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YOUNG MAN, BE WISE.

BY JOHN STEWART BLACKIE.

Would'st thou reap life's golden treasure,
Young man, be wise!
Cease to follow where light pleasure
Cheats blinking eyes!
Let no flattering voices win thee,
Let no vauntful echoes din thee,
But the peace of God within thee
Seek and be wise!

Where the fervid cup doth sparkle,
Young man, be wise!
Where quick glances glim and darkle,
Danger surmise!
Where the rattling car is dashing,
Where the shallow wave is plashing,
Where the colored foam is flashing,
Feast not thine eyes!

Rocking on a lazy billow
With roaming eyes,
Cushioned on a lazy pillow,
Thou art not wise;
Wake the powers within thee sleeping,
Trim the plot that's in thy keeping;
Thou wilt bless the task when reaping
Sweet labor's prize.

FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL.

HURRY.

Do not be in a hurry. The one great trouble with the American people is, they are in too great a hurry. They are in a hurry to become young men and young women. In a hurry to wear a corset and sport a trail. They are in a hurry to graduate; in a hurry to marry. They are in a hurry to become famous (either through riches or honor); in a hurry to be bent and worn with care. They are in a hurry to have grey hairs; in a hurry to die—for which their hurry has unfitted them. With the American people, it is "hurry!" "hurry!" from the cradle to the tomb.

Napoleon was once passing quite rapidly from one portion of his camp to another, when he was met by his trusty marshal, Ney. Ney inquired of him why he was in such a hurry. Napoleon replied that he was not in a hurry; and that he never allowed himself to get in a hurry; that he was always at work, but never in a hurry. The great strategist did allow himself to be hurried once, after that. He was in a hurry to meet Wellington, and that hurry lost him his empire. He had lost Waterloo before he knew whether or not Grouchy would come.

Many a young man or young woman meets his or her political or social Waterloo because of this hurry. Some, more fortunate, escape with a Bull Run. They are beaten off the field, their resources destroyed, their forces scattered and they driven back, demoralized and discouraged to organize for a new effort. The first effort was thrown away because they did not survey the ground over which they were about to march; because obstacles arose, which in their hurry, had been overlooked, and they were not prepared to meet them.

Young men see this; each particular one thinks himself competent to arise from the debris of a Bull Run, but few would admit possible for themselves to encounter a Waterloo. As they think themselves too shrewd to utterly and irretrievably lose their position, they do not go prepared for every emergency, hence the large number of Waterloos. You meet these scattered fragments of some Waterloo all along the pathway of life. They never speak of the future with a smile, for hope is dead. Hope was captured by the enemy sometime during the struggling retreat, and died before its general could ransom it. If you wish these wounded ones to smile, you must talk with them of the days before the battle. It is only when they call to mind those palmy times; call to mind the grand parade, the music and the march, that they brighten up; but they sink lower than ever when they think of the battle and their hopeless defeat.

Do not be in a hurry about friendship—in a hurry to make new attachments, and still less to dissolve old ones.

"The friends thou hast, and their adoption tried,
Grapple them to thy soul with hooks of steel."

Shakespeare gives but little, if any, better advice than is contained in the two lines above quoted. The only question is, when have you "his adoption tried." That "adoption" has been tried by acts of friendship on your part alone. Wait until you need a friend; and if the recipient of your sympathy is aid—the possessor of your friendship—says, "Oh, you are my friend; when I was in need of a friend, you responded with an open heart and a generous hand, and I am glad to do the same by you." When he does that, then

"Grapple him to thy soul with hooks of steel."

Many young men and young women have been badly wrecked by placing implicit confidence in hurriedly formed friendships. Young men becoming attached to some principle, fired with ambition and spurred by hope, risk their all in the struggle to hoist the chosen principle to the top. Great efforts result in complete success. Some man, as the representative of the favorite policy, is raised to an eminence from which he forgets to look down upon those who stand at the foot, and who gave him the strength with which he gained the top. They gave him their friendship, but he will not return his. Such friendships are brought about by hurrying, and like illustrations may be found by the score in the history of the life of any man whose experience in the affairs of men has been considerable. In the matter of confidence in friends in politics and business, do not hurry.

A paragraph relative to the evil results of hurrying, in the matter of friendship, on the part of young women, seems almost unnecessary; but as it is a branch of the thought, is not out of place. Nothing has played more mischief with young ladies than hurried friendships. Hurriedly captured by a moustache, a dimpled chin, "lovely eyes," "exquisite dancing," "charming manners" and "gallant bearing generally," a heart is thoughtlessly broken, and all the glue of affection this side of eternal love, cannot so mend it that the old confidence in the fidelity and strength, returns. Of all things young men should be slow to hurry to a complete friendship with comparative strangers of the opposite sex; for full, ripe friendship is but a short remove from love.

We ride in the steamboat at the rate of fifteen miles an hour, and we want to go faster. We are in a hurry; and we take the cars and make twenty miles an hour. That won't do. Twenty-five, thirty, forty—yes, fifty miles an hour, and then are we satisfied? No. We must go sixty miles in the sixty minutes! And then we envy the pigeon; and it is to be doubted if men will be satisfied when ingenious Yankeeedom furnishes transportation through the air, enabling them to take supper at their fireside in New York, and to breakfast with their friends in Liverpool.

We eat in a hurry. We are in too much of a hurry to sleep. The result is that our men and women are old at fifty and the time is coming when they reach the three score and ten, will be hailed as marvelous. We hurry to make good resolutions, and hurry to break them; We are in a hurry to make new laws and in a hurry to repeal them. But worst of all, we are hurrying ourselves into a nation of full blown dyspeptics.

Let us take more time. Not make life shorter than it is. Let us be thoroughly prepared for the heavier responsibilities of life before we assume them. Now, it is nothing but "hurry!" "hurry!" from the cradle to the tomb.

WILLIS SWEET.



View of the Omaha High School Building.

FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL.

INFLUENCE.

"God has his influence into the very essence of all things."

We must all believe in influence. It is the silent under current of our lives; it is stronger than the most powerful words; it is the iron hand covered with a silver glove; its force is more potent than that of armies, and yet we are often unconscious of it. How often a trifling act has exerted a life time influence. Some may scoff at the idea, but the truth stands and still shall stand. Again, influence may be likened unto the tide of the ocean, there being constant waves ebbing outward from ourselves, and the incoming of flood tide creeping steadily but silently from the ocean of humanity over the beach of time, pointing its silent course with that invisible power toward our frail bark and carrying us with its resistless power wherever the winds may will. All the natural world exerts an influence. Did not the spider in the tale of King Bruce of Scotland have an influence? If so small an insect of God's creation exerts so wonderful a power, how much greater influence must we have, who are endowed with reason and all the other mental faculties. External objects have a very powerful effect upon us. A bright morning, sunny sky, the singing of birds all tend to exert cheerful influence. A gloomy day, however, has a contrary effect. Says one: "Influence is to be measured not by the extent of surface it covers but by its kind. A man may spread his mind, his feelings and opinions through a great extent, but if his mind be a low one, he manifests no greatness. A wretched artist may fill a city with daubs, and by a false and showy style achieve a reputation, but the man of genius who leaves behind him one grand picture in which immortal beauty is embodied and which is silently to spread a true taste in his art, exerts an incomparably higher influence." We all have our ideals of perfection, a certain standard to which we look up; to which we would like to attain; of course this standard differs with different individuals, some higher some lower, but it is true that if persons respect and honor some one according to the standard of perfection in their own mind they will look to that person and be influenced by him. Influence does not consist in the culmination of one great act; rather it is the continuous droppings, here and there, as a look or a word.

"Drop follows drop, and swells
With rain the mighty river,
Word follows word, and tells
A truth that lasts forever."

MIGNON.

STUDY AND HEALTH.

Solomon says that "much study is a weariness of the flesh." The experience of every real student will corroborate the truth of the statement. Mental application must be intermitted judiciously and regularly, or the body will pay the forfeiture in loss of health or strength. The sad results of excessive study, "to the neglect of the body," occasionally witnessed at our colleges, afford fearful illustrations of the correctness of Solomon's aphorism, and should be a standing warning against the suicidal methods of study sometimes adopted by students and encouraged by professors. Discipline of mind, enlarged information and familiarity with literature and science, are objects unquestionably worthy of all efforts consistent with health, but it should be held as true beyond controversy, that all mental acquisitions requiring a sacrifice of health are obtained at a price far beyond their value.

The culpability of such a course—amounting to a crime—is apparent from the fact that there is no necessity for it! We are not shut up by choice between the alternatives, either to remain uncultured and uninformed, or to carry "the burden of lean and wasteful learning." "A sound mind in a sound body" is just as compatible with studious habits properly regulated, as with a life of purely physical labor.

There are certain primary and fundamental laws or conditions of health which everyone may know, but which to many do not know, or knowing, habitually and unconsciously disregard. When the bitter fruits of their course are realized in nervous, dyspeptic or other chronic affections, rendering them enfeebled, prostrate and miserable, then do they vainly lament their folly or their ignorance.

Many of the students of our colleges are drawn from the active pursuits of life, and bring with them the keen appetite of vigorous health. The change of the mere sedentary life of a student imperatively demands some adaptation to his new circumstances in the amount and quality of his food. Though the desire for food may continue quite as strong, and may even temporarily increase, the amount actually needed is less; and a recognition of this fact, is a prudent restraint in its gratification, and will serve him much subsequent suffering and inconvenience.

Regard should also be had to the quality of his food. The gross and greasy dishes so frequently served at "mess clubs" are such as no stomach

in close sympathy with an active brain, can possibly digest. The same is true of much of the highly seasoned food which is set before him in some of the private boarding houses. The appetizing condiments and pastries there given besides being unsuited in quality, unduly stimulate and vitiate the appetite. They destroy a healthful relish for plain, wholesome food. But especially censurable is the habit of some students of eating at irregular hours, and in gorgeing themselves late at night on fruits, cakes, oysters, etc. It would be a matter of astonishment if, under such irrational treatment, the stomach should not utterly fail to do its appointed work of digestion.

But whatever prudence is needed, or may be observed in diet, exercise in the open air daily is another requisite to physical health, and intellectual vigor. Earnest, well meaning students have been known to plod over their books, early and late, with no intermission except to hasten to their meals, and hurriedly "bolt" such food as would have taxed the digestive powers of a field hand. And yet they were never as well prepared for the classroom as those who would always take their regular amount of exercise, whatever the pressure of their recitations. The latter gained far more in vigor and facility of mental activity than they lost in time. And it is so in all cases.

A due amount of sleep is also of vital importance to health. Both mind and body need such complete repose daily, as is contained in sleep only. Hence the unmitigated folly of those who spend the better portion of the time appointed of God for sleep, in unremitting study, or still worse, in festive or social dissipation. They are traveling the inevitable road to physical wreck, if not mental imbecility. At they sow, so shall they reap.

MANFRED.

THE SCHOOL-HOUSE TRAGEDY.

The scene is laid within half a mile of the Clay School. Twenty-one of the largest boys gathered in solemn council in one corner of the yard, and decided that they were too big to be lied by any school teacher walking the face of the earth. After arriving at that decision, a conspiracy was entered into. The biggest boy in the crowd was to bring on a conflict with the teacher, as soon as possible, and the other twenty were to back him.

"Death to cowards!" shouted one, as the plan was all fixed.

"No backing down—no hesitation!" cried another.

"A rush together—one wild yell—one mad struggle, and victory will be ours!" yelled the smallest of the lot.

It was a desperate plan. The school-house was not even defended by a Gatling Gun.

It might be the commencement of a rebellion which would not end until every school-house in the land was turned into an establishment for the sale of mourning goods.

Scene second came on fifteen minutes later. The innocent teacher looked around upon her scholars without the least suspicion that a fierce rebellion was brewing. The clock ticked the same as ever. The boy across the street pounded on an old tin pan the same as ever. The big conspirator was suddenly seen to throw a paper wad across the room.

He was ordered to come forward. He said he didn't have to.

It was a moment of peril, but the teacher didn't realize it. She walked down the aisle, took the big conspirator by the collar, and in ten seconds he wondered whether he was down the cellar or up in the garret, while the

twenty other boys grew white about the mouth, bent to their studies with renewed energy, and mentally whispered:

"Be still, thou wildly beating heart—wait till I grow a foot or two more!"

The big conspirator is now thrashing them in solemn succession. He reached number eighteen yesterday.—*Detroit Free Press.*

PARLIAMENTARY LAW.

An American goes into a mass meeting or "society" as naturally as a duck takes to water. No other nation is half so familiar with the rules governing deliberative assemblies, or so quickly comprehends the object of a given motion; and this is true of all classes. A case in point occurred at the Centennial, where the several groups of judges selected their own officers. In one group, composed of three Americans and five distinguished gentlemen from England, France, Austria, Belgium and Sweden, it was moved that a temporary chairman be chosen, and the statement made that this motion would be followed by another for the appointment of a committee on permanent organization. To the Americans this course was simple and sensible. These eight gentlemen had never laid eyes on each other before, and, in view of the interests involved, the probabilities were that such a committee would make a safer selection than that suggested on individual motions. But to the European judges the proposition had an exceedingly suspicious look; they didn't see the point; and were far from certain that a whole car load of wooden nutmegs might not be hidden under a "temporary" organization. The motion was lost.

The masses of the people under monarchical governments have no use for parliamentary rules, because they rarely have any "deliberations" to make; whereas, under a republican government every man is a sovereign, and may at any time be called into consultation with his fellow-sovereigns. It is for this reason that a knowledge of the rules of order is of greater practical value to us than to other nations; and, upon the same principle, it is clear that the masses of our people, for their own protection and advantage, should become thoroughly familiar with the details of parliamentary law. Farmers, who compose the great majority of the population, oftentimes find themselves placed at a disadvantage in a convention, because of the superior tactics of some professional man who, by a few bland motions, puts the question in such a position that the body cannot take the action which a large majority clearly desires that it shall take. Whereupon, they alternately admire and abuse the "education" of their opponent, though, in actual fact, his ability is not so much the result of a general education superior to theirs as it is the result of a greater knowledge of one particular subject—that of parliamentary law.

No little of the diffidence of "new members" in legislatures arises solely from a lack of this specific knowledge. In the discussion of measures, in the forcible presentation of strong arguments, and in pluck, they may be the peers of other members; but when it comes to piling up or clearing away motions, they feel like a boy on the ice without skates as compared with the skillful skater—the least jostle takes them off their feet.

A portion of the time which is spent in the schools upon the classics, or some other fancy study, could be profitably put upon parliamentary law. Any citizen is liable to be called to the chair at any time, or to engineer some measure; and the sooner the masses become as expert in the use of motions as are the few, the sooner will majorities, whatever may be their vocations, be able to free themselves from the rule of strategic minorities.

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REFERRING TO OURSELVES.

With this issue, No. 1, Vol. V., THE HIGH SCHOOL enters its sixth year. THE HIGH SCHOOL is read by not less than ten thousand people in Omaha and vicinity every month. It goes into the homes of our best citizens and is read thoroughly by those who do not care to do more than skim the columns of the daily papers. It aims to be newsy, interesting, dignified and respectable, and has therefore won the respect and patronage of the representative citizens of Omaha. This paper has steadily refused to fill its local columns with flaring advertisements and puffs in return for a few paltry dollars, holding, as it does, that its patrons pay for and are entitled, instead, to the choicest reading matter. A limited space is devoted to the display of the business cards of respectable firms and outside of this not encroachments are made. It is not anybody's "organ" and it exercises the free and independent right to discuss any question that may appropriately come within the limit and scope of its standard rules. While admitting that the natural incentive of everybody is to make money, we hold this a secondary duty to that of issuing a good paper, and we have faith enough in the citizens of Omaha to believe that our endeavors in this respect will not go unappreciated. It will be our honest endeavor, not only to preserve in the future our former standard, but to add and improve whenever and wherever circumstances may suggest. In conclusion we take this occasion to thank our many subscribers and advertisers for their patronage and good will and to wish all a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

THE Board of Education is in a financial strait caused by the small levy allowed for school purposes by the City Council last spring. The schools must, according to law, be in running session at least nine months in a year in order to receive the State apportionment. The funds 'will not warrant this, and thus the matter stands. We believe that it is the intention of the board to either let the city pay \$5,000 interest, now due, on the first \$100,000 school bonds, or allow them to go to protest. The city of Omaha has endorsed those bonds and cannot afford to allow its paper on the New York markets to go to protest. But the sharp feeling between councilmen and members of the Board of Education will probably bring about this result. With the use of this \$5,000 and a system of rigid economy it is probable that the schools can be run to the end of the June term when there will be a deficiency of from nine to twelve thousand dollars.

WHILE nothing more important is now agitating politicians they are quietly talking up the candidates for the various State offices that are to be filled next fall. Col. C. S. Chase and Hon. Clinton Briggs, of this city, may not know it themselves but they are candidates for Governor all the same. Auditor Weston, J. W. Dawes, General Van Wyck and Hon. P. W. Hichcock

are also mentioned in this connection. Maj. Dan. Wheeler, of Plattsburgh, wants to be Secretary of State and will doubtless "get away" with W. H. Michael, of the Fremont *Tribune*, who would consent to run if he insisted. For Treasurer, H. P. Webb, of Beatrice; L. R. Moore, of Kearney, and E. S. Butler, of Stanton county are thus far the only ones who have told on themselves. General J. C. McBride, who was the best man who ever held the office is prohibited by the constitution from holding the office after the expiration of his present term, which is his second one, or else, we believe he would be the popular choice. It is just possible that Hon. Bruno Tzschuck will receive the nomination for State Auditor. The Attorney Generalship is claimed by several young law students of Omaha and Lincoln.

THE Nebraska Summer School of Science, which has been organized under the auspices of the State officers, has for its object the practical illustration of the geological formations of Nebraska. Professors Aughey, Wilber and Bailey are at the head of the enterprise. The district to be traversed lies within the Cretaceous and Tertiary formations, it contains some fine exposures of the Loess; and affords a good field for scientific investigation. The school starts from Red Cloud, Nebraska, about the 5th of July and will continue in session eight weeks.

AFTER very careful and painstaking inquiry, Mr. George Darwin has come to the conclusion that "the widely different habits of life of men and women in civilized nations, especially among the upper classes, tend to counterbalance any evil from marriage between healthy closely related persons." Mr. Darwin's views are in a measure sustained by Dr. Vorn's inquiry into the commune of Batz. Batz is a rocky secluded, ocean-washed peninsula, of the Loire Inferieure, France, containing over 3,000 people, of simple habits, who don't drink, and commit no crime. For generations they have intermarried, but no cases have occurred of deaf mutism, albinism, blindness or malformation, and the number of children born is above the average.

WE dislike to recur to a subject which has so oft been treated before, but the numerous complaints of teachers cause us to again urge upon parents the importance of frequently visiting the schools, or especially the school in which their children are taught. The lack of interest manifested by parents is a thing that cannot but be noticed. A teacher is always glad to receive and entertain parents of pupils in her charge, and frequent visits tend to do a great deal of good, while a stolid indifference on the part of the parent is anything but agreeable. It is a fact that people will occasionally grumble at the schools, when they have never visited them, and absolutely know nothing about them.

WHAT TO RESOLVE.

The time for making good resolutions having arrived, we would respectfully offer a few suggestions to "the boys," and if Omaha is ever to be a great and good city, her future guardians must change their wicked ways, and grow up differently. Resolve to

Quit drinking,
Quit smoking,
Quit chewing,
Quit gambling,
Quit swearing,
Quit playing billiards,
Quit playing cards,
Quit running large livery bills,
Quit going in bad company,
Quit staying out late at night,
Quit going with more than one girl,
Quit sitting up with her later than 12 o'clock.

These resolutions may be adopted by calling a meeting, or they are so arranged that each young man can clip them out and paste over his bedstead, after the fashion of the prodigal who tacked the Lord's Prayer to his bedpost, and on retiring each evening, simply remarked: "Them's my sentiments."

THE latest charge against the public schools is that children are required to learn to much and taught to little.

COLORADO COLLEGE, a comparatively new institution, is fast acquiring a standard reputation. It is located at Colorado Springs, Col., and had an attendance roll of seventy students last year. One half of them studied the classics. Three professors and one tutor are giving instruction. A fine stone building is being erected on the college grounds, at the base of Pike's Peak, the finest campus in the country. The elevation of the location, not the building, is six thousand feet above the sea. Pike's Peak is over 14,000 feet high.

Colorado College is the place for students in poor health. The sun shines there nearly all the time, except nights, and the air is wonderfully stimulating.

HUMAN lives are daily in the hands of men who peddle pills because it pays, who seldom go below the surface of their science, who prove themselves impractical in the commonest affairs of life, and yet they get enough of patronage to give them confidence in the scraps of skill they have, and carry about a mine of professional buncomb to which men cringe although they know it despicable.

THE *Pen and Plow*, of New York announces at the head of its columns that it "exchanges with all respectable journals." The supreme satisfaction of knowing that we are numbered among the "respectable" is only clouded when we think of what would become of us should the *Pen and Plow* cut us off.

Hanks has been promoted. He is now a School Director in his district. In selecting a teacher for his school, he votes for the "cheapest un." His maxim is—"the man that axes the least for doin' nuthin", is bound to be the cheapest in the long run, takin' it one yur with another."

THE *Roanoke Collegian* prints a poorly written article over the initials D. B. F. "Bad Failure" is the literal meaning of "B F" and "D" stands for—well, if you can't guess we won't explain any further.

THE *Burlington Hawkeye* of a late date contains a "pome" on Chief Joseph. Among other things it says: What time he rideth forth to shoot,
His favorite horse the dapple is;
And when he wants a little fruit,
Goes where the Indianapolis.
When finished are his warlike tasks,
With brazen incongruity
For overcoats and food he asks,
With charming Indianity.

CHILDHOOD'S HAPPY LAUGH.

The following little burst of true eloquence is from Ingersoll:

There is no day so sacred but that the laugh of a child will make it holier still. Strike with the hand of fire, O weird musician, the lyre strung with Apollo's golden hair. Fill the vast cathedral aisles with symphonies sweet and dim, deft toucher of the organ keys. Blow, bugler, blow until your silver notes do touch and kiss the moonlit waves, and charm the lovers wandering on the vine-clad shores; but know your sweetest strains are discord all, compared with childhood's happy laugh—the laugh that fills the eyes with light. Oh, rippling river of laughter, thou art the blessed boundary line between the beast and man, and every wayward wave of thine doth drown some fretful fiend of care.

LEARN THIS FIRST.

A full and comprehensive knowledge of one's self is necessary for complete success in any department of life whatsoever. Socrates inculcated this maxim in his disciples by daily and oft-repeated admonitions. It was written in different tongues above the entrance to the sacred temple at Delphi, so that the nations seeking the shrine of the divining priestess might read and reflect. And to-day it should be engraven upon a tablet of golden letters at the entrance of the inner sanctuary of every individual being. Success in life without this is only half success. No man could engage in any profession in life without first securing a knowledge of himself, and ascertaining whether he is fitted for such a position or not. More than half the entire number of failures in life may be accounted for in this way. You who are giving your attention to the instruction of those who are to make the future representatives of our Republic have more need of this self-knowledge than those of any other profession; for in order that you may make a thorough success of your profession, it is necessary that you understand fully the true character of each

and every one of those under your instruction.

Now, if all persons by nature were alike, and similarly disposed, this would be no task whatever; but we know that each person has a disposition peculiar to himself, and that just as many pupils as we have under our care, so many different dispositions we have to deal with, and in order to know the inner feelings, a thorough knowledge of our own feelings and inner self must be obtained.

WEDDING BELLS.

Two Hearts that Beat as One—Full Particulars.

Mr. Abraham Lincoln Buchanan, who stands exceedingly high in the coal heaving circles of Omaha, was married last night to Miss Arabella Washington, who long ago endeared herself to our young men by the incomparable manner in which she does up shirt fronts, and by her many charms and graces.

The marriage ceremony was pronounced amid great pomp and splendor. The elegant mansion of the bride was handsomely garnished and furbelowed for the occasion, and those who were so fortunate as to receive invitations will long remember the occasion as a French expression that we fail to remember.

The presents—a list of which, covering eight pages of foolscap, has been sent to this office—were too numerous to mention. However, we cannot refrain from alluding to the elegant and beautifully designed wash-board presented to the bride, and the splendid scoop-shovel presented to the bridegroom.

The supper table fairly shrieked under its load of good things—this expression is entirely original—which, after a solemn and impressive grace by Deacon John-the-Baptist Poindexter, were rapidly wiped from the face of the earth by the hungry guests.

At a late hour, a grand orchestra, consisting of a beautiful and sweet-toned ivory-keyed accordeon with a triangle attachment, was called in, to the enchanting strains of which the guests whirled in the mazy, in the grand east parlor, until the rising god of day warned them to go home and split kindling wood for breakfast.

The bride was dressed in a curtain calico wrapper, trimmed with red ribbons, and was loudly cheered for her good taste. The groom had on a cleaned-up suit that he earned last week by cleaning out a cellar.

May they found a tribe.
No cards.
—Ed. *Hovee in Atchison Globe.*

WRITING FOR THE PRESS.

Waste no time on introductions. Don't begin by laying out your subject like a Dutch flower garden, or telling your motives for writing. The key note should be struck, if possible, in the very first sentence. A dull beginning often damns an article; a spicy one whets the appetite, and commands what follows to both editor and reader. Above all, stop when you are done. Don't let the ghost of your thought wander about after the death of the body. Don't waste a moment's time in vindicating your production against editors or critics, but expend your energies in writing something which shall be its own vindication.

JOSH BILLINGS TRANSLATED.

"This life is like a game of cards. We must play the hands dealt to us, and the credit is not so much in winning as in playing a poor hand well." "When I hear a man bragging about what he did last year, and what he is going to do next year, I can tell pretty near what he is doing now."

"Don't despise your poor relations. They might get rich some time, and then it would be so hard to explain things."

"The reputation a man gets from his ancestors wants about as much altering to fit him, as their clothes would."

"There is no woman stationed on the face of the earth who tries so hard to do right and fails oftener than the average mother-in-law."

"An enthusiast is an individual who believes about four times as much as he can prove, and can prove four times as much as anybody else will believe."

"Falling in love is like falling down stairs; it is hard work to find out just where the thing begun."

"A man who has been waiting for the last fifteen years for something to turn up, is still in the same business."

"A poodle is a woman's pet, and I have seen some I would like to swap livings with."

"Mice can live anywhere comfortably but in a church, they fat very slow in a church. This proves that they can't live on religion any more than a minister can."

"The worst tyrant in this world is

a woman who is superior to her husband, and lets everybody know it."

"Love is like the measles; you can't have it but once, and the later in life we have it, the tougher it goes with us."

"Great thinkers are not apt to be great whistlers. When a man can't think of anything he begins to whist."

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The new year of *Littell's Living Age* opens with the number for the week ending January 5th.

Owing to the recent establishment of important periodicals abroad—notably *The Nineteenth Century* in England—and to the simultaneous improvement of others, a fresh impetus has been given to foreign periodical literature; the ablest living thinkers and writers being enlisted in its service to an extent heretofore probably unequalled. *The Living Age* presents with satisfactory completeness what is most valuable in this literature. The publishers already announce for early numbers of the new year, articles by Louis Kossuth, ex-Governor of Hungary, (on the Turkish Question), Prof. Max Muller, Prof. Goldwin Smith, the Duke of Argyll, Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone (on Courses of Religious Thought), Richard A. Proctor, Prof. Owen and others (Studies in Science), Frances Power Cobbe, Alfred Russell Wallace, Prof. J. C. Blackie, Edward A. Freeman, Matthew Arnold, J. Leslie Stephen, John Ruskin, and other eminent writers.

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JOHN GUILD, the popular clerk so long in the employ of W. M. Bushman, has accepted a like position with A. Cruickshank & Co.

DURING the muddy weather, last month, necessity made it quite fashionable to go calling in a pair of rubber boots, with your slippers in your pocket.

The Omaha Post, under the management of Wm. Altstadt and Chas. Bankes, is now a good German paper, and its new managers are gentlemen who are well liked.

"We find," said a coroner's jury out at Deadwood, "that Bill Thompson came to his death by holding five aces when Jack Smith held four. And we find that nine aces are too many in any pack."

MISS JENNIE MCCOY gave a little party at the residence of her father, on 17th street, on the 27th, in honor of Miss Mettie Smith, of Florence, who was her guest during the holidays.

Urban B. Balcombe left Omaha, his old home, on the 16th, and went to Chicago, there to carve out his destiny. He carried with him the best wishes of a host of warm friends for his future prosperity.

The girl with the seal-skin sacque looks complacently upon the approach of winter, while the maiden without one of those garments is engaged in circulating the report that they are to be extremely unfashionable this year.

MESSRS. RAUE & TURNER, whose establishment is located at the corner of 12th and Douglas, conduct one of the best drug stores in the city. Their stock of toilet articles and fancy goods is complete and elegant in all details.

UNDER a new rule, pupils in the primary departments will only be received during the first week of each term. The reasons for this are many, but the principal one is that a new pupil cannot be taught singly, and it would not do to hold back a whole room full to allow him to catch up. Do you see?

MISS LAURA V. MORSE, the accomplished teacher of the seventh grade, was the recipient of a beautiful case of toilet articles and a gold pen and holder—Christmas presents from her pupils. Prof. Scott, of the 8th grade, also received one or two nice presents. In this connection we almost forgot to mention that Supt. Beals was presented with an elegant easy chair by the teachers of the city. The chair cost \$40, and was a very appropriate present.

DROPPING into the High School on the morning of the 12th ult., we spent an agreeable hour listening to the regular rhetorical exercises, which happened to come up at that time. A selection from Julius Caesar was read by Misses Annie Trueland, Mary Knight, Jennie Kennard, Maggie Trueland and Abbie Taft, all of whom displayed elocutionary powers, which only come from training. Miss Mora Balcombe took the leading character in a scene from Macbeth, in which Misses Lizzie Isaacs, Sue Badolet, Lottie Chubb, Nellie Simpson and Addie Sprattin, participated. The same careful enunciation was noticed, and it occurred to us that no time was ever better employed by Prof. Crawford and Miss Reeve, than that devoted to instruction in rhetorical and elocutionary exercises. Passing into the recitation room with the class in composition, of which Miss Reeve is the instructor, we listened to the reading of an essay by Miss Minnie Maul, a declamation entitled "The Potter's Song," by Chas. Egutter, a comic selection by Miss Fannie Smith, and an exquisite poem by Miss Belle Kimball. The latter was from Longfellow, and entitled "Kallendborg Church." Like all of Longfellow's poems, it is very beautiful, and Miss Kimball read it in a faultless manner.

CURRIER'S NEW GALLERY.

Frank F. Currier, who is one of the most cultivated and thorough artists in his profession, has shown his exceeding good taste and his commendable enterprise, by having fitted up in Omaha one of the finest photographic galleries in the wide world. We say the finest in the world, for America leads the world in photography, and having visited Sarony's in New York, and read descriptions of Bradley & Rulofson's of San Francisco, we consider that we are perfectly competent to draw comparisons. The rooms occupy nearly one-half of the second story of Williams' new Block, and every compartment, from the reception parlor to the dark room, was modeled with a view to Mr. Currier's desires. We regard Mr. Currier as the best photographic artist in this western country, and for his enterprise in adding to Omaha such an elegant establishment, he is worthy, not only of the most liberal patronage of our citizens, but their hearty thanks. We make no attempt to describe this elegant gallery, but simply suggest that a definite idea can only be obtained by a personal examination. Mr. Currier, who has courteously conducted us through, extends a cordial invitation to all to come and see him, and our advice is, go.

THE HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

During the holidays it is pardonable in anyone to neglect business and attend strictly to pleasure. This may be regarded as a broad proposition, but whether it is or is not, the general stir in Omaha society during the last days of December certainly indicates that, let come what will, holiday seasons must be appropriately celebrated.

ENTRE NOUS GERMAN.

A very pleasant German was given by the Entre Nous Club, Wednesday evening, Dec. 26th, at the residence of Ezra Millard, the participants being the guests of Miss Carrie. There were present about fourteen couples.

Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock and was entered into with great interest and vivacity by all who had the pleasure of attending. Mr. Joe Lehmer and Miss Millard were selected as leading couple, and nothing was overlooked by them in making the evening one of enjoyment and gaiety. The figures and favors being also such as to elicit the greatest admiration.

Mrs. Millard proved herself to be possessed of unbounded hospitality, not only in the supervision of affairs, but in spreading for the guests an excellent supper, which was one of the first features of the entertainment.

Music was furnished by Hoffman's and Neal's orchestra, which poured out beautiful and inspiring strains, so important in the successful German. There were present: Misses Gennesse, Rena Ross, Edith Carter, Woodie McCormick, Nella Lehmer, Mollie King, Dora Lehmer, Bertha Isaacs, Jessie Roddis, Nora Boyd, Maggie Boyd, Carrie Lake, and Genie Woolworth; Messrs. Joe Lehmer, Geo. Jewett, Luther Drake, George Ross, Newt Barkalow, Chas. Huntington, Lucius Wakeley, James Ross, Geo. Savage, Will Redick, Nate Cray, Joy, Paul and Mark Morton.

THE PLEASANT HOURS.

The grand ball given by the Pleasant Hours club at Masonic Hall on the evening of the 28th, may be unquestionably counted the leading social event of the season. The hall, which was overlaid with heavy white canvass, was well filled, and the quickly moving throng of happy dancers gave it the brightest and happiest appearance that can be imagined. The first number of a neat and carefully prepared programme was performed in the faultless manner which is a characteristic of Hoffman's band, at about half past nine o'clock, and from that time until eleven the dances followed each other in quick succession. The dancers ceased then to partake of the tempting collation that had been prepared by the excellent management. Mr. Chas. E. Squires, the popular and efficient president of the club, clings to the idea that "home life" affords more luxuries than "boarding round," and in accordance with this sensible view, the eatables are brought direct from headquarters and cooked to order under the supervision of the club. The menu included baked oysters, oysters raw, "sam sandwiches," hot coffee, ice cream and a long list of tempting eatables. The gentlemen adjourned to the upper halls to smoke Havanas, while the musicians were reviving themselves. Dancing was soon resumed and continued until one o'clock, when all went home feeling that the "Sixty-second" was by all odds the crowning effort of the old year. Among those present, were: Gen. Geo. Crook and wife, accompanied by Gen. Dailey and daughter, Maj. J. V. Furay and wife, Capt. Nickerson and wife, Capt. Livres and wife, Lieutenants Bourke, Schuyler, Robinson and Wells, C. K. Coutant and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. H. Patrick, Col. C. S. Chase and wife, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Squires, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Webster, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Wells, Mr. J. E. Boyd and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. Sam B. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knight, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Connell, Mr. and Mrs. C. Schwenck, Mr. and Mrs. N. Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Pritchett, Maj. and Mrs. Thornburg, Prof. W. L. Adams and wife, Col. Harry Bronson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. A. Burley, and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Yost; Miss Beeson, Miss Gennesse, Miss Mollie King, Miss Rena Ross, Miss Carrie Millard, Miss Fisher, Miss Jessie Roddis, Misses Nella and Dora Lehmer, Miss Genie Woolworth, Miss Nora Boyd, Miss Millsaugh, Miss Carrie Lake, Miss Carrie Summers, Misses Aggie and Allie Berlin, Miss Carrie Wyman, Misses Emily and Fannie Butterfield, Miss Edith Carter, Miss May Loveland, Miss Bettie Megeath, Miss Genie Halscombe, Miss Minnie Hampton, Miss Celma Balcombe, Miss Bertha Isaacs, Misses Lou and Carrie Jiams, Miss Woodworth; Messrs. Newt Barkalow, Luther Drake, C. H. Kountze, Jas. France, Geo. Savage, Al. S. Patrick, M. T. Barkalow, Geo. Squires, Jas. M. Ross, E. L. Bierbower, Wilfies Yates, Nate Cray, George Jewett, Geo. Zanner, Clem. Chase, R. E. Gaylord, Ben B. Wood, Percival Lowell, Chas. Huntington, C. J. Greene, L. H. Cropsey, of Lincoln, Chas. Elting, Fred R. McConnell, Robt. Patrick, W. R. Morris, Geo. M. Myers, F. W. Griffith, Chas. H. Roberts, Sam'l Smith, Arthur Remington, Chas. Woodworth, George Paterson, Will Wilbur, K. K. Hayden, M. W. Kurtz, Charles Cray, Joe Lehmer, and W. B. Loring.

CENTENNIAL SOCIAL CLUB.

Not the least noteworthy social event of the week, was the regular bi-weekly hop of the Centennial Social Club, Friday evening, Dec. 28th. The number of attendants was unusually large, and the gay participants, in perfect correspondence with the occasion, appeared in their happiest mood. The supper and refreshments were served in the parlors of the club room, and included everything that could be desired. In attendance were M. Goldsmith and wife, A. Cahn and wife, M. Hellman and wife, Mr. and Mrs. A. Polack, Mr. and Mrs. Adler, A. Heller and wife, J. C. Rosenfeld and wife, Mr. and Mrs. R. Withnell, Thos. Swobe and wife, Mr. and Mrs. E. Simon, E. Burmeister and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hartman; Misses Susie von Borries, Laura Rothschild, Julia von Borries, Lillie and E. Withnell, Misses R. Pundt, Cooper, Levi, Brash, Ben. net, Burk, and Mrs. Wise; Messrs. H. Brash, and our advice is, go.

H. R. A. Pundt, Max Meyer, Julius Meyer, Minnie Cahn, Max Rosenfeld, Adolph Meyer, Moritz Meyer, Geo. Raue, Dr. A. W. Nason, Henry Meyer, Henry Schoeniger, A. Rosewater, Z. Taylor, S. Rindskopf, Ernst Long, Alfred Prince, I. Wexler, Mr. Baswitz and Mr. Eppstein.

SURPRISE PARTY.

A very enjoyable event was the entertainment at the residence of Thos. Riley, cor. 23d and Webster streets, on the evening of Thursday, the 27th. The party was gotten up as a surprise to Miss Katie Riley, who was doing the honors of the house during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Riley on a holiday visit in the east. Having arrived, the parlors were soon illuminated and the carpets overlaid with canvass for dancing—music having been brought along. After dancing a couple of hours, the assembled guests adjourned to the dining room and partook of an oyster supper. The party entire included Miss Minnie Litzen, Miss Theresa Kennedy, Miss Stacia Crowley, Miss Ella Ray, Mr. W. M. Bushman and wife, Miss Sallie Ray, Miss Ella Kennedy, Miss Mettie Smith, Miss Maggie McDonald, Misses Adeline and Margie Barbeau, Miss Dwyer, Miss Moran, Miss Emma Brown, Miss Mary Swift, Miss Balbach, Miss Libbie Riley, Miss Forman; Messrs. Thos. Tallon, Chas. McDonald, J. J. Kennedy, J. Weilers, Jas. Woodward, W. Rodgers, W. O. Sanders, Fred. Philbrook, Al. Rafer, Jno. Guild, S. B. Reed, Thos. Reed, Matt Clair, Dr. Quinlan, P. Swift, Thos. Fitzmorris, Andy Riley, Fred Dellone, Frank Dellone, and Owen McKaffery.

THE CLOSE OF SCHOOL.

The public schools of the city closed on the 21st inst. and the results of the past term which were developed by a severe examination during the last week, show a healthy progress in all the departments. The teachers of the public schools, one and all are faithful and efficient workers and they have at heart the welfare of the students under their control. That they have labored assiduously is conclusively shown by their results of the examinations. It is impossible for us to give a complete record of the results in all the grades, but it will suffice to say that we have given them a careful examination and know whereof we speak.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

The following lists contain the names of all those whose scholarship average stood eighty per cent and over:

CLASS C, THIRD YEAR.—Studies embrace Astronomy, Latin, English Literature, Science of Government, and Mental Philosophy.—Thos. McCleague, 89; Fanny Herron, 82; Jennie Kennard, 88; Annie Truland, 88; Alex. Streitz, 82; Mora Balcombe, 85; Marcia Manning, 85.

CLASS B, SECOND YEAR.—Geometry, English Literature and Mental Philosophy.—Will Hamilton, 81; Sue Badolet, 84; Lida Wilson, 83; Addie Sprattin, 84; Mora Balcombe, 87; Charlie Bunce, 82; Mary Knight, 84; Hattie Jones, Fannie Kennedy, 82; Lottie Chubb, 83.

CLASS A, FIRST YEAR.—Algebra, Physiology, Rhetoric and Composition.—Chas. Egutter, 94; Chapman Morgan, 90; Mary Homes, 83; Belle Kimball, 90; Miss McClure, 84; Jennie Sanford, 92; Solon Emery, 84; Jessie Allen, 82; Carrie Johnson, 80; Callie McConnell, 83; Abbie Taft, 82.

THE EIGHTH GRADE.

celebrated the close of the term with a few simple exercises on the afternoon of the 22nd. No effort was made at display, as such a proceeding at the close of school has become a thing of the past. A pleasing song entitled "Buy the Truth and Sell it Not" was well rendered by Miss Lizzie Calderwood, assisted by Misses Tillie McCheane, Etta Gwyer, Ida Overton, Lizzie Sharp, Fannie Morris and Lillie Webb; Miss Etta Smith presiding at the organ. Henry Copley read a creditable essay having for its subject, Major Andre." Douglas Smith, of Florence, declaimed with good effect the well known piece, "Emmett's Vindication." Paul Horbach selected "Boston" for the subject of his essay, and Miss Naomi Knight treated at some length "Ancient Greece." Miss Cora Cummings read in a clear tone a well written and instructive composition on "Plants." By the brevity and free use of good language in expressing her thoughts, we recognize commendable features in Miss Cummings, and she will make a forcible writer if she pays due attention to this all important branch of learning.

After a humorous declamation by Miss Ida Southworth, and another song. Prof. Scott announced the two weeks vacation, wished his students all a "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year," and dismissed them.

The following students of Class C., Seventh Grade, taught by Mrs. G. W. Boyden, stood highest in their general average: Sophie Cleveland, 93; Pauline Reinhart, 93; Victor Gladstone, 92; Maggie Latey, 90; Blanche Withnell, 87; Mamie Fitch, 87; Fred Metz, 87.

EAST SCHOOL.

The following list embraces names of all pupils whose scholarship average stood above 95 per cent, as furnished us by the courteous and obliging principal, Miss Anna Foss:

GRADE 1ST CLASS A.—Miss Libbie Wood, teacher. Addie Maguire, Eva Spingle, Duane Shepherd, Eddie O'Connor.

GRADE 1ST CLASS B. AND C.—Miss Decie Johnston, teacher. Nellie Sexauer, Lizzie Wharton, Charley Henderson, Annie Brown.

GRADE 2ND CLASS A. AND B.—Miss Belle Merwin, teacher. Horatio Rathburn, Ella Sieverling, Frank Julien, Henry Hattereth.

GRADE 2ND AND 3D, CLASSES C. AND A.—Miss Kate Foss, teacher. Rachael Bernstein, Nellie Spingle, Hattie Herzog.

GRADE 4TH, CLASS A. AND B.—Miss Minnie Wilson, teacher. Nettie Gould, Gussie Simmonds, 92; George Simmonds, 92; Martin Dineen.

GRADE 5TH CLASS B. AND C.—Anna Foss, teacher. Hans Christenson, Hugh Kennedy, Katie Garvey.

Names of pupils perfect in attendance since September 3d: 1st Grade, Ida Warner. Grade 2nd, Ida Silvering, Robert Hildenger.

Bertie Bradley, Henry Hottenroth, M. Benson. 3d Grade, Irwin Seiverling, Bennet Krebs, Bertha Simpson, Lucy Lockman, Willie McDonald, John Collins.

4th Grade, Willie Parr. 5th Grade, Charles Swobe, Annie King, Ida Nelson, Hans Christenson, John Quigley.

COUNCIL BLUFFS NOTES.

Grand Christmas Ball.

Christmas was not allowed to go un-noticed in the Bluffs, but on the contrary, the pleasurable affair to which we here allude cannot have failed to have left a favorable impression of the day, on all who attended.

The ball—or reception, as it was called—was gotten up by the citizens in general, who, at a meeting held during the middle of the month, made all arrangements.

The attendance was very large, and dancing on the neatly canvassed floor of the spacious Ogden dining room was indulged in without restraint. The supper, which reflected credit on the management of this popular hotel, was served on the second floor. The young ladies of the city were handsomely attired, and the young gentlemen ditto. Among those in attendance, we re-call from memory: Miss Grace Deming, Miss Lou Bowman, Miss Hattie Ross, Miss Parthenia Jefferies, Miss Anna Blanchard, Misses Rose and Mollie Brown, Miss Lizzie Baldwin, Misses Nin and Ella Hewett, Miss Kate Rising, Miss Lillie Craig of St. Joe, Miss Maud Nepper, Miss Maggie Dohany, the Misses Cook, Miss Nellie Rockwell, Miss Maggie Field, Miss Carrie Test, Miss Mamie Rue, Miss Nellie Huber, Miss Ida Kirkpatrick, Maj. and Mrs. J. H. O'Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Bradbury, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Williams, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Rohrer, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bebbington, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Sam'l Haas, Messrs. Ed. A. Nutt, Ed. Troutmann, Capt. D. F. Eicher, A. W. Rickmann, A. T. Ellwell, Nat Phillips, John N. Baldwin, W. W. Dearborn, T. B. Baldwin, Leonard Everett, Dr. T. E. Weeks, D. T. Stubbs, Frank Shephard, Henry Stubbs, Chas. Cook, A. M. Jackson, Maj. J. H. Marshall, H. H. Metcalf, H. Cook, W. Munger, E. A. Houghton, Ed. Rue, Frank Stubbs, W. C. Erb, Mort Craig, Frank Laurence, J. O. Phillippi, T. M. Gowdy, L. M. Rheem, Z. T. Spriggs, Joy Morton of Omaha, and Mr. Paul Morton of Nebraska City.

Music was furnished by Prof. Olker's band, and the figures were called by John Galligan of Omaha. Altogether, the affair was a most successful and enjoyable one, and will be long remembered by the many who participated.

Miss Nellie Roberts of Galesburg, Ill. is in the city, visiting Misses Anna and Nellie Blanchard. Miss Nellie Rockwell returned last month from St. Paul, Minn. The series of parties inaugurated by Prof. Snow, were not well attended, and he discontinued them early last month. The members of the "Evening Star Club" and the "Home Circle" will unite, and make arrangements for a series of parties to be given at the Ogden House, so we are informed.

Dohany's Roller Skating rink has not been running with much of a jam, thus far, this winter. Roller skating is something like newly married life—the novelty of the thing wears off after a while.

Mr. Ed. Robbins spent the holidays visiting his parents at Kansas City.

Miss Cora Bullard, who is now visiting her friend Miss Jennie Leach in Chicago, was announced by the Chicago Times as one of the receiving ladies at that place on New Years.

Laura Robinson, the bright young daughter of Wm. A. Robinson, died on the 15th ult. of paralysis. Her dangerous illness called back Mr. and Mrs. Keeline, after they had been absent only one week, and her death cast a sad gloom over a household, that, but a few weeks previous was resplendent with happy hearts.

Misses Hettie Ross, Katie Pusey, and Julia Officer returned from their respective schools in the east, to spend Christmas and New Years at home.

The Irving Literary Society is the name of a new literary and debating society, recently organized. The officers are: John N. Baldwin, President; Wm. Patton, Vice President; Ed. Brown, Secretary; and D. T. Stubbs, Treasurer.

Mr. Geo. H. Jewett of Sidney, Neb., passed through Omaha on the 20th, on his way to Niles, Michigan, where he was married a week later to Miss Minnie Mead, a young lady well known in the Bluffs. The cards, which were gotten up in Chicago, were models of neatness.

PERSONAL.

Geo. E. Lake has gone to Cleveland.

Paul Morton, of the C. & B. Q. Offices in Chicago, was in Omaha on the 25th.

Robt. Patrick, a student of Yale College, came home to spend the holiday vacation. He will return on about the 7th inst.

Miss Libbie Poppleton, who has been pursuing a course in advanced classical literature under the instruction of an able German professor, in Boston, is now at home.

Miss Cassie Schaller, who is completing her education in the Illinois University at Bloomington, was home for the past two weeks.

Capt. Geo. G. Darrow, of the *Sidney Telegraph*, enjoyed the sweets of Omaha life for a short time last month. Capt. Darrow has been very fortunate in his many business enterprises, both in Sidney and the Black Hills, and his success shows what any energetic and enterprising young man may accomplish in the new western world.

Lucius W. Wakely leaves early this month for Sing Sing, New York, where he will enter a training school, preparatory to his examination for admission to West Point Academy. He is ordered to report at West Point

next June, and he will make an honest endeavor to pass. He goes laden with the best wishes of his hosts of admiring friends, not the least of whom is THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Rt. Rev. Dr. O'Connor, Bishop of the Western Catholic Diocese, will make a short visit to his old home in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, this month.

Miss Sallie Ray, of Cleveland, Ohio, who has been visiting her brother-in-law, Mr. James Creighton, for the past six months, leaves on the 2d for her home.

Misses Cora Doane and Nellie Wakeley, students in a young ladies' Seminary at Cleveland, spent the holidays with friends in Circleville, Ohio.

Miss Lucy Gennesse, of Detroit, Mich., who has been visiting her uncle, Hon. C. E. Yost, for the past two months, has concluded to spend the entire winter here. She is a genial and pleasant young lady, and has made many friends during her short sojourn in Omaha.

Miss Libbie Rollinson, teacher of the first grade, left immediately after the close of school, for Colorado Springs, to spend the holidays. Miss Laura V. Morse went to Blair, Misses Merwin, Andrews, Stanard, White, Weeks, and Stratton, to various points in Iowa. Miss Montieth has resigned and will, we are told, devote her time in the future to instructing a full-grown pupil, who has made a permanent arrangement with her. She goes to Martin, Michigan.

Miss Maggie Field, one of the belles of the beautiful city on the east bank of the gently rippling rivulet, was in Omaha on the 24th, making holiday purchases. It is rather complimentary to Omaha to have citizens of the Bluffs come over to make purchases, and this likewise reflects a compliment on their good taste.

UNIVERSITY LOCALS.

Wendell Phillips addressed the students in Chapel during his sojourn in the city.

The "University Union" Society held their Term Social on Thursday Evening December 20th. A great many of their friends attended.

Promenading was indulged in until half past nine, when refreshments were passed by fair and willing hands. After all had eaten to their heart's content it being ten o'clock, the time decided on by the Faculty for the societies to close, they wended their way homeward. It was an enjoyable evening for all and many were the wishes that it would soon be repeated.

The Palladian Society held its annual election on Monday evening, December 10th and elected the following for the new school term: J. H. Worley, President; Miss Parks, Vice-President; Miss Schuckman, Recording Secretary; J. F. McKessen, Corresponding Secretary; E. Montgomery, Treasurer; J. Silvernail, Sergeant-at-arms; Miss Emma Runyan, Chorister.

The new officers elected by the "Entre-Nous" Society are as follows: J. O. Shurdivant, President; C. C. Chase, 1st Vice-President; J. M. Knox, 2nd Vice-President; S. E. Babcock, Secretary; D. H. Wheeler, Jr., Treasurer; G. B. Tschuck, Sergeant-at-Arms. The military drill has been discontinued until the first of April, when it will again be resumed.

The honorable body, the "Board of Regents," met this month. As yet it is unknown to the outside world what has transpired. A reception was given them by Chancellor Fairfield at his residence, about two hundred of the citizens being present.

The University closed on Friday, December 21st, for a vacation during the holidays, commencing on Wednesday, January 2d, when all students will be expected to be on hand.

Miss Rodgers gave a few invited friends a treat in shape of a *Musical Soiree*, on Monday evening, December 17th, in Palladian Hall, it having been tendered her by the Palladian Society. By request of friends present she sang the beautiful sacred piece entitled, "I'm a Pilgrim, I'm a Stranger." Every piece on the programme was well rendered, and Miss Rodgers deserves great credit as an instructor in music—as will be seen by the speedy advancement of her scholars. It is her intention to give another at no distant day.

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