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DURING the absence of the editor, the REGISTER will be under the control of Mr. Frank Leisenring. He will be pleased to have any communications or contributions handed to him.

THE school board has made provision for the addition of a cooking department to the manual-training school. It is suggested that washing and ironing are next in order, as any advertisement for a girl for general housework, always has this condition attached, "must be a good washer and ironer." We would advise the board to open a restaurant where they can hire tramps to eat the fancy dishes that are to be prepared by the new cooking class.

WE HOPE that the correspondence from the alumni of our school will not prove the least interesting matter in our paper. We also desire to thank those who have favored us with contributions, and hope to receive further favors from them in the future. We are all glad to know how our schoolmates at college are getting along.

THE recent trouble over the short time allowed for the study of U. S. history has been settled by the insertion of one year's study in that branch into our curriculum. This is perhaps for the best, as there has been a growing tendency to leave out or abridge the most practical and necessary studies, and to force upon us the dead languages and the history of countries less important to us than our own. The change from the former method, as began in this year's curriculum, is also shown in the inauguration of the study of our state constitution. Hereafter our graduates will be expected to know more of their own country and state.

THERE is no reason whatever that our school should be without a single literary or debating society. It is true that so many were organized last year that all interest in them died out, but it cannot be denied that they were of considerable benefit to the whole school. If no one wishes to take upon himself the labor of organization, the Friday afternoon entertainments might well be revived. There certainly are enough pupils

who have the talent and ability to keep these up without making them monotonous. Of course there are many who prefer to enjoy the labor of another than to contribute to the general entertainment, but each ought to do what lies in his power. There are few schools, especially in cities of this size, that do not have one or more associations for literary or scientific purposes. The absence of at least one in our school, certainly shows a lack of spirit in each one for improving the school as a whole.

THERE is one thing in which the High School ought to be considerably improved. This is in the matter of attendance and punctuality. The higher the grade the better these things ought to be attended to; for older scholars are not so dependent upon the state of the weather and condition of the roads. Of course, it must be taken into consideration that members of the High School reside in all parts of the city, while in other schools the scholars come only from that district in which the building is situated. This reason, however, could not make up the difference between our percent of attendance and tardiness and that of many lower grades.

If one should glance over the weekly statements, he would be surprised by the figures opposite the name of this school. There is generally an attendance of about ninety-five out of each hundred enrolled or in the four highest grades about twenty-four are absent each day. Altogether it is a little below the average of all schools in the city.

In punctuality we are in a much worse condition. Six out of a hundred are late each day, which makes twenty-seven in the whole school. Our percentage is considerably below the city's average and several of the schools have zero percent.

In the matter of tardiness, the individual is generally to blame, and often many stay home because they don't feel like going to school. Outside of the bad ef-

fect produced, the standing of the whole grade is lowered, and, at the same time, so many lessons and recitations are lost. Each one ought to look out for himself and try to remedy this evil. In no city does the High School ever have the highest percent of attendance and punctuality but Omaha could be an agreeable exception in climbing closest to the top.

OTHER SCHOOLS.

Iowa legislators have passed a bill providing for compulsory education.

Yankton College offers to educate, without tuition, the best graduate from every high school in Dakota, as selected and certified to by the superintendent or other authority of the school from which he comes.

It costs the government \$10,000 a year to furnish the students at West Point with music.

There are two girls to each boy in the Concord, N. H., high school senior class.

The English history class of the public school at Traverse City, Mich., have been required to write a political and ecclesiastical history of England.

The scholars in the Germantown Academy intend to erect a grand-stand on their campus in order to provide a place for the young ladies and also to keep the small boys off the field.

There are 100 women at Howard Annex.

A series of cabinet photographs have been made, showing various points of interest about the State University, both within and without the buildings.

CORRESPONDENCE.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.

THE freshmen at Yale are now well settled down to their college life, and have come to be familiar with the many curious customs which emphasize the difference between life at a great university and plain every day existence. Not the least interesting of these customs is the

annual rush. Perhaps none of the readers of the REGISTER ever witnessed a rush, and might therefore be interested in a brief account of how the Yale Freshmen of '91 beat the class of '90.

It was about dark when the junior class began to march past the dormitories singing and shouting, rah! rah! rah! rah! Ninety-one, fall in. The freshmen came tumbling down stairs, some clad in stout canvass jackets and all looking eager and determined. Passing from building to building, the whole mass, more than one hundred and fifty in all, soon came to the Hopkins Grammar School lot, where the rushes are usually held. It was dark now, but a few torches threw enough light over the scene to enable the spectators to see that the men of '91 were forming in a long column, five files broad and thirty deep. Soon the sophomores were heard in the distance, keeping time to their own whistling. Ten minutes more and the two classes were lined up within one hundred feet of each other. All was now ready; the freshmen began to move forward, increasing their pace to a run. The two columns met, swayed a moment under the shock, and then broke up amid great cheers for '91, for the freshmen had forced back their opponents. Rings were now formed, and under the light of three torches the champion wrestlers contended for half an hour. When the match was ended, the sophomores, who had won two falls out of three, drew off in a body, shouting "left, left, '91 got left." The freshmen had meanwhile formed, a square away, and in a few moments came charging down the street, struggling to pass through the mob of sophomores. The latter pushed, pulled and labored manfully, but '91 was too much for them; the freshmen forced their way along the fence and many of them reached Howe street, the goal for which all were aiming. It was long before the tumult and confusion subsided. Eight policemen were present but could effect little. One of the blue-

coats had his hat stolen, while another was knocked down by a '90 man for attempting to interfere with the students. Some of the combatants had lost even their shirts, but so little did they care that they stopped under the bright glare of the gas-lights to chat with one another about the deeds of their classmates. The great crowd of spectators dissolved and soon High street was once more quiet and deserted. It is idle to call rushes brutal; few men are injured, and those seldom seriously. But the noise, the excitement and the struggling can never be forgotten, and the student who has not participated in a rush, has not enjoyed one of the most exciting incidents of his freshman year. J. W. BROATCH.

WILLIAMS' COLLEGE,

Williamstown, Mass.

The publication of a paper representing the interests of the high school is one of the improvements that have come since my day, and so it affords me the greater pleasure to contribute to such a paper.

There are two of us "High Schoolers" at Williams'—and I hope there are to be more than that—and a word or two about Williams may be of interest.

Near the juncture of New York, Vermont and Massachusetts, situated in the midst of the famous Berkshire hills, the location of Williamsburg for convenience and for the beauty of natural surroundings is certainly all that could be desired. The town is a very good specimen of a college town. Five miles distant is the town of North Adams, a flourishing manufacturing town, so that we have all the advantages of a distinctly college life without the disadvantages of the city, while we have a city near enough not to be deprived of the advantages it may offer. The scenery in the midst of which we are placed possesses a charm that is indescribable. So much for our surroundings.

The college buildings are grouped

along Main street, most of them, and are of varying ages and styles of architecture from West College, a large rectangular brick building built in the latter part of the last century, to the Lasell Gymnasium, a stone building of Romanesque style built in 1886, at a cost of \$50,000. These buildings, dormitories and recitation halls are fifteen in number.

These are only a few of the externals; perhaps at a later day I shall tell you something of the college itself and our life here. Yours, etc.,

HOWARD KENNEDY, JR.

PERSONALS.

Miss Alta Peacock, '87 has returned to the Normal School at Peru, to finish her course.

Among the former High School scholars who spent their holidays here, were Fred and Walter Preston, Billy Marsh, Art. Guton, Bert. Wheeler and Miss Blanche Hellman.

Miss Grace Meade began the new year with the title, Mrs. Edward Bullock. We all wish her success in her new sphere of life.

Miss Georgia Boulter, has gone to Chicago to continue her vocal training under the direction of Prof. Phelps. She held the position of soprano in the St. Mary's Ave. Congregational church for nearly two years and often contributed to the High School entertainment while she attended our school.

Our janitor was remembered Christmas by the teachers and presented with an easy chair.

Our Editor in Chief, Mr. Rosewater, is now in Washington. His business is to watch Congress and see that it does not get away and so duty will compel him to remain there till Congress adjourns in June. Although absent from the school he will still contribute to the editorial columns in a measure so that the REGISTER will not feel his loss so much as if he had severed all connections with it.

Miss Lizzie Parrotte has returned to finish a special course.

Miss Nettie Johnson, formerly '88 was home from Knoxville, Ill. enjoying her vacation.

Leonard Strang, '87, spent his Christmas vacation in this city. He will return in a month or so and take a position in his father's store.

A KNIGHT OF YE OLDEN TIME.

Seven years served he as page,
(And a goodly page was he,
With his hair like night,
And his hands as white
As a lady's ought to be.)

Seven years served he as squire,
As became so brave a youth;
In the hottest strife
He twice saved the life
Of his liege lord, Count Duleuth.

And now he would be a knight,
And fight for his lady fair,
Even dragon slay
And think it mere play,
In the name of lovely Clare.

So down in the old cathedral,
Of the lovely little town,
(The village where still
From a rugged hill,
The castle Duleuth looks down.)

An old priest with shaven crown,
With words of advice and warning,
(His sins forgiven,
His soul well shriven,)
Left him to watch till morning.

There in the old cathedral,
Where the slowly waning light
Shone a moment o'er
The gray-tiled floor,
And glanced on his armor bright.

He sat on the altar steps,
And saw the pale moonlight shine,
On tombs of the dead
And the meek bowed head
Of the Virgin in her shrine.

LITERATURE OF THE DAY—THIRD PAPER.

WILLIAM DEAN HOWELLS.

William Dean Howells, whose writings have attracted so much attention of late, is a native of Ohio. His early ancestors were Welsh Quakers, but his father was a follower of Swedenborg, and in that belief young Howells was educated. All the family were refined and literary, the young author's father having quite a collection of books, most of which were poetry. These works greatly influenced his early production. When but nineteen years of age he published a few poems, and four years later his first book, the "Life of Lincoln," appeared. With the profits of this work he made his first journey into the world, visiting Montreal and Boston.

During his residence abroad, as consul to Venice, he published his work on "Venetian Life," a book full of sketches so real that one can almost imagine himself in the midst.

After his return to America, the New York Tribune, The Nation, North American Review, and the New York Times have frequently contained articles from his pen, and for many years he was editor of the Atlantic Monthly. One of the most valuable members of the little assembly that gathered at Longfellow house to translate Dante, was Howell, for his long residence in Italy had made him quite familiar with the Italian tongue.

Of late, he has taken charge of that part of Harper's Magazine called the editor's study, and it is here we are able to obtain his ideas of the true novel. He considers Count Tolstoi the first novelist that has ever written, for he portrays incidents as they are, seeming to transfer the very essence of life to his pages. It is Howells' belief that the novel of the future will count a correct statement of the facts of life of more importance than the method of presenting them.

His first attempt at novel writing appeared some years ago, when he published "Their Wedding Journey." This

Tid at last the morning broke,
And the dread vigil was o'er,
The shy dawn blushed red
And he heard the tread
Of the old priest at the door.

Soon he re-entered the church,
In new silken vestures dressed,
While a baldric white,
With fine gold bedight,
Was crossed on his swelling breast.

Before the Virgin he bowed,
And then at the altar kneeled,
And solemnly swore
On the sword he bore,
"Widows and orphans to shield.

"E'er to be faithful and true,
"Ne'er to seek safety in flight,
"To be brave and strong,
"To abjure the wrong,
"And ever cling to the right.

"Ever to love Mother Church,
"Ever to serve his liege lord,
"To be fearless yet meek,
"To succor the weak,
"To be a man of his word."

While he knelt in silence there,
A touch on his shoulder fell,
"Thus I dub thee knight,
"Rise, Hugh of the Height,
"Bid thy boyhood's days farewell."

Sir Hugh of the Height went forth,
And a doughty knight was he;
He went in his might,
The Paynims to fight,
In far-away Gallilee.

The wonderful deeds he did,
I have not space to tell,
He died, sword in hand
In that holy land,
Fighting for the right, he fell.

They say that the knights are dead.
But pray tell me, if you can,
If hero or knight
Is a nobler sight,
Than a Christian gentleman.

Ethelwynne Kennedy.

was so popular with the public, that of late years Howells has devoted himself almost entirely to writing fiction. Occasionally he has written short dramas such as the "Elevator," "Sleeping Car" and "Register," all of which are well known. One of Howells' latest works is "The Minister's Charge," or "The Apprenticeship of Lemuel Barker." The story is intensely interesting and is full of good thoughts and sayings. In the hero's adventure with the "confidence men" and in his arrest for a crime he did not commit, we cannot fail to notice the simplicity and truthfulness of his character, even though it proves disadvantageous to him. The free lodging afforded at the "Wayfarer's Hotel" must indeed be the envy of many, but the description adds greatly to the interest of the story. "A Little Girl Among Old Masters," is an interesting work, composed of curious sketches by a little girl travelling in Italy. Howells has written comments upon them. A "Modern Instance," and "The Rise of Silas Lapham," are both stories of interest. Howells is well known as the author of many other popular works.

In practice he is methodical and industrious, a delightful talker and companion. It has been said of him that "there has been no more rigidly artistic writing done in America."

GYMNASIUM.

What is Prof. Kummerow paid for?

Some of the small boys seem to forget that it is against the law to put their feet on the vaulting horse. Fines are imposed in case of a repetition.

At the recent meeting of the society, held the first Thursday, in January the election of officers occurred. Mr. Durnall declined a reelection as president, and Herbert Taylor was elected to succeed him. Mr. Auch Moedy was elected Vice-President and Mr. Haynes Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. Durnall has filled the office of President for a number of terms being unanimously re-elected every time.

His retirement caused general regret. He was given an enthusiastic vote of thanks as a token of regard for his past services.

The new boxing gloves monopolize the crowd in the gymnasium. The new foils will probably share the attention.

Hereafter no one will be allowed in the east end of the room after two o'clock. The jumping and walking around disturbs the scholars in the rooms below.

NOTES.

School again.

No more holidays until Washington's birthday.

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The steam pipes in the basement have been covered by Thos J. Conner.

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It seems very queer to see the gas burning during study hours but it was so dark on Jan. 5th, that artificial light became necessary.

The remaining five numbers of the REGISTER may be had for twenty-five cents.

Cassell's encyclopedia dictionary has been added to the High School Library. It consists of fourteen volumes costing forty-two dollars.

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The recitation schedule had to be revised to accommodate the new studies.

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Miss Mann, who is to take charge of the cooking department is a disciple of Mrs. Hughling who is acknowledged to be one of the best authorities in this country with regard to anything that is eatable. The first instructions will be in bread making.

In order to induce those who do not take the REGISTER to subscribe, it will be given the rest of the year for twenty-five cents. That those who wish to take advantage of this offer will please hand their names to one of the editors.

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What a great commotion a small animal can create! One would scarcely think that a rat could frighten anyone in the High School but this view would be quickly dispelled if he saw the confusion one created in the early part of this month. Of course all of the young ladies screamed, hugged their skirts, and ran away while one brave boy advanced and slew the mighty beast.

The proper decorations for a desk are a pair of overshoes, life size, strung through the iron legs.

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Some of the boys have determined to take cooking in order to have revenge on the girls who handle the saw and hammer. Revenge is sweet but we doubt if the products of the boys labor will be.

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The Skating Rink has been rather unfortunate in securing good ice. The damage made by the breaking of the bank on Harney Street and letting the bottom flow away, has been repaired and good ice has been formed once more. On Tuesday night the race for the Championship of Omaha took place and on Saturday night there will be a race for the Championship of the state. About Feb. 1st, there will be a grand carnival.

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EXCHANGES.

The Review (Washington D. C.) had better give up the ghost. When a High School paper becomes so destitute of material that it fills its first three pages with a ghost story, we expect the nature of its last three pages will be shadowy.

The first issue of the Hastings College Journal is received. It is a creditable paper and the REGISTER wishes it success.

We are sorry that the mixture of advertisements with school notes gives the editor of the Yankton Student such a disagreeable sensation. We fancied the notes would be read with greater interest having been discovered in the midst of advertisements like raisins in a pie.

There is a very liberal treatise in the December number of the Volunteer (Concord, N. H.) written on Gum Chewing.

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