty client, he reads in the looks of the jury the words "not guilty," and he rejoices in his victory. The world stamps him a great man. By intrigue and cunning the politician succeeds in gaining a lucrative position where he can serve "the dear people;" then he smiles benignly over his victory, and his name is trumpeted all over the land. The general on the field of battle sees the enemy retreat in confusion; the news of his great victory is sent on the wings of lightning from pole to pole. But where is witnessed the victories of the physician, and who hears of them? Go with him, if you please, to the alleys and low haunts of poverty; there, in a low, dingy, dirty room, upon a dirtier pallet, lies a mother, a father, or perhaps an only child, pale and exhausted from lingering disease. Poverty and sickness plead for help; the ministrations of the physician restore light and life to that miserable abode, and bring happiness to a sorrowing family. There he views his victory; the world hears not of it, but it speeds directly to the gates of heaven. God sees it, and there he receives his reward. As has been so beautifully expressed by one of our teachers, "God is banker for the poor, and he is never insolvent." Then let us labor with an exclusiveness of devotion to the one object of our lives, that we may become ornaments to our profession, and benefactors to our race. "Perseverance, is a Roman virtue," that wins each god-like act, and plucks success e'en from the spear-proof crest of rugged danger.

"Press on, for it is god-like to unloose The spirit, and forget yourself in thought; Bending a pinion for the purer sky, And in the very fetters of your flesh, Mating with the pure essences of Heaven. Press on for in the grave there is no work, And no device. Press on while yet you may."

Life is before ye, and as now ye stand, Eager to spring upon the promised land, Fair smiles, the way where yet your feet have trod But few light steps upon a flowery sod. Round ye are youth's green bowers; and to your eyes, Though horizon's line but joins the earth and skies, Daring and triumph, pleasure, fame and joy, Friendship unwavering, love without alloy; Brave thoughts of noble deeds, and glory won, Like angels beckon ye to venture on.

Mr. Kennard received a number of bouquets from the audience.

A SPICY COMMUNICATION.

If the time honored adage that "One goes safest in the middle," be true, we must confess that we prefer the most perilous course, as we have an instinctive horror of those persons who never *know* their own opinion, or rather never *have* one. Any party is better than *no* party. Better be villain than a nonentity. We always thought that the man who being asked which party he belonged to, replied that "he did not know, that he stood a *nuisance* between the two," was more of a *wit* than a *fool*, at any rate he can be said to have made *one* point, for in our opinion neutral means nothing more or less than nuisance.

In mathematics the product of the extremes is always equal to the product of the means, but this rule can hardly be said to apply to the case in question as the product of the extremes far exceed the product of the means.

It is said that extremes meet, and this we believe to be true. The happiness of human life is made up of the extremes of happiness and misery, these carried to excess resemble each other in character.

There is a certain class of people who never seem so happy as when perfectly miserable; this may seem paradoxical, but you must remember that we do not refer to those who really have some serious cause for sorrow, but to that melancholy class whose natural element seems to be gloom. There is another class of people who go from one extreme to the other, and enter with their whole soul into all that surrounds them whether it be of joy or sorrow, and these are in reality the happiest; they are not simply *in* the world but *of* it. With these may be classed the reformers and philanthropists of every age.

The middle classes—although their happiness or contentment is often written off—cannot be said to "go through the world without having known any of its greatest joys." They may have many friends, but the loss of them is not very deeply felt, as they are not capable of very intense feeling. We have never ceased to regret that "dying of love" has gone out of date; it seemed a much more fitting termination to the exciting world that are so numerous, while now the afflicted person should not only recover, but continue to perform his customary duties.

H. H. M.

At a late meeting, the Cynosopic Society was benefited by the discussion of the question, "Which has accomplished more good, Ink or Iron?" As was highly appropriate, the disputants displayed an *inkling* of intellect, and indulged largely in *irony*.—*Chronicle*.

ANY one who thinks it an agreeable task to edit a paper for nothing and board himself, as editors of college papers are compelled to do, would better try it. If the cursings and criticisms which we receive almost daily had been applied to Job, we are inclined to believe that he would have taken his wife's advice. Be lenient.—*Ashbury Review*.

BISMARCK, according to a Berlin letter-writer, is one of the unhappiest and most discontented of men. He is harassed by the opposition of the spectacled doctors of the Reichstag; the petty details of office worry and fret him; chronic illness too often paralyzes his vast powers of body and mind. Every day's mails bring him letters threatening his life; and these tease though they do not frighten him, as a sick lion is teased by the perpetual biting of very small insects. The police tell him to be careful; he lives ever in a sulphurous atmosphere of vague danger. Even power has grown nauseous to him, and adulation has ceased to give its sweet sting of pleasure. He longs to abandon the scene of his triumphs and his troubles—to get away from all this worry; will gladly let his name pass out of men's mouths if he can but get peace; and would fain exchange those things for which men so keenly envy him, for the vine and fig-trees of remote Varzin. —*Appleton's Journal*.

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AMONG the many amendments to the general school law passed at the late session of the Nebraska Legislature was one providing that the "director, moderator, or treasurer, or any two of them, shall not employ as teacher (of a country district school, we presume,) any person who is a relative of any of said officers." This, we believe—and we derive our opinion from the wording of the amendment—was intended chiefly for district schools in the country, and in the smaller cities of the state. It is believed by many beside ourselves that this provision for the guidance of "directors, moderators, and treasurers," need not necessarily apply in cities of the first class, where the school matters are under the direction of a Board of Education, which board is empowered to make, and does make, rules and laws of this nature, and often of a more important nature than this one.

For the benefit of those who may feel interested in this subject we append the whole section as amended:

"Section 45 of Chapter 68 shall be amended so as to read as follows: 'Sec. 45. The director, with the consent and advice of the moderator and treasurer, or one of them, or under their direction, if he shall not concur, shall contract with and hire qualified teachers for and in the name of the district, which contract shall be in writing, and shall have the consent of the moderator and treasurer, or one of them, endorsed thereon, and shall specify the wages per week or month as agreed by the parties, and a duplicate thereof shall be filed in his office: *Provided*, That if the director shall refuse to make and sign such contract, when directed so to do by the moderator and treasurer, then it shall be made and signed by the moderator and treasurer: *Provided, also*, That director, moderator, or treasurer, or any two of them, shall not employ, as such teacher, any person who is a relative of any one of said officers.'

A FEW days ago we received a letter from a member of the C. B. literary society, asking several questions regarding the proposed contest, and among others we were asked how the contest was to come about? Not having the authority to answer these questions we returned a postal card, stating that at a previous meeting of the Omaha society three members were elected debaters in the contest, which seemed to be understood; (we understood that there would be a contest if arrangements could be made for such, and we understand so yet;) and that those three were empowered as a committee to make all the necessary arrangements for said contest. We stated that we had handed the letter to that committee, and it would be answered by it. The substance of this postal card—which was not an answer from the committee, but a private note stating that the letter had been handed to the proper persons and would be answered by them—was clothed in different words, and published in the *Nonpareil* over our signature. The way it appeared in the *Nonpareil* implied indirectly that the contest was settled, and that it originated through a challenge from the Omaha society. The C. B. society, whose main hold is on preliminary tactics, should have waited for the answer from the committee, to whom we expressly stated that we had referred the letter, instead of publishing a garbled report from the note of a private individual, who distinctly stated that he had no authority to answer the letter.

A WORD TO THE BOYS.—Boys, did you ever think that this world, with all its wealth and worth, with all its mines and mountains, oceans, seas and rivers, with all its shipping, its steamboats, railroads and magnetic telegraphs, with all its millions of groping men, and all the science and progress of ages—will soon be given over to the boys of the present age—boys like you? Believe it, and look abroad upon your inheritance, and get ready to enter upon its possession. The presidents, kings, governors, statesmen, philosophers, ministers, teachers, men of the future—are all boys now.—Selected.

A PLAIN STATEMENT OF UNPLEASANT FACTS.

On the opening of the High School, not yet three years ago, there was in attendance about sixty scholars; since then, there has been a dozen or more successful applicants for admission from time to time, and one class from the eighth grade (of about thirty-five) has been admitted. To-day there is by actual count only twenty-eight students in that department. The first class, the one that is supposed to graduate in '76, has but three members, and there is no assurance that they will continue another year, because they feel somewhat discouraged at the wholesale abandonment of the class by the others. These facts indicate that there is a defect somewhere. This falling off has a cause, and that cause should be looked into and the proper action taken by our educators, for some action must be taken or the Omaha High School will have to be given up as a farce. It appears to us that the present course should be either radically changed, or entirely discontinued, and some new one substituted, in order to correct this fault which is so forcibly presented by the present state of affairs.

The majority of those who enter the High School in any city are compelled by force of circumstances to terminate their school-life in less than three years, and if—as is the case in the Omaha High School—there is no provision made for such pupils, but all are required to set out on the same course, which leads ultimately to the college or the profession, then that great majority is compelled to drop off, which it does most undoubtedly; and this falling off is what now turns attention to the course of instruction.

The high school is a public institution, supported by public taxation, and while there is no law governing the case it seems to be understood that, like the common school, it shall be maintained only for the good of the greatest number who wish to attend it. No fault is found with the present course by the few who are able and inclined to follow it, but the great majority—those who never expect to enter a college, but who could attend a high school one or two years provided there were a shorter course, and one of more direct and practical value—are the ones that raise the objection.

The Chicago high schools are troubled with the same falling off above described, and the Board of Education of that city has adopted a measure by which the high school classes in the different sections of that city will be discontinued at the end of the present year, and provision made for a two years' course of study "of the most positive, direct, and lasting value, and which shall be complete in itself."

The following topics were recommended by a committee, and adopted by that Board:

Natural Science.—Natural Philosophy, Inorganic Chemistry, Natural History.

Language.—English Composition and Rhetoric, English Literature, German (optional).

Mathematics.—Algebra, Geometry, Plane Trigonometry, Commercial Arithmetic, Book Keeping.

History.—General History, Civil Government.

Miscellaneous.—Drawing (optional), Music (optional).

Also that for every day of the two years there will be one recitation in each of the three departments of *Natural Science*, *Language* and *Mathematics*, and that the other studies of the course be provided for as circumstances may direct.

This is a wise provision, and while it may be a little out of the latitude of the HIGH SCHOOL, to offer suggestions to the Omaha Board of Education, our confidence in the wisdom of adopting some such a course is so strong that we cheerfully take the risk of being censured.

The Nebraska State Homeopathic Medical Association will hold its annual meeting at Nebraska City, beginning on the 18th of the present month. The president being absent from the state the annual address will be delivered by Dr. E. Lewis, of this city.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

—The President of the C. B. Literary Society uses the word "gijantic." He is a gigantic numscull, but can furnish plenty of talk, such as it is.

We had intended to discuss editorially some resolutions passed by the High School Debating Society a few weeks ago, but our space is occupied with other matters of more importance.

We see by the Newspaper Directory of New York that the *Guardian*, of this city, has suspended. On the departure of Dr. Garret, who was the editor, it was decided to discontinue the publication.

We have received a copy of "The Blue," an English magazine published at Christ's Hospital, and if we knew where that Hospital was we would send an exchange. There is no other name to designate where it is published.

We present in this issue the Valedictory Address delivered by F. B. Kennard at the Louisville Hospital Medical College, of Louisville, Ky. We pronounce it a first-class production, and it will give the Omaha boys a good idea of what a Valedictory is.

We were pleased to form the acquaintance of Chancellor A. R. Benton, of the State University, during his stay in this city while attending the State Teachers' Convention. He delivered an able and entertaining address on "Moral Education" before that body.

The University of California is bothered, says the *Berkleyan*, with numerous circulars received from publishing houses, offering to furnish it third readers and spelling books at reduced rates. Judging from a poem which appeared in a late number of that journal over the signature of "T," it is but reasonable to suppose that third readers and spelling books were badly needed.

—This paper has been accused of attempting to make capital by claiming to be the official organ of the High School Literary Society. We would state that THE HIGH SCHOOL is not the "official organ" of the High School Debating Society, and has never claimed to be such. It would require a hand-organ to give anything like an approximate idea of the deliberations of that body.

The State Teachers' Association met in this city at the appointed time last month, and it was in every respect a success. The exercises, which lasted three days, were entertaining and instructive, and we regret that we have not space to publish the proceedings in full. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—C. B. Palmer, Beatrice.
1st Vice President—Sup't Chas. Cross, Washington County.

Secretary—C. F. Secord, Blair.

Cor. Secretary—A. Nichols, Peru.

Treasurer—J. B. Brunner, Omaha.

Executive Committee—H. K. Raymond, W. Rich, J. H. Worthen, Mrs. F. J. Ebricht, Miss Jennie McKoon.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Nebraska City, last week in March, 1878.

MR. CHARLES R. REDICK and the writer of this article visited the Council Bluffs Literary Society on the evening of the 19th of April, and were well received and courteously entertained by the president, secretary and members of that society. This being our first visit to that society we were very favorably impressed with the Council Bluffs boys, who seem to manifest a kindly feeling and good will toward Omaha visitors.

The literary exercises on that evening were of the first class; the uninterrupted manner in which the programme was carried out, and the high order of ability there displayed, spoke well for the standing of the society. An oration, by W. C. Erb, on "The True Man," was a masterpiece in itself, and reflected the highest credit on the abilities of that young gentleman. Mr. Skelton delivered in an eloquent manner the famous speech of Lord Chatham on the question of commencing the Revolution. Next came the debaters, Messrs. Everett, Hall, Munger, Porterfield, De Kay and Baird. They are all good debaters, and if the Omaha boys are going to have another contest we can assure them that they will have some hard men to handle.

After the conclusion of the debate, a motion was passed inviting the High School Literary and Debating Society to pay them a visit, and a special committee of three was appointed to confer with a like number from the Omaha Society with a view of arranging a debating contest.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Local Advertisements, twenty cents per line.

Several items of interest are crowded out of this issue.

S. S. W. A. C., Jr., is going to have his "biography taken," so he says.

Read the new advertisement of the C. & N. W. R. R., and when you are going East buy your ticket over that road.

Mr. Keys complains that the limbs of the trees on the High School grounds are very frequently broken.

The beneyolent society, formerly known as the "M. T. K." has been reorganized.

Al. Sorenson, the city editor of the Bee, got married last month. As might have been expected he did the thing up Brown.

"Mr. President," said one of the Council Bluffs, "it is an established fact that facts are facts."

The editor of the Hesperian Student says he would send us a tin whistle if times were not so hard. Can't he send his old one?

A little Bohemian scholar at the South School was asked how many two and two made, and being a little backward about the answer his teacher shook him, and he shouted out "cat, cat, cat."

The Railroad Time Tables, showing the time of arrival and departure of trains, are published for the benefit of the traveling public, and will be found in another column.

Mr. Henry Wilkens, formerly a Douglas County school teacher, is writing a novel. It will be founded on facts which have occurred in this city, and may include certain school officers.

Sophomores, preps, freshmen and dunces, Buy their Hats and Caps at Bunce's, Because that hatman makes a rule, To advertise heavily in the High School. Would be poets, whose brains are flat, Can draw inspiration from Bunce's Hats.

Council Bluffs is infested with about three hundred youthful "Blackhillsers," who can "do nothing but steal pistols," is what a C. B. Debater said the other evening while discussing the question, "Is it advisable to annex more territory to the United States?"

Henry Kuhl, Capt. Co. F, 1st Neb. Cavalry, and superintendent of the gravel pits at Fort Hartsuff, has donated several specimens to the High School Cabinet, illustrating the many geological substances forming those pits.

The 5th annual report of the Board of Education, together with the thirtieth annual report of the Commissioner of Public Schools of Rhode Island, has been received, for which we are indebted to the Hon. Thomas B. Stockwell, Commissioner of Public Instruction in that state.

The first meeting of the High School Debating Society, after the members had read and digested the "suggestion" which appeared in the last issue of this paper, got through business and adjourned by ten o'clock. The boys are always open to suggestions.

For the last month the Friday afternoon exercises of the High School have ended in spelling matches, and there has been some very lively contests. Miss Julia Knight was the victor in one contest, Miss Blanche Deuel in another, and Miss Fannie Wilson in another. The latter not only spelled the whole school down, but exhausted the list of words and took her seat without a miss.

The boys and girls of the Council Bluffs High School are all in love. There has been so much billing and cooing among those students that it became necessary for Prof. Armstrong, the Superintendent, to deliver a lecture on the subject. He suggested to the scholars that the prevalent habit of making geese of themselves before the pin-feathers were set had better be abandoned.

THE SOUTH SCHOOL.

The south school has a total attendance of three hundred scholars, being composed of those students of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grades who live in the southern part of the city.

In the 1st grade room, which is presided over by Miss Kate Foos, there is in attendance ninety-three scholars, while the room is seated for the accommodation of only sixty-eight.

The A and C classes of the 2nd grade occupy the next room, and number fifty-eight. While in this room we were very profitably entertained, as well as highly complimented, by a song from the school for our especial benefit. We return our thanks.

Classes C of the 3rd grade and A of the 4th occupy the southeast room on the second floor, and are taught by Miss L. J. Ray. Miss Ray has just returned from a two years' visit at her home in the east, during which time she has suffered greatly from ill health. She will be remembered by many Omaha students as one of the first teachers in this city, and by none better than by the writer of this article, who some nine years ago mastered the simple rules of "addition, division and silence" under her instruction. Amelia Metz, Ella Kent, Mary O'Keefe, Livvie Larson, Mary Zoeller, Minnie Kendrick, Emma Germain, Mollie Rose, Amelia Hermann and Dora Boisen were the names we copied from the roll of honor.

The C class, 4th grade, and A and B classes, 5th grade, numbering forty-six, are taught by Miss Anna Foos, the Principal, and Miss Faucett. The names of scholars appearing on the roll of honor in this room were Fannie Rowitzer, Ella Hokinson, Eva Lipe, Josie Abney, Bertha Nowag, Charles Erickson and Thomas Dee.

We were next shown into the 3rd grade room, which is under the management of Miss Carrie A. Coates. Music and drawing are special features in this room, some of the students being well advanced in the latter branch. Miss Coates takes a special pride in the discipline of her scholars, and it being just 4 o'clock our attention was attracted by the perfect order in which they left the room and descended the stairs. The following names appeared on the roll of honor, viz: Frank Keagisick, Jas. Keagisick, Oscar Messenger, Chas. Nelson, Dan. Shanahan, Christopher Richter, Eddie Traverse, Willie Burk, Eddie Dwire, Susie Cook, Hattie Heth, Mary McDonald, Katie McGee, Augusta Pomy, Maggie Thomas, Bessie White and Maggie Wilkens.

We wish to acknowledge our obligations to Miss Anna Foos, the Principal, for her kindness and courtesy in conducting us through the building. This school under her supervision proves itself to be a glowing success, and it is a pleasure to the High School, as well as a duty, to call attention to this fact.

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PERSONAL.

—Arthur and Bird Wakely will be home during the coming summer vacation.

—H. D. Estabrook is expected home about the first of next month.

—Miss Jessie Roddis who has been spending the winter at Fort Laramie, has returned.

—Miss Maggie Gilchrist of Plattsmouth, Neb., was among the attendants at the late meeting of the State Teachers' association.

—Emery Forbes recently returned from California, where he had passed most of the winter.

—Mr. Thomas Morgan, who has, during the last year, been at St. Thomas, Canada, has returned to this city.

—Miss Williams, who taught English Literature at the High School, resigned her position last month, and departed for her home in Boston, Mass.

—Miss Jennie Allen, who has been visiting at Texarkana during the winter months, is expected home about the 10th of the present month.

—Mr. J. C. Scott, traveling agent for the well known book publishing house of Wilson, Hinkle & Co., Cincinnati and New York, was in this city on business last month.

Some daring boys entered the High School building a few weeks ago and greased the blackboards of the High School rooms. This was a desperate scheme, and if the perpetrators of the outrage can be found they will, we understand, be dealt with severely.

JUST ONE WORD.

The present seems to be a fitting time and opportunity to make a thankful acknowledgment for the kind encouragement and thorough patronage extended to our store by this enterprising city and community.

The reader will observe from the following, our first advertisement, that it is now about two years since we first opened on 13th street, with the following card in the Herald:

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10:00-11:00 A. M.—Rhetoric—Freshmen; Chemistry—Sophomore and Junior.
11:00-12:00 A. M.—Geometry—Freshmen; Zoology or Civil Government—Juniors.

NOON.

1:30-2:45 P. M.—Latin—Preparatory, and Freshmen; German—advanced class; English Literature (no teacher)—Juniors.

RECESS.

3:00-4:00 P. M.—Latin—Juniors; German—beginners (1st class); Outlines of World's History or Physiology—Preparatory.

In our last issue appeared two advertisements—one signed Dr. C. T. Price, and the other Dr. Burt,—both of whom are swindlers and unprincipled quacks, as we learn from New York papers. We hope none of our readers will have anything to do with either of them, and it will be our endeavor to more strictly guard against the appearance of such advertisements in the future.

The public schools of this city have caught the mania for spelling schools, and of late it has been a regular Friday afternoon exercise in many of them. The following young ladies and gentlemen are reported as the victors in a series of spelling matches held at the south school last month, viz: Carrie Mason, Josie Abney, Minnie Kendrick, James Kirkland, Oscar Messenger and Leancra Metz.

At the meeting of the High School Debating Society held Tuesday evening, April 23d, it was decided to have a joint debate and literary programme with the Council Bluffs Debating Society, if arrangements could be made for such. Messrs. C. R. Redick, F. R. McConnell and R. S. Hall were elected debaters in that contest, and were also empowered, as a committee on the part of the Omaha Society, to make the necessary arrangements with their opponents.

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