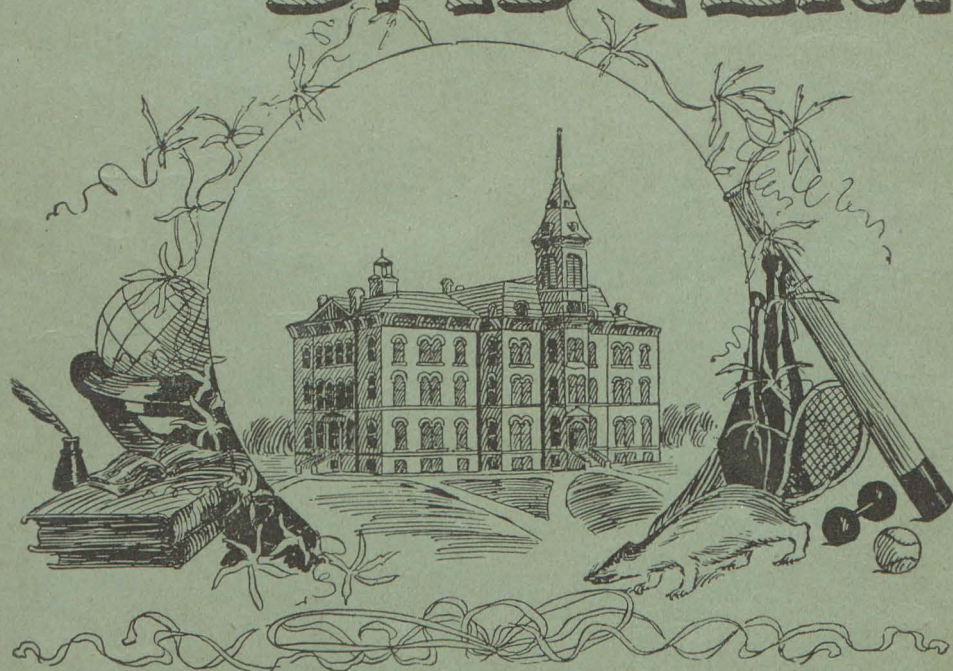




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✂ Editorial. ✂

Have we a senior class? In most institutions of this kind, and even in the lesser institutions, the class is organized long before the time comes to insure the graduation of all the members of the class. If our senior class waits until all the examinations are over before organizing, the class will leave the school ere we are hardly aware of their presence. A little more of spirit upon the part of our seniors might be an inspiration to the other classes to fall into line when the proper time comes. Now is the time to let the world know we have a class that finishes next spring, and not wait until the time for graduation arrives.

The opening rhetorical exercises of the school are both interesting and instructive. The young people who have already appeared before

the school have done themselves, and the school credit. The discipline that results from exercises of this kind is of the greatest value to the speaker. This is especially true for those who are preparing themselves for teachers. No matter how much book knowledge a teacher may have, if she cannot stand before an audience and express herself in an easy, natural style and use pure language, the public is just cruel enough to brand such a teacher as an ignoramus. Of course it is wrong for the public to be so cruel, but the best way is for the teacher to be prepared to meet these emergencies. Therefore, all earnest students should consider it a privilege to receive this training, and they should put into their rhetorical all the time and thought possible. Every such endeavor now may bear a rich harvest in the coming years.

The Christian Associations connected with the normal are patronized by a large number of the students. The earnest young men and women who compose these associations are doing a good work, and every student who respects religious progress should lend a helping hand to the members when the opportunity offers itself. Although differing in some respects upon questions of religion, yet the students of this school have that high sense of honor and respect for the opinions of fellow students that no discord has ever been produced in the school over any question of religion. It is a hopeful sign; it means that the days of religious persecution and proscription are past, and that young peo-

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ple are valued according to their real worth, no matter to what particular denomination they may belong. To any association that has for its mission, no matter by what name it is designated, the uplifting of human life and character The BADGER extends its best wishes. May the Christian Associations of the normal bear much good fruit during the present school year.

Another examination period has passed and the reorganization of the school completed. This examination period always brings disappointment and discouragement to some students. This ought not to be so but it is. But aside from the very few who may be physically weak, the great majority of failures is due to the pupils themselves. The reasons are many, but among the most noticeable are: 1st. The lack of close application to work. Loose study will not do. The student must get down to genuine drudgery and never rest satisfied until he has mastered the subject under consideration. 2nd. Taking too many studies. Perhaps this is one of the greatest faults. The student should use good judgment in making up his program and not try to do everything in a day. He who goes most rapidly in the normal oftentimes seemingly moves the slowest. Perhaps he who has taken fifteen or twenty terms in a subject before getting a final standing appreciates the above. 3rd. Spending too much time in the study room and not taking sufficient physical exercise to keep the body toned up to its normal condition. The mind can do its best work only when the

body performs its functions properly, therefore each student should guard against all bodily disease. It is not necessary for any student to be sick a day if he puts intelligence into his daily living. Other reasons could be given for these failures, but the above are sufficient to show that all legitimate examinations are proof of the divine law, "With what measure ye mete it shall be measured back to you again." Reforms must begin with the people, and if the past term has been unsatisfactory begin to reform self and the right results will be a certainty.

Our literary society has been interfered with during the past term as a result of social functions of other societies upon Friday evenings. The reason given by the managers of the societies foreign to the school for making Friday night the time for their doings is that it affords the students an opportunity to attend. We feel quite sure the citizens of the city have not had the matter clearly in mind or they would appreciate the fact that it is an injustice to the normal school to interfere with any phase of its work, more particularly the literary society. Most of the students who patronize the various societies of the city are also members of the literary society, so that when several events take place on the same evening the students are necessarily placed in an embarrassing position, especially if they belong to some church or other organization as many of them do. Every citizen of River Falls should feel a pride in the normal school and do nothing, consciously, that will in any way interfere with

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its best work. To that end may we not ask the citizens as a class to plan some evening other than Friday for the various social functions?

Copies of this issue of The BADGER will be sent to all members of the alumni of this school. We have been mailing a number of sample copies and in many instances the response has been a paid-up subscription for a year. However, whether subscribers or not we will be pleased to have short letters from the members of the alumni. These letters might be along the line of the writer's present work, but if any prefer to write tersely upon some other subject we will be pleased to give space to the same.

As the season approaches for our series of lectures, the question as to the kind of lectures we most need is paramount. During the past few years the speakers have been from the University Extension Bureau, and while they have been able men and given some very good lectures along their lines, yet there seems to be great dissatisfaction among the students and others whom we have heard express opinions. The majority of the students are getting all of the technical academic work that they can assimilate, and lectures upon questions such as have been given during the past series are anything but satisfactory. Most people will agree with Prof. Brier in his idea of the purpose of a lecture, viz: to inspire rather than instruct. He believes in obtaining a speaker of national reputation,—one who can stamp his own personality upon

on his hearers and incite them to higher and richer living. Such a speaker, of course, will demand more money than the ordinary speaker, but if the students and citizens in general in River Falls will give the matter serious consideration and each one make an effort to get the public stirred up to the benefits derived from such a course there ought not to be a building in the city large enough to hold the audience. If we are to have a course of lectures, by all means let us have the best. The best of anything is usually the cheapest. Let us hope that the committee having this matter in charge will be successful in getting a man who will be able to draw the people and give them something for their money.

Notes and Comments.

The word "consciously" is misspelled in the editorial comment. The mistake is the result of hasty proof-reading.

Prof. L. H. Clark will go to Minneapolis and eat his Thanksgiving turkey with an old college friend who is now a professor in the University of Minnesota. Mr. Clark will have something to say in the next BADGER concerning the above institution.

The following are the superintendents elected in our neighboring counties this fall:—Pierce, J. F. Shaw; St. Croix, F. W. Bixby; Dunn, Elvira Brickley; Pepin, W. H. Kratzer; Buffalo, W. J. Eberwein.

The librarians of the Stout Free Traveling Libraries are to hold a meeting in Menomonie Nov. 27th,

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1896. The meeting, consisting of an afternoon and evening session, will offer an excellent opportunity for all who wish to become acquainted with the workings of these traveling libraries.

November 6th, three days after election, W. J. Bryan was offered a salary of \$25,000 a year to act as attorney for a Chicago department store. Mr. Bryan refused the offer. Even though he had accepted, McKinley would have beaten him two to one.

The Kodak, of the Milwaukee-Downer Colleges, is among our best exchanges. The journal is managed and edited wholly by young ladies. It will be remembered that Downer College was united with the Milwaukee College about a year ago. Downer College has turned out some bright students and its union with the Milwaukee College ought to enhance the status of both institutions.

Prof. W. J. Brier was called to Milwaukee Friday, Nov. 6, to attend a meeting Saturday afternoon of the committee having in charge the enterprise of securing the N. E. A. meeting in Wisconsin. Went from there to Oshkosh to inspect the normal school, being chairman of the committee appointed by the state superintendent for that purpose. Reports an interesting visit to our sister institution, which he pronounces a most excellent school possessed of a spirit of earnestness wholly admirable and praiseworthy.

Mrs. Watson's maiden name was Maclaren. Ian is Gaelic for John, therefore Mr. Watson's nom de plume. It is a beautiful tribute to

a loving mother to have her name associated inseparably with the finished product of the best thought of a son of genius.

State Superintendent Emery was with us one day in the last week of September, and while here gave a talk during the morning exercises. He spoke of the advantages afforded us here in the way of buildings, faculty, apparatus and so forth, and then explained what the state demanded in return for the privileges offered. It was a very practical address to teachers and no one who listened could help realizing the importance of the profession. Mr. Emery's remarks are always inspiring and his visits to the normal are welcomed by both faculty and students.

—*The Normal Pointer, Stevens Point.*

Partial arrangements have been perfected whereby the normal school of this place will debate with the normal of Platteville some time next May. Our school will have three representatives who will be chosen some time during the winter in a competitive contest. No doubt there will be quite a number to enter the contest.

The high school teachers of this city joined the high school teachers of St. Croix county last Saturday in Hudson, where a profitable afternoon session was spent in discussing pedagogic topics. Principals Ames, of New Richmond, and Callahan, of Glenwood, are among the few high school principals who are patrons of every educational association, whether it be a state association or a county institute.

Overshoes, felt shoes or any other kind of shoes at Wadsworth's New Shoe Store. Shoes to fit your feet and prices to fit your pocket-book.

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✂ Locals ✂

Miss Jessie Hunt spent a few days at the normal during her vacation.

Prin. J. C. Thompson, of Spring Valley, was seen upon our streets recently.

Mrs. Flack, from Elk Horn, one of the official visitors, was with us a few days last term.

Miss Shultes went to her home in Kasson, Minn., for a few days at the end of last term.

The third and fourth year students are giving their rhetorical for morning exercise this term.

Mrs. Erickson, from Centreville, is staying for a week with her daughter, who is attending the normal.

Some of the visitors during the month were Mr. Ainsworth, Mrs. Grassley, Mrs. Johnson, and John O'Keefe.

Miss Scott was absent for a week near the end of last term, as her presence was required at Kansas City on business.

Miss Julia Youngman spent part of last week visiting friends here and at Ellsworth. Miss Youngman will spend the year in St. Paul pursuing the study of vocal music.

Misses Shultes and Smith went to St. Paul Oct. 29th to hear Dr. Watson's (*Ian Maclaren*) lecture upon Scotch character. They returned that day very much pleased with it.

Hallowe'en passed off very quietly this year. Of course a few door-bells were wildly rung, jack-o'-lanterns exhibited and tin horns blown, but nothing very daring was accomplished.

Election day was little different than any other day at school. W. A. Clark gave a rhetorical upon elections, and the teachers and students who are qualified to cast their ballots did so at noon or after four o'clock.

The faculty conducted the examinations upon a different plan than usual. Instead of having a regular examination for two hours, each class was given a test for two days during the recitation period, and most of the papers were not filed.

The smiling countenance of J. D. O'Keefe is seen among us frequently and is always a pleasing sight to the older students. Since McKinley's election "Jack's" face is fairly radiant and any one who hasn't heard him say "Didn't we do them up, though?" has missed something worth hearing.

The students who entered the normal at the commencement of the second term are:

Maggie O'Connell, New Richmond.
May Gerrity, Boardman.

Catherine Salmon, Cylon.

Hanna " "

John " "

Stella McDermott, Hudson.

Delia Sammon, "

Wm. A. Ross, "

Josephine Johnson, River Falls.

Oscar Berseng, "

Glen J. Healy, "

G. A. Hoyt, "

David Flint, "

Alice Murphy, "

R. H. Works, "

Ethel Bergman, "

Emma Iverson, "

Mabel S. Hawley, "

Frank W. Otis, "

Oscar Shern, Afton, Minn.

Catherine Russell, Rice Lake.

Edward L. Dillon, Hammond.

Mary Barret, "

Henrietta Rockstad, Gertrude.

Anna L. Hatch, Star Prairie.

Harry C. Eaton, Augusta.

Gertrude Cummings, Point Bluff.

Knute Larson, New Centreville.

Belle Thompson, Baldwin.

Mr. Hyde, assistant state superintendent of Minnesota, and Mr. Weld, superintendent of Stillwater, paid us a visit Oct. 23. Mr. Hyde, in his address to the school, said that this was his first visit to a Wisconsin school, and he had learned that Minnesota is not the only state with a good normal school.

The literary society gave a social Friday evening, Nov. 6th, at the end of last term. Upon arriving the company found a number of puzzles to be solved. Next a short program was given composed of songs, charades in shadow and a speech by a dwarf. They then joined in a grand march

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and engaged in games until half past ten, when they dispersed, after passing a pleasant evening.

Dr. Fellows, of the Chicago University, spent a part of two days of last week inspecting the work of the school for the purpose of determining its standing in relation to the institution which he represents. Dr. Fellows addressed the school briefly, but long enough to reveal to his hearers scholarship and ability of a high order. He is a worthy representative of the great institution with which he is connected.

Science.

Flames.

In all ordinary kinds of illumination flames are the immediate source of light. Whether we use gas, a lamp or a candle, the light comes from a flame. In the first case the gas is used directly; in the second, oil is first drawn up the wick, then converted into gas and this gas burns, while in the candle the solid material is first melted, then drawn up the wick, converted into gas and this gas burns, forming a flame. In each case, then, there is a burning gas, and this burning gas we call a flame.

Many very pretty and striking experiments illustrate these different points about flames.

KINDLING—TEMPERATURE.

In the case of a lamp or candle it is evident that enough heat is necessary first, to change the oil or solid material into gas, and further, it is necessary that this gas be raised to a certain temperature before it will burn. This is shown in a very striking manner in the following experiments:

Ex. 1. Light an alcohol lamp or a candle. Bring down upon the flame a piece of fine brass or iron gauze. There is no flame above the gauze.

Ex. 2. That some of the gas passes through unburned can be shown by applying a light just over the gauze above the flame. The gas will take fire and burn.

Ex. 3. Light the lamp or candle again and put the gauze over it. Blow

the flame out and quickly apply a light *above* the gauze just over the lamp. There will be a flame above the gauze but none under it.

By simply passing through the thin wire gauze the gas is cooled below its burning temperature and does not burn unless it is heated up again.

Questions:—"How does the wire gauze cool the gas?" "Is the principle illustrated above utilized by any class of workers?"

STRUCTURE OF FLAMES.

The structure of flames depends somewhat upon the complexity of the gases burned and the surrounding conditions. In general all flames are much like those of the lamp or candle. With a flame before you notice first, the inner dark part. This contains unburned gas, which is for the most part cool. Part of it is, however, hot and would combine with oxygen, or in other words, burn, were it not for the fact that it is surrounded by an envelope which prevents the access of air containing oxygen. This envelope is the bright part of the flame. Here the gas is combining with the oxygen, hence it is hot. The hottest part of the flame is the extreme tip, for here the oxidation is taking place most rapidly. These facts may be shown by the following experiments:

Ex. 4. Introduce the head of a match quickly through the outer envelope into the very center of an alcohol flame. It will not burn as there is no oxygen with which it can unite.

Ex. 5. Draw out a glass tube at one end so as to leave an opening not too small. Introduce the large end into the center of flame, and after a short time apply a light to the upper small end. The gas from the center of the flame will be conducted through the tube and will burn when a light is applied, as it now has the oxygen of the air with which to unite.

Ex. 6. With the same apparatus blow down through the tube and a flame will appear at the lower end, inside the flame of the lamp. Here, as before, oxygen has been supplied, with which the gas unites.

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Mr. H. (student in chemistry) "Now,

Professor, I don't understand about this poison." Prof.—"Well, Mr. H., you take a drop of it and it will kill the biggest dog that ever lived."

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Teacher (science)—"What is meant by the Nebula Hypothesis?"

Student—"It is a gas."

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Teacher (science)—"Why does a bullet shot from a gun possess more energy than the gun?"

Pupil—"Because the energy was used up pulling the trigger."

✂ Current News. ✂

The death of ex-Speaker Crisp occurred at his home in Georgia, Oct. 22.

The corner-stone of the Hall of History was laid in Washington, Oct. 21. This is the beginning of a group of buildings to compose the American University.

The College of New Jersey at Princeton celebrated its centennial anniversary and changed the name of the college to the Princeton University.

It is believed that if the Cubans are not captured by spring their independence is assured. They have taken the offensive. Maceo threatens Havana.

Turkey again assures the powers that it will protect its foreign population against the massacres of the Turks. With this assurance comes the news that more massacres have been committed.

✂ Literary. ✂

The officers of the N. L. S. elected for the ensuing term are as follows:

President, J. J. Enright; Vice President, Mary McCabe; Secretary, Belle Deans; Financial Sec'y, Chas. Oltman; Usher, Hugh Gallagher; Sergeant-at-arms, Oliver Needham; First member Board of Councillors, W. A. Clark; Second member, Emma Roberts; Trustee, D. L. Hennessey;

Upon the new officers depends the success of the society. It is to be hoped that all the officers-elect will

be prompt in response to the demands of duty, even at the sacrifice of personal interests if the circumstances demand it. Our society can be fruitful only in proportion to the amount of labor put into it. Therefore, let no officer or member shirk his duty. Let us make the present term among the best. We have the talent, and if our managers will see to it that a few members do not get a monopoly upon the society there may be an increased interest taken in the work. To the new officers,—Success!

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The new administration of the Literary Society was ushered in under the most favorable auspices. The membership, already nearly eighty, is increasing at a rate unprecedented in the history of the society. Never before have so many of the students been enrolled as members of the society. It is evident that students generally are at last awakening to an appreciation of the possibilities for good that are offered by the society.

The out-going administration was an exceptionally strong and successful one. The new president will be measured by no ordinary standard. But if there were any who doubted Mr. Enright's ability successfully to measure with the strongest of his predecessors their doubts must have taken wings as they listened to his able and eloquent inaugural address.

Among other things he dwelt forcibly upon the fact that we are constantly being compared with students of other schools with regard to our ability suitably and forcibly to express the conviction that is with us. That this comparison usually results unfavorably to us. This should not be so. We have all the opportunities of other schools to develop power in the use of language, and the greatest of these is the Literary Society. We must use our opportunities and acquire this power so that when the challenges come, as they are coming, from the north and from the south we shall be able and willing to accept them.

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The last challenge that has come to the N. L. S. is one from the literary

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society of the Superior Normal School. This is a challenge to a debate, leaving time, place and subject to be decided upon later. Our society is holding the challenge under consideration for one week. It is to be hoped that the society may see its way clear for the acceptance of this challenge, as well as the one from Platteville.

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As we go to press the prospects are that an exceptionally fine course of lectures will be provided for the coming season. The aim of the management is to secure lecturers of national reputation. It is hoped that the course may be composed of some five of the following:

Robert Burdette, the famous humorist; Will Carleton, the poet and author of "Farm Ballads;" Hon. J. H. Littlefield, of New York, an intimate friend of Lincoln, who, if secured, will lecture on "Personal Recollections of Abraham Lincoln;" Mr. J. Stuart Blackton, the artist entertainer, humorist and landscape artist; Booker T. Washington, the colored orator; Hamilton Mabree, the author and critic; and possibly the great Kentuckian, Henry Watterson.

An opportunity of hearing any one of these men is one which no one can afford to miss.

A Brief Pedagogic History of the Normal School Faculty.

Continued from last month.

WARREN D. PARKER.

Warren D. Parker was born in Bradford, Vermont, September 26th, 1839. His father was of sanguine temperament; classically trained,—a teacher and a lawyer. His mother was a farmer's daughter and was of nervous temperament. Both parents were of Irish-English extraction. Son inherited temperament of both parents. Attended village school and academy in Vermont, and was graduated from the high school at Janesville, Wisconsin, in 1859. Taught in Wisconsin only,—in district school in the town of Rock, during the fall and winter of 1859-'60; principal of first ward school at Janesville, 1860-'62; principal of

Delavan public schools 1862-'66; superintendent of Monroe public schools, 1866-'67. Made a short European tour during the summer of 1867. Principal of public schools at Lake Geneva 1867-'69; superintendent of city schools at Janesville, 1870-'75; president of the state normal school, River Falls, 1875-'89; assistant state superintendent, in charge of inspection of free high schools, 1889-'91; appointed July 31, 1891, superintendent Wisconsin school for the blind; served until December 1, 1891, and resigned on account of poor health; appointed regent in board of normal schools, Feb. 1, 1892; elected secretary of that board, Feb. 3, 1892; resigned regency of normal schools and secretaryship, August, 1894; elected president of River Falls Normal School, April, 1894.

Was a member of the committee on inspection of the state normal school at Platteville, 1872, and of the State University in 1880; member of the committee on examination of candidates for State Teachers' Certificates, 1870, 1876, 1877. Received honorary degree of M. A. from the University of Wisconsin, 1875. Conducted teachers' institutes 1868-'82. Held each office successively in Wisconsin Teachers' Association, closing with the presidency in 1870, and was railway secretary of same for twenty years. Was superintendent of transportation for the National Educational Association for the meetings at Madison, in 1884, at Chicago in 1887.

Was vice-president of the Bank of River Falls, 1885-'89. Married Justine B. Hewes, of Chicago, Aug. 26, 1869. Has one son. Holds an honorable discharge as a speculative Mason of Commandary Degrees.

MRS. FLORENCE M. THATCHER.

Mrs. Florence M. Thatcher was born in Baraboo, Wis. Was taught, by her father, a vocal teacher, to read music when a little child.

When ten years of age she attended a musical convention conducted by H. L. Perkins. Received instruction from the latter and Dr. Palmer at different times. Studied two years at Craven's Conservatory of Music in Topeka,

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Kansas.

Took special training at Normal Music School, Chicago, and afterwards studied under Wm. Courtney, of New York. She taught one year in Kansas. Has been teacher of vocal music in the state normal school, River Falls, Wis., since 1890.

W. J. BRIER.

W. J. Brier did his first teaching in the country schools of Sauk county. He attended Baraboo Collegiate Institute and Baraboo high school. Taught two years in mixed schools in Kansas. Returning to Wisconsin he served one year as principal of Sun Prairie graded schools, after which he took a year at the State University, going at the close of year to the principalship of the high school in Plymouth, Sheboygan county. In this school he worked eleven years, 1875 to 1886, spending much of the time during the summers in conducting teachers' institutes in various parts of the state. In the summer of 1886 was elected to the city superintendency and principalship of Baraboo high school, in which capacity he served until 1889, when he was elected to his present position of institute conductor.

Mr. Brier has been, at different times in his experience, president, secretary and treasurer of the Wisconsin Teachers' Association, of which organization he has been an active member for more than twenty years. At present he is chairman of the executive committee of the association. He holds a life state certificate, secured by examination before the state board of examiners in 1876, President Parker being at that time a member of the board. During the last summer he declined the commission as one of the state examiners, and was later appointed by State Superintendent Emery, chairman of the board of official visitors to the Oshkosh Normal.

(To be Continued.)

ident, Oliver Needham; Secretary, G. A. Rogers; Treasurer, W. A. Clark.

During the year thus far the club has been harmonious in all phases of its work, and it is to be hoped that the good spirit will prevail during the year. There is one thing, however, to which we wish to call attention, and that is the method of using the property belonging to the club. A number who are not members of the club have been using the boxing gloves and other property in anything but the right manner. The fact that these outsiders do not use better judgment in the use of other people's property is nothing strange. Usually, unless a personal responsibility is felt, the animal gets the better of the man. Why not close out every student from the use of any of the property belonging to the club unless some definite plans can be arranged that will make every participator responsible for any damage done? If the club is to be maintained why not be business-like? The repeated call for the renewal of the paraphernalia of the club is directly the result of misuse upon the part of some members and many non-members. It might be well for the club to take some definite stand in this matter, and it may result in a better financial standing of the club at the close of the year.

The foot-ball season is probably closed. The last game that our team indulged in was with Stillwater. We regret that the game was not played out, but the stand taken by our captain and manager met with the approval of all the unbiased witnesses. Stillwater saw she couldn't score, and as our team had won ten points before the first half was hardly begun, Stillwater was only too glad to find an excuse to throw up the game. It was the same old story,—our team had "a walk-away" and the opponents nit.

❧ N. A. C. Notes. ❧

The officers of the N. A. C. elected for the ensuing term of ten weeks are as follows:

President, Chas. Oltman; Vice Pres-

"The skull is the place where they keep their brains if they have any; the thorax contains the heart and the lungs and the liver and other things too many to mention; and in the abdomen we find the vowels, a, e, i, o, u, and sometimes w and y!"

Side Peeps at Authors
 William Morris, English poet, socialist and lecturer is dead. In his death John Ruskin has lost one of his aptest pupils and supporters.

James Whitcomb Riley has just offered to the public a new book, entitled "A Child World." The Hoosier Poet ever warbles sweetest in his prattle to childhood.

Mr. S. R. Crockett is preparing a new book for the holiday trade, entitled "Sweetheart Travelers," in which his little six-year-old daughter is an important character.

Over one hundred years ago Robert Burns sang his last ditty to the bairns of Scotland, and yet the sturdy children of the soil are erecting monuments to his memory to this day. A beautiful statue in his honor has just been unveiled at Paisley, Scotland.

The quintet coterie of Edinburg University authors is broken in the death of R. L. Stevenson. There yet remains Ian Maclaren (Dr. John Watson), J. M. Barrie, S. R. Crockett and Henry Drummond to revive the memories of former literary triumphs among the glens and dales of hoary Scotland.

—The Hatchet.

School closes Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 25th, for the Thanksgiving vacation of three days. A number of the students will go to their homes. Remember school opens Monday morning at nine o'clock.

President Parker and Regent Lord returned, Nov. 21st, from Milwaukee, where they attended a meeting of the presidents of the several normal schools with the board of regents. During their stay they visited the normal school which is located in that city. In this school there are between three and four hundred students, all ranking as either juniors or seniors.

After this issue an exchange column will be one of the special features of The BADGER. The many excellent ex-

change journals we are receiving are indicative of practical composition work in our high schools, colleges and universities. These school journals are no "mania" or "fad," as many have dubbed them, but, rather, they bespeak the inner workings of the school they represent.

True literary enthusiasm can have its inspiration only in hard work. The bright flashes of wit and brilliance which suddenly startle the world at times, will as soon snuff out, unless backed by substantial toil in preparation.

The multiplicity of modern fiction is indeed bewildering. New writers spring up on every hill-top and disappear in nearly as many valleys. One must choose his literary companions as he would choose his friends. Know them, study them, prove them. Eye all strangers with suspicion. You may not care to make their acquaintance. A few authors, well tried, upon whom you can depend, are worth a whole legion of strangers, who may not prove congenial companions after all.

Read, think and write! "I can read," I hear it whispered, "but I cannot write." Perhaps so. Plants grow most rapidly in the dark, and save their blooming for the sunlight. Tiny petals toil and rock tediously in their rough green coats before they can burst into bloom. Even so, read; but above all, write. The first thought that pops into your head should be the first inscribed. To think is not enough. Write, even though a tenth is never seen by mortal eyes. That first effort is the only step by which the second can be attained. With every succeeding effort is thrown off restraint. One's best work is done when he is least aware of the effort.

—The Hatchet.

"A point is that which will not appear any bigger even if you use a magnifying glass."

Have you been taking B. M. F. to get your appetite in condition for that Thanksgiving turkey?

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
C. H. MCINTOSH, PASTOR.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
W. M. BALCH, PASTOR.

Regular services as follows:
SUNDAYS—10:00 A. M., Class Meeting.
10:30 " Preaching Service.
12:00 M. Sunday School.
3:00 P. M., Junior League.
6:30 " Epworth League Prayer Meeting.
7:30 " Preaching Service.
WEDNESDAY—7:30 P. M., Prayer Meeting.

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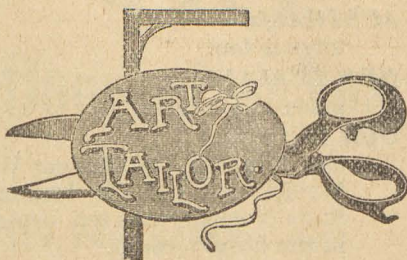
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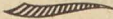
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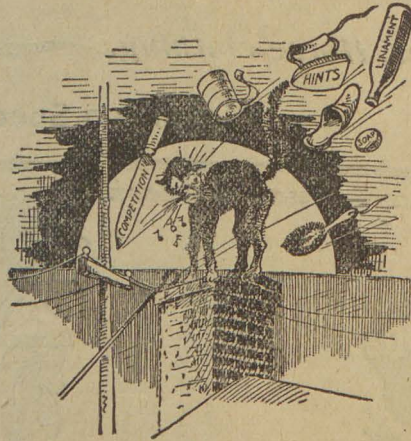


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