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AS THE winter draws to an end, interest in the collection of objects pertaining to the study of natural history in its various branches revives. There are quite a number in this school who have already devoted time to the collection of specimens in some department or other. A suggestion in this place as to some of the benefits of united action might not be out of place.

The Agassiz Association is an organization gotten up to encourage the study of natural science. It has over a thousand branch societies, or chapters, in the various cities of this country. Omaha is about the only one of its size that is not represented while many smaller places have two or three. The greater part of these are gotten up in conjunction with the public schools and work together with the classes taught in those branches. At times, courses in different studies are gone through by the chapter and the in-

crease of collections forms no small part of the work.

These societies usually have meetings at stated times when papers prepared on given subjects are read and items of interest are investigated by all the members. In this way the whole society reaps the benefit of individual study. Specimens are exchanged and sometimes the chapter makes its collections in common. The Agassiz Association gives authorities to which doubtful points may be referred and otherwise helps its members.

Would not a branch of this organization conducted in conjunction with the classes in zoology, geology and botany prove of great benefit to the scholars? Those who are interested in this subject ought to take hold of the subject and avail themselves of the opportunity. The teachers, certainly, cannot withhold their encouragement and support from a society for these purposes. Now is the time to begin for it has been well said that "the early bird catches the worm."

ABOUT a year and a half ago the Athletic Association held an athletic tournament which created quite a little amusement and aroused considerable interest in the various contests. Last spring the REGISTER advocated another, but as no one cared to trouble himself about it, it did not materialize.

With the approach of spring and the beginning of out-door exercises, another tournament would afford pleasant recreations. Of course considerable prepara-

a thousand gas jets throw down their illumination through a fancy skylight which embraces the whole ceiling. This is perforated in order that the impure air rising above it, may be pumped out. Fresh air, after having been heated to the right temperature, is sent up through the hollow floor. By this method, the entire atmosphere of the senate is changed every five minutes.

Of course, many amusing things come under one's notice here. For example, it is not generally known that about five dollars are annually spent from the contingent fund of the Senate, for snuff for the use of our statesmen. But such is the case, and on each side of the President's desk is an ebonyed snuffbox which is always filled. The older senators are frequently seen taking a pinch from these boxes.

Then again, the gavel used by the vice president, is not a mallet as is commonly supposed, but a cylindrical piece of ivory. This has no handle whatever, and has been used as far back as can be traced. But I must now move to adjourn until some future issue of the REGISTER. Those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye—contrary no. The ayes have it, and the meeting is adjourned.

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PERSONALS.

Miss Jennie House, formerly a student here, occupied a prominent place on the program of a concert given by Otto Bendix in the New England Conservatory of Music at Boston.

Miss Lizzie Isaacs, Mrs. McConnell and Miss Ida Bruce are among the graduates who attend the cooking school.

Miss Bessie O'Brien who was taking a course in literature, has been compelled to leave school on account of sickness.

Miss Ida K. Boyce has left school.

Mr. Maurice Hall, '85, paid the city a flying visit the first of the month. He recommends Harvard very highly as he is making Cambridge his Boston suburban home.

The Taylor boys were seen riding thro' the streets some four weeks ago.

Miss Minnie Chambers, '85, is taking a course in the cooking school.

Ad. Townsend is not very well pleased with the Washington system of public schools. He wishes he were home again.

Victor Rosewater spent Washington's Birthday at John Hopkins University with Gus Detwiler.

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Was always lowly, tho' wid'ning her rights?

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Who on the day that his spurs were won,
Fought all day till the night had begun?
He was Edward of England's eldest sons,
Young Edward the Black Prince.

Who won at Crecy when scarce fifteen?
Seldom a braver young boy was seen,
For father more rightly proud, I ween,
Brave Edward the Black Prince.

Who tho' the last of the Feudal knights,
Was 'mong gentlemen brightest of lights,
And history well this fact requites?

• Great Edward the Black Prince.

Bright are the pages where stands his name,

Bright are the lines which tell his fame,
High was the purpose, noble the aim,
Of Edward the Black Prince.

He first taught kindness to a fallen foe
"As well as to orphan and widow,"

Be kind to prisoners, noble or no,
Said Edward the Black Prince.

Surely if in past ages could be,
A man so noble, so kind and pure,
As all historians seem to agree,
Was Edward the Black Prince.

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Ought kind and courteous be alway,
As every one of the historians say
Was Edward the Black Prince.

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LITERATURE OF THE DAY.

FOURTH PAPER.

ALBION W. TOURGEE.

Albion W. Tourgee was but twenty-three years of age when the late civil war broke out. Reared and educated in the north he immediately enlisted in the federal army and served through all four years of the strife. Upon its close he took up his home in the south, thereby becoming well qualified to speak of the life of a union soldier in that region just after the war.

"A Fool's Errand" deals with this subject in a most interesting manner, and while it would seem hardly possible that there should be no prejudices, both sides seem to be portrayed fairly. The book was published in 1879 and has attracted a great deal of attention. We are shown how hard it was for the old masters to hear their former slaves assert their independence in ways which sometimes seemed insolent. But on the other hand there was the Fool (as the hero of the story is called) and his union friends, who also, suffered from seeming insolence though it was not from the negroes.

The numerous escapades of the Ku-Klux Klan are described in so thrilling and minute a manner that one can almost

imagine himself present. One particularly interesting point in the book is the formula of the northern and southern ideas of slavery and of their ideas of each other. Each thought "he knew the other's heart far better than he sought to know his own." In a preface which he has written by request. Tourgee tells us that the pictures are from life and it is reasonable to suppose that some of them are from his own experience.

"Bricks without straw" deals with a similar subject but has more to do with negro life after the war. The freedman casting his first vote, or appealing to the Freedmans' Bureau for help, or testifying in court, are all entertaining pictures. There are many points of historical worth in both these works, while the subjects treated are well calculated to arouse the interest especially of those who have had no experiences to prejudice them in their judgment.

Button's Jim is one of Tourgee's latest works, but it is much less entertaining than either of the other books mentioned. The principal interest in the story centers round the ghost who turns out to be no ghost at all. There is a little of Mormonism and some fanaticism introduced also; in "A Fool's Errand," for it is in the description of southern life and the use of negro dialect that Tourgee seems to be especially apt.

Among his other works, may be "Hot Plowshares," "Figs and Thistles" and "John Eax: and Mamelon." Tourgee was educated for the bar at Rochester University and has written some works of a professional character. In his novels he makes frequent references to the records of the state which greatly adds to their interest.

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WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

The following is the program of the Washington Birthday exercises, which were postponed from Tuesday till Friday, on account of the death of Miss Birkhauser.

PROGRAM:

1. Essay, Anniversaries, C. Rosewater.
2. Arion Waltz, H. S. M. Quartette.
3. Essay, George Washington, Ruth Kimball.
4. Piano Duet, { Alice Chambers.
Wynnie Kennedy.
5. Essay, George's Seventh Birthday, Anonymous.
6. Declaration, Athenian Patriotism, Thos. Creigh.
7. (a) Trust her not, (b) Lullaby, { (Brahme), H. S. M. Q.
8. A Washington Letter, Read by Lois Morrell.
9. Star Spangled Banner, H. S. M. Q.
10. Declamation, Our Patriotism, Larimore Denise.
(Everett.)
11. Chorus, America.

The essays were well written, the songs well rendered, and the exercises were thoroughly enjoyed.

ATHLETICS.

We publish below the batting average of the Association Base Ball Team for last season. Taken altogether, the percentage is very good for the whole club as it averages .37. It was impossible for Captain Rustin to make out the fielding percentage on account of the meagerness of some of the scores. Beall leads the base running, followed by B. Nelson, Higgins and F. Rustin, in the order named:

BATTING AVERAGES.

	A.	B.	B.	H.	AVG.
1. Higgins	25	13			.54
2. Rustin	40	18			.45
3. { Butler	42	18			.428
{ F. Rustin	21	9			.428
4. B. Nelson	25	9			.36
5. Baker	23	8			.35
6. Allen	20	6			.30
7. M. Nelson	42	11			.261
8. Taylor	43	11			.259
9. Beal	40	10			.25

The A. A. has been presented with a cricket ball by Mr. Palin Saxby. The Association is always open for contributions and any who will be so kind will receive notice in this column.

The gymnasium was closed for a short time this month.

The Military company will present a silver medal to the member who excels in drilling contests. The contests are to be monthly.

At a meeting of the A. A. Feb. 1st, a committee was appointed to represent the High School Base Ball Club at the meeting held for the formation of a city league. It was learned that a forfeit of \$25 to finish the season, must be furnished and that the schedule would consist mainly of Sunday games. As either of these two conditions would bar the High School Club it was thought best not to join.

NOTES.

The town clock began pealing forth the hours on February 1st. It is arranged so that a hammer strikes the old bell and can be heard a mile away. The dial is about ten feet across, and time can be told at a distance of eight or nine blocks.

The seats in the tenth grade room have been numbered so as to render the roll-call more speedy.

The class pins of '88 are quite neat.

The class of '88 forwarded a petition to the Board of Education asking that the program of previous commencements be changed to include fewer essays. The ground of complaint is that too many essays make the exercises dry and tiresome. The petition was referred to the committee on High School, who will advise the board in the matter.

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Avery's Physics has it that "An electric current may produce muscular convulsions in a recently killed animal. Experiments with the Leyden Jar show that similar effects may be produced upon the living animal." An eleventh grade boy will testify to it.

Those who find a cross by their names or at the top of the editorial column, will remember that their subscriptions are not paid.

The Military company have begun to drill on the grounds.

A holiday was given in honor of Washington's Birthday. May it come often.

A neat sum has been raised in the High School toward the Board of Education fund, for the benefit of Miss Loie Royce.

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The new walks that have been placed around the building are a great improvement.

The noise of the two cable lines that run by the school makes things sound merry and business-like.

The different colored covers of the REGISTER will make our file a pretty one.

The cooking school is now in full operation. The classes already bake good bread and pies, some of which are presented to the different professors and to the editorial staff. Neat gas stoves and ovens have been arranged at each table. The success and popularity of this addition to our curriculum is already well assured.

The boys who do not bring their lunch-eon wish the girls of the cooking department would start a lunch counter for their benefit.

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Ask Alice if Marquis of Queensbury rules were used.

Wanted, positions for amateur pie-makers.

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Next week, soup!

The seniors organized as a class the first of the term. Ephriam Pratt was elected president, Miss Mary Sherwood, vice president; Fred Montgomery, treasurer, and Miss Wood, secretary.

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I want to be a senior
And with the seniors stand,
A badge upon my bosom,
An essay in my hand!

The plank walks have been laid with the smooth side up so as to look pretty, we presume. This is a great mistake, as it makes a much more slippery and dangerous walk in wet times.

The stamp fever has again found its way among the boys.

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EXCHANGES.

"Thanks, awfully," to the *Volunteer*.

The *Hesperian* is the recipient of many deserved hits on account of the severe and mystic criticisms in its exchange columns.

Wanted, some reading matter for the *High School Review*, (Traverse City.)

The essay on the tariff in the *High School World*, is very interesting and instructive, though written by a "mere school boy."

We would inform the writer of the article, "The Cold Wave," published in the *High School Medium*, (N. Brookfield, Mass.,) that the reports he had heard of the "western blizzard," were somewhat exaggerated. The loss of life in Daokta was nearer 150 than 1500.

Many of our exchanges have devoted much time to the discussion of Volapuk. It is designed for an international language and many countries are now interested in this idea. It is to be composed of a little of each language of the civilized world, and was invented by a German Catholic priest.

We have missed the last two numbers of the *Belleme College Star*.

For the benefit of the *Dayton High School Times* we would state that the article on Yale was written by the editor of last year's REGISTER who is now a freshman at Yale, and that it was not copied.

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