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*"Give thanks to God, he reigns above,
Kind are his thoughts, his name is Love;
His mercies ages past have known,
And ages long to come shall own."*

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In Memoriam.

By W. F. Lusk.

The news of the death of Harry L. Currier at Manila has brought a sadness to the hearts of his many friends and acquaintances that will not soon pass away. News of his being seriously ill with typhoid came early in September and a few days later his death was announced in the papers. A cablegram to his sister, later, destroyed the last vestige of hope in the hearts of his relatives and friends.

He was born Jan. 29, 1875, and grew to manhood on the farm west of River Falls. His first school years were spent in the district school of his home district. He entered the Normal in the fall of '88 as a member of the seventh grade of the Grammar department, where he soon became a leader of his class and a boon companion and true friend of his classmates. He remained an earnest

worker in the school until 1893 when he graduated from the Elementary course being chosen president of his class, in recognition of his work and character. The following year he taught as principal of the Eau Galle school, where, in spite of his youth, his sturdy independence and cheer-

ful enthusiasm won success and many friends for him. The following year was spent in the Normal doing junior and senior work. He entered the University of Minnesota with the class of '99, selecting mining engineering as a specialty, and during the three years of his work there he made for himself an enviable place

in the esteem of his instructors and classmates. At the time of his death he was a member of the Ariel board.

When the call for volunteers came he was among the first of the University students to offer his services and became a mem-



ber of Co. A, Thirteenth Minnesota Volunteers. He greeted the assignment of the regiment to Manila with joy and never faltered once in the hardships that followed. His letters to the end were buoyant and hopeful and showed no regret at his course but only joy at the privilege of being a member of the gallant Thirteenth. In one of his last letters he said, that while some had said that if they knew what they were to pass through none would again volunteer, he felt no regret over his action but that whatever came he should endeavor to do credit to his early training.

He always entered into the movements in which he was interested with a vim and vitality which almost invariably brought him success. Many a former student will recall the vigor and interest of his work in the school and Literary Society. Especially hard is it for his former friends and schoolmates in the Normal to realize that he is no longer one of them. His was a cheery, joyous disposition which made him friends wherever he went and his higher qualities of true manhood made his friendships lasting. His strong personality, his energetic enthusiasm, made his companionship something of high esteem. His sincerity was such that it was invaluable to be numbered among his friends. The thought that he is cut off

from a life of such unusual promise and usefulness cannot but be a bitter one.

How We are Situated.

Those of our readers who have not yet had opportunity to visit us since we left the quarters so kindly provided for us by the townspeople and entered the new Normal building will be interested to know how well the building is arranged for our comfort and welfare.

The new building is arranged with every convenience for the comfort and good health of the student and is modern in every respect. There is an abundance of light from the windows which may be supplemented on cloudy days by light from electric lamps. Constantly flowing streams of water in various places throughout the building take the place of the old time faucet. Noiseless floors take the place of the hollow floors of the old building in which all the echoes seemed to hide. The stairways are broad and easy of ascent and the arrangement of all recitation rooms except the science and drawing rooms on the same floor with the assembly room has reduced the labor of stair climbing to a minimum.

The recitation rooms are provided with chairs instead of the oldtime bench or desk and a liberal surface of slate blackboard has been provided for each

Normal Students and Teachers can have their eyes examined

room.

An abundance of light and air and an even temperature is provided for each room in the building, and great convenience of communication is secured by a telephone system which connects the rooms with the office and with each other.

The gymnasium is in a large room on the south side of the building and is so set apart that the room may be used for indoor sports as well as for the regular physical training classes.

In the model department the number of recitation rooms has been increased so that the practice work is now carried on with much greater facility than ever before. The supervision of the practice work again falls wholly to Miss Shultes, Miss Smith being occupied with work formerly assigned to Miss C. J. Caldwell, whose position is now vacant.

Much credit is due our resident regent, Mr. F. H. Lord, for his part in securing us so fine a building. Much time and labor has been given by Mr. Lord to this work for which he deserves the gratitude of the school and community.

Summer Session of the River Falls Normal School.

For some years there has been a growing demand on the part of the teachers of Wisconsin for "Summer Sessions of Normal

Schools". Recognizing this demand, a number of members of the faculty of this school will conduct a summer session of five weeks' duration, immediately after the close of school in June, 1899. It is hoped that the regular students of the school, attending this session, will receive credit for work satisfactorily completed.

Arrangements are being made for a Christmas prize story for the BADGER. Since the BADGER is trying to make expenses this year the prize will probably equal in value the prize given by the ancient Greeks to the victor at their national games, yet, we expect good results inasmuch as six contestants are already on record with prospects of a few more later. As the December number is now issued at the first of the month, contestants should send in their stories before the 20 of November. These stories will be submitted to competent judges who will select one to be published in the December number. We would be pleased to receive contributions for the contest from subscribers who are not now members of the school.

The members of the Y. W. C. A. are doing some good work in securing new subscribers for the BADGER. At the beginning of the year one free subscription was offered with each club of ten, later a rebate of 5 cents was

free by W. W. Taggart, Optician, River Falls, Wis.

offered for each new subscriber secured. The members of the Y. W. C. A. are securing subscribers and turning the rebate into the treasury of the society. As a result of one day's work, Miss Eleanor Burnett handed in a list of eight new subscribers. If you are interested in the work of the Y. W.'s and wish to help them as well as the BADGER send the names of the new subscribers which you secure to her.

The most trying day of all the week for the teacher, is Monday. On that day, oftener than any other day in the week, the student comes to recitation with a poorly prepared lesson. The teacher becomes cross and so does the pupil. The reason for this is easily found out. The end of the week's school work finds the student tired out; his brain is weary even though it be with well doing. The inclination is to use Saturday for recreation and rest. But the student must force his tired brain into preparing lessons for Monday unless he wishes to study on Sunday or appear with a lesson hurriedly prepared on Monday morning. Many students do not wish to study on Sunday and not having prepared their lessons on Saturday because their tired brains demanded rest, they attempt to accomplish as much work as possible on Monday morning, which effort rarely

succeeds in producing the desired result. Many schools are making Monday instead of Saturday the holiday of the week so that the student may rest on the day commonly set aside for that purpose and be fresh for the preparation of their first lessons of the week.

If such a course were followed in all schools would not better results be obtained? Would not the students come to the first recitations of the week with better prepared lessons, and so faster progress be made, and would not the teacher be saved the trying demands on her temper if such a change could be brought about? It would be interesting at least to try it.

Athletic.

The High School and Normal Foot Ball teams met for a short practice game on the campus, Oct. 4.

The High School team was heavier and so beat our boys, scoring one touch down. Jenson kicked a difficult goal. Score 6 to 0. Time; two 15 minute halves.

The Normal and High School teams played their second practice game on the normal campus Wednesday night, Oct. 19. Score 11 to 0 for the Normals.

The first regular game of the Normal team was played with Hammond Saturday, Oct. 22. Score 0-0.

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The management of the Foot Ball team ask all those who possibly can to come out and practice foot ball. There are a few positions on the team yet to be filled.

Let us try to have a successful team this year. We have plenty

of good timber if the boys will only get out and practice. If you can't practice yourself, show some enthusiasm. Pay up your dues in the N. A. C. so the grounds can be fixed up.

Come out to practice games and cheer up the boys.

KINDERGARTEN.

An Appeal.

OCTOBER 12, 1898.

MISS LAURA PECKHAM,

DEAR MADAM:—I am especially glad to hear your offer of wasps' nests and milk-weed pods, for there is a very interesting school asking for these.

Miss Pope, 247 E. 44th Street, New York City, is in charge of a childrens' Aid Society School, her room containing boys "too poor and too bad to be allowed in the Public Schools."

She writes me that their Nature Study is the thing they love best, and which has the most humanizing effect on them. Of course they find it hard to gather specimens of any kind, and she especially asked for wasps' nests, or "hornets" as she called them, and robins' nests.

I feel as if you had made me a dear personal gift when I think of the pleasure those boys will

take in your nests, and I am most grateful. Yours,

CAROLINE GRAY.

A beautiful box of "nature" was gathered by the primary school and sent to these poor boys. Cannot more respond to this call? We, living where birds' nests and cocoons are so plentiful could do so much for the poor city children. Then it might not be said—"the boys were too bad to enter the Public Schools."

Mrs. W. S. Ensign presented a picture to the Kindergarten.

There are about forty children enrolled in this department.

The birthdays of several of the children have been celebrated.

Miss Peckham visited the Minneapolis Kindergartens, Monday, Oct. 24.

The visitors at the kindergar-

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ten last month were Mrs. Chamberlain of Waterville, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Parker, Miss Radford of Oshkosh, and Chas. Seiler of Mondovi.

Mrs. Thatcher attended the

summer school of music in Chicago. Mrs. Gaynor's talks were on kindergarten music. We have received many helpful suggestions and find Mrs. Gaynor's song book for little children well adapted for the Kindergarten.

LITERARY.

A Country School in Vermont.

Continued from last month.

In summer the hill was covered by meadow grass, dotted with staring ox-eye daisies and dandelion blossoms. Here the earliest strawberries were found; and many were the scoldings given to eager strawberry loving children for trampling the grass. The foot of the hill on one side was fringed with raspberry bushes, whose roots sent up succulent sprouts in early summer. The pupils delighted in removing the briars and hiding in their desks large handfuls of these tender shoots to be taken out and eaten when the teacher's back was turned.

On the other side at the foot of the hill was a little mountain brook dashing noisily over and around large rocks, then for a short distance flowing so gently that only the grass at the sides told which way it was going. Here the children loved to amuse themselves by sitting on the bank

or a mossy rock, and with their bare feet dangling in the clear water, watch the shining speckled trout dart hither and thither.

Near this brook was a spring bordered by cowslips and buttercups, and always the cause of numberless excuses from school work. Although but a short distance from the school house, a surprisingly long time usually passed away before the pupil returned with the pail of water. Generally school work was suspended until each one had taken a drink; and of course every one was very thirsty.

To you who have never been one of these pupils, this old school house and the life spent in and around it, must always appear commonplace and uninteresting; but to many the most loving memories cluster around these childhood scenes of joys and sorrows.

Miss Ethel White, a graduate of this school, spent a few days at home.

Geo. J. Dodge, General Hardware, Umbrellas repaired.

Intellectual Life of the Egyptians.

A nation that is civilized must be a nation of intelligent people. The leaders, at least must have made considerable progress along intellectual lines. This growth will depend somewhat upon physical surroundings.

From pre-historic times the Nile has yearly overflowed its banks, inundating the entire valley. The greatest benefit was not the alluvial soil left ready for the hand of the husbandman, but by obliterating all land marks made it necessary for the Egyptians to have some accurate means of measuring their valuable land.

And thus, little by little, arose that greatest of all Egyptian monuments, geometry. "A monument," says Shroup, "that will stand when the time enduring Sphinx shall have ceased her vigils, and when the proud, gigantic pyramids shall have crumbled into dust."

The people were obliged to think closely and reason carefully. They connected the overflow of the Nile with the motion of the stars. The bright cloudless sky invited study. Their division of time into years and months was very nearly that in use now. Thus they became astronomers.

For ages Egypt was the most highly civilized nation on the globe. This could not have been had there not been universal

education. Although society was divided into castes, it did not prevent any great part of the people from obtaining at least, the rudiments of an education. There were two distinct kinds, or courses, of learning. The one spoken of as exoteric was very practical. The esoteric was for the favored few. Two classes, the swineherd and those who prepared the bodies for the embalmers were considered outcasts and could not be educated.

The common people were taught the three R's and along the line of their lifework. It was the duty of the parents to teach their own children, and as they were able to instruct only along the line of their own occupation, the same trade descended from father to son; but a promising child could be fitted for and enter a class far above the one he was born into if his parents or friends could give him proper teachers.

There was no law against his progress. There were schools of a high class in Memphis, Thebes, and other large cities. Their courses of study included, among other things, arithmetic, geometry, mensuration of land, astronomy, chemistry, architecture, sculpture, music, painting, morals and manners. Girls were eligible to this training and many availed themselves of it. These schools were under the control of the priests, and were

especially for priests, military men, judges physicians and literary men. All teachers must be strictly virtuous and very temperate both in eating and drinking. The reason was twofold; to set a good example and to escape becoming lazy. There are records that speak of the children of the lower class being educated together, but public schools were rare. The ancients looked upon Egypt as a school of

wisdom. Greece borrowed both her politics and learning from Egypt. She sent her great scholars: Pythagoras, Plato, Solon and others to Egypt to finish their education.

The Egyptian libraries are scarcely equaled by those of modern times. Among their works are several treatises on medicine, works on rhetoric, mathematics, legal and political documents, fiction and poetry.



SCIENCE.



Aerial navigation has long been considered one of the possibilities of the future. To solve the problem of human flight numerous machines have been invented; but they have all been lacking in one important element—the ability to fly. Now we hear of another called the Avion Flying Machine. It is the invention of a French engineer, M. Ader. In making the huge pair of wings that are to sustain the voyager in his flight, the author has closely copied nature. The screw propellers, that are to furnish the motive power are to be run by steam motors. Last October when the machine was being tested, it seemed that the hopes of the inventor were about to be realized, when an accident occurred which indicated necessary improvements before proceeding with the tests.

In his presidential address at the last meeting of the British association, Sir Wm. Crooks indicates the future utility of science solving questions of food supply for the increasing population of the world. He estimates that, at the present rate of increase of population, at no more distant date than 1931 the whole available area of wheat land must be utilized to supply the wants of the race; while in 1951, a great scarcity will prevail. He then proceeds to show how, by the application of nitrate of soda to the soil, the average annual yield of wheat can be increased three fold. The nitrate fields of the world are inexhaustible; and when science has learned how to capture the nitrogen in the air, with the powers of Niagara Falls at our disposal, Sir William, we

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shall have solved the problem of food supply for generations to come.

Mr. Lambe, F. G. S., of the geological survey of Canada, has recently discovered in the North West Territory the fossils of reptiles and fishes in the cretaceous rocks deposited in the latter part of the Reptilian Age. Some of the fossils were those of the dinosaurs, the largest reptile that ever lived. The dinosaurs were either herbivorous or carnivorous and varied from twenty to sixty feet in length. Some of them had three horns, one on the nose, the other two near the eyes. The skeleton of the hind limbs and pelvis of many members of this group much resembles those of the birds.

Question for the chemistry class—Which is more delightful ammonia or chlorine gas?

There were a great many absences last week owing to the inclemency of the weather.

Pres. Parker has sold his residence to Mrs. Guy. He will spend the winter in California.

Student Masters has been called to his home in England. If fortune favors him, he will join us again after the holidays.

R. B. Dudgeon of Madison, formerly principal of the Menomonie High School, has been appointed chairman of the visiting board for this year.

Y. W. C. A.

All are invited to the Tuesday afternoon prayer meetings.

Last Tuesday, Mrs. Tozer gave a very interesting and helpful talk on China: forces at work and difficulties to overcome.

The attendance at the Tuesday afternoon prayer meetings is encouraging, but there are many who have not yet attended. Come! We need your help and you need the meetings.

The Week of Prayer for students in Colleges and Universities was observed by holding noon-day prayer meetings. Though the attendance was not large, those who went felt strengthened and blessed.

Miss Martha Teal, Wisconsin State Secretary of Y. W. C. A., will visit our Association in the near future. Visits of former State Secretaries have always proved helpful, and we are anticipating with great pleasure an address by Miss Teal.

At the meeting, October 18, the interest was greatly increased by a stirring talk by Prof. Clark. In speaking of several of the kings of Israel he said, "They prayed as if everything depended upon God and worked as if everything depended upon themselves." He suggested that it would be well for us to do likewise.

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Focal.

Hallowe'en is coming.

Miss Maude Woode is teaching at Fern, Wis.

Miss Swenson left for home on account of illness.

Mr. Eaton has been a visitor of our school this month.

Miss Emma Graem has gone home on account of illness.

The Sec'y of the State Board of Health visited our school Oct. 17.

Miss Elsenä Mead was at Long Prairie a few days this month.

We are pleased to see that so

many new students are joining our ranks.

P. A. O'Keefe, and Carl and Bert Deyarmond are teaching in North Dakota.

We are glad to see Mr. Wentz in school again. He has been very ill of tonsilitis.

W. D. Parker and wife have visited our school several times during the past month.

Among the many visitors to the school this month was Miss Mae Woodman of St. Paul.

President Brier visited our sister school at Superior. Prof. Clark took his place while away.

A. J. Ingli of Plum City has secured the nomination on the Republican ticket in Pierce Co. for Co. Supt. succeeding Mr. Shaw who has held the office for six years.

Among the speeches from the rostrum during the past month were "How salmon is canned," by Prof. Clark; "Pedagogy learned from literature," by Prof. Sims; "Classification of books in the library," by Miss Currier.

The Senior Class at present consists of the following members;

Alta Horth,
Nina Lowater,
Arthur Gunnison,
Walter Leonard,
Chas. Purves,
Charles Wentz,
Oline Krogstad,
Alice Hemenway.

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Nelson Varnum, El. '95 has secured the nomination for Superintendent of Schools in Dunn Co. on the Republican ticket. As the nomination on this ticket in Dunn Co. is virtually an election, we congratulate Mr. Varnum on his success in securing the position. The people of Dunn Co. may also be congratulated for having secured so able a man to fill this important position.

On Saturday afternoon, Oct. 8, the Public and Normal schools held a labor picnic in the city park. The purpose of the picnic was to improve the park, and much work was done by the young men in the afternoon making roads, trimming trees and cleaning up brush and rubbish. In the meantime the ladies prepared a bountiful repast, and when this had been partaken of the young people joined in games which ceased only when darkness came on.

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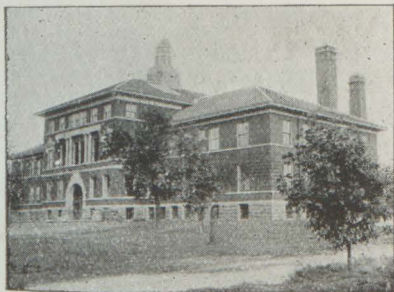
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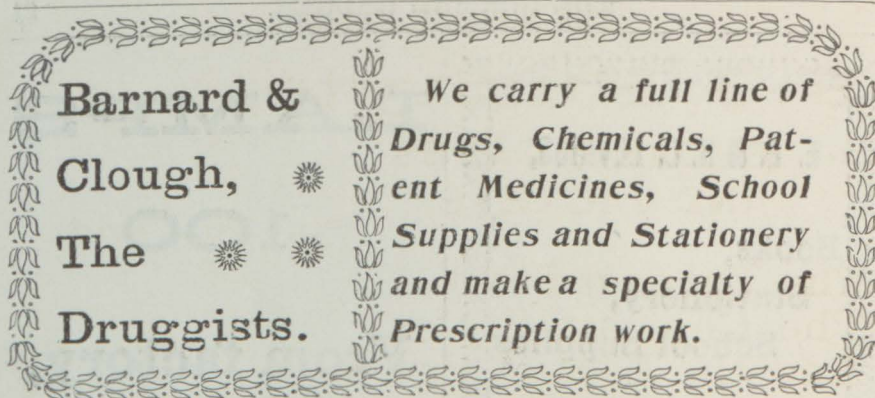
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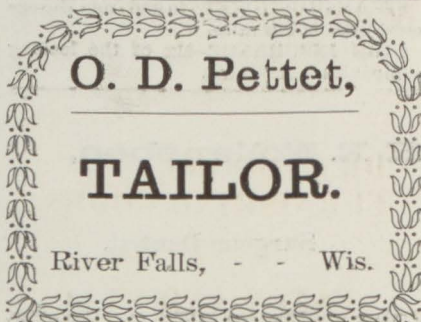
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