

School News.

The music examinations have begun. The American Literature class is reading *Thanatopsis*.

The magazines for December are somewhat delayed for some unaccountable reason.

The last program of the year of the Benedicta society called "The Century Closet" will be given a week from Friday.

The High School entertainment has again been postponed until the 18th of Jan. on account of proximity of the examinations.

The grammar class has been taking a teachers' examination and each member of the class applied for a position Wednesday.

THE RECEPTION.

The reception tendered by the Senior class to the Juniors last Friday evening was one of the most pleasant as well as one of the most unique ever given by the pupils of the High School. Beginning with the invitations which were couched in that quaint and peculiar yet expressive style of our ancient and much revered ancestors, everything was purely colonial. The names and costumes carrying out the same idea. Many of the costumes were very beautiful, indeed reminding us that in matters of dress if in nothing else, both the good housewife and the graceful society queen have progressed backward in all these years since the long ago when "We lived under the King."

Among the many striking and beautiful gowns, all of which deserve special mention, space forbids one to describe more than a few, representative of the times which they were designed to illustrate. One of rich dark velvet, made polonaise with box pleated skirt was especially handsome. The square lace kerchief folded about the throat gave it a prim and dignified appearance which was very appropriate to the dignified Senior who wore it. Another of blue broaded satin, similarly made was equally rich and becoming to one of the fair Juniors.

Three or four of the gowns were developed from some soft clinging material and fashioned very much like gowns of colonial days, the narrow neck bands revealing the girlish throats, the high waists with wide flowing sashes, the long straight skirts falling into graceful trains. One such gown of red, one of white and one of blue adorning the stately wearers, seemed to suggest the national colors, colors so interwoven in the fabric of human affairs on this continent that they strike a responsive chord in the American heart. Other gowns were of figured cloth, vines of roses or larger designs, indescribably beautiful. Still others, more plain with white kerchiefs or silk shoulder shawl to give each a distinctive effect. There were also to be seen jewels, strings of pearls, rows of coral, jeweled combs, flowers, slippers of kid or satin, the old fashioned reticule and the coquette fan, all of which shows that the feminine heart of other days was not proof against the dainty accessions of the toilet.

The young gentlemen ably carried out their part. Washington, La Fayette and many others might well have felt at ease among this goodly company of young people.

The banquet hall was decorated with class colors, the tables covered with snowy linen, beautifully relieved by sprays of fern and smilax, were spread with tempting viands.

One of the most impressive features about such an entertainment is the fact that it brings one face to face, as it were, with the stirring times, the momentous events, the forceful characters that moulded and shaped the beginnings of this great republic; that it must perchance renew our acquaintance with facts of our history which we seem quite likely to forget in these all too busy days. May a Kind Providence never permit Americans of the United States to forget what Americans of the colonies did to make this nation great and strong.

GRADES.

Clara Worby was enrolled in the A Sixth grade this week.

Mrs. Barr and Bovik visited the Eighth grade this week.

Mrs. N. N. Mickelson attended the exercises in the Fourth grade last week.

Mary Burns of the Third grade is absent this week on account of sickness in the family.

Mesdames Crandall, Wilkinson, Lee and Dffenbach were visitors in the A Sixth grade last Wednesday.

Miss Clara Baker, teacher of the B Sixth grade spent her Thanksgiving vacation in Chicago and visited the schools there Monday.

Pupils neither absent nor tardy from third grade: Ernest Brown, Mabel Crawford, Etta Empie, Roy Hohenshell, Mmie Hahn, Joseph Hatting, Minnie Hansen, Richard Judging, Louis Kime, Henry Korner, Albert Larsen, Esther Mickelson, Roy Morris, John Metzke, Chester Pierce, Clara Walso.

Those neither tardy nor absent in Fifth grade this month are: Walter Baker, Joe Barth, Maggie Deegan, Capitola Empie, Hazel Fisk, Lawrence

Fay, Florence Golesky, Edith Giles, Mary Hatting, Mabel Hodgman, Irma Jones, Lenore Jenkins, Louise Merritt, Fred Quedens, Elma Rosendall, Peter Thompson, John Weicker, Alva Worby, Linda Conden, Henry Joost.

Fourth grade neither absent nor tardy: Edith Bartholic, Elsie Bartholic, Nellie Bagnell, Myrtle Brown, Frances Breen, Cora Cowen, Glendora Cooke, Sadie Gibbons, Lena Hansen, Gene Horton, Ollie Jordan, Caroline Korner, Lura McLane, Ella Mickelson, Mary Nelson, Carrie Reed, Clarence Boyer, Ellsworth Drew, Howard Fisk, Eddie Farrell, Allen Grdith, Harry Hahn, Leslie Orr, Donald Palm, Leslie Radcliff, Willie Short, Bennie Stren, John Tock, Safford Wright, Herbert Gillespie, Fred Stevens.

East primary roll of honor, 33 for Nov.—Ruth Bartholic, Charlie Brendley, Harry Brendley, Ethel Coulter, Charlie Deegan, Emma Hansen, Emma Jacobsgaard, Edith Quedens, Emma Tock, Evelyn Morris, Ernest Reeb, Ernest Crawford, Christine Hahn, Charlie Reed, Arta Drew, Artie Roeder, Beatrice Short, Bertie Hahn, Freddie Hammin, Freddie Jacobson, Frank Peterson, Gladys Scott, Ira Boyer, Johnnie Weber, Johnnie Deegan, Leroy Bergman, Leslie Bartholic, Lydia Hill, Silas Pierce, Louise Sorenson, Leo Roeder, Richard Baker, Sadie Worby.

PROPHECY.

It has probably been the privilege of each member of this most worthy class to have heard of that ancient place in Greece called Delphi, where that most famous oracle of the Greeks is situated.

Curiosity having seized the members of the Senior class led them (by means known only to themselves) to consult this oracle as to the future of the class following them; to keep this ever fresh in the minds of the Juniors some miniature omens of their future greatness have been procured.

Prophecy of class of 1902 as recorded by the oracle at Delphi in the year 1900 A. D.

Under the worthy tutorage of Uncle Horton, Sister Plank and Auntie Britt the mind of Methuselah Hoffman will be turned inside out and he will be seen longing for the robe of a preacher. His voice (so no doubt you have noticed) has attained a mark of excellency and he will soon be heard singing the hymns from this book—the echoes will resound up and down the ventilators.

As for hopeful Leach: She beseeches your pity—her time is taken up lugging around this pen and tablet, articles with which she hopes to make her mark as an authoress.

Many years ago it was seen by the parents of Sophia Haise that she had marked ability for painting both in oil and in flesh colors. Her genius was noticed by everybody and soon her fame spread abroad. On account of her remarkable skill in this art while yet so young, the oracle has directed me to have presented to her these necessary articles.

I behold Azariah Ganzert with a little bunch of whiskers on his chin; he is the Deacon—with this lamp to light him through, he will never get stuck.

To Peacock Drew, This bundle we present to thee, it is a symbol of the teacher's art. If any should ignorant or unruly be, These properly applied will make them "smart."

In that world renowned and widely read paper, The Chicago American, expect to see some day—the advertisement of Ezekiah Perry, the famous chief, who has secured \$10 a day at Cape Nome. With this spider, he hopes to get "side er."

At some future time driving along the streets of London, doubtless you will see Uriah Reeder driving the country people of London to and fro. Although his cab is out of date or just a little ways back he will get there just the same.

In 1920 will appear in large red letters a concert bill of Thankful Naffziger. Projecting ourselves into the future let us attend her concert. As we entered the crash of applause was deafening. The concert—yes it was a concert indeed. We can not wait to speak to the musician for we either must leave now or wait fourteen hours to get out of Gardner. Yes her door receipts exceeded her expenses.

I seem to see in the famous city of Pekin a first class millinery store and on the single in brass letters, the words Madame Charity Baker—the renowned milliner and tailoress, who makes all kinds of hats and box coats for the boxers.

Perhaps in the near future we shall hear of Matilda Hennessey, residing on the Isle of Man, urging the smallurchins along the flowery path of knowledge.

If any should chance to go to Africa perchance in the Congo Free State, he will find Zephaniah Bovik, extracting the teeth of cannibals without pain—to himself.

Not many years hence we anticipate with the greatest of pleasure a visit to see Dorcas Mills, the cook who has raised the "dough."

To take the Mayor to the show, The spotless town is in surprise, to see them win the cake-walk prize. The pan cake offered at the show.

To Cynthia Brown, the oracle gives this candle which doubtless will aid her in her nightly studies for she is expected in the Supreme Court as a lawyer of great power.

The little old soldier is brown with age and his musket molds in his hands. Time was when he flew in a rage Melchizadek (Kern) young and stout, that was the time when he cut his thumb, for he knew not what he was about.

The oracle ascertained that although no mistake had been made in selecting Roxana O'Malley as orator, she saw that the fut ire held for her the higher position of trained nurse in which profession we shall behold her dispersing squills, paregoric and Mother Winstow's Soothing Syrup.

You see that Heaven has opened its book of fate, to something more than its present state. But of wishes, the best we can wish for you, is that you will continue the class of 1902.

What is a Kindergarten?

Many think a Kindergarten and its principles are new ideas, recently thought of, but this is not the case. In a Kindergarten, children acquire knowledge through the study and observation of nature, but this is not a new thought. The teaching of Christ and of the early Greeks, were accomplished through nature study, but it was not applied to child education until the time of Froebel. He was the first to make use of these principles; his method of carrying on this course of study was through the use of a series of objects called gifts and occupations, and by using the play instinct of the child as a means of development, he chose these means after fifteen years of study of child nature is desired and needs.

A child should spend part of his time in work, and part in play, although to those who are ignorant of the true worth of games, the play in the kindergarten seems unnecessary. Through the games the child develops mentally as well as physically, and some Kindergartners say they can accomplish more through them than any feature of the Kindergarten. Games develop the senses, attention, obedience, unselfishness, and teach numbers, color and the habits of animals thus bringing the child into close contact with the beauty of nature, and her processes. But the most important lesson the child learns through the games, is self control. The aim of all Kindergartners is to teach self control, and it is mostly through the games that this is accomplished. Without self control one cannot be free, for self-control is the basis of all true freedom, consequently, as the bent of a child's life is taken before he is seven years old, according to the scientist, and as environment is said to mean more than heredity; the responsibility of developing the better nature of the child, rests with his parents.

Although the child may find it difficult to control himself, he must do so in the games. He must wait patiently for his turn to come, and if he is not chosen to take part in the game, he must control his desire to do so. In the ball games, if the child drops his ball, it must remain on the floor, until the game is ended. The child finds it difficult to restrain himself and not join in the sport, in fact, even a grown person would have a strong desire to get the ball and try again.

Attention is called to trades through the games, and the child in playing them learns to know and respect the great value of labor, and the importance of the laborer, while at the same time they learn how many things are made. Thus a child learns much through games, and Froebel says "A child that plays thoroughly, with self-active determination, persevering until physical fatigue forbids, will surely be a thorough, determined man, capable of self-sacrifice for the promotion of the welfare of himself and others."

The child works with sticks, blocks, balls, rings, seeds and things with which he is familiar, and of which he is fond. He uses these to make constructions, which can be turned into number lessons, or lessons in science, color and language, he may also make forms of beauty, which would give him an idea of symmetry, and develop a love of the beautiful. He may learn historical facts, and an unlimited amount of general information, through these constructions, by having stories told him about the building or article which the construction represents.

Of course these constructions are not exact likenesses of the constructions they represent, but the child is supposed to draw upon his imagination, which is one of the lessons this work is expected to teach. Imagination arouses interest, and is essential to success. Without it we would have no inventions, there would be no music, poetry, architecture or sculpture without imagination.

The mat weaving, sewing cards, paper folding, free hand cutting and pasting, teach accuracy, obedience, promptness, neatness and attention, while they train the eye and hand to a greater extent than the building.

Music is an important feature of the Kindergarten. The children sing about the birds, the seasons, trade songs, lullabies, and all things found in nature. Children love these songs, and they have a joyous or quieting effect upon them. If the child is noisy, a lullaby may be sung, using the hands as a cradle, and he will become quiet and as sympathetic as if his hands were a real cradle, containing a real baby, again, if the child is tired a light joyous song may be sung, and he will enter into it

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with a beaming face. The children march to music, learning to keep time, which is a great help to them when they study music in the Public Schools.

They learn to play to music, and to march softly, slowly, skip, or do what the pianists them to do.

Thus the music, games, occupations, in other words the Kindergarten teaches attention, which is in every sense the prime condition of all mental operations, self-control, imagination, patience, unselfishness, observation, accuracy, neatness, gives science, number, color, history, language and spelling lessons, and trains the hand, and eye, at the same time the work is made play, as in the games, play is made work.

Dictionaries.

This paper has made arrangements to furnish Webster's Unabridged Dictionary to all subscribers who pay in advance for \$2 including the paper for one year.

They will make a nice christmas present for the children. We can also furnish a fine history of Lincoln including the paper for \$1.75. Call at this office and see samples.

New M. E. Church.

The new church at Streator, of which we wrote last week, was dedicated Sunday. It is one of the finest churches in the state and cost over forty thousand dollars.

The dedicatory sermon was preached by Bishop Hamilton, of California, and Rev. Curtis, of Aurora, raised the money in a good, old methodist style.

About \$15,000 had already been raised and paid, and Sunday the balance of about twenty-five thousand was raised.

The people of Streator are very proud of the handsome new edifice and it is said that Rev. Joe Bell, the pastor, and the Methodists generally have all grown a little taller and nearer Heaven and bigger, than ever before.

Joe Bell's incessant, judicious, christian work has certainly accomplished wonders, and his friends everywhere will congratulate him.

Francis Labadie

The renditions at Mazon Hall Monday evening by the Labadies were exceptionally entertaining. The program included Hamlet and thrilling renditions from Shakespeare and were of a highly classical and polished order. The Merchant of Venice and Shylock were exceedingly good. The evening was favorable for a greater attendance but the concert did not get the proportionate deserved, and should have had considering that the Labadies have been here before and given entire satisfaction.

Field Program.

A very entertaining Field program, was given at the M. E. church Thursday evening. The program consisted of readings, recitations, and songs, from the writings of Eugene Field, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience present. A short talk was also given by Mr. Brown, of Dayton, Ky.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our gratitude to those who so kindly sympathized with and assisted us before and after the death of our loved one.

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Railroad News.

With the new time table of me us it will be out.

Conductors Wolfe and Dunn, Lawler Crowder and Johnson are on the sick list.

Some of the trains went around by Streator to avoid the Odell wreck the other day.

Dwight has now reached the destruction of having a switch engine such is fame.

A couple of passenger conductors were laid off this week. It has said that "cash fares" have increased greatly of late.

Hereafter a charge will be made for checking bicycles, baby cabs, etc. nothing goes for baggage but wearing apparel.

510 according to the Bloomington Pantagraph striped herself on the Hummer, at Chenoa, and was brought down there last Friday.

Watchman Hagerty now has a house of his own. It might be remarked that the home is only large enough for one, and that Hershel is not premeditating matrimony.

The Wabash passenger trains nor h-bound passed over the C. & A. road from Pontiac to Dwight, Saturday morning, because of a wreck on the Wabash railroad. They took the 3 I to Reddick from here which put them on the Wabash again.

Officers Elected.

The officers nominated for the Sons of Veterans Camp last Saturday night are as follows: Captain, Thad. E. Gillispie; 1st. Lieut., Clay Parker; 2nd. Lieut. Freeman Spencer; Camp Council—S. H. Boyer, Fred Gillispie, Roy Westey. Delegate at large—Roy Seymour. Delegate—Clay Parker. Alternates, Herb Gillispie, Fred Gillispie. The election will be the next meeting, and the installation the first meeting in January. The camp will also put in several new members at that time.

G. A. R.

The following officers of the Post were elected Tuesday evening: P. Com. M. Seaber; S. V. Com. H. Spellman; I. V. Com. G. W. Boyer; Adj. Wm. Brown; Q. M. Jas. Williams; Sur. M. Reinhart; Chap. Geo. Hornberger; O. D. F. M. Davis; O. G. Chas. McClary; Q. M. Sergt. A. Walso. Delegate to Dept. Encampment—James Williams.

Junior Endeavor.

December 2, under the auspices of the Junior Endeavor the children of the Congregational Church rendered a program which should not have been missed by lovers of children and their efforts. The recitations, etc., were given so on children can give them and with that artlessness which is always so charming.

The evening was very pleasant and the congregation large and appreciative. The work evidenced zeal and careful training on the part of the Junior Endeavor and the Endeavor should be very proud of them. There were many compliments on the program by the audience, and they hope to see many more such entertainments.

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