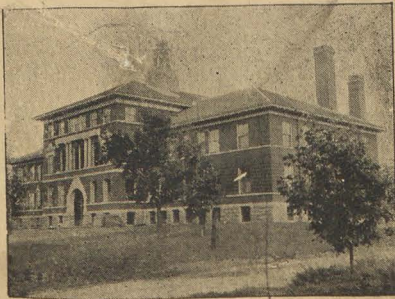


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1899.



THE NORMAL BADGER.

Many a genius has
been slow of growth.
Oaks that flourish for
a thousand years do
not spring up into
beauty like a reed.—
GEO. HENRY LEWES.

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With this number the BADGER begins its fifth year. A complete change has been made in the management of the paper. The school has long realized that the BADGER should be owned and operated by the school and not by some school society. A good live paper is very beneficial to the best interests of a school and should fairly represent it.

After due consideration it was voted to assume the responsibility of publishing the BADGER and to purchase it from the Normal Literary Society. Careful organization has been made—subscribers being members of the organization—and a complete new staff has been elected. Thus in taking the burdens from the shoulders of a few and dividing it among the shoulders of many, we expect the BADGER to jog off at a livelier pace than before, far distancing itself or even its heretofore critics.

We wish with this number to bring greeting to our old-time friends—faculty, past and present members of the school, advertisers, exchanges, and friends of education at large. We hope

to reward you for your faithfulness in the past, and to enlist your friendship for the future. We know of no time in the past when there has been greater friendship and support proffered than at the present, and it is very gratifying to us that we take up the work at such a time.

It shall be the aim of the BADGER in the future, as in the past, to bring the tidings of good cheer from our Alma Mater, representing each department of our school and its collegiate societies, as will be of interest to those who read our columns.

On the request of the alumni of this school we introduce an "Alumni Column" with Chas. J. Wentz of '99, now Principal at Whitehall, Wis., as editor. (All articles written for that column should be sent to him early each month that they may be forwarded to us in due time.) We feel that this department will receive proper attention by him as he strongly advocated such a column last year, while Editor-in-chief of the BADGER. This column should awaken a stronger feeling of loyalty among all who

have at some time in the past been connected with the school, as well as members of the alumni.

Let us renew our ties of friendship and keep in touch with our school, our colleagues, our classmates and our teachers, and show our loyalty by supporting OUR BADGER. Every subscriber should notify the business manager AT ONCE of any change of address.

With this issue of the NORMAL BADGER we have hitched our wagon to the star of journalistic glory; we do not hope always to find smooth sailing, but expect to stumble oft over stony paths that will lacerate our tender hearts. Yet we mean to buckle

on the armor of indifference, lest we be wounded by the bitter pills of censure that we shall find sprouting by the wayside. We shall arm ourselves with the sword of deathless courage, to protect us from the winds of adversity that will rain upon us. We shall keep the banner of hope ever flying, lest in life's ungrateful ocean we faint from the thirst of unrecognized ambition. We are here to win glory, even if we have to commit embezzlement or matrimony to attain it. Let no man lay a breath of calumny in our path, lest he be compelled to eat in bitterness the waves of wrath that shall blaze from high heaven upon his hapless head.

LITERARY.

A Day on the Rhine.

—
W. J. Brier.

"The Rhine! the Rhine! a blessing on the Rhine!" At an elevation of three hundred feet in one of the spires of Cologne's noble cathedral we get our first good view of the Rhine. Across the river the plain stretches before us with little interruption, but as we turn our eyes up stream we see in the distance, in spite of an unfavorable atmos-

phere, the Seven Mountains, northern outposts of that series of mountain chains which find their culmination in the majestic peaks of the Pennine Alps, two hundred miles farther south.

The next morning finds us rattling over the stony streets, on top of the hotel bus, in the direction of the wharf. The great Dom, to whose wonderful pinnacles we bid a reluctant farewell, the market street thronged

with German peasants chatting gaily in the midst of a queer combination of dogs and carts and vegetables, the many omnibuses contending for right of way with street cars drawn by mules, all awaken the most lively interest in the minds of the Badgers.

At the wharf a busy scene presents itself, for at this season of the year,—it is the first day of August,—the Rhine is a great thoroughfare for tourists, it being estimated that a million people visit it annually.

Continental conveyances know no such motto as that of the Omaha Railroad, or if they do they fail to practice it. They are not "Always on time." They are generally late, but when they *do* start everybody knows it. The starting of a public conveyance seems to be the occasion for the exercise of a little brief and noisy authority. At the railroad station it finds vent in the blowing of a horn and in vociferous orders answered in kind. Here, instead of a horn, we have a bell. It is rung violently for a few minutes and gives warning that some one is thinking of getting ready to start. The helter-skelter going on among passengers, porters and officials is slightly increased. After an interval of silence the bell jingles longer and louder and our boat swings away from the wharf only a few minutes behind schedule time.

The Rhine express boats are comfortable,—in fair weather, at least,—and their prices for transportation and meals are reasonable. Most of the officials can speak little or no English and a large share of the passengers, on our boat at least, had no speaking acquaintance with German. It is surprising that foreigners who are in daily contact with English and Americans, and who have the spur of business interests, should learn so little of our language. Hotel keepers, railroad guards and ticket sellers, porters and waiters, mixing with Americans four or five months in the year learn almost nothing of the language, and many of them are unable to understand the simplest words pertaining to their lines of work.

The Rhine shores between Cologne and Bonn are flat, and comparisons are made with the Hudson to the advantage of the American stream. Our boat stops for a few minutes at Bonn, a town famous for its university, the magnet which draws to it as residents many Americans and English. It has been the habitation of man since the Roman general, nicknamed Germanicus, made a camp here and, conquering the Germans, laid this whole territory under tribute to the Eternal City.

Soon after leaving Bonn we see the far famed Drachenfels (Dragon's Rock), lifting its castled head a thousand feet into the

azure. It is one of the Seven Mountains, and whether or not Siegfried's dragon ever lived in the cave in the side of the mountain, there is certainly no disputing the fact that it might have lived here as well as anywhere. The spot is certainly beautiful and romantic enough to grow heroes and dragons, and all other products of the middle ages.

The scenery improves as we go farther up the stream and we are compelled to admit that the Rhine shores have a charm not found in the shores of the Hudson. Perhaps it is not that nature has done so much more for the Rhine, but that man has done so much more for it. The banks are highly cultivated and even where they are almost solid rocks earth has been carried up on human shoulders to afford an opportunity for the growth of the vine. The vineyards, instead of detracting from the beauty, as might be supposed, rather add to it. They are more attractive than American underbrush, but their identity does not seem perfectly obvious to all travelers, for one lady, at least, did not recognize them as vineyards until late in the afternoon. She may not have cared much for that kind of scenery and was, perhaps, "doing the river" for the sake of saying she had been there. One young lady about fifteen years of age spent nearly

the entire day in reading a story book, scarcely paying any heed whatever to the beauties of the landscape. I wonder if the fact that her home is within sight of the Rocky Mountains had anything to do with her indifference.

We pass the castle of Rolandseck, as well as many others, and give a thought as we pass to Roland, the faithful lieutenant of the most conspicuous figure of the dark ages, Charlemagne. We had seen the great emperor's burial place the day before in the historic old city of Aachen (Aix la Chapelle).

Early in the afternoon Coblenz is reached and the cameras are in requisition, not turned towards the city, however, but directed towards the opposite bank where stands the steadfast castled rock of Ehrenbreitstein (Honor's broad stone). For a thousand years the fiercest waves of war have rolled about the base of this wonderful fortification and but three times has it succumbed to an enemy, once by the betrayal of its commander and twice by the starvation of its garrison. It now has storage room for provisions sufficient to last 8,000 men ten years while a well 400 feet deep to the level of the river affords a water supply. The fort will accommodate 14,000 soldiers. It is easy of access from Coblenz by a bridge of boats. The bridge stands open for our

steamer to pass, and a company of soldiers waiting on the bridge, their guns glistening in the sunlight, make an interesting picture against the background of the Gibraltar of the Rhine.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

At the Pinetree's Feet.

The trees are grey and cheerless,
The wind blows cold and drear;
For Summer's dream is ended
And Winter's gloom is here.

A leaf, too soon forsaking
The sighing parent tree,
Is caught and held and jostled
By the wind so wild and free.

It rises, falls and rushes,
It whirls in mad career,
Grows sick with ceaseless motion,
And quakes with nameless fear.
Yet, helpless, still is hurried
The wanton wayward leaf;
The wind gloats o'er its weakness,
Now moans the tree with grief.
But here at last is rescue
And comfort—oh, so kind!
A graceful pinetree shelters
Safe from the cruel wind.
The leaf floats gently downward,
Finds peace and safe retreat.
Finds heavenly ease and comfort
There at the pinetree's feet.
And lo! The clouds are breaking
For mercy, gentle dove,
Upon the graceful pinetree
Bestows a crown of love.

JAMES C. CUTHBERT.



SCIENCE.



Facts, Law, Hypothesis, Atom and Theory are terms very much used and misused in Chemistry. The chemistry class has just mastered these terms, but a brief review will not be out of place.

Every real chemist begins his work by experimenting and establishing *facts*. For example, he will demonstrate both by analysis and synthesis that water *always* contains one weight of hydrogen and eight weights of oxygen. Common salt *always* consists of 23 weights of sodium and 35.4 weights of chlorine. He will test many other compounds and in each case he will find similar results. Then he sums

all these facts up in the *Law of Definite Proportion* which says, "Any given chemical compound always contains the same elements in the same proportion by weight."

On further investigation the real chemist finds the *fact* that some elements form more than one compound with each other. He probably discovers that hydrogen and oxygen unite not only to form water but also to form hydrogen dioxide. He will find that sulphur and iron may form three compounds, nitrogen and oxygen five. He discovers another *fact* when he examines the quantity of each element that

was required in the different compounds. For water it required one weight of hydrogen and eight of oxygen; for hydrogen dioxide it required one weight of hydrogen and sixteen of oxygen. In the compounds formed by sulphur and iron the ratios were:

32 S : 56 F E;

64 S : 56 F E;

96 S : 112 F E.

Similarly in the compounds formed by nitrogen and oxygen the ratios were:

28 N : 16 O;

28 N : 32 O;

28 N : 48 O;

28 N : 64 O;

28 N : 80 O.

In the second of the first group it requires just twice as much oxygen as in the first, not one and one-half, nor any other fraction. In the second and third groups similar relations are discovered. Every subsequent number is a multiple of the first number. From these *facts* the chemist gets the *Law of Multiple Proportion*, which is, "If two elements form several compounds with each other, the different weights of one that combine with a fixed weight of the other, bear a simple ratio to each other."

These *laws* are based upon *facts*, therefore we know they are true. Next we must try to find out why the laws hold good, we must seek a cause. We know the law of gravitation is true,

for we see bodies fall to the earth every day; but the law does not explain the cause.

Dalton proposed a *hypothesis* which has since developed into the most important *theory* of chemistry, the *Atomic Theory*. As to the divisibility of matter, two views are advanced. First, take any elementary substance, as iron, and divide it. We know that we can subdivide every piece of it as long as we can see it. When the piece becomes very small, we may imagine that the process of dividing can be continued forever. If we believe this we hold the *hypothesis* that matter is infinitely divisible.

Again we may say that iron is divisible only to a limited extent,—that after subdivision has been carried on for some time, the particles will become very minute, and will admit of no further division. The minute particles have been called *atoms*, after a Greek word which means indivisible. If we hold the latter belief, we advance the *hypothesis* that matter is not infinitely divisible. These two *hypotheses* have been tested for many years; the latter has stood the test in every way, and is now advanced as the *Atomic Theory*. We must always bear in mind that the atomic theory is nothing but a theory; therefore avoid the use of such words as atom and molecule when other words will do as well.

The Oceanic.

The gigantic strides which master-mechanics of to-day are taking, towards perfection in the art of ship-building, are a source of interest and wonder, even to us who live so far inland that our lives are passed without a glimpse of the sea. The story of the evolution of the dug out, propelled by a naked savage, to the Oceanic of to-day is one that would vie with the average novel for interest. The Oceanic is the largest boat afloat, in fact the next larger one is 42 per cent smaller. If the Great Eastern were still afloat, the Oceanic would be compelled to divide honors with her, not in length but in breadth and carrying power, for while the Great Eastern could accommodate 4000 passengers, the Oceanic can carry but 2100; she has, however, nearly twice the speed which more than compensates.

Her engines which throb many feet below the surface of the water drive the screws with the power of 27,000

horses and devour coal at the rate of six to seven hundred tons a day, or more than enough to load a train of 35 cars.

She has seven complete decks, one above another, and from the top of the seventh to the floor of the first it a distance of 98 feet, 69 feet of which is above the water. She is 704 feet long—more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile—and were she laid along the Normal Campus she would project 32 feet on either end.

The largest room aboard is the saloon, which has the generous proportion of eighty-four feet in length and sixty-four feet in width; it can seat comfortably three hundred and fifty persons; it has elaborate decorations among which are four allegorical figures that represent respectively Great Britain, America, Liverpool, and New York. Her vast size and weight insure a degree of spacious comfort and steadiness, which have never before been realized in ocean travel. The total cost of the vessel was five million dollars.

SOCIETIES.

NORMAL ATHLETIC CLUB.

Five to Five.

The game between the Normal and Alumni teams, which opened the football season here, resulted in a tie, each team scoring one touchdown and failing to kick goal.

Although much the lighter team, the Normals succeeded in keeping the Alumni from gaining through the line, the one touchdown that was made by the

“aggregation of old-time stars” being the direct result of a long end run by Rand. Normal scored on a long run by Emmingham and a number of short gains through centre and tackles by Bewick and Larson. Lack of practice was shown by constant fumbling, Normal being the greater offender in this respect. The play of the school team showed that with a little coaching they can easily be made a winning team.

Hudson vs. Normal.

On Saturday, the twenty-third ult., the Campus was the scene of a one-sided contest between the elevens of the Hudson High School and the Normal. To say the least, some of the Hudson players were in no condition to play football and Normal circled their ends and dug through their line almost at will. Emmingham succeeded in planting the pigskin back of Hudson's goal line three times, and kicked goal once, making the score at the end of the game read 16 to 0. Osen and Bewick also did good work. Normal showed great improvement since the Alumni game, fumbling but twice during the fifty minutes of play.

Interscholastic Schedule.

The football schedule of the St. Croix Interscholastic League is as follows: Oct. 7, Hammond vs. Normal at River Falls; Oct. 14, Normal at New Richmond, River Falls High School at Hudson; Oct. 21, Hudson at New Richmond, Hammond at River Falls; Nov. 4, River Falls High School at New Richmond, Hudson at Hammond; Nov. 11, Hammond at New Richmond, Normal at Hudson.

Y. M. C. A.

- Oct. 11: Glen Folsom—How to get nearer to God.
Oct. 18: A. M. Thompson—Christian Fellowship.

Oct. 19: Edward Mooney—Promises which mean most to me.

Nov. 1: Crist Bergh—"Bear ye one another's burdens."

Devotional meetings are held every Thursday afternoon at 3:20. Our purpose is to lead students to Christ and to the deeper experience of a consecrated life. Students and faculty invited.

Young Men's Bible class Sunday morning at 9:15 at J. E. Hale's. Our work follows the course outlined in the Union Gospel News, copies of which may be found in the Normal library.

Noon-day prayer-meetings are held in President Brier's room every day at one o'clock. The object is to keep us in closer touch with our Saviour and with one another. All members of the school are cordially invited. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Studying lessons on Sunday is theft of the time that belongs to God.

Y. W. C. A.

- Oct. 3: Ella Getchell—Pleasure vs. Duty.
Oct. 10: Minnie Webb—My Influence, What Shall it Be?
Oct. 17: Anna Hatch—What has

Christ Done for Me?

What Shall I do for Him?

Oct. 24: Margaret Anderson—
The Consecrated Student.

Oct. 31: Maud Irle—An Ideal
Life, and How to attain it.

The regular meetings of the Y. W. C. A. are as interesting and profitable as ever. There is now a membership of twenty-three, and it is steadily increasing. Meetings are held every Tuesday evening at 4 o'clock in the music room. All come and help us by your presence.

The Y. W. Bible-study class meets in two divisions—one on Thursday from 4 to 5 P. M.; the other, Sunday, from 9:15 to 10:15 A. M. Work is based on Laura Wild's "Women of the Bible." All young ladies invited to join.

The purpose of my being is to do the will of God.

Normal Glee Club.

At its first meeting the Glee Club elected the following officers for the fall term of school: John E. Hale, President; Archie Shepard, Secretary; W. F. Tousley, Treasurer.

A by-law fixing the qualifications of members has been added to the constitution.

A goodly number of new members have joined the club this term, taking the places of the members of the senior class of last year.

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New apparatus has been ordered for the gymnasium.

Miss Grace Scott's mother visited her, about the middle of September.

Fine new pianos add to the attractiveness of the music and kindergarten rooms.

Perhaps no others of the school appreciate the new piano more than the Glee Club.

Chas. Purves, Frank Otis, and T. Moynihan called at their school home during the month.

Pres. Brier's morning talks on his European trip have been very interesting and instructive.

Miss Emma Jenson has withdrawn as regular attendant, but is observing work in the model departments.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Swartz left recently for Madison, where they will attend the University this year.

Some of the friends of Ella White will, no doubt, be surprised to learn of her marriage to Mr. E. E. Finch, of St. Paul.

Anyone desiring a certificate of membership in the Fisk Teachers' Agency please apply to the manager of the BADGER.

Miss Eleanor Burnett has withdrawn from school on account of the illness of her mother. The senior class thus loses one of its members.

Prof. Sims (in U. S. history): "Recite the first paragraph of the Declaration of Independ-

dence." Student: "When, in the course of human nature——"

Willie Miller, a little boy in the sixth grade, spends his spare time in doing some fine charcoal work under Miss Pardee's supervision. He is quite a genius.

Regent Lord and Mayor Dunn visited the school the 27th, in company with Mr. Walters, architect of the new building, and Regents Thompson and Rockwood.

The enrollment in the Normal and Preparatory departments is exceptionally large for the fall term, being about two hundred fifteen; attendance is unusually regular.

Rev. W. J. Gray, of the class of '78, gave us a morning call on the 28th. The students listened with pleased attention to his brief address, crowded with wholesome, cheering suggestions.

Nicholas Schoeder, recent Vice-President of the Inter-Normal Oratorical League of Wis., has been obliged, on account of illness, to discontinue school work. Ella Getchell has been appointed his successor.

Rev. Holbrooke of Fond du Lac, who was exhibiting the Tissot pictures at the Congregational church, favored the school with a beautiful solo from the Oratorio of Elijah, at the Chorus period one day.

One hundred and forty-five new books have been added to the reference library; among them are: 55 on fiction, 7 on biography, 6 on geography and commerce, 28 on history, 14 on science, 17 on literature, and 4 on psychology.

Members of the school and faculty recently organized an oratorical association. The purpose of this organization is, primarily, to furnish an opportunity for training in oratory, for those desiring such work, and secondarily, to enable the school to furnish a delegate to the state oratorical contest, to be held in Milwaukee next March, who shall gain for us the highest honors of that contest, and eventually compete with the contestants at the interstate contest.

Charles Rand wheels over from Hammond frequently to spend Saturday and Sunday.

James Cuthbert, who has been ill for some days, is now able to resume his school work,

The Normal Literary Society elected for the ensuing term: Pres., Edward Mooney; Vice Pres., James Cuthbert; Recording Sec., E. Pearl Scott; Financial Sec., A. M. Thompson; Treas., C. Bergh; Serg.-at-Arms, F. R. Nash; Usher, W. F. Touseley; Consellers, Bessie Rounseville, Rena Adams; Trustee, Roy Baird.

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CHORUS.

Just one team, only just one team.

There are others we know,

But they're only a dream,

Sun or rain they can play the same,
They'll be ever victorious, our Football Team.

We're all in love with our colors,

Red and white, red and white;

We always so proudly will bear them,
In the right, in the right,

We'll show to our worthy opponents,
"Right is might, right is might,"

We'll cheer for our River Falls
Normal,

No matter what'er may befall.

CHO.

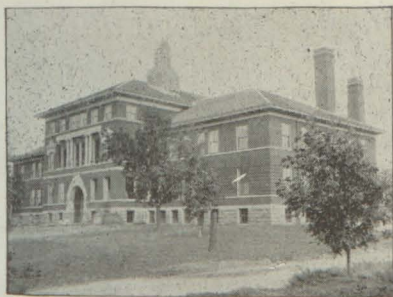
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