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It is not generally known that a graduate of our school can enter many of the principle colleges and most of the lesser ones, without a preliminary examination. The High School course is deemed a sufficient preparation for admittance so that the presentation of one's diploma enables him to do away with the test before entering. Williams, Smith, Wellesley and Vassar have already received graduates from Omaha on these conditions, and Dartmouth has made arrangements for the same. The State University, at Lincoln, allows the students who have a diploma from our school, to begin with the sophomore year.

Is there then, any need to send our young ladies and gentlemen to eastern preparatory schools? Do we not have an advantage in going to an Omaha school by reason of residing at home?

Here, there are less temptations and equal opportunities. Of course for more advanced work the established colleges are especially equipped, but for preparatory study, the home schools should have the preference.

WHILE we have every reason to be delighted with the reception accorded the re-establishment of the REGISTER, we would like to have our subscription list increased in proportion to the number of pupils in the High School. Although fine words and congratulations encourage us, they do not help us visibly. If you think a school paper ought to be supported, do not longer withhold your subscription.

WITH this issue we renew our custom of devoting a department of the REGISTER to the review of prominent authors of the day. This departure from the usual contents of a school paper, met with such encouragement last year, especially from the ladies, that we have decided to restore it to a place in our journal. Each issue will have an article reviewing the works and noticeable characteristics of some writer of current literature.

We have also started a column intended to give our readers an idea as to what is happening in other educational institutions. This will consist of notes taken from our exchanges, which show events of other cities. We hope that these additions will improve our paper.

AS the date for the next issue of the REGISTER will come during the Christmas holidays, the December number will be out earlier than usual. The subscribers' copies will be distributed during examination week.

OUR advertisers ought not to fear that their cards are not read. Each subscriber takes his REGISTER with him to class and reads, during recitation, everything from the date to the numbers of the pages.

THE last election has now assured us of increased space for the High School next year. Though the bonds determine the amount to be spent, the Board is wavering between an addition to the present building, and a separate one. We think it would be much better to have the lower grades removed entirely from our building and devote this to the High School for which it was originally built.

FOR the first time since the organization of the Athletic Association, the restriction of outsiders from school games has been put in force. This is due mainly to the efforts of the present manager, and is the only thing that will create a desire to obtain admission to the Association. As long as any scholar could stand about until chosen on one side or another, there was no particular reason for joining, as the same benefits could be obtained without a membership. Besides, on account of the scarcity of good players, boys who did not go to the High School were depended upon in any match game.

This has been remedied for the most part, by the reduction of the fees and the limit upon the membership. The payment of ten cents per month seems to most pupils much less than seventy-five cents each half year, while the increase of members more than makes up the dif-

ference in the treasury. Since the limit of the society is about reached, there will be a greater eagerness for admission, and the present members will be much more particular to vote for good athletes only. From the number enrolled, the Association is enabled to get up full sides in every school game. Therefore it will be unnecessary to call upon outsiders, and those same ones who used to sponge upon the others will be compelled to seek admission to the Athletic Association. We hope that this action of the manager will be approved, so that hereafter the clubs put forward may contain none who are not High School scholars.

HALLOWEEN OBSERVATIONS.

This year's halloween was no doubt the liveliest ever celebrated in Omaha. There were plenty of parties out, and in the way of fun the High School scholars never take a back seat. To be sure, the police had their enjoyment too, and it would be difficult to say which got the most pleasure out of the evening.

The first thing which came under notice was a throng that scattered like the winds. The cause was soon apparent as the brass buttons of a policeman were seen darting about. After he had retreated, the members of the dispersed crowd came sucking back. Said one as soon as he gained his breath: "What made you fellows run?"

Next, attention was turned to a couple of sidewalks which were ambling down the street. Without warning they dropped with a thud, while the motive power vanished before the hurried steps of an officer of the law. One little boy was caught, but he, of course, had only followed the others to see what they intended to do; that is, according to his own story.

Presently a company of boys and girls came along, but as the policeman did not try to send them home, they passed on whistling and blowing their horns. The moonlight showed a varied assortment

of a job lot of hats. As the street car approached they all piled on, and, although the driver shouted that they should climb on top, they seemed satisfied with the back platform.

There was another party that had its rendezvous on north Seventeenth street, but it didn't accomplish much in the line of mischief. The members were really too good to take off gates. On this account, they preferred indoor amusement to trying to escape the snares set for gate-swingers.

The vicinity of the school swarmed with different companies which were out to enjoy the halloween sports. Some built bon-fires, and all along were places that seemed in want of gates. The noise of horns and whistles kept up till late in the night. October 31st comes but once a year, and this time all the boys and girls took advantage of the customary celebration.

STRAY PLANKS.

Number 39 is a daisy. He succeeded in capturing about ten boys and several horns and other apparatus.

"I didn't do nothing."

There was an axe traveling around with one crowd of boys.

"Where did you put my gate?"

Denise was out but couldn't get around on account of those long pants.

Which of our boys got a ride in the patrol wagon?

"Hello Rusty! Is that you?"

It seemed as if the whole school was out.

The moon gave so much light that operations could be seen too plainly.

Somebody tied a string across the sidewalk on upper Dodge.

A portion of the west fence of the school yard has disappeared.

OTHER SCHOOLS.

Omaha is one of the few cities in this country where free text-books are distributed to the pupils.

Manual training has been introduced into the High School department at St. Paul. As yet, this branch is in its infancy, there being nothing but bench-work in carpentry taught.

The Sacred Heart convent in this city has a full fledged base-ball nine.

The High School, at Springfield, Ill. has eight literary and debating societies.

The Baptist College for Nebraska has been located at York.

San Francisco, has a public school for Chinese children, and they are said to be as bright and intelligent as any other pupils.

The seniors at the State University created quite a disturbance by refusing to declaim at the chapel exercises. They not only kept back their services but also detained others, using force when necessary.

The Sacred Heart Convent, Brownell Hall, Creighton College and other private schools in this city will have several days vacation on account of Thanksgiving.

The Lincoln cadets intend to have a sham battle with blank cartridges some time this term.

The Beatrice school-board have decided to appropriate the money received as tuition, to the establishment of a High School library.

The question of teaching German in the public schools is under discussion at St. Louis.

PERSONALS.

Miss Ida Dixon has left a host of friends mourning her departure from the class of '88.

Mr. A. H. Bigelow is now in Greeley, Neb. where he is conducting the *Greeley News*. He graduated here in '85.

Miss Bertha Yost, formerly '88, returned from her four month's visit abroad but has again left Omaha, this time for Clifton Springs, N. Y.

Mr. Chas. Dudley Warner, editor of *Harper's Monthly*, favored this school with a visit on the 9th, inst. He was quite interested in the manual training work.

Miss Harris, was compelled, by illness, to miss her classes on the 9th.

Miss Sallie McClintock, has returned to our school after having spent two delightful months in the east. Her many friends welcome her with much pleasure.

Randal Brown, is pursuing his studies at East Hampton, Mass.

Miss Mable Ponda, once a High School girl, is now at home. She has been studying elocution at Storm Lake, Ia. under the instruction of Mrs. Pickens.

Arthur P. Guion, who left us for Peekskill, last year, is now at Hobart College.

Miss Carrie Detweiler, is again at her studies. She reports a very pleasant time spent during her trip through the east.

Fred and Walter Preston, both formerly of the OMAHA HIGH SCHOOL, are now at Andover, Mass. The former is rusher on the foot-ball team, which game seems to be the principal sport there.

Miss Maude Kendall, a graduate of '84, was married to Mr. Chas. S. Bell on the 16th.

PROGRESS OF OUR MANUAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT.

In ancient times, children were considered of no consequence whatever by their elders. Of their opinion of themselves we have no particular knowledge. But as years went by, the fact that "the boy is father to the man," was acknowledged by the parents, and children were educated so that they might, in time, become ornaments of society. Still the instruction was devoted to the mind only, while the manual training was entirely neglected. This was kept up for centuries until in the present time, it is being generally decided to introduce manual

instruction. There has been, indeed, a kindergarten, but this was restricted to little children and was used merely as an incentive to mental work. Europe has its various trades schools, but their curriculum include but one trade. These, of course, compel students to seek the place where the desired instruction may be obtained.

It remained for M. Victor Dellavos, of Moscow, to start in 1868, a school for teaching the elements of all mechanical arts. This institution met with a well deserved success, and eight years afterwards a collection of specimens of its work were brought to the Centennial at Philadelphia. There it attracted much attention. Dr. Rumble, President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, attempted to reproduce in the United States what had been successfully carried on in Russia. His school, although started under favorable auspices, was short-lived, and was given up after a year's trial.

Mr. Woodward, of Washington University, St. Louis, next determined to introduce this plan of practical education. His success opened the way for its general introduction, and we owe its establishment in public schools to him and to Mr. S. G. Love, of Jamestown, N. Y. The latter had begun manual work quite early in a small way, but did not make it a special feature. At the present time, there are quite a number of cities in which it has been introduced, and it promises to make its way in the near future, over the whole country.

The manual training department of the Omaha High School, which claims to be the first in which the work was made a part of the regular course, was begun in 1885. Up to this time, carpentry, turning, wood-carving and mechanical drawing have been introduced but it is the intention of the Board of Education to teach in a year or so, plumbing, gas fitting, boiler work, and perhaps all the mechanical branches. This department is

under the direction of Mr. A. M. Bumann, a graduate of the St. Louis Manual Training School, while the drawing is conducted by Miss Fannie M. Wood, of Cooper Institute.

In 1886 an exhibition of the work was given at the rooms of the Board of Education, and it elicited the approval of many of our citizens. This year a small building at the Omaha Exposition was devoted to the display of specimens of the scholars' work, and was one of the features of the exhibition.

Last year a few young ladies were permitted to join the class, and did credit to themselves and their sex. This department was exceedingly novel but this year the number of girls has increased. It is thought that many more will undertake wood-carving next term.

At first the department occupied but one room, but the increase of pupils has necessitated an enlargement of quarters. Now three rooms are used, one of which is fitted up with lathes run by steam. The tools furnished are first-class, and an evidence of the satisfaction of the School Board with the work, is the amount of money they have expended in fitting up an exceptionally fine work-shop. Manual training promises to become the feature of the school, and, no doubt keeps many in our midst, who, otherwise, would have launched out into business some time ago.

ATHLETICS.

There have been no regular games this month, although several efforts have been made to arrange matches with the Bellevues and Creighton College nine.

Now that it has grown too cold to play ball or cricket, foot-ball has taken their places, and the boys are slowly grasping the idea that there are rules for this game. There is the making of a first-class team in the High School, though a number of good players do not belong to the Association, and are therefore ruled out of all matches. A game with Creighton

College is on foot and we are confident of victory.

It has been the custom of a number of A. A. members to resign about this time and rejoin in the spring, thus escaping the winter's dues. A meeting was called in the early part of this month to remedy this, and several rules adopted in regard to it, inflicting fines for the non-payment of dues. At this meeting two young ladies seemed to desire admission although they did not hand in applications for membership. Notwithstanding the fact that a gentle hint was given them by expelling several boys who were non-members, they persisted in remaining.

The grounds set apart for the use of the A. A. are much too small for any of the games played there. For base-ball the bases are but 80 feet apart, right field in the street, and left field among the trees. The grounds are also too small for cricket or foot-ball. Still, a decided improvement could be made by removing those four scrubby little trees in the south end. They are planted in a square about four feet apart and are still small enough to be transplanted. The association ought to induce the school-board to have them taken away.

The B. twins have employed the last few Saturdays hunting ducks. It was mostly hunting, although one of them says that he killed two. There is a place where game is sold, near where they hunted.

The coming sport--wrestling with a turkey.

No coasting thus far but Dayenport will be the street.

The new skating rink will probably be patronized liberally by our scholars.

LITERATURE OF THE DAY--FIRST PAPER.

ROBT LOUIS STEVENSON.

One of the most popular writers of the day is Robert L. Stevenson. Like H. Rider Haggard he is a writer of ro-

mance but is generally considered a better author. Stevenson has been called "an artist in words" his prose is the choicest that has been written since the days of Thackeray and Hawthorne.

Perhaps the most popular work of this famous author is "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll, and Mr Hyde." It is a fascinating work and is written in a most realistic manner, while the plot is entirely new. It does not seem possible that one so vile as Mr Hyde, and one so noble as Dr. Jekyll, can be one and the same person, and yet such is the story. Mr. Hyde, is pictured as a person so low and repulsive as almost to defy description. He was dwarfed in stature, had an evil looking eye and an air of deformity seemed to pervade him which it was impossible to locate or describe. The first chapter narrates an incident of extreme cruelty in the life of Mr. Hyde, who in the course of the story commits a most foul murder and finally takes his own life. Dr. Jekyll, on the contrary is a well-built man, of fine appearance and good habits, but through the agency of a certain drug, Mr. Hyde, becomes Dr. Jekyll. The story may be regarded in many different lights. Some considered it an allegory of character showing a man when influenced by temper to do the most horrible things while it also shows him in his true light.

"The New Arabian Nights" is perhaps a less popular work than the former but it is nevertheless very interesting. The many adventures of Prince Florizel, and his master of the horse are described with such vividness that the reader can almost imagine himself present. These stories have a dependence one upon the other through many new characters appear in each. In "The Physician and the Saratoga Trunk" a young American abroad is described in a way which would probably be quite pleasing to an Englishman. In each story one of the principal characters is portrayed in the most adventurous situation. "The Merry Men and

Other Tales" is one of Stevenson's latest works. It is a book composed of many short stories of which Markheim is one. This is the tale of a murderer's conversation with a spirit whom he imagines to be Satan, but who succeeds in showing Markheim his own heart and while seeming to tempt him further really prevents him from covering the crime of murder by others.

Stevenson has many other works which are very popular and all are intensely interesting.

NOTES.

The clubs in the eleventh grade room make poor substitutes for rulers.

Great was the excitement in the senior room at two o'clock on the afternoon of the fire at the fair grounds. Some of the seniors so far forgot their dignity as to be found standing on their seats and peering over each other's shoulders to catch a glimpse of the smoke.

The variegated report cards have again made their appearance. The lack of school organization prevented their use for September.

On the third of this month, several articles were stolen from the dressing room on the second floor. Mr. Stone lost his hat and Mr. Hackney his gloves.

The case containing the natural history specimens which formerly stood in the north hall of the second floor, has been moved to the third floor corridor.

The windows of the recitation rooms at the north of each hall have received a coat of frosting which renders the lower half opaque. It is supposed that this is to prevent inquisitive children from gazing on the beautiful scholars who recite there.

Don't fool with the maps during the Cicero recitation.

Horse-back riding is now a popular recreation with the scholars. Nearly every day a party may be seen enjoying this exercise.

A frolicsome maiden in play
Her respects to turning did pay;
But a finishing stroke
The stick of wood broke,
Funeral Saturday.

Fur Collars and Cuffs for overcoats at PEASE BROS.

The dancing on the third floor has been stopped. What can the matter be?

The High School Male Quartette, under the direction of Miss Arnold, promises great things.

Warm caps for school wear at PEASE BROS.

Why not reorganize the debating society of last year? Surely there is material enough to make it a success.

The pictures of the anarchists which could be seen on various black-boards, would be enough to drive anyone to suicide. The artists ought to have been hung.

PEASE BROS. are showing a fine line of Jersey Caps for men and boys.

The writing classes are making excellent progress under Prof. Blake's direction.

"Girls, girls! Of what use are girls?" is the remark of a certain High School young man. But he goes, straightway, to find one of these useless articles and talks to her the rest of the day.

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Between the fluctuating clocks and the varying electric bells, the recitation time is often shortened or prolonged.

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Isn't it nearly time that the seniors should begin their quarrels as to what the class emblem should be?

If you want a good warm cap go to PEASE BROS. for it.

The young man who advertised for a shirt in our last issue, wishes to express his gratitude to the benevolent person who sent him one.

Hats and Caps at PEASE BROS.

If the young lady who presides at the piano in the tenth grade room at noon, will change her tune at least once a week, the boys will present her with a printed vote of thanks and throw in a chromo besides.

ANOTHER CINESTNUT.

Mica, mica, parva stella!

Miror quacnam sis, tam bella!

Splendens eminus in illo,

Alba velut gemma, caelo.

Quando fervens Sol discessit,

Nec calore prata pascit,

Mox ostendit lumen purum,

Micans, micans, per obscurum.

Tibi, noctu qui vagatur,

Ob scintillulam galatur:

Ni micares tu, non sciret,

Quas per vias errans iret.

Mcum saepe thalamum luce,

Spectularis curiosa;

Neque carpseris soporem;

Donec venit Sol per autum.

EXCHANGES.

We regret to hear from the *Exponent* of Beatrice that they did not receive THE REGISTER last year. We hope however that they will not blame the present management, for we will try to do better this year.

The *Hesperian* of Lincoln is publishing its 16th Volume. There is plenty of unoccupied space for advertisers in this paper.

The first issue of the *Deltan* of Grand Rapids, Mich. is at hand. This is a neat paper and the REGISTER wishes it success.

What has become of our Nebraska contemporary the *Bellevue College Star*.

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