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The High School Register.

Our New Neighbors.

Looking out of the window, I see
Four little chippy birds up in a tree,
Chirping together as sweet can be.

Four cunning birdies, plump and small;
With a spreading oak for a council hall,
Listen to them as they chirp and call.

Says number one to his little mate—
"Come, come me dear it is getting late:
"Let us build our nest so small and swate."

(For he was an Irish bird you see,
As gallant as ever a bird can be
From the Emerald Isle across the sea.)

His little mate cocked her saucy head,
Flew to the ground for a bit of thread—
And, "Ready dear Pat" she softly cried.

So they went to work in eager haste,
Determined not a moment to waste,
Weaving and twining with dainty taste.

"Ya," Said Dutch Hans in his merry way,
"Dat Sharman vas right ven he did say,
'First do your work und then your play.'"

"And now klelene frau what do you say?"
"Why," said his mate in her shy little way—
"I think this is a nice place to stay."

And thus it is that new neighbors have we,
Four little chippy birds up in a tree—
Setting up house keeping as snug as can be.
ETHELWYNNE KENNEDY.

NOTES.

—The jolly crowd that usually forms in the second floor hall will miss the jolly presence of Messrs Rustin and Fonda.

—It has been fully demonstrated and decided, in one of the Composition classes that boys are more useful than girls in this world.

—Would it not be a good plan to organize a gun club in the school? There are some good shots among the boys, if rumor can be believed.

—Conversation on last Monday—This is a fine school day, isn't it? Yes, and so will next Monday be. I wish that such days would come oftener.

—The hop at Ft. Omaha on Saturday was a success although there were almost twice as many boys as girls. This will make a point in proving girls of more use than boys, girls can dance together, boys can't.

—The REGISTER would like to get the addresses of some of the officers of our Omaha tennis clubs, with the intention of publishing a few scores occasionally.

—Will the Exterminating Committee please try its power on Caesar? We have him daily, done up in every style, essay, conundrum, poetry and we take a little of the same thing.

—If every Omaha club met with the success which has so far marked the performances of the High School Nine, there would be no talk of releasing O'Leary, or any other player.

—A tennis court has been marked out on the lawn near the west gate of the school yard. The spot is rather a bad one because of the pitch of the ground nevertheless several games have been played there.

O. H. S. vs. Bellevue College.

The High School club which played in Bellevue on Saturday last were beaten, after an exciting game, by the Bellevue College team. The score stood tie at the end of the ninth innings when the College team made a grand effort, and won by a score of 22 to 21 (ten innings.)

The High School team was composed of Fred Rustin, Wilk Rustin, Randall Brown, Ben Nelson, and Art Creighton. The vacant places in the field were supplied by several soldiers, who volunteered their services. Not having at hand a full score, the REGISTER cannot furnish many particulars of the game, but we can, at least acknowledge that our boys would not have met more hospitable entertainers than the sport loving students of Bellevue College. The latter, should they ever come to Omaha ought to be entertained with the best the city can afford. Their hospitality was of that open hearted sort which makes a guest feel thoroughly at home, they stinted nothing and yet seemed to make no labor of entertaining our boys.

If one must be beaten, it is a pleasure to be beaten by such manly adversaries as the members of the Bellevue College Nine.

—SUMMER UNDERWEAR at Pease Bros

High School Cadets.

The part which the High School Military Company was to take in the parade on Decoration Day, reminds us of the old "High School Cadets" a Republican club organized in 1884. The "Cadets" marched out to help elect Blaine by making as much noise and display as possible, and it is probable that if all the older Republicans had done as much Cleveland would not now occupy the presidential chair. The unfortunate High School boys started out admirably when the parade was formed, but the march had hardly commenced when they were assailed by a body of hoodlums whose numbers constantly increased. The latter amused themselves by trying to take the torches from the little boys, and by swearing at the larger ones. But in this pleasant occupation they were interrupted by the periodical descent of the file closers, who challenged the hoodlums to fight, berated them soundly or applied violence to their persons with salutary effect. Again the company's colors were constantly endangered by the torches which illuminated the scene. Nor were the beautiful plumes on the officers' helmets free from peril. Indeed it happened when the column had been halted, under the windows of the Millard whose balconies were thronged with spectators, that K——'s plume took fire and vanished in a blaze of glory. The rowdies, the smoke, and the long march fatigued and annoyed all, but the officers had peculiar troubles of their own. At one time a lieutenant went to the head of the column and opened the files, while the captain, who had not been consulted as to this manoeuvre, closed the files at the rear with equal diligence. When the last rocket had exploded, and the last torch had flickered out, the boys returned home, weary, smoke stained, but elated by their first appearance on the broad field of politics. Ah! Well, that was a pleasant though toilsome evenings work. But now a few newspaper clippings, and a host of pleasant recollections are all that remain of the ancient and honorable "High School Cadets."

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It had been the intention of the REGISTER to publish a schedule of games to be played by the Omaha Club this year, but we think that the less said about that team the better it will be.

THE High School has lost another of its members, Mr. Fred Rustin, and the loss is acknowledged to be a heavy one, Rustin had been with us so long that he seemed almost an indispensable part of the school. Entering several years ago he had almost completed his three years course when he was offered a situation in the First National Bank of Omaha. While we cannot but regret that our old schoolmate has left these halls, we trust that what is our loss will prove to be his advantage.

Eastern and Western Colleges.

At first sight it would seem that no one could question the advantages which Eastern colleges have over those in the west, yet many students at our Western Universities are very loath to admit that a course at Harvard or Yale is any more beneficial than a course at some institution west of the Mississippi. Those who hold this view advance several arguments to support their theory, and it must be confessed that they reason not altogether incorrectly. They say that the large Eastern colleges are attended for the most part, by rich, and often idle young men, while the students at such schools as the Universities of Kansas and Nebraska are poor, hardworking young men, who are eager to obtain as much as possible of a good education. Therefore the Westerners argue, it is better

to avoid Harvard, Yale, Princeton and other eastern institutions of learning, where the student may be drawn into idle and expensive habits. Again it is claimed by some that the schools of the West are little if any inferior to those near the Atlantic seaboard. Both of these opinions seem very absurd to Eastern men, but they may be better founded than one is inclined to suspect. Yet allowing a due weight to the arguments of both sides, the balance is certainly much in favor of the Eastern colleges. While there can be no doubt that there are at the older colleges many young men, whose chief aim is to get along with as little work as possible, it is foolish to assume that the great body of the students at such places are without a strong desire to improve their minds. Nor can the idle and useless portion of Eastern students have so much influence on the others as our friends nearer home seem to wish us to suppose. Then too, we must take into account that the West is a land of change and excitement, where even the schools are so constantly enlarging and extending their functions that the air itself seems at times to unfit one for forming the quiet habits of study and submission to discipline. In the East which is the centre of all American culture and refinement, it is but natural that methods of study should be brought to greater perfection, men's minds not being so much occupied in trying to keep step with a rapid advance of material prosperity. And it cannot be denied that colleges of extended reputation and liberal endowment, can always secure the best instructors.

For these reasons the REGISTER thinks that when students at Western colleges claim that Nebraska, Iowa or Kansas offer educational advantages equal to those possessed by Massachusetts or Connecticut, their opinions should be treated rather as outbursts of a pardonable pride, than as the result of more sober reflection.

Exchanges.

The Stylus published at the Sioux City University continues to be the same merry sheet as ever.

The High School World of St. Paul, Minn., criticizes its exchanges for ranting on various subjects but opens the same number which contains the criticism with an article most emphatically ranting against the custom of sending flowers to the graduates at commencement. They must be "hard up" for something to object to. What could add more interest and beauty to the scene

than the flowers sent by kind friends.

The High School World of Dayton, Ohio is extremely interesting and instructing and as a general rule omits the weak moralizing subjects which so many school papers indulge in.

The Trinity Record of Washington, Pa., is a short paper and has but two editors, but is interesting and very sensible in its views.

The numbers of the *Reveille* loose none of their brightness and interest. An article in the April number on Mrs. Browning was exceptionally good.

The last number of the *Hesperian* calls the REGISTER "one of the best of its class." We heartily endorse that opinion,

Charles Dickens to the Age of 25.

PART SECOND.

After two years of school life, Charles was taken out by his father, who had become a reporter, and he was now placed in an attorney's office as office boy.

This place was not better liked by this fourteen year old young gentleman than his former one. But this proved in the end to have been a good one. Here he could go to any amusements he chose and he could study the nature of people who came to the office. He did both and the latter particularly. His employer said, afterwards, on reading *Picwick Papers*, that he remembered some of the events as happening in the office, and that he even recognized the persons written about.

During the nineteen months he remained in the office, Charles learned shorthand and determined to follow in the steps of his father, who, by the way stood as model for "Mr. Micawber," and to become a reporter, accordingly at nineteen we find him as a parliamentary reporter, reporting in the House as well as elsewhere. This continues for five years. One day when he had nothing to do, he remembered an attempt he had made at writing when he was nine years old, and thinking that the tragedy he had written was really quite good, he might as well try to write a few short stories or sketches. This idea pleased Dickens exceedingly and he decided he would commence as soon as he could get time enough.

After a few days he began a sketch called "Mrs. Joseph Porter over the Way," and then wrote "A dinner at Poplars" and some others. As he did not want to make his name public until he found whether he would succeed as an author, he published these sketches

under the name "Boz." There was no need for Dickens to hide his own name as he soon found. The publishers of the sketches saw a great deal of talent in them, and, as they wanted a serial story to print in their monthly magazine, Dickens was asked to write the adventures of a hunting and fishing club.

So Dickens wrote Pickwick Papers in 1836-7. Pickwick Papers was considered rather "dry" for the first few numbers. The publishers thought it would fail, but Dickens was still ambitious and he knew that, should this his first book fail, that would end his hope of becoming a celebrated man. So after thinking some time he determined to introduce a comic character, to keep up the interest of the readers. So the readers and publishers were both surprised by the appearance of "Sam Weller," who soon became so great a favorite that his sayings were repeated all over London.

Books.

There is no doubt in my mind but that books are one of the greatest things with which man ever had any thing to do. To make a book it not only requires a person who is fond of writing and has some talent for it, but also a great deal of careful thought and study is necessary.

First, the material has to be collected may be on paper in the shape of notes, etc., perhaps it is written only in the mind, where the active little creature called Memory stores up all things, to wait for their time of appearing before the world. This is the mental work and what we may call the immaterial material to be collected, while the material necessities are the paper, ink and the stuffs used in making the cover. All these have to be made by man—nature does not provide them.

The paper is made of old rags, old paper and sometimes straw. The material is boiled to take the grease out of it, when all the rags are white and clean, the whole mass is mashed to a pulp, which is spread out on rollers.

Great mills are used in making paper, and now the whole work is done by machinery. Before paper was invented everything was written on parchment or papyrus, this last being the inner bark of an Egyptian plant. The parch-

ment books were rolled about a round stick, indeed our word volume comes from a latin word meaning a roll. Just think how inconvenient it would be to have all our books written on parchment and rolled about a stick.

The Romans had the first bound books. Of course they were very primitive, but we must give credit where credit is due. These bound books were only covered with wax, and fastened together by wires. They were written on by a sharp-pointed steel instrument called a stylus.

The purpose of books should be to improve the mind, give a knowledge of the world, the peoples and the customs and habits of these peoples. Many books now written do not do this, and therefore do more harm than good, as they are read hurriedly, and so give a bad habit of reading. They are read merely to pass away the time, not to improve the mind.

There are many different kinds of books written. The "driest" of these is often the much-endured schoolbook. This is banged around as if it was the fault of the book that we have to learn our lesson. We should remember that youth is the time for learning, and that we can't learn younger, and make the most of our short time, for the "number of our years is but three score years and ten," and whatever habits are acquired in youth remain fixed in after life. To be forming good habits we will be learning "to apply our hearts unto wisdom." As we grow older and have more judgment, we should be allowed to a greater extent to follow our own inclination in regard to our reading.

Many people have a craze for getting old books, and spend whole fortunes on them, just to see them on their own shelves. Now it seems to me, a very nonsensical thing to buy old books.

I think almost everyone has some favorite books. Mine are the stories written by Miss L. M. Alcott, although I am very fond of all books, and would rather read than do almost anything else. I like Dickens works very much and also those of both Thackeray and Scott, and other books too numerous to

name. But of all the books I have ever read I think Miss Alcott's "Little Women" heads the list.

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young people were present, many of
them from the school. Dancing occu-
pied most of the time, a platform and
music having been secured for the oc-
casión. On the whole the young
ladies who arranged the picnic are to
be heartily congratulated that their
efforts were so successful. It is under-
stood that another picnic will be held
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