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FOUND DEAD.

BY ANNIE E. BURBANK.

Dead, silent and cold! Found there on the snow,
Her thin hand and her icy face;
Her cheek half veiled by the glossy flow
Of her unbound hair The golden glow
Of the eastern sun lighting all the place.

Dead! only last night she was in the town,
Her life shining out of her wild brown eyes;
Tramping with restless feet up and down,
While goodly women drew back scarf and gown
From her garments' touch in cold surprise.

Did she care for the glance of the proud disdain.

For the ribald jest and laughter loud?
Did the red of her cheek take a deeper stain,
Her heart know a touch of womanly pain,
Jostled and scoffed at there in the crowd?

Dead, silent and cold! We never can know
How her weary feet sank at last by the way;
How on her pillow of pure white snow,
The tender-eyed stars looked down on her woe,
Like a child on its mother's breast she lay.

Unwomanly, sad, was the life she led,
But away in the past her soul was white;
And lying there now so still and dead,
The sunlight crowning her fallen head,
It is sweet to think she has found the light.

Let mothers only her poor hands fold,—
Mothers with daughters young and fair,—
With tender fingers they'll smoothe the gold
Of her saken locks. She now so cold,
Was somebody's child—was some mother's care.

And fathers with sons that are strong and brave,
Let them drop on her face a manly tear;
Let them stand with bowed heads beside her grave,
Vowing with God's help their sons to save,—
Ah! some father's son has brought her here.
—The Record.

THE FATES THAT RULE OVER US.

By Miss Stacia Crowley, Valedictorian of the Graduating Class of '76.

Read at the Commencement Exercises of the Class Held in the High School, Thursday, June 22d, 1876.

Long ago when the world was young, men held many strange and beautiful superstitions, their faith was as boundless as their imagination, and their gods were as many as their dreams. They believed that man's life was his own to live, but not to govern. The stars were the oracles that declared their destiny and they themselves were mere puppets moved about on the stage of life by the hands of the Fates that ruled over them. That a man's life was a failure or a success they attributed not to his own faults or virtues, but to the aspect of the stars at his birth, or the will of the gods who were the arbiters of his career. They built altars and burnt offerings to Mars, to Jupiter, and to Venus, and spent more time and energy in endeavoring to propitiate these much demanding powers, than if properly directed would have won for them any destiny they desired. They did not know in those old days the strength of a strong, I will. They did not know that man can be what he will be; that fate is as wax in the hands of the determined, but as adamant to the touch of the wavering. True there were some among them who were wiser in their day and generation. Caesar, who because of his continued success was called the favorite of the gods, took very particular care that the gods did not have things all their own way; and even while he talked to the rabble of "the fortune of Caesar," and lucky stars, he was sharpening his sword, counting his legions, and keeping a sharp lookout for opportunities. We smile in these overwise days at the dreams that were dreamed long ago, but to-day though the world has grown older, and we no doubt are the people, and wisdom shall die with us, there are traces of the old superstition lingering yet. There are still living, men who believe that their lives are

mapped out before them and that no power of their own can change their destinies. The ancients railed at the gods for the ills that fell in their way, and we pitying them for their folly, have put all their idols together and called them by one name, Fate. No god of the gods of old was more worshipped than this god is, and no god of the gods of old was more powerless than this god is. Strange as it may seem the very men who are said to be the favorites of Fortune have the least faith in her influence. True, Napoleon called himself the child of destiny, and worshipped a power unseen; but he knew, though the world did not, that the fate he worshipped was his own indomitable will. He should have been called, not the child but the father of destiny; for he made the destinies of nations as well as of men. Every great mind is the maker of destinies, and the fates that rule over us to-day are the wills of the fearless and strong. Be as brave as the brave, be as strong as the strongest, and your life is your own to direct. We do not presume to say that there is no power more omnipotent than man's, or that the good or evil we do will go unrewarded or unpunished; but we do say that all men are endowed with a free will, and this life is what we make it, be the next life what it may. You are your own fate, your destiny is hidden in your brain or coiled up in the sinews of your strong right arm. No circumstances can keep a man down who is determined to be successful, and no circumstances can make a man successful who waits with folded hands to see what fortune has in store for him. We have no sympathy to waste on that much pitied individual, with fate against him, for, were he of the true metal, fate could not be against him long. The impossible things in this world are fewer than anybody dreams, and he whose will cannot be broken has little to fear from fate. People who have become distinguished, were not, as the grumblers complain, born to be great. They were born to be what they willed to be, and for their success they may thank not their gods, but themselves. You need not cross our hand with silver, and we are ignorant of the language of the stars; but only tell us how great is the strength of your will and we will tell you your fortune. Can you work day and night without encouragement or recompense? Can you give up all things for one? Can you bear the sneers of the foolish, or worse, the neglect of the wise? Are you brave, can you stand in the front for a cause whose supporters are few? Can you dare to think for yourself, and thinking to speak for yourself as well? Can you labor and suffer and wait, above all things can you wait? Answer yes to these questions and though the stars may have frowned on your birth, and all the gods of Olympus be your sworn enemies, we do not predict, but declare, that you will be successful in whatever you undertake, and you may snap your fingers at fate. There would be less sin and fewer wasted lives, if we could all feel that we are held responsible not only for what we are, but for what we might have been; that our destinies are in our own hands; that the praise or blame our acts deserve, belongs to us, and to us alone; that our lives are what we make them; that "It is not in our stars, but in ourselves, that we are underlings," and that our own wills are to-day the fates that rule over us.

Perhaps we are led to consider more earnestly this subject of success and failure in life, when we and those who have long been associated with us, are about to go out into the world.



View of the Omaha High School Building.—From a Photograph by Eaton.

To-night we appear for the last time, as pupils in these halls. Tomorrow our school life will be a thing of the past, and before that to-morrow comes let us say a few words of thanks at parting: Five years ago the class of 76 numbered forty members, all looking anxiously and hopefully forward to this year in which they should graduate. To-night but three of the original class remain. Many of our former classmates are present as spectators, some of them are far away, and three are in their graves. We who have remained to the end, think of many to whom we owe some few words of thanks. To our former teachers, who though faraway in person, are present in our own memories to-night, and especially to one whom it is as needless, to name as to praise. To the gentleman who for the past year have been at once our instructors and friends, and to whose energy and kindness we owe this successful termination of our school life. To the present and former Board of Education and Superintendents for their judicious and kindly management of affairs. To each other we can only say, may we meet in the life we are entering upon, friends as staunch and true as those in the life we are leaving. May we find in the world friends as worthy of trust, as quick to sympathize, and as willing to assist as those we leave in the school room. And last of all to the generous public, who have so nobly sustained this institution, we return our most sincere thanks for the advantages they have enabled us to enjoy. We will endeavor to show them by our future lives that their bounty has not been bestowed in vain, to atone in deeds for what we lack in numbers and to add new honors to the illustrious name we bear, the class of Seventy-Six.

INTO EACH LIFE SOME RAIN MUST FALL.

Graduating Essay of Miss Addie Gladstone, Class of '76.

An old proverb tells us that "Life is what we make it." Like many current expressions, the proverb can hardly be accepted as stating the whole truth. Though without doubt every one has a great deal to do with shaping his course, yet there are many windings that would not be threaded had we exclusive control over our steps. But if it were in our power to have life as we would make it, would it be well for us that life should be all sunshine? How tiresome is a very long period of bright weather! To endure its mo-

notony actually depresses our faculties and makes us long for a change. All nature seems to unite with us in this great demand. Without rain, the ground refuses to yield her annual increase, the trees to bear fruit, the flowers to bloom. The land would present a sad picture of desolation, were the clouds to be forever banished. And yet there are tracts of country throughout the world where a man may pass a lifetime without enjoying a rainstorm. And these barren spots offer a melancholy picture, to the curious mind, of what continued heat and sunshine, without moisture, can effect.

True, life's storms, like the storms in the physical world, are not always productive of good. The gentle rain refreshes; but a tempest may sometimes pass over our homes, leaving therein ruin that can never be repaired.

A sky ever bright and cloudless is not beautiful in nature, or in the life of man. In the one, as in the other, 'tis the clouds that brighten the blue.

The many little clouds that drift across our sky, the every day vexations and troubles we all meet, make us appreciate more fully the tranquil days of sunshine. Rain and storm purify the atmosphere.

Many of the great names in history recall to us characters purified and strengthened by encountering storms of opposition and calumny—by meeting and passing through, and not retreating from them. Men who have enjoyed the brightest lives, have not usually been numbered among the most fortunate, certainly not among the worthiest.

The world has lacked the service many a man might have rendered, simply because he was born rich. Exertion was not necessary, and he frittered away his time and talents in vain and idle pursuits.

The American people have not yet arrived at that stage from which many nations have begun their retrogressions. Our sky has not been free from clouds.

The rain has fallen plentifully into our national life.

It might, by some, be considered unwise to speak of war, or any great calamity, as ever benefitting the nation on which it descends. Yet such a calamity may develop resources that would otherwise lie dormant, and open vast fields to enterprise; and more than all, it may sweep away wrongs, abuses and delusions. Although suffering is severe, when such trials come, we find the result desirable.

The air is clearer after the storm.

Thus it is not only into our little lives that "rain must fall." It falls upon the nations as well. It has fallen abundantly into the lives of those who have held high places in the ruling of nations, and into the lives of others who have won the renown of genius.

History tells us of no great men on the field, in the council, at the bar, in literature, art or science, who have not put into practice the expression, "If it were possible, it would have been done before; if it is not impossible, it shall be done."

We all dwell with breathless wonder on the mighty achievements of Napoleon Bonaparte. A few years ago we treated the aspirations of Mr. Disraeli as the myths of an imaginative brain.

Michael Angelo's work on the dome of St. Peters, finished two centuries ago, stands without a rival to-day.

Galileo's invention, "the gateway to portals beyond," can never be forgotten.

Many times the black rain clouds hung threateningly over these men, and their daily experiences were made up of mingled hopes and disappointments.

Little did Marie Antoinette think, when she took her place as Queen of France, that her life, which hitherto had been one of unalloyed pleasure and sunshine, would in so short a time be changed to utter darkness and ruin.

Yet so it was. But through all her trials, she looked at the bright side, and still hoped to recover the throne when indeed all was irretrievably lost. She was envied by many of her subjects, and especially by those of the lower classes. Their envy and hatred of their Queen were plainly manifest in that famous march of the women of Paris to Versailles.

But could they have read their sovereign's grief in her countenance, they would have pitied rather than envied her.

Thus we see that a high position does not exempt one from the cares of life nor insure against storms and disasters. In the lives of the saddest of us there are days so bright that all things catch a glimmer of their glory.

Gloomy days may follow, when the fires will not burn on our hearths, and cheerfulness dies in our hearts; when all within and without is dismal, cold and dark.

Believe me, every heart has its secret sorrow, a sorrow which the world knows not of, and perhaps cares not to know.

Most of us, perhaps all, will meet disappointments, on the highways or byways we may hereafter tread, which, were they plainly marked, would deter us from the performance of our journey.

But let us pause not for clouds or discouragements, but gain by daily triumphs over small obstacles, ability to triumph over greater ones.

And in all the gloomy hours of life, let us not forget that

"Our fate is the common fate of all,
Into each life some rain must fall,
Some days must be dark and dreary."

SHALL OUR LAURELS FADE?

BY CARRIE RICE.

"O in thy form, thou laurel green.
Fair virtue's semblance soon is seen;
In life she cheers each different stage,
Spring's transient reign and summer's glow,
And autumn wild, advancing slow,
And lights the eyes of age."

Our bark is prepared. Having weighed anchor, we dash out with swelling sail upon the broad bosom of the deep. We brave its perils and escape its manifold dangers, until, at length, our gallant ship is moored in the tranquil waters of some picturesque

harbor of southern Greece. How we love to linger amid its beauty, and to watch the undulating surface of the blue Mediterranean. Instinctively we are attracted to the shore, and we wander over the hills and through the valleys of this delightful land. Here at our feet, just bursting into life, is the tiny laurel shoot, and where returning, after many days, to the same spot, we find that the laurel has grown in stature, and we also observe the berries gleaming amid the dark and glossy leaves. When beholding this, our minds are filled with thoughts of the times and customs of ancient Greece; perhaps she may have crowned some successful orator with a wreath gathered from the very spot upon which we now stand. It would be infinitely more difficult to transfer the laurel wreath from one who has won it by his own personal efforts to a brow less deserving, and secure for such an act approbation, than to transplant the true laurel from the sunny slopes of its southern home to the wind swept steppes of the frozen north. As the tender shoots of the Kalmia first bursting into life are to the perfected foliage and ripened fruit of the matured shrub, so may our first attainments in knowledge be likened to that fuller growth of wisdom which time and persevering efforts have developed in the adult intellect. The period of infancy is like unto the first tiny laurel shoot, just bursting through the cold damp ground. Behold it putting forth its first green leaf, and does it not remind you of when you were a child, trudging along to school, with your books under your arm, and singing merrily; and

"Nought care you for the world that rolls,
With all its freight of troubled souls,
Into the days that are to be?"

As we advance in years, our tasks having been faithfully performed, we still go on increasing in knowledge, until we think we shall soon arrive at the top of the mountain; but still we seek, observe and inquire, as we pursue the rugged path, climbing from crag to crag, until reaching the topmost peak, "we behold not the sterile boundaries of a universe unexplored, but an ocean of knowledge, yet to be traversed; a Pacific of truth, stretching on and on, into the depths of eternity." Thus we have arrived from youth to maturity, scarcely perceiving the flight of the days and years, so quickly have they passed from us. And now as we sit and ponder on the days that have passed so rapidly, we think how we could have improved the moments, each day adding some new bud or blossom to our wreath. Since the laurel signifies something fresh and evergreen, shall it lose any of its properties when woven into a wreath? Hath one leaf drooped or one blossom faded in the crowns of Shakespeare or Milton, during the many years that have elapsed since they were won? No! the berries gleam more brightly, and new leaves have been added to their wreaths.

And now, if any of our efforts should secure for us a modest wreath, I think there are but few of us who would not agree with the poet when he says:

"If fame has ready for my brow
A laurel, let me have it now
While I'm alive to wear it."

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The space assigned to the HIGH SCHOOL in the newspaper pavilion of the Centennial exhibition, is designated by the number 4174. (Put this in your memorandum book.) Omaha people who visit the Centennial and desire to keep posted on all the live questions of the day at home, can step into the pavilion and read the HIGH SCHOOL.

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THE COMMENCEMENT.

The gratifying success which attended the commencement exercises of the first regular graduating class of the Omaha High School, is a just cause for the members of that class to feel a little proud of, and all the friends of the school have, by this event, been inspired with a feeling of renewed interest in the institution.

For the past five years, this department of public instruction has withstood many disadvantages, every one of which was tortured into an argument against it, but persevering in the face of all obstacles, it has achieved a success which its most bitter opponents must admit to be fruitful in its results. The economy of the High School, if properly understood, is sufficient to justify its maintenance. It seems to cost considerable money, but in reality it is like an investment in real estate, where late returns, from an increase in value, are expected to compensate for present expenditure. The native resources of this State are developing rapidly on all hands; the local business of commerce, politics, and agriculture are becoming greater than our own boys are able to attend to, and we are to-day paying out large sums of money to foreigners to direct the internal affairs of our own commonwealth. Economy and justice, therefore, demand that we provide for our own children, a higher education. The High School is of untold benefit for the education of our primary teachers, and its usefulness in fitting young ladies for such positions cannot be overestimated. As an incentive to the pupils in primary schools, and as a means of furnishing those who aspire to a college education the necessary preparation, it can easily be seen by those who are willing to be convinced that it is of the greatest practical benefit.

The future of the Omaha High School bids fair to be a bright one; it has but fairly commenced its useful career. Next year, it will without doubt, send forth a class of not less than twenty, and now that is benefits are becoming apparent, there will be no danger of a scarcity of pupils. Let it, therefore, live and flourish. Let the citizens of Omaha continue to lend, by their good will, their support and encouragement, and thus maintain one of the most economical provisions that can be made for the city, the State, and the individual.

LET us offer a word of advice to visitors who desire to practice economy. Don't be induced to pay unreasonable prices for board by the plea that Philadelphia is crowded. It is not crowded and you can have the choice of a hundred rooms any day. Buy a guide-book. Study the map of the city and street car-lines. Then invest two cents in a copy of the *Ledger*, in which you will find every morning three or four columns of rooms to let advertised. Start out in search of quarters that meet your ideas as to cost and comfort, and you will be pretty sure to find what you want in an hour or two. We have heard of one or two hotels "on the European plan" charging five dollars a day for a room without board. No one ought to submit to such an imposture. There are scores of private houses that offer a large, well furnished room, with breakfast and supper, for \$2 a day, and the supply of such accommodations thus far considerably outruns the demand.

EDUCATIONAL.

The total number of school youth in Douglas county, according to the report from County Superintendent John Rush, is 6,216. This is an increase over last year of 547.

The superintendents of the public schools throughout the county, will hold a convention among themselves after the adjournment of the National Teachers' Association, and perhaps form an independent association, into which none but bona fide superintendents can be eligible for an election. July 10th is fixed for the day of meeting.

Bradley L. Burr, of Fairmount, Neb., was the successful candidate for appointment to the naval cadetship at Annapolis, Md. There were competitors present at the examination from various parts of the State, and the examination was closely contested. The examining committee was composed of B. E. B. Kennedy, of this city, Chancellor Benton and Prof. Hitchcock, of Lincoln.

Extensive preparations have been made for the reception of teachers at the meeting of the National Teachers in Baltimore on the 10th, 11th, and 12th of July. It is earnestly hoped that all teachers of Nebraska who can go will be there.

TEACHERS' NORMAL INSTITUTE.—Notice is hereby given that I have this day appointed three District Teachers' Institutes.

One to be held at Hastings, Adams county, commencing Tuesday, August 1st, and continuing three weeks.

Another to be held at West Point, Cuming county, commencing August 1st, also continuing three weeks.

A third to be held at Peru, Nemaha county, commencing August 15th, and continuing three weeks.

The Institute at Hastings will embrace all that part of the State west of Gage, Lancaster, and Saunders counties, south of the Platte river; also that portion north of the Platte river not included in the Hastings district.

The Institute at West Point will embrace all that portion of the State lying north of the Platte river not included in the Hastings district.

The Institute at Peru will include all the counties not included in the other two districts.

The law makes it the duty of each County Superintendent to attend these District Institutes. Item first of section ninety-one reads thus: "He (the State Superintendent) shall organize teachers' institutes at such times and places as he shall deem practicable; which institutes shall be attended by all the County Superintendents within the districts for which it is organized."

I therefore hope that each County Superintendent will comply with the law, as far as possible.

Done at Lincoln, this 10th day of June, 1876. J. M. MCKENZIE, State Supt. Pub. Inst.

HIGH SCHOOL TRAINING.—Mr. S. H. Cross, chairman of the School Board of Westerly, R. I., also a member of the State Board of Education, in a well written document remarks upon the value of the high school in the general school system, as follows:

"The high school is essential to the continuance and completeness of our system of public schools. Without it the system would possess about as much life as a body without a head. Admission to it is the prize and reward for successful effort in the lower departments, thereby giving them greater efficiency and energizing them with a power which nothing else can give. It opens the door for a good education to the rich and poor alike, giving to all an equal chance. It brings the children of the poor and rich together at an age when character is being rapidly formed, and a degree of mutual respect and sympathy is established, that does much towards doing away with caste in society, and to put every person on the footing in society to which he is entitled by his talents and attainments. The high school should furnish to our children a broad liberal education, that will lay a good foundation for the study of any profession, or qualify them to perform honorably and well the active duties of life, and at the same time give grace and refinement to their culture and character."

GOOD-BYE—"TA TA."

We have met, we have parted,
We may meet again,
But never again can we
Meet as of yore.

No angry words were spoken,
No vows were broken,
Our actions seemed the same
As of before.

No sympathy is needed,
No broken heart is pleaded,
The pleasant tie is severed;
That is all.

Our hearts are as light,
Our smiles are as bright,
But I tasted the wormwood
Withal.

—W. L. M.

THE name of one of the most able and accomplished teachers who held a position here during the past year did not appear among the newly elected ones for the next year, and as there is apparent no just cause why this teacher should be rejected, but on the other hand every reason why she should have the preference over any stranger, many of her friends think that an injustice has been done her. The teacher in question is a graduate of the Baldwin University of Ohio, the same institution of which A. A. Schuyler was formerly principal, but is now President, and under whom this teacher finished mathematics. She is a teacher of five year's experience, held a first grade certificate in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, and is also quite proficient in the German language—so much so that she was quite competent to hear her German students recite their lessons, and did so during the past term. These facts show that she does not lack ability, and we are led to the conclusion that personal preference for some other applicant (we will not say personal objections to the teacher in question) were allowed to warp the judgment of the powers who hold sway over the selection of teachers.

Books Received.

The Galaxy for May.

The International for May—June.

Geo. P. Rowell & Co., will accept the thanks of this journal for a copy of their Centennial Newspaper Reporter.

We acknowledge receipt of Wolfe's Directory of Omaha, for the year 1876. It is a work of nearly 300 pages, substantially bound, and contains a complete list of the inhabitants of Omaha, together with a descriptive view of Omaha's history up to date, lists of societies, corporations, and other lists, tables, and information very valuable. Mr. Wolfe has had the benefit of his former experience in Omaha, while compiling this Directory, and the excellence of his last work is a subject for congratulation.

HADLEY'S LESSONS IN LANGUAGE, by Hiram Hadley; Hadley Brothers & Company, Publishers, Chicago, Ill.

Hadley's Lessons in Language, published in 1871, was the first book written, bearing this or any similar title.

The Theory on which this book is based, is: *Train the children to use languages, and the youths and adults will soon acquire the science of language—grammar.*

The Scope of this book embraces the training that children should receive during their ninth, tenth and eleventh years.

There are many admirable features in this little work, which commend it. Price, 50 cents—sample copies for introduction, 35 cents. Address the publishers at Chicago.

WORDS.

By Alvin J. Caughey, Member of the Graduating Class of 1876, Council Bluffs.

Words, says some one, are only the vehicles of thought, thus conveying an intimation that they may be carelessly considered. I do not know who the author of this expression is, or where I found it, I only remember that it was in an article on the freedom of thought, in which the author took the bold position that all men had a right not only to think but to speak as they deemed proper. We agree with the author in part of his assertion, that words are the vehicles of thought, but we do not agree with him that they are only this. We believe that

words subserve other purposes than simply to form sentences; that words taken alone, separated act as mile stones along the great turn-pike of civilization to show something of the advancement of nations, something of the peculiar characteristics of the people of certain periods. For example, the word telegraph will point out to the future student when the times we now live in shall have become ancient, something of the rapid strides, something of the lightning like velocity with which we progressed in the then past period.

There is an old story that sometime in the tenth century Aurelia had a dispute with the Anglo-Norman barons on some clerical prerogative. He undertook a journey to Rome in order to obtain the Pope's roll on his side of the question. His object was successful and he returned in triumph with the Pope's opinion on parchment. He commanded the Barons to assemble and listen, and when he had read to them the decision, they unanimously shouted "Words and sheepskin." How little did those fierce and haughty Barons in their ignorance dream of the influence that would be exerted by "words and sheepskin." Little did they think the laws then exercised over their subjects would one day be abrogated.

The age of sheepskin has passed away, parchment has been superseded by paper, but words are still with us as mighty, as powerful and as efficient as they were in ancient days.

A story is told of a learned stranger who took part in a debate between the Platonist and Aristotelian philosophers. He moved on one side of the question conclusively, and then turned and upset all his own arguments. He was asked how he could support both sides of a question in a debate, and he replied, "They are only words my lord, only words."

Friends when you hear a noisy politician offer to die for humanity, remember that his patriotism is only "words." Ladies when men tell you that you are angels, and yet fail to treat you as rational humans, consider that their approbations are only "words." Friends, you who have stood side by side through long years of happiness and misfortune, should the breath of calumny be blown, and quarrels arise, remember how much of the sorrow of this life has its origin in groundless causes, think how much of your quarrel was only "words." And O, thou who seest an opportunity to help a lone and weary brother by a kindly word, remember that though our language is only words, yet a word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

THE SUNBEAMS WE SCATTER

Graduating Essay of Miss Nellie Blanchard Read at the Commencement Exercises in the Council Bluffs High School, June 23d.

All day long I've been listening to low silent voices! I hear them in the rustling of the leaves, and in the gentle murmur of the creek, trickling at my feet and sparkling in the summer sunshine. I have learned from their whisperings of an influence which we individually possess, and may exert with a happy effect, throwing around us an atmosphere and pleasure, which, like sparkling of water in sunshine, not only attracts, but awakens by the fitness for its vicissitudes of daily life, a response from those less susceptible to nature's influence, and not ready to listen to her gentle voices. Thus, too, have I been thinking that life, in a sense, is what we make it, although in some of its phases it resembles a blighted flower with its finest aspirations crushed, its most cherished anticipations withered and dead, yet in the language of hopefulness can we look up and say—

"Though the clouds may be drear,
And the night may be dark,
Yet soon will the day break be dawning."

If under the heavy burden of sorrow we give up our feelings to dejection, and allow ourselves to be overcome with gloomy apprehensions, continually finding fault with cruel fate, wishing for the messenger death to come and relieve us of trouble, our efforts in cheer-

ful doing are paralyzed, and we render ourselves unfit to assist in drawing aside the veil suddenly dropped over the prospects and happiness of some one of our fellow travellers, and of gaining that good to our own hearts, which is the never varying attendant of unselfish benevolent action.

But, on the other hand, if we resolve to make the best of our trouble, whatever it may be, how fraught with golden blessings may our lives become! What happiness it will afford us in old age to look upon our lives and say, "the world is wiser and better that we had lived."

Ay, delighted indeed, to look back upon our lives and know that we have left golden foot prints behind us.

"Footprints that perhaps another,
Wandering o'er life's dreary plain,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, may take heart again."

Be it remembered that, while we rush along with great velocity, on the swift railroad train, everything we see seems to go in a direction opposite of that which we ourselves travel. Remember also that every flower, even the fairest, as it nods in the sunshine, has a shadow beneath it. Behold the sun, that inexhaustible source of light and life, whose sunbeams are scattered everywhere, its benign influence is over all, it brieth from mist, darkness and apparent death, clear light, life and joy, thus revealing to our wandering gaze the great and pervading power of sunbeams. Can not we in imitation of this great pattern of life, scatter around and amongst these with whom we associate, the pleasant smile, cheering and enshrining the spirit which may be saddened and downcast! Give the joyous laugh, dispelling despondence and gloom from the soul subjected to some depressing influence.

Speak the kind word which shall drive away the despair about to settle with ruthless grasp upon the heart of some friend, who per chance, may have found difficulties in the path of life, seemingly too great for his courage.

In our contemplations, let us turn to an object to be the employment of our lives, prescribed with that unerring knowledge of man which leaves no room for us to doubt its adaption to us; it is this: "Do good to all."

Then shall we see how wide spread our duty, and how large a field we have for our efforts and highest attainments. If we resolve to make our lives fruitful of happiness and good to others, and that our hearts shall overflow with these manifestations then shall we be in constant sympathy with the source of true greatness and goodness. Then most certainly will sunny rays beam forth, leaving salutary impressions of an inner and higher life that yields its fragrance every hour.

Now as we go forth from the halls of learning and culture into active life, let our mission be under heavenly inspiration, with earnest purpose to scatter sunbeams. Lifting into joyous gladness the lives of those around us, and thus stimulate to that exertion, which shall result in the noble endeavor in the direction of right.

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Geo. W. Shields was admitted to the bar last month.

Miss Esther Jacobs who has been going to school for the past twelve years never missed but one day in all that time.

TEACHERS leaving the city, can have the HIGH SCHOOL forwarded to them while absent, by sending notice to office.

SOME students who have heretofore had their papers delivered at the High School, will perhaps be obliged to call at office for them during vacation.

BILLS were sent to delinquents last month. Those who have neglected to return their subscriptions will please give this matter their attention.

MINNIE SPOOR, a daughter of Capt. N. T. Spoor, and formerly a student of the Central School, died Wednesday, June 28th, greatly regretted by all who knew her.

THE office of this journal has been moved into more commodious and elegant quarters, second floor of Odd Fellows Block. Call around and leave your subscription.

THE Board has done a good thing, and shown the good taste of its members, by furnishing several beautiful gas chandeliers for the auditorium and halls of the High School building.

W. M. Bushman of this city, was married at Council Bluffs on the 21st, of last month, to Miss Minnie Litten, a charming young lady of that city. Mr. B. and his bride have the best wishes of the HIGH SCHOOL for their future happiness.

THE Field Sportsmen's club had a practice shooting match on the 29th, at Sulphur springs. A great many pigeons were set free. We withhold the name of the young man who won the leather medal, out of respect for his feelings.

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Prof. Decker's laudable efforts in teaching music in the High School, free of charge, during the past two terms, calls forth many expressions of heartfelt gratitude from those who have been the recipients of this great benefit, and it is a gratifying fact that the High School, as a whole, can make such a creditable display of vocal ability.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brunner, celebrated their tin wedding on the evening of June 21st, that being the tenth anniversary of their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Brunner of West Point, father and mother of Prof. B. were present. The teachers of the North School, and Cass Street School called in a body, and made suitable presents.

THE cigar and tobacco house of Messrs. West & Fritscher No. 225 Farnam street, one of the largest and most successful houses West of Chicago, is fast gaining a good reputation for excellent brands of fine cigars. It is a principle upon which the proprietors of this manufactory go on, to send out nothing that will not reflect creditably on their house, and to this fact alone can be traced their success.

The young gentlemen graduates of the High School were taxed three dollars each, to defray the expenses of the Alumni Reception. Our young friend Curry paid his little three dollars, and under the circumstances naturally thought he ought to have a little dance. This was well enough, but after asking, without avail, one or two of the young ladies who graduated alongside of him for the pleasure of their company on the floor, he concluded—so we are informed, that he didn't get a fair shake, and went home.

THE card of Chas. Roberts, Druggist, will be seen in another column. Mr. Roberts is a young man who was well known as the former clerk in this store, and by his energy and industry has acquired sufficient means to assume the proprietorship. The store is well stocked with the finest and purest drugs. The citizens of Omaha who appreciate the endeavors of a young man starting in business for himself, will doubtless give a part of their patronage to this establishment.

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If he had simply advised each citizen to buy a Babcock Fire Extinguisher and have it on hand, he would have covered the ground in half the space.

THE HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

The First Graduating Class in the Omaha High School—Alumni Entertainment on the Following Evening.

The first graduating class sent forth from the High School consists of the following:

Stacia Crowley, Maggie McCague, Esther Jacobs, Bertha Isaacs, Nella Lehmer, Blanche Deuel, Fannie Wilson, Ida Goodman, Addie Gladstone, H. C. Curry and Alfred Ramsey.

The commencement took place on the evening of June 23rd in the spacious auditorium, which was handsomely decorated with evergreen arches, mottoes, and wreaths for the occasion.

The attendance was very large, and hundreds were turned away from the doors after the room was packed as full as it would hold.

The exercises commenced with a song by the school, entitled, "Sweet Visions of childhood." An essay, "From Shore to Shore," was then read by Maggie McCague, who did exceedingly well.

Miss B. M. Isaacs was next announced, and her essay, "Silent Orators," was an excellent one.

"Beyond the Alps lieth thine Italy," was the subject of Miss Nella Lehmer's essay, and it was read in a clear, loud tone.

Miss Blanche Deuel then favored the audience with one of her finest selections on the piano.

Next in order came Miss Ida Goodman, whose essay, "Room up Higher," was full of practical ideas.

"The Greatest Plague in Life," a farce, participated in by Misses Lehmer, Burley, Jjams, Childs, Kennedy and Isaacs, was carried out very successfully.

Alfred Ramsey followed with an oration on "The Moral Atmosphere and its Influences." His gestures were rather mechanical, and he hardly entered into the spirit of his subject, but many of the ideas he advanced were good ones.

The audience then listened to a beautiful quartette, by Messrs. A. D. Morris, L. S. Reed, W. O. Saunders, and S. B. Reed, of the Arion Club. "Moonlight on the Lake," the nicest selection they could have made, was faultlessly rendered, and the participants can rest assured that they never so thoroughly pleased an audience as they did on this occasion.

They bowed themselves off the stage amid the loudest applause, and in deference to the wishes of the audience, were compelled to sing again.

Miss Fannie Wilson selected "Pictures" for the subject of her essay, and with the exception of it being a little too long, we could justly say nothing but words of commendation.

The production of Miss Esther Jacobs was among the best of the evening. "Get ready thy spindle and distaff, for God has provided the flax," under the treatment of Miss Jacobs, abounded with much sound practical advice to the young ladies of our day.

H. C. Curry delivered in a well modulated voice, and with all the ease and grace of an orator, an oration on the "Educated man." Mr. Curry had studied long and laboriously on this oration, and his labors were well rewarded by his success.

A violin solo by that cultivated young musician, Mr. Geo. Sauer, was well appreciated.

The happiest hit of the evening was the farce "Thirty Minutes for Refreshments." The actors were Messrs. Redick, Saunders, Cahn, Chase, and Misses Crowley, Wilson, and Lehmer. Everyone of them did well, and the audience was kept in a continual uproar.

The Arion quartette sang another song, Miss Addie Gladstone read her essay, "Into each life some rain must fall. Miss Blanche Deuel came next, delivering in a clear voice her essay, "The Purple Within and the Purple Without," and the literary exercises closed with the reading of the valedictory by Miss Stacia Crowley. This article is by far the best effort of her life, and it reflects the highest credit on the abilities of its talented author. It will be found entire on our first page.

Mr. C. K. Coutant, of the Board of Education, then stepped forward, and making a few remarks, in which he briefly reviewed the history of the High School from the time of its incipency, five years ago, to the present, and presented the graduates with their diplomas.

ALUMNI ENTERTAINMENT.
On the day following, the graduating class met and formed themselves into an Alumni Association, with the following officers: President, Stacia Crowley; Vice Presidents, Blanche Deuel, H. C. Curry, Addie Gladstone, Maggie McCague; Secretary, Fannie Wilson; Treasurer, Bertha Isaacs.

In the evening the association gave an entertainment in the auditorium, arrangements having been made, and invitations sent out beforehand. The evening was spent in social conversation, promenading, and dancing—an inexhaustible supply of lemonade having been provided to counteract the effect of dancing in such warm weather.

H. P. Deuel, Mrs. Robert McConnell, W. H. S. Hughes, Capt. W. W. Marsh, Misses Carrie Lake, Mamie Chambers, Clara Campbell, Georgia Gaylord, Libbie and Amie Rollinson, Nellie M. Weeks, Bettie Megeath, Christina Ross, Allie Berlin, Minnie Wilson, Mary Van Boskirk, Kate Riley, Hettie and Jennie McKoon, Anna Hayden, Miss White, Miss Davis, Messrs. Bird Wakely, A. Huntington, H. D. Estabrook, J. M. Ross, Sam. Jones, M. Barkalow, George Ross, Charles Roberts, N. Barkalow, Martin Cahn, George T. Sauer Sam. Nash, Charles Sweesey, F. B. Stout, Minnie Cahn, Fred. R. McConnell, Will Wilbur, Kent K. Hayden, Jno. Griffiths, R. E. Gaylord, George Shields, George Savage, John Kennedy, Ed. Peck, Joe Lehmer, Richard Berlin, Nate Cray, C. Huntington, and many others.

Altogether, the commencement, the reception, and entertainment, passed off successfully, and too much credit for this result cannot be given to the class and to Prof. Merritt, of the High School.

PERSONAL.

Prof. J. Love favored us with a call. Frank Sweezy has gone to the Centennial.

Miss Mary Van Boskirk has gone to Chicago.

Miss House has gone north on a pleasure excursion.

Bud Davis is now clerking in the office of C. W. Meade, at St. Louis.

Miss Annie Montiehl left on the 25th for her home in Martin, Mich.

Miss Kate Foss will spend a couple of months at Blair with a friend.

Tom Rogers and Will Demorest started for the Centennial on the 1st.

Cassius Gise is now in El Moro, Colorado, their visiting for his health.

Misses Elita and Annie Hurford, will spend the summer at Stubenville, Ohio.

Prof. Bailey—ever a welcome visitor—called while in the city last month.

Miss Nettie Collins arrived home from New York on the 20th of last month.

Fred Millard and his sister, Miss Carrie, will return to Omaha about the last of the month.

Miss M. S. Gilchrist has gone to Baltimore, and will be present at the National Teacher's Association.

B. Stanberry, foreman of the U. P. R. R. Painting Department, is back from a trip to the Centennial.

Prof. J. A. Dodge has gone to his home in Salem, Mass. We understand he intends not to return.

Walter Bullens came up from St. Louis on the 18th of last month and will visit his friends in this city until after the 4th.

Miss S. J. Niles, the teacher for the past year of Eighth Grade, left on the 26th for home near Cincinnati, Ohio.

Fred Knight and his sister, went east on the 18th; Miss Julia, stopped in Michigan to visit friends, and Fred went on to the Centennial.

Miss M. E. Leffin, the accomplished and handsome schoolma'am, who for the past year has so successfully conducted one of the North School departments, left on the 25th for New York city.

Miss Hattie Stanard has gone to La Moille, Ill., Miss Minna Richards to Knoxville, Ill., Miss Emma Folsom to Boone, Iowa, Miss Ashbrook to Clinton, Iowa, Miss Teresa Burns to Oswego, N. Y., Miss Mayers to California.

We are pleased to note the fact that among the names of the newly elected teachers appears that of Miss E. A. Barnett, well known as a former teacher in this city, and who will be warmly welcomed back again by her many friends.

Miss Ida Doolittle, instead of coming home during the vacation of Ingham University, is visiting with her uncle, Hon. C. S. Bushnell at New Haven, Conn.

Misses Libbie and Sarah Rollinson, left at the close of school for their home in Gowanda, N. Y. Miss D. M. Posey was on the same train with the Misses Rollinson, destined for New York and Philadelphia.

Brownell Hall.

The commencement of this school for young ladies, which is now entering its thirteenth year, took place on the evening of June 21st. The chapel was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The graduates for '76, were Jessie E. Mason of Nebraska City, Ella F. White of Yankton, D. T., Mary E. Campbell and Melora T. Hall of Omaha, each of whom read an essay.

At the conclusion of the exercises and delivery of diplomas, Bishop Clarkson handed the prizes out in the following order:

Dundy prize, instrumental music, Ella F. White.
Woolworth prize, mathematics, Jessie M. Goodale.

Chase prize, rhetoric, Mary E. Campbell.
Patterson prize, English composition, Rebecca Yates.

Drawing prize, Fannie Croft.
Primary, Grammar prize, Minnie Bradley.

Miss Meliora Hall received the Bishop's prize for moral science.
Special prize, given for the best essay, Miss Jessie E. Mason.

Scholarship medal, the highest in the school, Miss Meliora Hall.
A very neat gift from the school to their beloved principal, Mrs. Hall, in the way of a silver card receiver, closed the interesting exercises.

COMMENCEMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY.

A Full Report of the Graduating Exercises.

That the citizens of the State, and particularly of Lincoln, take a deep interest in the cause of Education, was shown by the large number that attended the University during Commencement week. The exercises were peculiarly interesting on account of it being the close of Chancellor Benton's labors with the institution, and that the first regular class was to graduate, all the members having completed the regular course of five years' study, and therefore they represent the talent of the University. At 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, June 21st, the chapel of the University was filled with a large audience, and all seemed deeply interested. While the Cornet Band discoursed sweet music, the members of the Board of Regents, accompanied by the Faculty and Graduating Class, filed in and took seats on the rostrum. The exercises were opened by a lengthy and eloquent prayer by Chancellor-elect Fairfield, after which came an Oration entitled "A Plea for Authors," by Mr. Clarence Rhodes, who treated the subject in an able and logical manner. Although he became embarrassed at times, he would regain his self-possession, and warm up to his subject in a manner which won the esteem and applause of the audience.

After the Band had played the "Amazon Polka," Mr. Jno. F. E. McKesson was introduced; and he delivered an excellent Oration on "Theory and Practice." His language was well chosen and arranged, but his style of delivery was not as easy as it might have been.

The third Oration, by Harvey Culbertson, the first graduate of the Agricultural Department, was good. His plain, practical and commonsense views showed his thorough knowledge of the department which he represented.

The Band then played, "Tell Me, Ye Winged Winds," after which the audience listened with deep interest to an Oration by Miss Alice Frost, who bears the honor of being the first lady graduate. Her subject was "The Two Worlds." The tone and sentiment of her theme were such as to draw out the higher and nobler thoughts of her hearers. She acquitted herself nicely and retired amid applause.

She was followed by Mr. Geo. E. Howard, who delivered an excellent Oration and Valedictory. The audience was captivated by his energy and perfect style of delivery. He continued, in a strain of eloquence for over half an hour. Then he turned to the Board and addressed a few words to them, thanking them in behalf of the students for their interest in the cause, and urged them to "On with their Higher Education." Then, addressing Chancellor Benton in eloquent and heartfelt expressions of gratitude for his untiring zeal in their behalf, and expressing the sorrow felt by all the students, as well as the community, at his departure, many of the audience were brought to tears. Finally, addressing the members of the class, he referred to their past connection, and said that although they were to scatter abroad into the busy scenes of life, they would still be united in heart.

Mr. Howard received prolonged applause at the close.

The graduates were then given their diplomas, and a benediction by the Chancellor closed the entertainment.

Examination and Exercises of German Class.

Prof. Decker, the efficient and successful teacher of German in the city schools, conducted an oral examination of the students belonging to the High School and Eighth Grade, in the High School, Wednesday, June 14th. Several friends were present to witness the result of the first year's work in this language, and the ability to translate that was displayed by the various students gave evidence of the fact that Prof. Decker has been quite successful as a teacher. The total number now studying German in all the schools is 301, and are comprised in all the grades from the fifth up.

After the oral examination, which was in the conjugation of verbs and translation, Misses Blanche Deuel, Cassie Stull, Maud Blackman, Lillie Wilson, Sadie Schwalenberg, and Esther Jacobs read in turn selections from German, and the ease with which they performed their parts betrayed a very good knowledge of their work.

Second Ward School.

This school has now an attendance roll of about 150 students, and the Principal, Miss Hettie McKoon, has been very successful during the past summer in advancing the cause of education here. The many well drawn pictures on the walls serve to cultivate a taste for the beautiful, and certainly add greatly to the attractions of the school room. The scholars standing highest in examination for the past term are: Matilda Metz, Amy Gotis, Eva Redfield, Mary McNeale, Francis Behans, Bessie Novinsky, Nellie Garvey, Ettie Morrison, Lillie Nast, James Kane, and Michael Shanahan. Those deserving of special mention for good deportment, are: Carrie Detwiler, Pella Hartman, Clara Bruning, Philip Tebbins, George Bruning and Maggie Tracy.

Two essays are given room on editorial page; Council Bluffs News is placed on fourth page, and several items of interest are crowded out, this month, all on account of the closing of schools.

West School.
Miss Jennie McKoon, Principal of the West School, furnishes the following names of those who stood over 90 per cent. in general average for the past term: Ivenile Rhoads, Ella Clark, Peter Christiansen, Alfred Oleson, James Hoey, Mary Rasmussen, Bertha Ross, Ella Reed, Fannie Coburn, Barney Monaghan and Cora Ball. For good deportment: Clara Crow, Willie Rhoads and May Piercy.

Members of the C Class, 7th Grade, Who Were Promoted to A Class, 8th Grade.

Misses Mary L. House, Ida McCauld-lish, May Reeves, Gertrude Carpenter, Lillie Webb, Emma Fitch, Ella O'Connor, Rose Starkley, Cora Cummings, Aggie McAusland, Jessie Allan, Belle Jewett, Mattie Sharp, Fannie Wood, Daisey M. Jewett, Annie Downs. Masters Warren Rodgers, Thos. McClague, Clark J. Albee, Charles Copley, Frank Pogue.

THE MONTHLY MISCELLANY, which started out on the uncertain and "boy-storous" sea of "literature," is dead. It passed in its checks (to H. Gibson) after the first deal, and gently passed away, surrounded by a small but devoted circle of weeping friends. It started out with lofty intentions, and flung to the breeze the inspiring motto, "To be rather than to appear." (To be a failure rather than to appear a success, we presume.) The publishers, Messrs. Potter and Leonard, gave evidence of considerable ability as writers, for their journal was filled with excellent matter, but, like many others, they would not believe, until they were forced to the conclusion, that something more than the mere ability to write articles is necessary to successfully conduct a journal.

Election of Teachers.

At the last meeting of the Board of Education it was decided to erect a stone wall around the south and east sides of the school yard. This wall will be surrounded by a beautiful iron fence. The committee on teachers and text books reported the names of the following teachers and they were elected for the ensuing school year:

Misses Nellie Weeks, Libbie and Sarah Rollinson, Anna Montiehl, E. E. Johnston, Fannie Butterfield, Maggie S. Gilchrist, Lucy Green, S. J. Niles, Hattie Stanard, Kate Foss, Aggie Berlin, Emma Folsom, Mima Richard, S. J. Ray, Marie Davis, D. M. Posey, Decie Johnston, Belle Merwin, Jennie M. McKoon, Hettie McKoon, Dora Harney, J. E. Houghton, E. A. Balch, Elizabeth A. Barnette, A. B. Chowles, Minnie Wilson, Alice Williams, Mrs. Boyden, Mrs. Champlin and Mrs. O. S. Field.

George I. Gilheite, R. E. Gaylord and Mrs. C. B. Rustin were elected an examining committee for the ensuing year.

Several teachers will yet be elected, among them, all those who have been acting as substitutes, or filling positions made vacant by the resignations of regular teachers.

The election of the Superintendent will take place Monday, July 3rd, at which time the Principals, Janitors, and other teachers will also be elected.

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[This column is open to school students and amateur writers. All questions to be answered in next succeeding number must be sent in before the 20th of each month.]

COUNCIL BLUFFS LOCAL.

Miss Eva Burroughs has gone east on a visit to her friends.

Miss Edie Ross has returned home from a trip to Iowa City.

Messrs. Street, Dickey, Vesey and Robbins were over on the 22nd.

Frank Porterfield came down from Creston to attend the alumni reception.

Mr. Finlay Burke and Miss Lizzie Casady were united in marriage on the 28th of last month.

Miss Eva Dekay came over to Omaha to visit her friend Miss Anna Southard, and also to witness the Commencement at the High School.

Miss Nellie Roberts of Galesburg, Ill., spent a couple of weeks visiting her young friends in Council Bluffs, last month, and departed for her home on the 29th.

Jno. A. Baldwin, who promises to be one of the smartest lawyers of this century, is now furnishing the brains in the law-office of Marshal Key.

Miss Parthenia Jefferies left on the 20th for Philadelphia where she will spend the coming summer visiting friends and seeing the sights at the Centennial. She was accompanied on her journey by Miss R. Cora Brooks and Mrs. Reed.

Miss Ella Dodge, left for Philadelphia and the east on the 15th. She will see the Centennial, and visit friends in the east during the summer, and perhaps take a trip to Europe in company with her father and mother in the fall.

We publish this month the graduating essays of Misses Nellie Blanchard, Carrie Rice, and Master Alvin Caughey. Those of Misses Mamie Rue, Lizzie Crocker, Ada Crockwell, Annie Blanchard, Hettie Ross, Belle Fairman and others are spoken of in the highest terms, and we will doubtless publish three or four more of them next month. We only regret that want of space prevents us from being able to publish them all, for each and every one was well written.

Prof. Armstrong has gone to Sioux City to act as Supt. of schools. Prof. A. M. Gow, of Evansville, Ind., has been elected Superintendent of Council Bluffs schools, to succeed Prof. Clarendon. The teachers of the various city schools elected for the following year are: E. Blum, O. M. Dekay, J. B. Rue, Helena Hewitt, Lizzie Oliver, Agnes Forsyth, Lillie Millard, Jennie Fish, Parthenia Jefferies, Eva Burroughs, Vernie Reynolds, Maggie Field, Emma Slyter, Lizzie Knabe, Mary J. Thompson, Mary S. Honn, Clara Newton, Mary Michelson, Ella Pumphrey, Emma Nichols, Ida Kirkpatrick, Ingletta Smith, Mrs. Reed, Estella Graves and Hortense Street.

"What shall we do," go to the Centennial or "Wait a hundred years?" "Each to his own taste" whether it be "Westward" to the "Isle of long ago," upward on the "Royal road to knowledge" or through "Smoke, flame and ashes," disregarding the "Freaks of fashion," in pursuing the difficult study of "Science." "The beautiful Queen Calliope descended from heaven," didn't get "Wired" as she came down, and was pleased with "Life" in this world. "The sunbeams we scatter," and the universal "Harmony" of all nature, also the assurance that "Night brings out the stars" made her feel that she would like to have stayed on this mundane sphere till "1976," "Words" failed to adequately express her admiration, and the only question that puzzled her was, "Shall our laurels fade?"

Closing Meeting of the Philomathian Literary Society—Excellent Programme Carried Out and Brilliant Entertainment at the Residence of Gen. G. M. Dodge.

The Philomathians held their closing entertainment for the season on Friday evening, June 30th. At a previous meeting it was decided to hold but one more, and then adjourn over the hot summer months. For this occasion the society was tendered the residence of Gen. G. M. Dodge, by the genial hostess Mrs. Lottie Montgomery. The spacious parlors of this elegant mansion were brilliantly illuminated and Mrs. Montgomery used every exertion—successful ones, let us say—to make the members of the society and their friends feel at home. The following was the programme of literary exercises:

Instrumental Duett, Misses Simpson and Ross.
Essay, H. H. Skelton.
Vocal Duett, Misses Ross and Blanchard.
Declaration, D. Stubbs.
Song, Miss Kate Pusey.
Declaration, J. F. McCartney.
Piano Solo, Miss Eva Hewitt.
Oration, Jno. N. Baldwin.
Shakespearean reading under the direction of Ed. Robbins, by members of the Society.

At the conclusion of the literary exercises, dancing commenced, the parlors being spread with canvass for the occasion, and later in the evening the guests were served with excellent refreshments. Before departing the assemblage was called to order and a resolution passed, thanking Mrs. Montgomery, for the hospitable manner in which she had entertained the society.

The next meeting will be held on the second Friday of next September.

The Quicksteps Beaten in Base Ball Match With the Atlantics.

A large crowd of the citizens of both Council Bluffs and Atlantic congregated at the grounds of the "Quicksteps" of this city, to see the long-looked for game between the above named club and the "Troublesomes" of Atlantic. The Quicksteps, so successful in the past, went into the field confident of victory, but came out vanquished. After some delay on account of the non-appearance of some of the players, the game was finally called. The "flip" was tossed and was won by the "Quicksteps," Mr. Bate's, of the "dip pers" of course taking the field. The game was exciting all the way through. At the end of the seventh inning, when the game stood 13 to 1 in favor of the Atlantics, and the "Quicksteps" made 9 tallies, the cheering was deafening and the excitement so great that it was some minutes before the playing could go on. It was evident from the first that the "Quicksteps" were gone. It was an ignominious defeat and no doubt that the "Quicksteps" felt "sick." The game was umpired by Mr. Charles Emery of Omaha, and he was a fair and impartial judge and won the highest approbation of both sides. The following is the score:

QUICKSTEPS.	R	O	TRoublesomes.	R	O
Houghton, 1st.....	1	3	Askwith, 1st.....	2	4
Gunn, 3rd.....	1	3	Willey, C. C. 2nd.....	2	2
Patton, W. L. 2nd.....	2	2	Nanger, A. J. 2nd.....	2	2
Clasen, 2d.....	1	8	Nanger, A. C. 3rd.....	2	4
Turnbull, C. 1st.....	2	2	Clarke, 3rd.....	2	5
Stubbs, S. S. 1st.....	1	2	Willey, H. L. 1st.....	2	2
Rates, R. L. 1st.....	0	4	Peck, 1st.....	2	2
Coffey, P. 1st.....	0	3	Miller, T. C. 1st.....	2	2
Patton, C. 1st.....	1	3	Morris, S. S. 1st.....	2	2
Total, 10 27			Total, 21 27		

Commencement Exercises at the Council Bluffs High School.—Reception of the New Graduates by the Alumni Association on the Following Evening.

The sixth annual Commencement of the Council Bluffs High School was held on Friday evening, the 23rd of June. There were nineteen graduates, each one of whom read an essay, and all acquitted themselves well. The average per cent. of the class as shown by the examination was sixty-five. The following is a list of the graduates with the subjects of their essays:

Herbert Woodbury,—Oration—Westward.
Anna Blanchard,—Essay—Wired.
Lillie Keller,—Essay—Life.
Eva Hewitt,—Essay—Freaks of Fashion.
Rachie Fisher,—Essay—What shall we do?
Ella Hewitt,—Essay—A Hundred Years.
Mamie Rue,—Essay—1976.
Lizzie Stuart,—Carmen Descende, Regina Calliope, Coelo.
Eva DeKay,—Essay—Isle of Long Ago.
Carrie Rice,—Essay—Shall Our Laurels Fade.
Ada Crockwell,—Essay—Smoke, Flame and Ashes.
Nellie Blanchard,—Essay—The Sunbeams we Scatter.
Charles Baker,—Oration—Science Progressive.
Lizzie Crocker,—Essay—Gather up the Fragments.
Hettie Ross,—Essay—Harmony.
Nellie Graves,—Essay—No Royal Road to Knowledge.
Belle Fairman,—Essay—Night Brings Out the Stars.
Alvin Caughey,—Oration—Words.
The exercises were interspersed with lively strains of music by the Independent Band.

THE ALUMNI RECEPTION

On the following evening, the alumni association tendered the new graduates a reception and it was certainly nothing if not a pleasant and enjoyable affair. A reception committee previously appointed and consisting of Misses Parthenia Jefferies, Maggie Field, Lillie Millard, Lottie Oblinger and Mr. Frank Porterfield, occupied positions at the door, and courteously extended the hospitalities of the association to the many attendants. After all had assembled the president of the association, Miss Vernie Reynolds, called the meeting to order and introduced Miss Lizzie Knabe who delivered an able address of welcome. This was preceded by a charming quartette by Mrs. Cleland, Mrs. Rue, Mr. Clarendon and Mr. Kirkpatrick. Miss Sue Baldwin presiding at the organ. Mrs. O'Neil sang one of the finest solos, and was greeted with loud and long continued applause. The invited guests and all present were then invited to partake of refreshments, which were provided by the association. The rest of the evening was pleasantly passed in social conversation and dancing. Several young gentlemen from Omaha were among the invited guests, and as one of those who had the pleasure of being present, the writer hereby returns his thanks for the many kindnesses shown him, and in doing so we are confident that we but but feebly express the sentiments of every representative of Omaha who was there.

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