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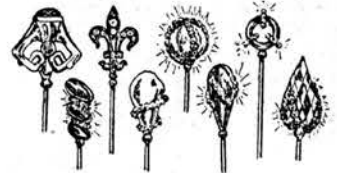
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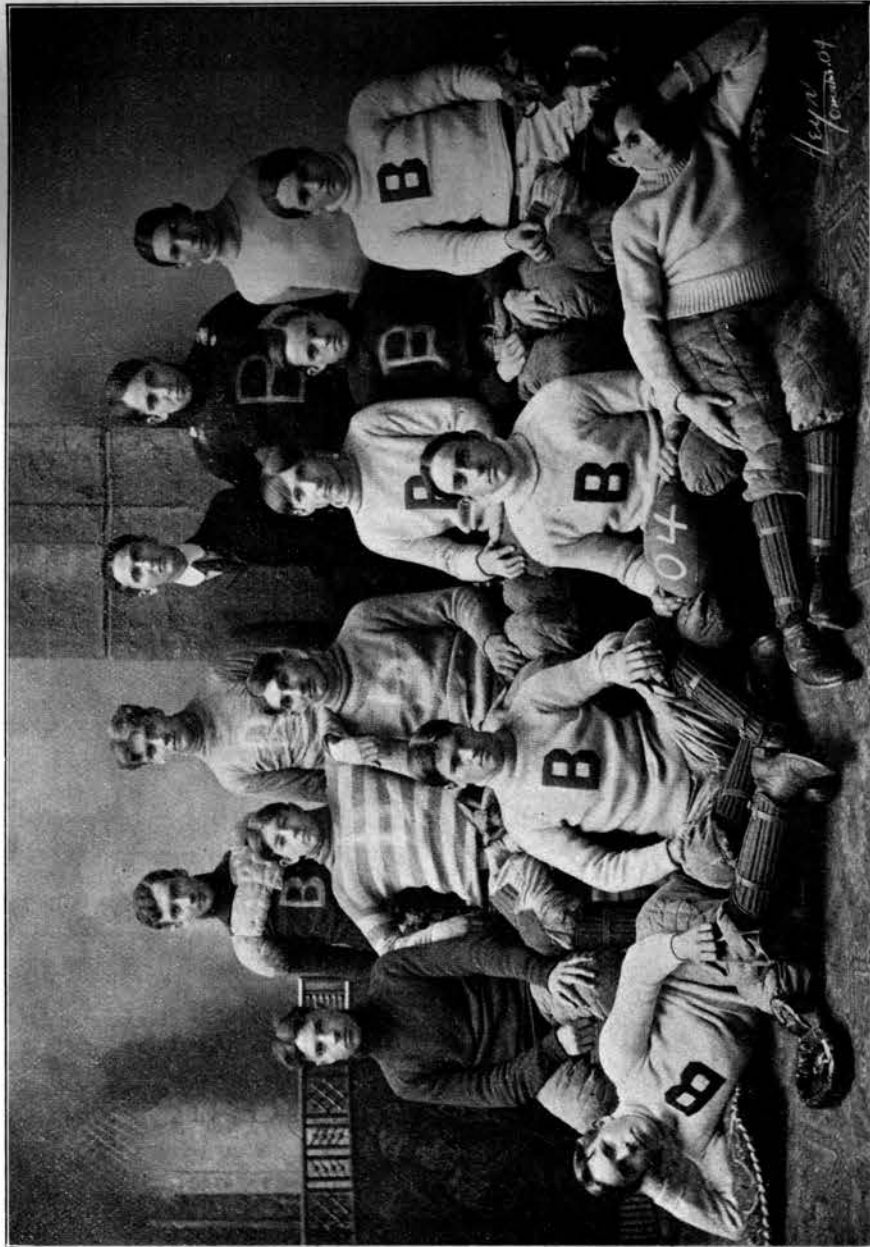
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## The Christmas Gift of Courage.

**A**RTHUR BEVERLY'S career at the High School was not satisfactory. Though possessing a bright mind, he had one great fault. He was oversensitive and retiring. Anything which drew attention to himself he avoided. In the study rooms he never left his seat to go to the dictionary. To pass before so large a number of students was too terrible an ordeal. He would much rather suffer any physical pain, for he was not a physical coward.

One particularly fatal event occurred during his High School career. This was when he had to stand up in 204 and debate before some three or four hundred students. He remembered his disgraceful failure and how they all laughed. His schoolmates nicknamed him "The Boy Orator" after that and the name followed him through the High School.

The students discovered his aversion to all publicity and strove in every way they could to place him in embarrassing positions. His absurd self-consciousness seemed to afford them infinite amusement. Thus he passed through the High School and graduated.

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Four years after Arthur Beverly's graduation from the High School dark events were crowding themselves into our country's history. A serious revolt had occurred in the Philippines. Al-

most all the natives had ranged themselves against the Stars and Stripes. Even the native constabulary, armed and equipped by the United States, were in rebellion. They were not foes to be despised. The situation was very grave.

Unsuccessful in business and almost discouraged in life, Arthur Beverly was one of the first to respond to the call for volunteers for the Philippines and a month after his enlistment he was steaming into Manila harbor on board a government transport.

The volunteers were not kept long in idleness. An outpost of the American army in a town situated about eighty miles from Manila was surrounded by a large force of Filipinos. A messenger who had slipped through the lines brought word that the garrison could not resist long. A relief column must be sent at once and the volunteers were detailed for the expedition.

Weary and worn with incessant fighting against an unseen foe, acquainted with every inch of the country, four days later the volunteers were within eight miles of the beleaguered garrison. It was Christmas Eve, but there was no merry-making in that camp. Many were wounded and the prospect for Christmas was anything but bright. The hardest fighting of all would come when they attempted to reach the town. The general of the volunteers himself was in dire straits. He had received

no word from the American garrison. They might have surrendered before this. It was absolutely necessary he have some definite information before he pressed onward.

Beverly, though wearied by the long marches, had suffered less than his comrades. He was unwounded in spite of the many skirmishes and was in fairly good physical condition. He was strolling down the company street preparatory to turning in for the night when he noticed a new bulletin being posted in front of the adjutant's tent.

It read:

"A volunteer is wanted for work of the most desperate character."

The word "desperate" struck him. He himself was desperate. He had no one at home to care for him, while most of the other fellows had families. A new light sprang in his eyes. Clearly it was his duty to volunteer.

He entered the tent. The general was within talking to his adjutant. Beverly saluted and briefly stated he wished to volunteer for the work.

The general eyed him gravely.

"You are very young," he said, "and the work is of the most desperate nature."

But Beverly would not turn back. He insisted and finally the general consented.

"I want you to penetrate the Filipino lines during the night and carry this message to the Americans in the town. It is absolutely necessary that they be forewarned of our approach in order to co-operate with us. The chances are not much in your favor and you know the Filipinos are taking no prisoners. I am sorry, you are so young, too," the general added kindly.

Beverly took the note, saluted and left

the tent to prepare for his departure. He took nothing with him but his rifle. At half past nine he left the outmost American picket line and entered a bamboo thicket. He advanced cautiously, stopping often and listening and changing his course as he thought he detected danger ahead. He passed the bamboo thicket and skirted a rice field. Once when he incautiously broke a twig under his foot a Filipino sentry challenged him and fired after him as he dashed away. The bullet passed through his hat and just grazed the skin. He was more careful after that and proceeded four or five miles without mishap, when he suddenly came upon a large number of tents. It was the Filipino camp.

Here was a predicament. Many persons were moving about within it. To go around it would take a great deal of time and would be more or less dangerous. A bright idea struck him. He was dressed in khaki, so also were many of the Filipinos. Why not slip into the camp and march boldly through it? Waiting until no one was looking he slipped in the shadow of a tent and a moment later emerged as though from the tent and walked through the camp, taking care to keep in the shadow so that his features would not be discovered.

His plan proved a marked success and he succeeded in passing through the extensive encampment and out at the other side without mishap.

After walking a short distance further he came to a large open field. On the side nearest him was a line of Filipino trenches, while across the field were the trenches of the besieged Americans in the town. By careful maneuvering he managed to crawl through an old, disused ir-

rigating ditch half of the distance between the trenches before he was discovered, and then making a dash for it he reached the American trenches.

An hour later and Beverly was again crawling through the ditch on his way back to his own camp with a return message to his general. This time he was more successful than before and succeeded in passing the Filipino lines without detection. He knew the lay of the land and he succeeded by the most careful work in reaching the Filipino picket line in front of his own camp. But this had been doubly reinforced and he could find no point where he could get through it.

At last he became desperate and determined upon a most dangerous plan. Creeping as close as he was able to a group of Filipino pickets he suddenly fired two shots in their midst, scattering them like sheep and profiting by the confusion he rushed by them toward the picket line of the volunteers. But the distance was farther than he had calculated and when he was not more than half way a volley was fired after him. He felt a piercing, burning sensation in his side as he fell forward on his face.

But he must not give up now after he had so nearly succeeded. He summoned all his will power and slowly rising to his feet he staggered the rest of the way to his comrades on the picket line.

"Take me to the general," he whispered as he fell into their arms.

Half carried, half walking, they led him to the general's tent. He was incoherent.

"Perhaps—some day—I shall succeed." He was muttering. Then as he entered the general's tent he became coherent again. The pain was frightful, unbearable. Everything was black. He could not see. He knew he was in the presence of the general. With all his remaining strength he attempted, but poorly, to draw himself erect. He clutched at his breast and drew forth the blood stained message. His hand was too unsteady to hold it and it fluttered to the ground. He made a feeble effort to salute.

"Sir," he began, "your—orders—have been—obeyed," and fell to the ground.

The adjutant, kneeling quickly beside him, felt his pulse. He shook his head. Two large tears rolled down the weather beaten face of the general.

"So young," he softly said.



## The Importance of Simplicity.

WALTER HOFFMAN, '06.

**T**HE ULTIMATE aim of every individual is for perfection and real beauty. No matter what we undertake we have either one or both of these qualities before us as the goal of our ambition. But as many people try to construct the great palaces of their imagination without knowing of what

their building material should consist it would be well to see what the foundation of these much sought for qualities is. If the foundation of all that is beautiful and perfect be examined it will be found to be simplicity. Simplicity is the elimination of the non-essentials in all things. It reduces life to its mini-



mum of real needs and raises it to its maximum of powers. In morals it kills the weeds of vice and weakness so that the flowers of virtue and strength may have room to grow. Simplicity cuts off waste and fosters the essentials.

Nature is the greatest revelation of simplicity to man. And yet what is more beautiful than she when coming forth from her sleep of winter or retiring from a long, fruitful summer? These pictures are more beautiful than any man has ever been able to paint with his brush. Nature also teaches us simplicity within our very selves. Health is but the living of a physical life in harmony with a few simple, well defined laws, simple food, simple exercise and simple precautions. If man will but follow these his happiness will be complete. But alas! how many fall short of these laws just because they are simple. If they were laws requiring a great sacrifice they would be followed.

It is just the story of Namon repeated today. Had he been required to grovel in the dust for one year he would have done so, but to dip himself three times in the river Jordan was too simple. But woe to the man who dares to disobey these laws of nature. He may not be punished immediately for the first offense, but if he continues he shall not long evade the certain justice of her majesty.

Let us now turn to art to see what great lesson we may learn from it. In music we find the greatest singer sings without a single effort. Whenever a singer reaches this stage of simplicity he is on the way to perfection.

The sculptor in carving a statue from a block of marble, clothes it in the most simple garb possible and thus places be-

fore us the most nearly perfect and most beautiful of sculptured marble.

The poets who have written the greatest poems have pictured their thoughts in the simplest words, drawn their pictures with the simplest figures and stated their truths in the simplest form. The youthful writer who uses all the Latin phrases at his command to express his thoughts never soars so high in the opinion of others as the masters in literature who have given light to thousands in darkness or scourged a nation until it blushed with shame for a folly, with words that even a child might have uttered.

Now let us see what position this great word occupies in our daily or practical life. For the machine the inventor had but one idea. That was to do the most work with the least complication of machinery. We may see the same in the pendulum. The ideal of that instrument is the simple pendulum which is composed of a weight suspended by a cord of no weight.

Then lastly let us take man himself to see if we may still maintain our original proposition.

Man will be led from the land of simplicity into the land of so-called society and excitement. At first it seems brilliant, but it is like the large bright medallion carpet in the library of a home—the first year it is beautiful, but the second year it cannot wear out soon enough, and when the third year comes you say, "Oh, how can I endure it!" But man does not desire to return to the simple life, for it seems to be a small world from his dizzy height, but when forced to return by sorrow or affliction it seems to be a tonic of strength to return to the simple duties we have neg-

lected or forgotten. Our world, although small at first, grows dearer and greater every day, and life becomes wondrously beautiful when we can brush aside all cares, troubles and sorrows and say, "They are not the real things of life, but mere interruptions." Simplicity is a mental soil where deceit, treachery and low ambitions can find no encouragement.

Men of every nation, men of every race and men of every color have always had the simple man for their ideal. Every religion had for its savior a man of simple and earnest life. Bhudda was born a prince of wealth, but abandoned it and became a simple man, the ideal of his people. Christ was poor by birth

and remained poor throughout his life. He lived a simple life. The story of his simplicity has won for him a place in the heart of the greatest heathen, in the heart of the greatest philosopher, in the heart of the most wealthy and of the most poor.

The man of simplicity is like the lark; he lives nearest the ground; like the lark he soars highest toward heaven.

Simplicity does not presuppose weakness, ignorance or poverty. It is like the condensing of a million of the sun's rays into one little stone to make a diamond. Simplicity is the sun of a self-centered and pure life. It is all the sweetness, purity and love of life sifted from hypocrisy, deceit and envy. In short, it is the secret of all that is beautiful or perfect.



## The Adventures of Leslie.

Part IV.

MARGARET WHITNEY, '05.

**T**HE TRIP to Van Cortlandt, which promised to be so fair, was not destined to fulfill expectations. When they arrived Leslie and Lloyd started a game of golf, while the rest of the party canoed on the lake in front of the club house. Leslie played very well and it seemed an even match up to the twelfth hole, where there was a marshy, gurgling brook bordered with rushes. This they were to drive over. Leslie played first and as it was a short hole, finished in three, a score tied by Lloyd. But the next hole was a little more difficult, so Leslie determined to win it. As she made her own tee, to be sure, and get it right, and then stepped back. She made a splendid picture of youth and health. Lloyd gazed at her and surrendered at once to her beauty and charm

as he had long since to her teasing ways and merry comradeship. He did not think about his prolonged scrutiny till Leslie turned to him with a merry joke before she drove off and surprised a most lover-like expression in his eyes. A tell-tale flush slowly flooded his face, but he did not lower his eyes and Leslie, with a little laugh of nervousness, turned to address the ball.

"Really, he's a fine player—just a duck. He's not at all like any other man I ever met. I wonder what made him look at me that way," she thought. She suddenly understood and flushed in her turn. She made a pretty good drive, but her nervousness prevented her from doing her best. Lloyd also was compelled to drive rather hurriedly as there were two other players coming on behind. His ball went way beyond Leslie's and she set her lips firmly together.

"I guess I'm not going to let him beat me after we've been even so far," she thought unintentionally, and drove off standing a tiptoe to see where the ball fell. As she started on something whizzed toward her and she half turned and instinctively drew back, but too late. She gave a little cry and dropped in a heap. Everything turned black before her and the golf ball that had caused the mischief lay wickedly winking at her in a green tuft of grass.

Lloyd looked back to see why she did not come along and his heart stood still as he saw the little scarlet heap against the green grass. He did not know how he got there, but he found himself at her side with a hat full of water, which he sprinkled hastily on her face as she slowly returned to consciousness.

"Miss Grey! Leslie! Leslie dear! Open your eyes! Look at me! Do you hear? Oh, deuce take it!" he raged in anger at the players who had been so eager to play out and now were approaching with expressions of concern. When they found that Leslie was not seriously hurt they went on, saying they would bring assistance if it was needed.

At Lloyd's rage Leslie opened her eyes and came back to earth. A great blue lump was fast growing on the side of her forehead and she felt very damp. She giggled, "Don't be profane, Lloyd, and stop playing the amateur sprinkling cart!"

Lloyd looked fathoms of joy. She had called him Lloyd. He threw down the hat. "Thank heaven you've recovered, but shall we—do you feel well enough to go on?" he asked, giving her his handkerchief to tie around the bruise.

"Oh, yes, it's only a few holes more and I'm not going to be downed by a

golf ball," she said, conscious of a dull headache. So they finished up, though not with the laughter and joking of before. When they came to the club house Leslie gave out and Mrs. Wyclif took them home. As she was between Leslie and Lloyd she drew Leslie's aching head down upon a comforting shoulder and Leslie was lost to the world.

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By the use of sedatives and cold bandages her headache was subdued and she was sitting dreamily in a big Morris chair that night when Lloyd called. Her pretty hair artfully concealed the bruise and she appeared quite as usual as he entered.

"Well, how are you?" he asked anxiously, smiling at her.

"Oh, so as to be up," she returned merrily. "Don't worry; did you think I was going to give up like a baby?"

Lloyd sat down opposite her and leaned his elbow on his knee, regarding her interestedly. "Well, no, but don't you know you're quite lively for a girl who was as badly knocked out as you were?"

"Lively!" exclaimed Leslie, "when I've only been sitting here thinking—of things." She finished lamely. Lloyd wanted to ask her what things, but even their mutual understanding then did not warrant that, for he thought Leslie regarded him in the light of a brotherly sort of person, and he was not sure of his ground with her. But lately Leslie had shifted her viewpoint and she had come to like him very much with a promising trust in him.

"Well, 'nothing venture, nothing have'" thought Lloyd. "Tell me, Leslie," he said aloud, for he called her Leslie now that they had become chummy.

"Did you say your father was the president of the bank at home?"

"Why, yes," said Leslie, wonderingly. What was he driving at?

"Well, I'm thinking of staying over this side this winter and do you think he would give me a position?"

Leslie looked up astonished and met his quizzical glance. "Why, yes, I guess so," she murmured.

"But it is a very particular position I want, and I'm afraid —"

Leslie tossed her head. "Well, Dad always gives me what I want and I'll ask him for you," she said.

"Will you, Leslie?" he said, delightedly, and she looked up, wondering now what she'd gotten into.

"Why, yes," she said, uncertainly, "but what position is it?" she asked, with a dawning perception of his drift.

(THE END.)

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## The Christmas Star.

A single star in a vault of blue  
Shone through a realm of night  
And the sweet old story the shepherd's  
knew  
Filled a world with light.

From afar in the east the wise men came  
To worship at this shrine,  
And in their hearts a sweet new name  
Retold the tale divine.

So from the east and from the west,  
And from the north afar,  
Wise men gather in sacred quest  
Of this single shining star.

—A. N.

"Well, Oh, Leslie—it's the position of son-in-law! There, it's out!" he said, coming over to her and looking down at her with merry eyes.

Leslie crimsoned to the tips of her small ears. "Lloyd Grantham! What—what have you made me promise?" she said, indignantly. "I never heard of such assurance!"

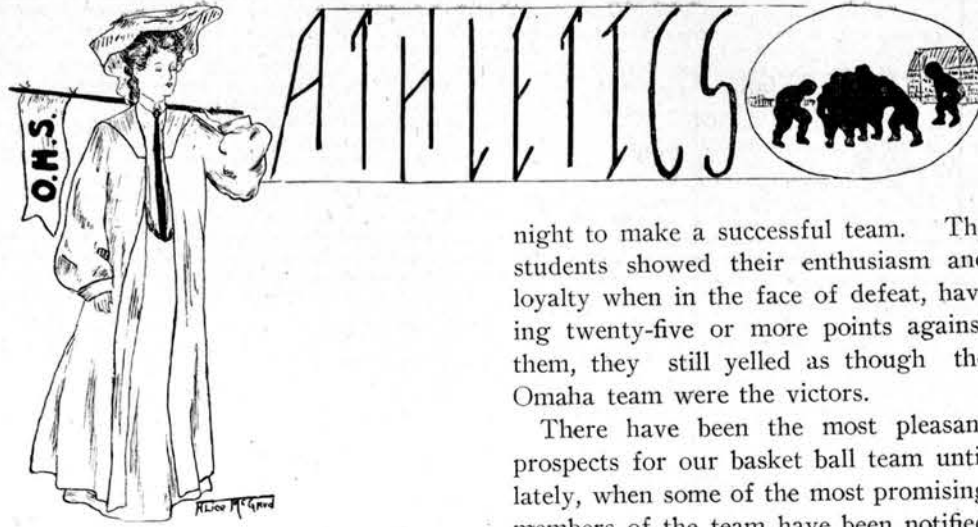
"But won't you?" said Lloyd, crestfallen, "Leslie, won't you?" and he bent over her persuasively.

Leslie jumped up and retreated to a safe position behind the table. "Well," she said, mischievously, "I don't know whether Dad will have you or not—but"—tantalizingly—

"But?" queried Lloyd, impatient.

"But I suppose I'll have to ask him, for I can't break a promise."





**F**OR FEAR of causing this to be called the "Kick Department" we wish to show you the real condition of athletics as they exist in the Omaha High School today.

For some reason or other, not understood by the members of the Athletic Association, athletics in the Omaha High School does not receive the support of the faculty as does the athletics of other high schools, and especially the neighboring ones. The participants in our athletics are becoming very much discouraged over this fact. After having practiced a season with one of our teams and then to have the team disbanded is a very discouraging proposition to anyone. On the part of some, at least, there is a tendency to depress and hinder instead of to help and to boost the fellows who are willing to sacrifice a little of their time for the benefit of High School athletics.

Football took a downward turn this year instead of being lifted to a level of success, as would have been the case if it had received the help that it needed. This was not the case because the fellows didn't do their share of the work, because they worked continually night after

night to make a successful team. The students showed their enthusiasm and loyalty when in the face of defeat, having twenty-five or more points against them, they still yelled as though the Omaha team were the victors.

There have been the most pleasant prospects for our basket ball team until lately, when some of the most promising members of the team have been notified that they are not eligible as members of the High School team. Nevertheless, this does not discourage the team. They have a purpose in mind which is to give the school some good clean athletics this winter. But if this plan is thwarted by influence outside the team, of course we will be unable to have the pleasure that we are anticipating.

Let us not become disgruntled at the present condition of affairs, but let us work continually and to the best of our ability and see if we can't make athletics a success yet this year. And if not this year, for next year. If we are unable to make them as we desire it will hardly be our fault, because we have, and are exerting all our influence to make athletics a grand success. Step in and give us a "lift." Do not stand back and be discouraged, but step up and lend us a shoulder and we will make it a success. Let us take for a motto for our athletics, "Success," and work for it and we will get it in the end.

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The above article will be accepted as expressing a real fact of misunderstanding by the Athletic Association as to the reason why athletics in the Omaha High

School are apparently not so prominent as in other high schools.

In accepting the fact of misunderstanding there is not an acceptance of the causes of lack of prominence there stated. In order, therefore, that the real reasons may be understood, it is thought advisable to supplement the statement above given.

Athletics in the Omaha High School are less prominent than in many other schools for the following reasons:

First—The cadet battalion of the Omaha High School offers an opportunity for physical expression to the limit of the wishes of a very large proportion of the boys attending. Among the boys drilling there are many who would be a credit to any form of athletics, but they do not and will not identify themselves with that form of physical effort. Other schools have fewer boys so occupied.

Second—A large number of physically strong boys prefer to earn money by taking charge of a paper route. Some of these also drill, but many of the others find time for no other form of physical exercise.

The causes stated above tend to limit the number of those trying for place on the various teams and consequently with fewer from which to select less effective teams result.

Over the above causes the faculty have no influence. The faculty do have and should have influence over some other matters at present affecting the various forms of athletics in the high school. The faculty are unanimous in the opinion that the high school was organized and is maintained primarily, not only to offer to all pupils opportunity for scholastic acquirements, but so to establish conditions and requirements as to secure

this end. Having such an opinion the faculty feel that a reasonably satisfactory degree of scholarship should be demanded from those who aspire to represent the high school in athletic contests.

With that feeling the management of the high school have made the following rule to govern the qualifications of candidates for place on the various teams:

Before any pupil will be allowed to participate in any athletic games encouraged and sanctioned by the high school he must have passed in the preceding term in at least three subjects and must have had an average above 70 per cent for all subjects taken; and he must be carrying with a passing grade at least three subjects and must have an average above 70 per cent for all subjects taken in the term in which games are to be played.

This is not a burdensome condition for any person who is physically able to become a desirable member of any team. Now, the truth is that the present trouble with the basket ball team arises from the fact that a few of those who wish to play have not met the easily attainable scholarship requirements.

The cause of the disbandment of the foot ball team was the calling into the game at Lincoln for the second half a disqualified player and after the principal of the high school had certified to a list of qualified players. The act was not only an act of discredit to the team, but one which dishonored the principal after his word as to qualified players had been given.

The principal of the high school and a very large majority of the faculty stand ready to give the fullest help and encouragement to all forms of legitimate high school athletics upon any and all



occasions when the candidates meet their reasonable scholastic requirements. Until this is done there will be no recognition of any form of athletics attempted with disqualified players.

When all players meet fully the scholarship requirements then the faculty will unite with the pupils in "boosting" athletics. Then all teams will be able to count upon enthusiastic faculty support in all athletic efforts, but not until then.

A. H. WATERHOUSE.

## Organizations.

**H**EREAFTER all who do actual work in literary societies will receive a fourth of a point credit a year. No doubt, with this incentive, much more interest will be taken in society work.

ELAINE.

The first closed program of the Elaine Society was given Friday, Nov. 11th, and was exceptionally good. The opening number was a piano solo by Dora Stevens, who is a pianist of more than average ability. Elizabeth Rolofson read an entertaining story entitled "Where the Surprise Came In." A number which won hearty applause was an original poem by Marion Funkhouser, who is very clever in this line. The Elaine chorus sang a pretty lullaby and the program closed with the reading of some exceedingly witty squibs by Lillian Shears. The most attractive feature of all was the dainty programs done in pen and ink.

BROWNING.

An excellent program was rendered by the Browning Society Nov. 18, as follows:

Piano Solo—"Nocturne". Sarah Martin  
 Recitation—"The Drowning Singer"  
 ..... Mattie Robertson  
 Reading of the Oracle... Hazel Cahn  
 Vocal Solo—"Slumber Boat".....  
 ..... Gretchen Emery  
 Reading—"The Dead Pan".....  
 ..... Laura Waterman

HAWTHORNE.

One of the best programs of the month was that given by the Hawthorne Society Friday, Nov. 18. The general topic was Thanksgiving. The paper on "The First Thanksgiving," by Sarah Shearer, was well written and well read. Stanley Letovsky, who is a well-known pianist, pleased all with his beautiful rendering of "Song of the Evening Star," from Tannhauser. The other numbers on the program, which were all very good, were:

Song—"Thanksgiving Hymn" ....  
 ..... Hawthorne Chorus  
 Recitation—"An Object of Love"..  
 .... Mary Wilkins, Alfreda Powell  
 Song ..... Richie Clark  
 Recitation—"Rastus' Thanksgiving  
 Turkey" ..... Lavina Shorter  
 Reading—"Ichabod Crane at a Din-  
 ner Party at Herr Van Tas-  
 sel's" ..... Birdie Hamilton  
 Reading from "The Courtship of  
 Myles Standish" ..... Jessie Knee

MARGARET FULLER.

On Dec. 2 the Margaret Fuller Society held the following enjoyable program:

Piano Solo..... Myra Breckenridge  
 "American Art Before 1828".....  
 ..... Ruth Rainey  
 Reading ..... Margaret Kennedy  
 Vocal Solo ..... Marguerite Riggs  
 Paper on West..... Elizabeth Sweet  
 Piano Solo ..... Ethel Kiewit  
 Paper on Stuart..... Nanette Aiken

LININGER TRAVEL CLUB.

At the monthly program of the Lininger Travel Club Wednesday, Nov. 23, the members journeyed in thought to Rome by means of the following interesting program:

Piano Solo..... Esther Devalon  
 Paper—"Forum Romanum" .....  
 ..... Katherine O'Leary  
 Rome—"The City of My Love"....  
 ..... Selma Clyne  
 "The Catacombs" ..... Olive Lavin  
 Piano Solo ..... Grace Craig  
 "A Stroll on the Pincian," from the  
 "Marble Fann" ..... Rose Goldsten  
 "The Vatican" ..... Hattie Barrock  
 Reading—"A Walk on the Cam-  
 pagna," from the Marble  
 Fann" ..... Bertha Baldwin

RED AND WHITE.

The most important event of the month was the Senior class meeting held Dec. 2, when the following officers were elected for the year: President, Curtis Lindsay; vice president, Ula Waterhouse; secretary, Walter Kenner; treasurer, Georgia Ellsberry; sergeants-at-arms, Lillian Shears and James McCulloch.

## Music.

**S**INCE THEIR first appearance the Boys' Octette has been making a continuous stir in the musical circles of this city.

Their first appearance was at the First Congregational church on Nov. 11th. The music was of such a high standard that they were asked to take part in a musicale given the following week by the young people of the First Presbyterian church. Since then their fame has spread so rapidly that they have been unable to comply with all the requests that have been made of them for engagements.

On Nov. 29th the boys sang at a medal contest in the Hanscom Park M. E. church for the W. C. T. U. There

were several numbers on the program, rendered by people of note. At the conclusion of the program the chairman of the evening bestowed no small praise on the work of the boys by saying their selection was the cream of the evening.

The Girls' Glee Club is falling into line now with such beautiful music as might make any girl wish to join that organization. Nothing further need be said after finding on their recent program the name of Miss F. De Graff, one of Mr. E. D. Keck's finest pupils.

The Boys' Glee Club sang for the Castellar school at the Thanksgiving entertainment given on Nov. 23rd. They had accepted an invitation to sing one selection, but the people of that school would not permit them to leave until they had sung three, after which the representatives of the eighth grade presented the boys with an immense bouquet.

[This article was chosen as the best written work done in class during November —Ed.]

## THE HOME OF A GREAT SINGER.

ELEANOR CARPENTER, '07.

I followed the great singer to her home. Imagine my surprise in finding that the house in which this lady lived was not a home of luxury and splendor—not even a home of comfort.

I expected to see a great, magnificent structure, with balconies, upon which grew many beautiful flowers, roses especially, for she seemed to sing more to her roses than to a most appreciative audience. This home I had placed in the center of a carefully kept lawn, with roses and shrubs along the walls and driveway; with fountains giving water to the thirsty birds and miniature lakes catching the reflection of sky and trees.

The house before me stood upon the street with others so close to it that it would be impossible to pass between the buildings with comfort. No grass nor flowers were in the few feet of space before the door, but in the old-fashioned window was a primrose struggling pitifully for life; above it looked forth the pale sweet face of an invalid and bending tenderly over her was the singer.

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**A** SHORT TIME ago the city was startled by the attempt to destroy with dynamite the home and family of a respected citizen. The case has been widely published by the local press and the whole population of Omaha is aroused. The fiendish impulse which could prompt a human being to steal, at night, to an honest man's home, sacred and inviolable under every law of nature and right, and lay a bomb with the intent of shattering that home and its inhabitants into fragments is horrible and terrifying. The rumor of such a thing occurring amidst the anarchy of central Europe would cause an involuntary shudder; in a land of peace and justice it is almost inconceivable. Yet even the worst of crimes are but the natural result of disrespect for law. If man is a reasonable and a responsible

being every step in disregard of law is a step toward such crimes.

Often lawlessness comes from a failure to appreciate what law really is. Let us account for its necessity. It is inherent in mankind to seek society. The individual gains from his fellows protection from common enemies, sympathy and help. But in return for these which are essential to his rational existence he must so conduct himself that he does not infringe upon the rights of others. Inasmuch as he expects his fellow citizens never to encroach upon his inherent privileges, he must respect their equal privileges. As men are imperfect, all do not thus justify their right to associate with their kind, so it has been necessary to establish governments and governments have written laws.

All real governments are wiser than

their subjects, our own republic is so inasmuch as the mass is wiser than the individual, hence when they legislate they attain nearer to justice than their subjects can. The laws are drawn up for the common good of all; that is, for the protection of society from nefarious individuals. The exclusion from common intercourse of all persons who refuse to co-operate for the common welfare is impossible; for that reason the law states what all men may do and punishes those who violate it. Every time a just law is broken the violator has acted against all humanity and the progress of the world is momentarily slackened, and as our rulers are wiser than we, it is usually best to conform to their regulations, even if we think them pernicious. By this it is not meant that all statutes are infallible. The man who protests against a law is often a benefactor, but the man who breaks a law is always a criminal. Whenever laws become perfect then men will be perfect, morally and mentally, and there will be no need for statutes. That time is far ahead of us and we shall never reach it while we have lawbreakers to hinder us.

As it is in the world outside, so it is in our school life. There are the same necessities for law and authority: pupils are under the same obligation to respect law and authority. The lack of regard for regulations, although more common and less harmful among us, is a tendency in the same dangerous direction. Honest protest is admirable, tricky disobedience is contemptible, but downright action against known law is criminal. We think little of it because we are young and thoughtless. Those older and wiser than we realize that a man harms himself when he undermines the stability of authority and they are proud of ever acting within the law.

## Locals.

**I**T HAS been the custom of the Omaha High School to take up an annual collection at Thanksgiving time for the Visiting Nurses' Association, which is doing such helpful work among the sick of the poor in the city. Our donation this Thanksgiving was \$60.86. This was gratefully acknowledged by the Association.

George L. Towne, editor of the Nebraska Teacher, which tells how the educational work is progressing in Nebraska, was a High School visitor this month.

The St. Louis exposition was well patronized by the Omaha teachers this month. Miss Brown, Miss Adams and Mr. Waterhouse were the representatives of the High School. Most of the seventh and eighth grade teachers went and their pupils received a holiday.

Miss Crane went to Denmark, Iowa, to eat her Thanksgiving dinner.

Miss Bonnell went home to Lincoln for Thanksgiving and was there for the exciting Nebraska-Illinois game.

For two years past the D. A. R. or Daughters of the American Revolution have offered a gold medal for the best essay written on an assigned topic in American history. They made the same offer this month and the subject for discussion is "Lexington, or the Man Behind the Rail Fence." The essays are to be due the first of April. Last year every one was given a chance, but this year just the Seniors will be admitted. Heretofore the medal was presented at the O. H. S., but this year the presentation will take place in the Board of Education rooms before a large audience and the prize essay will be read at that time. Every Senior ought to go into the competition with zeal and show what a high grade of work can be done here in the High School and also show what good students are in the class of '05.





## BATTALION.

is suspended from school for a certain length of time for being absent without excuse) it is surprising how well the men attend drill. This is a good plan and surely will be successful.

There has been some talk of having a new band leader. This man has been the director of an army band and has also been soloist at West Point. If he can be secured no doubt the band will be one of the chief features of the battalion.

**T**HE COMING of cold weather will put a stop to any farther advancement in the marchings, in which the men are doing exceptionally well, since they will have to drill inside of the building. But during this period the men hope to become proficient in the manual of arms. So the inconvenience will not be a great hindrance, as this work has to be learned some time or other. There are scarcely enough guns to supply all the men, even with the use of the state rifles, but it is hoped we shall get a few more, as well as a few swords and bayonets.

Captain Stogsdall is trying to establish a new style of cap, similar to that used at West Point. He says it will improve the appearance of the cadets very much. Since the men have all promised to get one the commandant thinks that in February the change can be made.

A way has been found to reduce the number of absentees and (since a man

## Alumni.

### Flight the Second of Winged Victory.

#### The Revery of an Alumnus.

In the game of life fast losing, sadly  
once I fell to musing  
One the many golden chances lost of  
yore.  
How I fooled and cut my classes, rode  
through Latin with the masses,  
Instead of walking with the few, when  
suddenly there came a tapping  
As of wings all softly flapping, flapping  
my sad figure o'er.

Only this and nothing more.

Up I sprang, agape with terror; surely  
I must be in error;  
Such a shape as this I knew no man had  
ever seen before:  
Headless, armless, garments streaming,  
afloat in air to outward seeming.  
And with wings so brightly gleaming  
where the firelight on them bore.

" 'Tis the victory!" my fear departed—  
"From within the High School  
door;  
Merely this and nothing more!"

Toward the spectre straightway turning,  
all my soul within me burning,  
News to learn of days forgotten, and this  
witchery to explore—

"Though thou hast no lips to answer, yet  
thou art a necromancer,  
And my queries well can answer—tell  
me truly, I implore,  
Are there failures still at High School;  
are there triflers as of yore?"  
Sighed the victory, "Evermore!"

Though my limbs were slightly quaking  
and my voice, despite me, break-  
ing,

"Wrap they now their books in covers—  
rains it still forever more?  
And the Freshman, grow they smaller;  
are the Seniors any taller?  
And the Glee Clubs, do they holler as  
they always did before?"  
Said the Victory, "More and more!"

Gently rose her wings from drooping,  
and her garments softly looping,  
Bound she seemed in sudden flight for  
her home on the first floor.

"Tell me now, before thou leave me, does  
thy armless state deceive thee?  
And to have lost thy head, believe me, is  
it not sometimes a bore?"  
Laughed the Victory, "Nevermore!"

And the Victory still is standing, with  
a grace so all-commanding,  
Wings outspread, the office guarding,  
just inside the great east door.  
Comic muse beside her sitting, on her  
right Diana flitting,  
With her stag comrade befitting, adorn-  
ing thus the corridor,

But among the dear gay seniors who  
throng about her on the floor,  
Shall I linger? Nevermore.

Arthur Jaynes, an '01 student of the  
O. H. S., who graduated from Lincoln  
last year, visited the Phi Pris at Lincoln  
last week.

Miss Mabel Stevens of Omaha also  
visited the Kappa girls last week at Lin-  
coln.

The marriage of Miss Gertrude Cas-  
well, '99, to Dr. Spalding of Greeley,  
Colo., took place on November 19th.

Miss Elizabeth Weidensall is in Ber-  
lin studying music at the Stearn con-  
servatory. She was formerly a pupil of  
Hans Albert.

Marion Reed, who received a free art  
scholarship, is studying with Christie.

Ethel Morrison, '99, a graduate of  
Vassar, is teaching at Scribner, Nebr.

Ruth Thompson, '02, and Mary  
Stearns, '02, who are at Nebraska Uni-  
versity, spent Thanksgiving in Omaha.

Ethel Whitlock, an alumnus of the  
High School, has been married to Roger  
Gregg of Omaha.

Jennie McDowell and Ethel Roger of  
the class of '04 are at Peru this year.  
They visited the High School during the  
carnival week.

Othalia Karbach, '95, is an actress. At  
present she is traveling in the south.

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ited Omaha, especially those attending  
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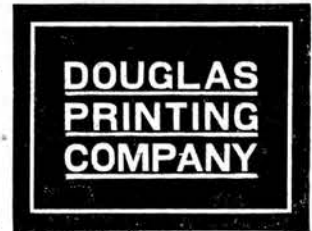
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