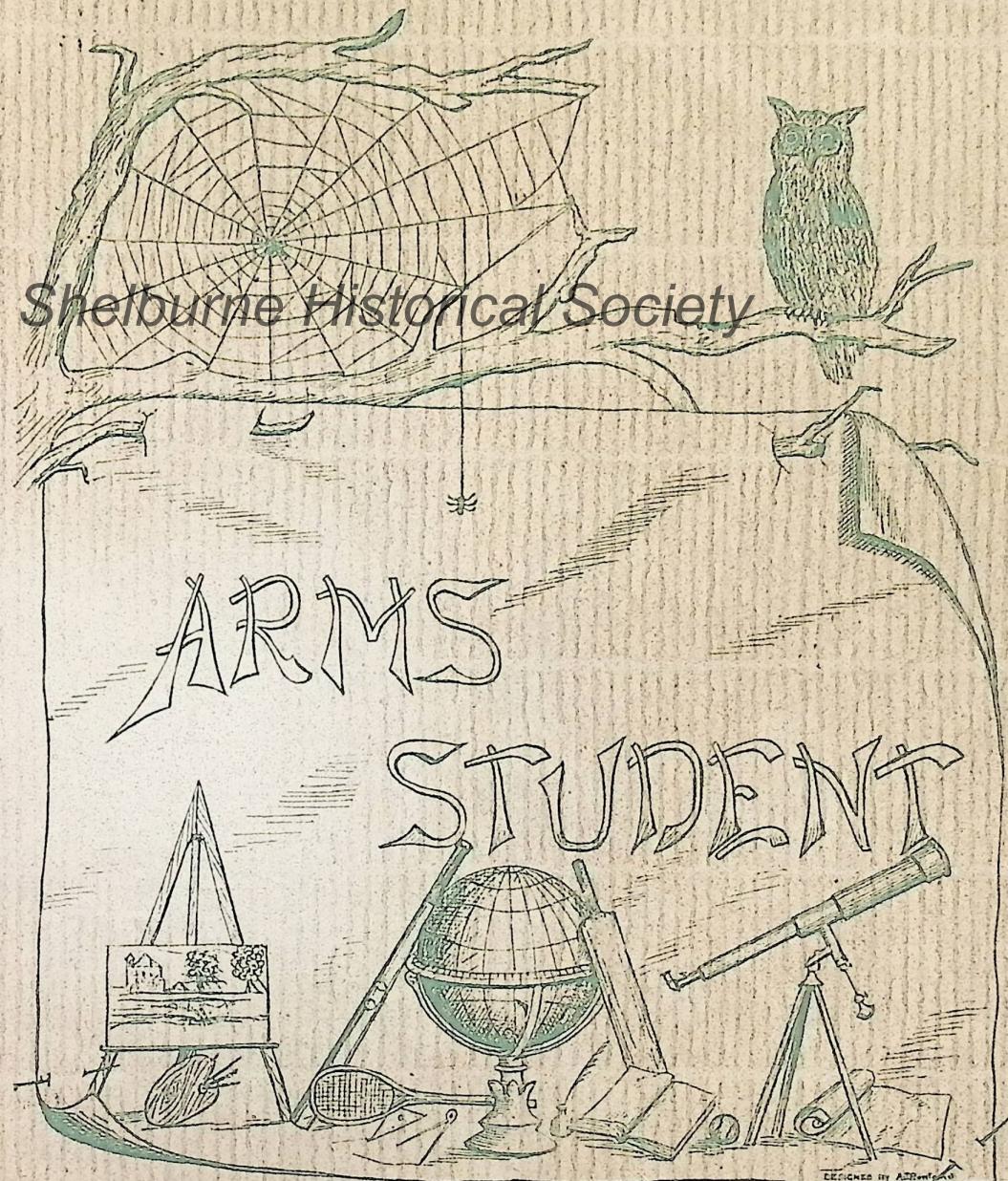


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EDITORIALS.

LAST number of the Student for the winter term. School year two-thirds done.

THE announcement has been made that the last two days of the term will be occupied with written examinations. Those classes which finish this term Fysics, Geometry, Chemistry will be examined on two terms' work. This announcement will startle some of those who have not thoroughly mastered each day's lesson. Better commence to study up.

LOOKING around the school room, we notice several idling away their time. They evidently do not realize the value of time or they would not throw away so many precious moments. They may be sorry for those wasted hours when examination day comes.

THE latest addition to the ranks, is the Quartette lately organized. Hitherto, the Glee Clubs of which there have been no less than three the past year, lasted but a short time. It is hoped that this one may be more permanent. They have an opportunity to show their musical talent during the morning exercises. It surely can not be because there is not talent enough in the school, although the singing is sadly deficient.

"It is not now as it hath been of yore."

Perhaps some are afraid of singing in concert to waste the sweetness of their voice on the desert air, forgetting that it is by the blending of many voices is produced that volume, that harmony of sound which is the chief charm of chorus singing.

THE spirit of argument at last seems to have loosed the tongues of our debaters and awakened their slumbering intellects. What a world of eloquence was poured forth in the last two debates. The Seniors, as it should be, leading the volunteers, the '88's closely following, kept up a running fire of argument. Some speakers based their argument

your face, George," for many of my pupils do not realize the truthfulness of what has been told from generation to generation through countless ages, that "Cleanliness is next to Godliness."

We breakfast at 7 A. M., dine at 12 M., and are called to a smoking hot supper at 5 P. M. after which I generally have a lunch about nine, of crackers and jelly, topped off with an apple or some nuts brought from the good town of Shelburne.

Many times a day have my thoughts wandered to the Academy among the hills, particularly at the hour when it was my privilege to recite. Methinks I can see dear Miss Brown tell "Dean" to leave the room, or glance with a stern and withering look on "Merrill," who inevitably shakes his head and says, in a stage whisper, "It wasn't me."

The faces of the "incurrigible Arthur," Aden the (slender or tender—couldn't make out which, in the letter-guess tender,) "Bert the Bright," and "Lottie the Belle," all pass before my vision like a pantomime. We are 500 ft. above Philadelphia, and 22 miles distant, consequently "hightoned." The Prof. is a very kind man, about 55 years old, and has two nieces here, one who teaches, and the other looks after the house. We are all in one building, consequently the study hours from 6:30 to 8:30 which are observed in the school room under the eye of a teacher are not quite like those enjoyed at A. A.

I have much to encourage and help me and feel thankful I am only a day's journey from home. I want to tell you some of the funny names I had to learn before I close, Kitts, Korn, Phipps, Stillwell, Oat, Kandey, Cornogg and Grothenthaler (tallon for short.)

The Gilded Saloon.

The gilded saloon is found in nearly every community that one may chance to enter, and the question arises, what is it there for?

Is it there for the purpose of making money? If this is the reason, then there is usually a "grog shop" or a place where

"drinks" can be obtained without going far.

In playing billiards or pool the usual method, I understand, is that the one who gets beat pays for the game. This is one form of gambling, and before long they will be playing for the cigars and drinks, then it is only a question of time before some of our respectable young men will be called common drunkards.

Now perhaps you will say to some of your companions, we will buy or hire a billiard or pool table and set it up in some private room where there are no "drinks" to be had, so we can play and invite our friends in to play. This in itself is all right, but will it not teach you to play when you are away from your native place and some one asks you in to play a game, you think, I can play a fair game and it will do no harm. Thus you are led into bad company before you are aware of it.

You may think, perhaps, that I condemn all games of skill and chance, but there is reason in all things. Chess, for instance, is one among the games of skill requiring more thought and study than most of the other games played at present.

As one good thing leads to another so can the same rule be applied to the other side of the screen. When some of our best young men can be found in the public pool rooms six evenings in a week, is it not time to look for other amusements?

As we all have a mind and reasoning power above the common beasts so let us cultivate our mind and use our reason to advantage, so that in after years we may look back upon our lives feeling that we have at least made the best of our opportunity.

SPECIAL.

The Influence of Poetry and Prose upon the World.

From the ages long past to the present time, the advancement of the world has been due, in a large degree, to the writings of its pure-minded, and noble men and women.

Even the poems written in obscurity and amid deep distress have become immortal.

The humble composer, John Howard Payne, who wrote our sweet melody, "Home, Sweet Home," although most of his life was passed in a foreign land, forsaken by those who should have been his friends, unconsciously awoke echoes in every heart, which elevate the mind from its common level to heights unknown before.

These simple heart-felt poems have "power to quiet the restless pulse of care," and have great possibilities before them. Influences sometimes arise from them which greater masterpieces fail to produce. I think the universal feeling is expressed in the lines,

"Read from some humble poet,
Whose songs gushed from his heart
As showers from the clouds of summer,
Or tears from the eye lids start."

Another of Longfellow's poems, "A Psalm of Life," with which everyone should be familiar, has saved more than one life, and helped other persons to adapt themselves to their sphere with honor to themselves and blessings to the world. It is said that Bryant's "Thanatopsis" will still be as much admired and read five hundred years hence, as at the present time. Surely, we can read neither this exquisite poem, nor Wordsworth's "Ode to Immortality," without aspirations for a nobler and truer life as one which will best fit us for the life to come, and help those around to the same.

The religious hymns and songs have been of no small importance in the advancement of the world. Our national songs and ballads have done their work, in the history of our nation. The "Star-Spangled Banner," "America," and many other soul-stirring songs have aroused the slumbering fires of patriotism in every liberty-loving heart, and the prosperity of our beloved nation is the result. These poems, with the aid of music—for "music hath charms to sooth the savage breast"—charm everyone with their sweet influences.

Of prose works, Mrs. Stowe's "Uncle

Tom's Cabin" had wide-spread influences for good, in our great Rebellion, and has been translated into many languages, so that it is known in many other countries beside our own America. Then, too, the great speeches handed down to posterity from the famous orators of ooden time are fit models for future generations, or for him who aspires to be a second Daniel Webster.

But the greatest of all is our guide-book to heaven—the Bible. This may be called both poetry and prose, and should a person have no other book in his library, if this were made a daily companion, he would be well educated. It combines all other works in one great whole.

The world is full of inspiring and treasured volumes which have been written by the great masters, and one does himself and others a great wrong in reading the cheap, trashy literature with which, I am sorry to say, this land is flooded. It lowers the intellect and debases the moral character.

The poetry of our every-day life, if only we have eyes to see it and hearts to feel it, does much to make the prosaical passages beautiful.

Let us put ourselves in the way of these pure influences, and the world will advance steadily in civil, religious and moral character. Strive to be pure in the trifles that make life, for "trifles make perfection, but perfection is no trifle."

B. L. W.

Punctuality.

This is a subject which is constantly being brought before us in our school days especially, and is one upon which (in a large degree,) our success in life depends. In school some scholars are always in their seats at the appointed time and always be depended upon to have completed any work outside of the regular lessons, while others have a reputation exactly to the contrary: They do not mean to be always behind time but have got in the habit of putting off till to-morrow

what should be done to-day, until it becomes second nature to them. As they grow older the habit increases and through sheer force of habit they are known to be always behind time.

A reputation for punctuality is a very good capital upon which to start in business.

A man who is prompt to meet an engagement and can always be depended upon to be "there" is the one who will succeed. No man wants an employee who is not at the office till half an hour after the appointed time, and who then is behind hand in his work. If a man becomes temporarily embarrassed in business, punctuality is an excellent bank account to draw upon; for, if he has a reputation for paying his debts when they are due he will be allowed longer time, and can then recover himself. In conclusion I would say, remember the old but true maxim: "Time and Tide wait for no man," and let us shape our course accordingly.

F. S. H.

The Bunker Hill Monument.

The History and Importance of the Battle.

PART I.

There are few places which a stranger finds more interesting among the attractions of Boston than the hill where Gen. Warren with his little force of determined men so long kept back the veteran troops of the Royal army, together with the monument which is there erected to them and to American independence.

It would seem almost unnecessary to relate the story of the battle, as it has been told and written so many times before; yet it rises of its own accord to the lips of the patriot and flows from the pen of the author as freely as a mountain stream down its shiny bed, telling its freedom to its companions of the forest by its musical rippling.

No patriot can write feelingly of Bunker Hill and not repeat its story, for he feels as if its heroes were his personal friends, and that in that battle his own freedom was at

stake. So the story is repeated again and again, and we never tire of it. No one can do otherwise than admire its heroes, for it is such heroism as theirs that has been the theme of poets in all ages, that has won the deepest respect of the cosmopolitan and the devotion of every lover of freedom.

On the night of the 16th of June, 1775, when it had been ascertained by the Continental forces that it was the purpose of Gen. Gage to seize and fortify Bunker Hill, they forestalled his design and during the night threw up breastworks upon a hill which was near Bunker Hill and was joined to it by a ridge then known as Breed's Hill. When this movement was perceived by the British in the morning of the 17th, they opened fire upon it from their ships in the harbor and their batteries on land, and made preparations for attack. The generals, Howe and Pigot, had charge of the British forces, and about two o'clock in the afternoon, after they had failed in an attempt to reach the rear of the Continental army, made a direct attack upon the fortifications.

The Royal army numbered four times that of the Continental, and still the Americans did not offer to yield but, waiting till the British were within close range, poured a deadly volley upon them which sent them flying in disorder to the ships. The attack was renewed but they were repulsed as before by the well-directed volleys of the Americans. Reinforcements about this time arrived from Boston, and an attack was again made, and although the ammunition of the Americans had given out, yet in the hand-to-hand contests which followed, they were inferior in no respect but numbers, and effected a retreat in good order; and if, indeed, they suffered a defeat, it was a glorious one for, of the 1500 dead and wounded only 400 were theirs. Not that this was their glory—they gloried not in war—but loved peace and fought for peace and freedom.

Their glory was in the fact that they had fought nobly for their country, and were leaders in American Independence.

In the American Revolution no one proved himself a truer hero and patriot than did Gen. Joseph Warren. He was our first martyr-general, and in no other way could he have done so much for his country as he did by his martyrdom in its struggle for liberty. The American patriot received an inspiration from his death, he had a pattern to follow in this young life and no memories could spur him on to deeds of valor more than those of Gen. Warren and Bunker Hill. Dr. Osgood says of him: "There is no doubt that when Joseph Warren died New England liberty had its martyr and America had a hero who fought for her henceforth with weapons that were not carnal and with valor that knows no weakness and want no food or clothing or arms."

Warren was a noble man, and did a great deal for the patriot cause, but his life and his death meant more than he or any body else knew at the time. He was as we shall see, a text out of the book of humanity and of God that history was then unrolling."

It is difficult to say what place the battle of Bunker Hill deserves in the long list of our Revolution battles.

Although in its immediate results it was not a battle of decisive importance yet, had it not been fought, it would certainly have left a space in the list which no other battle could have filled. It showed the doubting American that he was a match for even the trained soldier of the Royal army, and that patriotism was a grand substitute for the wages of the mercenary. It more truly revealed his position and offered an encouragement he might ever look back upon. But not alone has it aroused the zeal of the patriots of the Revolution for, even now, Americans look back upon it with admiration and cherish its memories with affectionate regard. For a long time they wished to rear a monument to their heroes, but it was not till 1824 that any active preparations were made, when an association was formed called the "Bunker Hill Monument Association," and the corner stone was laid on the 17th of

June, 1825, by Gen. LaFayette, fifty years after the battle took place. The structure was carried up for a short distance when the association was compelled to stop for want of funds; but in 1842 the building was renewed and the top stone was put in place on the 23d of July, 1842, and on the 17th of June of the following year Daniel Webster delivered his well known address, generally regarded as his best effort.

This token of their respect have they reared to the heroes who died there for their country's liberty. Plain, yet grand and stately, it is the very picture of the resolute and noble characters of the men whose blood hallowed the spot on which it stands—an everlasting monument let us hope of an everlasting freedom.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE, February, 1887.

DEAR EDITOR:—To give a full description of the College, where there is so much to describe, or even to briefly speak of each noteworthy and interesting feature of the place, is quite impossible in an article of this size. I will therefore, invite your attention to some of the principal points of interest, with which the student most often comes in contact in the ordinary course of his college life.

Regardless of the order of importance or interest, we will take a view of some of the buildings. At the eastern limit of the college grounds is situated Clark Hall. This is the finest constructed of all the College buildings. It is built of iron and stone, and is fire-proof. The inside of the building is elegantly finished. The floor is made of Spanish tiles, supported by brick arches, and the whole interior is finished in the most modern style. On the first floor is the Wilder mineralogical cabinet, containing thousands of beautiful and costly specimens from different parts of the world. It is contained in cases made of mahogany with heavy plate-glass doors. The second floor contains the college archives and various articles of interest. There are three slabs taken from one

of the oldest places of Nineveh, showing the art and the style of writing at that time.

There is also a fac simile of the Rosetta Stone.

South of this building is Jackson Hall, containing the rooms of the "Lyceum of Natural History." Here are collected many thousands specimens, in the center of one room stands a tree, with artificial foliage, filled with more than a hundred beautiful birds. This society also has two or three thousand birds in the museum in Griffin Hall.

Near by stands the Old Observatory. A better one has recently been built. This old building is the first ever built in this country for astronomical purposes. It is not now in use.

Lawrence Hall, an octagonal shaped two story structure contains the college library. The library is open each day and students have free access. The interior of the building is supported by massive pillars of the Ionic order of architecture. The students support a reading room which is open to members at all hours of the day. Here we find all the leading papers and magazines of the country.

A short distance north we come to a nicely built stone structure whose high bell-tower and general aspect shows it to be the chapel. Church and chapel attendance is compulsory at Williams. The services that the students are obliged to attend, are those on Sunday morning and evening, and prayers each week day morning. Each class holds its prayer meeting Friday evenings.

The interior of the chapel is finished in a tasty manner, and presents an attractive appearance with its beautiful memorial windows, one of which is in memory of President Garfield.

Physical development is one of the essential things that the college seeks to give; and although physical training is not compulsory, there is great interest shown in this department. Let us see what provisions have been made for the attainment of this end. In the most central part of the college grounds is

the gymnasium. It was erected at a cost of \$50,000, and its apparatus is fitted up on a most modern plan. It equals any college gymnasium in the country. On the first floor is the base-ball court bowling alleys and bath-room. On the second floor is the main exercise room, with its running track, and visitors' gallery. In the tower of the "gym." is a fine clock with a beautiful chime of bells.

Weston field, a large and well graded campus, affords ample room for all kinds of out-door exercise. It has one of the best base ball fields among the New England colleges.

Without mentioning the regular class work, there are several opportunities for the culture of the mental powers. The two literary societies, the Thiloteenian and Philologian, furnish opportunity for drill in debating, extemporaneous speaking, etc., for those who desire to acquire ability in this direction.

Social development is to a great extent denied college students, but as a remedy for this defect, there are nine Greek Letter Societies. With one exception, these societies each have fine society houses. These societies do much to invite men from the different classes, and also tend to promote peace between them. Class feeling, however, is not as strong at Williams as in some colleges. A spirit of hostility is sometimes exhibited between the two youngest classes, but only during the first term. This soon disappears, and to an uninterested party it would appear that the freshman really does possess some rights. There are several things that serve to increase friendliness among the classes. The organization of the Y. M. C. A. is not the least of these.

This comprises members from the whole college who are consequently brought into contact with each other under most favorable circumstances. The literary societies and inter-collegiate sports are instrumental in uniting college men.

The last point to which I wish to call your attention is the pleasant situation of the

college. There is probably no college more favorably situated in respect to its natural scenery than Williams. The village itself is perfect in its beauty, and is very quiet.

Within a mile of the college is "Flora's Glen." This is a wild and beautiful spot, where it is said that Bryant pondered over his "Thanatopsis." Ascending the mountain side from the Glen, one can reach the summits of Mount Hopkins and Petersburg.

Enchanting views can be had from these peaks. Looking east, the summit of Greylock is seen rising high above every other mountain in the state. It is but a few hours' journey on foot to the top, and every autumn a "mountain day" is given to students and many climb the mountain the previous afternoon, and camping over night on the mountain side, view the sunrise the next morning from the high tower built upon the summit.

From this place can be seen the Catskills, the Adirondacks, and the Hudson river.

There are many other beautiful and interesting walks which offer to the student a pleasant diversion from college duties, and tend to inspire him to pursue his studies with added interest. It has been truly said of Williams College, "No more beautiful or healthful surroundings for the student could be found. Shut away from the noise and temptations of city and town life, in the calm seclusion of this, Nature's own retreat, no circumstances could be more favorable for the successful prosecution of the scholars' work."

W. F. GILLETTE, '86.

Geology and Mineralogy at home.

This is a topic of study that few students would choose, and a great many would ask the question, what is such a study or studies ever going to do me? It may not help every one, but those that intend to become professors, teachers, miners, or surveyors, it would be a great benefit to them, and if you do not intend to be any one of these, it would do you no harm to know one mineral from another.

You might go out on a still summer's day, you may pick up a rock that struck your fancy, look at it and then throw it away, now this might have been some valuable gem.

Some of our most valuable gems in their rough state look like common cobble. The diamond for instance looks just like a piece of quartz. I think, and probably a great many of you think that when a great many minerals are collected in a cabinet with their labels on, they look good. Now any one can get a nice collection of mineral if they try; by keeping your eyes open when you are out for a walk you may find many good minerals. The principal formation of the Deerfield Valley is granite and gneiss, other mineral can be found, among which are tourmaline, quartz (all colors) fieldspur, iceland, flower spar, micar and iron pyrites, many of these may be found at Shelburne Ealls. The formation of the Connecticut River Valley is mostly sandstone, in this formation are many footprints and fossils of Antediluvian animals. Turners Falls is one of the best places in the valley to get footprints of these animals; and I think it would pay anyone to go there and see them. Some of the tracks are two feet long. In conclusion I would say that I never found a more interesting study in my life.

H. E. C.

Academics.

Our versatile Prof. is a fortune teller—
What next?

Telegraphy is one of the latest accomplishments of A. A. students—Situations please apply.

A framed picture of "Liberty Enlightening the World" is in the reception room waiting to be hung up.

The civil gov't class had a very interesting mock-trial and convicted Mr. Scott of stealing a watch. Lawyer Richmond made a eloquent plea.

The debates for the past month have been of unusual interest. The last lyceum of the term was presided over with womanly dignity by Miss Burrows.

An old custom is revived, viz: one member of the school gives a review of the preceding day's news, and another, a quotation, adding much to the morning exercises.

Mr. Cowell's morning chalk-talks are very interesting and instructive being on various subjects as amusement, habits, success, failure, luck, etc., and show pains in preparation and interest in our physical and moral as well as mental being.

A new convenience for the school is in the form of a sliding black board, just in front of the platform which serves the quadruple purpose of bulletin board, gymnastic apparatus, amusement for Prof's leisure moments during the common Arithmetic recitation and a most accurate measure for height.

Any artist desiring to study the human face in expression will do well to drop in here at the end of each month and note on our expressive faces what seems to be reflections from the front black board on which certain significant figures are arranged in close ranks. Here he may read surprise, dispair, elevation, awe, chagrine, complacency, envy, glee, indifference, disappointment, triumph—another pen, please. We take this opportunity to extend our heart-felt sympathy to the unhappy young lady whose keen disappointment it was to find her rank at this time to be only 99 1/4! (Whoever beats that "ought to be shot.")

The masquerade sociable held Jan. 28, under the auspices of class '87 was one of our most pleasant and well conducted ones. The program and the costumes were varied, the reception committee and waiters officious, the ice cream cold, Miss Avery's marches inspiring, and every-body looking, feeling and acting well. If a prize for finest costume had been offered, Mr. Carley would, in all probability, have taken it. Some pleasing features of the evening

were the farce, "A chapter of Accidents," most admirably played by the specials, the musical and the military display of the gallant M. G's, and the delivery of "Old Ironsides," a piece requiring such a command of speech, such force of expression that, to satisfy our fastidious tastes, it was spoken in four different languages by four *senior* young men. The profits (financially) were about \$13.50 which we attribute to the beautiful weather.

Personals

Otis Field is at his home in Buckland.

Lizzie Dunnell has left school on account of sickness.

Mary Severance is in a wallet factory in South Deerfield.

Nathaniel Field was in town and made us a short call a few weeks ago.

F. T. Daniels, '86, has closed a very successful term of school at Shattuckville.

Mary Knight visited us the other day. She has been teaching school in Hancock, N. H.

Zopher Woodward, '85, is spending the winter at home in Buckland. He works a part of the time in the Shelburne Falls Creamery.

Grace Burrington, '83, has gone back to Smith College. She has been teaching in Coleraine for the past year.

Lizzie Carrier stopped here on her way home from Westfield, where she is attending the Normal School.

Harry Wilkins was obliged to give up his school in Rowe on account of ill-health. He is now at his home in Amherst, N. H.

Merton Crozier has closed his school in Halifax, Vt., and is finishing out four weeks of a school in Jacksonville.

The marriage of Geo. E. Davis and Gertrude S. Streeter took place in Shelburne Falls, Jan. 19th. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Biggs.

Arthur Keyes, a former teacher at A. A. recently spent ten days in town. He has

just lost his father and mother, and is now settling the estate.

Clarence L. Brigham, a local music dealer of Brattleboro and leader of the 1st regiment orchestra, was married to Lizzie P., daughter of William H. March of Shelburne Falls, at the Universalist church, Brattleboro, Tuesday night, Jan. 25th, by Rev. E. W. Whitney. The bridesmaids were Rose March, sister, and Mollie Winterhalder, cousin of the bride, both of Shelburne Falls. Henry Winterhalder of Westfield, Mass., and Frank T. Shearer of Brattleboro were the groomsmen. The ushers were E. F. Leichtinger, C. R. Stevens and Sewall Morse. A reception and collation at the Brooks house followed the ceremony. Corporal C. W. Temple from Fort Lewis, Col., and of the regular army, Mrs. Stroebel of Turners Falls and Mrs. Christian Winterhalder of Shelburne Falls were among the guests.—*Gazette & Courier*.

School Fun.

Carley came very near rising to his favorite "point of order" in the history class, when a parlor match went off under his chair and came near blowing him up through the ceiling.

After not getting around till six in the morning it is no wonder that A. F. J. fell into a slumber on the front seat the other morning. Hereafter, Johnson can get some stimulating pills of Dr. Smead, which will keep you wakeful until it is time for bed.

Who is the "old fussy" in the history class?

Minnie, reciting in history, Augustus' *toboga* was woven by his wife and her maidens." "Keep in mind, Minnie" says her friend "that *togas* were the style in those days, instead of *toboggans*."

The average for scholarship and deportment for the class of '88, was about one less than the '87's and it would be higher than the senior class if not for Mr. H's 32 demerits every month.

The young '88's mean to profit by Prof. Cowell's advice about politeness. It was a

nice thing for him that he thus reminded us, for he passed into the corner room the other day and indulged in the excellent habit of washing his face and hands, and when he had finished he looked in vain for a towel and not finding one, stood still quite despairing, when happily two '88 ladies were going by the room and seeing him in such distress, hastened to his assistance and offered their handkerchiefs which he very gratefully accepted.

Exchanges.

The "Academy Bell," for January, is one of the best exchanges which we have received, since the last issue, both in general appearance and reading matter.

The "Tuftonian" among other pieces prints an article on business which contains good advice to those who aspire to be business men.

The "Res Academica" is a wide awake paper and it contains several articles which are very good.

The "Review" of Washington High School has a very good suggestion in regard to criticising exchanges. It is "Remember the boomerang and keep still until we have something to say." With this motto for a guide there would be much less wrangling between the different school papers.

The "Adelphian" contains several articles which are well worth reading.

The "Rambler," "Stray Shot," "Chironian," The "Phillipian."

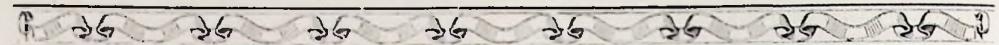
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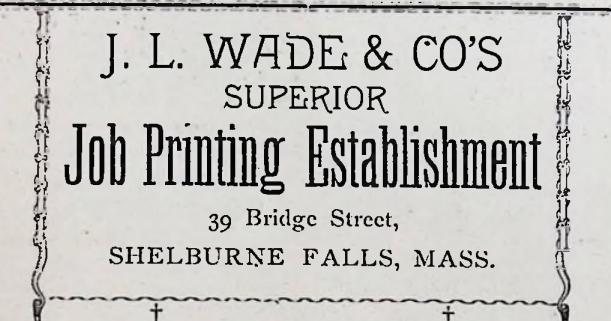
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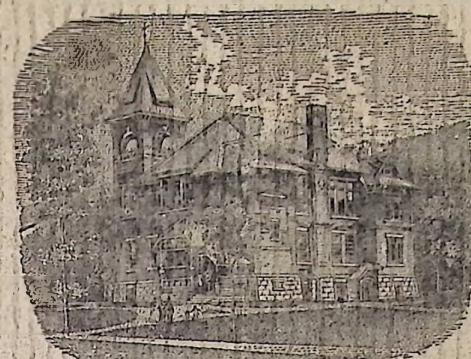
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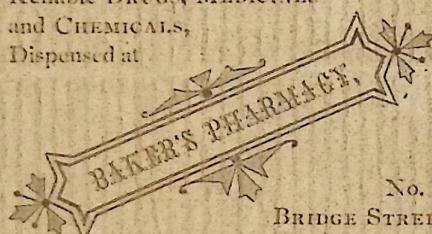
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