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THE REGISTER may look back upon its progress during the past year with a satisfaction that it has fulfilled all its promises. When it first appeared last October, a number of improvements to the former edition were made, and as it advanced, still more departments were added. Almost two years ago, this paper was issued as a bi-weekly folio. It was for a while, an experiment, but as the scholars were not backward in their support, the second volume was begun on a larger scale with an ample assurance of a liberal patronage. It is for the readers to judge whether we have deserved this.

Up to this time, this journal has been the result of private enterprise and its burdens have rested upon volunteers. Of course, it is evident that it is not gotten up for pecuniary gains and that the receipts do not overbalance its expenses to any extent. In order to make the

REGISTER a permanent institution, it should be under the control of an organized literary society and managed by a board of editors elected by the members. Most of the school papers are conducted upon this plan which has proved successful in nearly every instance. The scholars should not rely upon any individual to furnish their journal but should each and all, take a hand in its welfare. In this way, we hope that the REGISTER will appear next September, improved in appearance, increased in size, with its contents reaching a standard much above its present level.

To our advertisers and subscribers, we wish to express our thanks and trust that we have fulfilled all expectations. To our contributors among the pupils and alumni, gratitude is poor reward, but they may share with us the feeling that all we have done in this direction, has tended toward the prosperity and advancement of the school to which we all look back.

THE close of a school year is the most natural time for a review of the progress made in that period. Of course the school has advanced, otherwise it would not be in keeping with the times. But to be specific, let us see what has been accomplished.

In the first place, a marked increase in the number of pupils enrolled would be the necessary result of the enlargement of the city. This may be seen by a glance at the list of pupils which shows upwards of five-hundred names. This number is

distributed through all the classes although the ninth grade is in the lead followed in order by those more advanced. The senior class will furnish more graduates than any hitherto while there is a prospect for half again as many next year.

In beginning the term last September, an entirely new curriculum was established and several new courses begun. During the year, the cooking department was added and it is needless to say that all these branches have been successfully introduced.

The classical course has tended more and more to prepare scholars for the eastern colleges. The mathematics have been extended to embrace a somewhat more advanced field. German has been taught to a further degree and is gradually establishing a popular course. The scientific laboratories have been refitted and furnished with new apparatus while the instruction has become more thorough in keeping with recent scientific applications.

The commercial course can attest its strength by the number of scholars in its department. Stenography, though a novelty in our schools, has proven quite successful. The manual training department has, of course, kept pace with the rest. Turning and wood carving have been added to the original carpentry and a prospective blacksmith shop is now in view. The most recent addition is the kitchen, a new solution to the perplexing hired-girl problem.

On the whole the work has been most encouraging both to the teachers and the scholars. The results of the past year's work begin to show themselves and each one must satisfy himself as to whether he has been benefitted as much as possible. And now that vacation has arrived, let each take advantage of it at the same preparing to continue his studies in the future, if not at this school, in the school of life.

OTHER SCHOOLS.

Announcements of the Lake Forest University were distributed in the senior room. We notice that our own High School course is farther advanced.

It is proposed to establish an annex for women at Columbia.

In Wyoming a compulsory educational bill has been passed.

There were seven in the graduating class of Brownell Hall this year. Only one was an Omaha girl.

In Egypt school children sit Turkish fashion upon the floor. While studying they move back and forth muttering to themselves. Their study is chiefly the Koran. Their teacher armed with a long stick sits before them on a platform.

Harvard has 400 pupils in boxing.

The senior class of Lawrence, Mass. also are having tribulations. Sympathy is extended to them.

Correspondence.

NEW HAVEN, May 25th.

As the college year has almost come to its end the Senior and Junior societies have been making the most of the two weeks left before examinations by taking in new members. The way in which the Junior societies D. K. E. and Psi. U. initiate their future members is decidedly amusing even to an outsider.

The old members form in column in front of the chapter-houses of their respective organizations, dressed in fantastic garments of white with large stove-pipe hats of the same color.

The procession preceded by a calcium light carried by four men, marches through the campus which is illuminated with red fire, blue lights and roman candles, all carried by the men in the column. As the motley assemblage winds along the narrow stone sidewalk, making the brick walls of the dormitories

ring with songs which end with the sentiment,

"And with our calcium light

We'll illuminate the night

As we take them into old Psi. U.

or some other snatch of song of like description, the campus is crowded with men while many of the dormitory windows contain visitors of almost pleasing description, young ladies who have come to enjoy the excitement. Whenever the juniors pass the window of a man who has been elected into their society, they halt, rush up the stairs and pummel the willing victim with large stuffed clubs. The senior society elections are much more solemn. About four o'clock the candidates assemble on the campus and the "Bones" and "Keys" men select the lucky competitors one by one, without speaking a word, indicating each man's election by striking him heavily on the shoulder.

The elections are now over, and as the term is likewise almost gone this will probably be my last letter to the REGISTER until September.

J. W. BROATCH.

THE CITY OF CLOUD.

A city of cloud I seem to see,
Lovely as only cloud-visions can be,
With airy palaces reared on high,
Rosy pink against the sapphire sky.
Behind the city proud pyramids stand,
Near a sea of pearl with silver strand,
The golden portals are standing ajar,
See! as a warder a single star.
But as I gaze the golden gates close,
Vanished the pyramids, faded the rose,
Only a dark, threatening cloud I see,
But the star is still shining dim at me.

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FUTURE OF CLASS OF '88.

In Sept. of the year 1900 the Alumni of the class of '88 met in the senior room of the Omaha High School to discuss old times and recall pleasant recollections.

"*Fortisan haec olim meminisse juvabit.*"

There was a goodly number present and the President of the class, Mr. Montmorency, called the meeting to order and asked the Rev. Dr. Polcar to lead in prayer. The order of the day was for each to tell briefly his present occupation and to find out as much as possible of the conditions of those unable to be present.

Mr. Montmorency began by saying he was agent for an entirely new book entitled, "The Golden Path of Life." His praises of the book were lengthy and numerous and he said a vase would be given to each buyer. He sat down sooner than was expected. Then a spectacled literary lady in whom we recognized the former Miss Wood, arose. She is now a rising authoress. Her novels are similar to those of Amelie Rives and one is entitled "The Slow and the Living." She said she had seen Jane Smith and Nellie Thompson, the summer before as leaders of fashion at Spirit Lake. At the same place she caught a glimpse of Mary Krebs, there for her health and that Mary Hogan had died in a watery grave while attempting to pull in a big fish.

A tall fine looking gentleman with flowing moustache announcing himself as Geo. Strang told a harrowing tale, how, after six years of hard labor he had been appointed left fielder in the Minneapolis nine. F. Peterson was present and knew of many absent ones. He himself had invented and patented a portable post holes and cellars to sell in rocky countries. He had heard that Fannie Groff who is a missionary to the Sandwich Islands is engaged to a native and that Claus Spreckles and the Queen are to be invited. He said he had seen Miss

Hobart, the opera singer, and Miss Sherwood the famous actress in New York City; that Herbert Rogers was still playing the hand organ with monkey attachment; that Ephriam Pratt was making money by selling some original Baconian cryptograms; that Nat Bernstein had become wealthy making holes around which to make stove pipe; that Adda Robinson and Francis Roeder had formed a combination for vocal and instrumental instruction.

Mrs. John Jones *nee* Blanche Van Kuran a benevolent patron of art surprised her hearers by saying that on the last trip to Paris she had seen the prize picture of the salon painted by Nina Charles. Mr. Myers a successful Wall St. broker who had married a rich heiress was introduced by Mr. John Nelson an applicant for the position of "Organ Grinder for Mr. Roger's Mopkey.

Florence Frost stated that she was principal of Mrs. Grant's boarding school Claud Light taught dancing. She knew that Grace Lillie was advocating Woman's Rights in Washington and that Mrs. Smith, *nee* Anna Conoyer was rejoicing because the bill of free trade had been passed through her efforts. Lydia McCague told how after many dispeptic years of cooking in private boarding houses she had discovered she had mistaken her calling and that herself and Minnie Swartzlander were both looking for a job.

Neva Turner the Salvation Army tambourine girl and Mrs. Schucikenderhoff formerly Kate White were present, the latter said she had seen Fannie Pratt since her divorce and that she was now engaged to a former school mate. Lizzie Morell sent word that Mr. Hirschstein was injured in the last Geological survey and that she a Sister of Mercy was taking care of him.

A very interesting and enjoyable time was had and the president after urging all to buy a "Golden Path of Life," adjourned the meeting.

PERSONAL.

May Copeland '86 is home from Vassar. We welcome back our editor in chief, Victor Rosewater.

Miss Penelope Smith graduates this year at the State Normal School.

Dol. Wallace '86 honored Omaha by her presence on last Tuesday.

The senior class is invited to a reception at the home of Miss Nettie Wood.

Miss Mary Ludington '87 who has been attending school in Cincinnati will soon be home.

Joseph Polcar, Herbert Rogers and John Nelson intend going to college next year.

Earl Ganet, Gus Detwiler, Miss Nellie Rosewater, Victor Rosewater and Bert Wheeler are among the alumni who have returned to Omaha.

Mr. Wallace Taylor attended the Chicago Convention to offer his council as to who would pull the longest stroke as leader of the Republican Party. It is also surmised that he wished to escape writing his promised fish story for the REGISTER.

On the fifth of this month our popular drawing teacher, Miss Wood, answered absent to the roll call. Upon inquiry it was learned that on that day she took an active part in a double wedding, that of herself and her brother. Mrs. Denney is the name to which she now answers. The REGISTER joins with the school wishing her joy.

Those who return to spend another year of study and work at this school, will miss at least three of our popular teachers. Mrs. McIntyre has accepted a position in the Medical Department of the Columbian University at Washington, D. C. Miss Wood, who is Wood no longer, and Miss Sheldon who, it is reported, desires a change of name and is going to take the easiest and most pleasant method of fulfilling that desire.

DURING COOKING EXAMINATION.

A TRUE STORY.

We had all taken our places,
A pen in each right hand,
All trembling with that awful fear
Which the time did demand.

The great door was fast closed,

For the work had begun,

Slowly the knob was turned

In came a boy, just one.

One moment stood bewildered,

As though in awful fright,

Then turned and away he wandered

And soon was lost to sight.

Another and another came,

But their heads seemed in a whirl,

And thus many brave young lordships

Fled, fast before a girl.

"One of the Girls."

LITERATURE OF THE DAY.

FRANCIS HODGSON BURNETT.

Among the books of juvenile fiction, which the last two years have brought into notice, few have become more popular than "Little Lord Fauntleroy" which was published as a serial in *St. Nicholas* of 1886. Its author is a middle aged lady whose childhood was spent in England, but who for many years past has been a resident of America.

Francis Hodgson Burnett was born at Manchester Eng. Nov. 24, 1849. There, where the first fifteen years of her life were spent, she became quite familiar with the Lancashire dialect and the colliers mode of life. But at length misfortune came upon the family, and in 1865 they left their English home to come to America, where they settled at Knoxville Tenn. Seven years later her first story "Surly Tim's Trouble" was published in *Scribner's Magazine*. Not long afterward, there appeared, in the same magazine another of her works, called, "That Lass o' Lowries" which at once became very popular. The scene is laid among the coal mines of Lancashire, which Mrs. Burnett is well fitted to portray. Vivid descriptions of the place,

the dress of the people, and their mode of living are interspersed with bits of conversation in the quaint northern dialect. But it is "That Lass o' Lowries" (as the heroine of the story is called) who is the centre of attraction. How touching is the friendship between this young girl and the rector's daughter; the one, poor and ignorant but noble in character, the other, educated and refined. This work has passed thro' several editions in England and has been repeatedly dramatized.

Stories from the pen of this talented writer now followed each other in rapid succession. Among others "Pretty Poll Peniberton," "The Fair Barbarian," and "Through One Administration" may be mentioned.

In 1886, "Little Lord Fauntleroy" was published. Already, tens of thousands of copies of the work have been sold, and the demand is still very great. The matron recommends it to all readers whether old or young. Louisa M. Alcott says, "In Little Lord Fauntleroy" we gain another charming child to add to our gallery of juvenile heroes and heroines; one who teaches a great lesson with such truth and sweetness, that we part from him with real regret when the episode is over.

But Mrs. Burnett's stories for children did not end with "Little Lord Fauntleroy." Another work called "Sara Crewe" has since been published and this time our interest centres round a little girl. The story is a graphic account of life in a London boarding school.

Let us hope that this writer will favor us with many more works as pleasing and entertaining as these.

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ATHLETICS.

There have been some changes in the composition of the high school nine and it now stands a better chance of winning a few games.

Horse races are the topics now discussed by the sporting fraternity of the High School.

An electric light pole and a row of trees have been set out in close proximity to the ball grounds. They are a little in the way but we can get along with them if a sidewalk or a building is not put across the center of the grounds.

The boys of the Senior Class have organized a base-ball nine and spend the most of the time in practicing. A stick and a twofer ball are the usual implements used. They talk of challenging the ninths, but fear of defeat by the little fellows deters them.

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NOTES.

This year school ends the 29th, one week later than last year. We think of vacation and try to study at the same time, but the thinking generally gets ahead of the studying.

The signs, "Keep off the Grass" have been reinforced by fences in some parts of the grounds.

According to the gold chains of a few, the clock in the tower is always just five minutes fast.

"Fans, a nickle a piece," would make a fortune for the one who could shout it out in our school rooms this weather.

The seniors are heard to complain that they become tired of being asked the question, "What are you going to do next year?" Don't complain seniors, this is a part of the regular course, in fact is indetachable from the word senior. It is simply a form to teach you patience and is one of the things that helps to keep you too busy to become overmuchly proud.

Electric Lights are being placed around the school building and our grounds will no longer be in darkness when night comes.

About 2 o'clock, for several days, there has been shown on the part of the ninths, a disposition to revolt. As yet, no one can tell when the brave High School Military Company will be called into active service.

Closely clipped heads are now the fashion with the smaller boys.

As one of the seniors was heard to remark, one of the genus female, "We graduate this year simply to show our dresses.

"What will I do with it?" is not the question of the smallest boy in school as he takes out the biggest piece of pie at the noon gathering in the shade.

A tunnel and a derrick have been suggested as convenient devices for bringing the scholars across Dodge Street.

The dry goods clerks are getting so well acquainted with our "sweet girl graduates" that they have about reached the point where they ask permission to drop the Miss and call them by their first names.

Next year a rule will be established that, "All boys who can get into a pint bottle will not be allowed to enter the High School." The necessity of this rule was noticed too late this last year.

"Shake, boys and girls, Good Bye and a pleasant vacation to you," so says the June number of the REGISTER.

Why could not the cooking class give a dinner to the seniors?

Last Tuesday the long looked for play "The Cry of the Multitude," was presented by the Junior Dramatic Club. Their play was written by Miss Alice Brown and many compliments were heard both for it and for the presentation. Selections of music were interspersed between the acts. At the close loud cries for Miss Alice were heard and the audience would not be satisfied till she appeared upon the stage.

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The Debate of Protection vs. Free trade was a credit to the Political Economy class. The Protectionists, Miss Josslyn, Walter Durnall and Howard Clarke gained the argument. Their opponents were, Misses Byrne, Connoyer and Stebbins.

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It is stated for the benefit of those who cannot see the point in the "Cry of the Multitude" that the tragic element in it is very slight. The only death which occurs is the death of the cause.

All small boys should be careful how they handle their rubber balls. One thrown into the room at the north end of the hall nearly ended the career of one young lady. She thought it was a mouse.

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Ask the Junior Dramatic Co. if pen-holders make good substitutes for straws for drinking through.

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The Board of Education has decided to discontinue the special studies of drawing and singing. They will probably find something else to take their places before the next school year.

In order to correct a mistake on the programs, it is stated that Miss Rhetoric does not die, she soon recovers.

The commencement invitations were engraved by the Adams & Bridge Co.

The Graduating Exercises are to take place at Boyd's Opera House, Friday June 29th. The following pupils take part: Miss Adda Robinson, instrumental music; Miss Frances Roder will sing; Miss Sherwood is to read her essay on Art and Inspiration; Herbert Rogers violin solo and George Strang essay on the Labor Question.

Rabbi Sonnenschein of St. Louis will address the class.

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EXCHANGES.

There is a scarcity of exchanges this month.

The *Dayton H. S. Times* is publishing brief sketches of prominent Ohio men.

Though not acquainted with the young *High School Gazette* of Lynn, Mass. We wish it success. A High School paper should be an aid and a credit to the school which publishes it.

In the *High School Stylus* is a list of the Alumni of Brockton, Mass. and what each one is doing.

The *Monthly Visitor* from Haverill, Mass. is added to our list of exchanges. For such a small sheet it has an excellent exchange column.

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