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The STUDENT has been published, five issues appearing every six weeks. Yearly subscription forty cents, single copies ten cents.

It might be proper to make the unusual announcement that the STUDENT has been financially a success.

EDITORIALS.

This issue completes the five numbers composing the "STUDENT year." The managers wish to express their gratitude to all those who have so liberally supported the STUDENT by subscribing and advertising. It is hoped that the few who have not yet paid their subscriptions will relieve their conscience by remitting before June 10th, as the STUDENT's books are closed at that time.

Sociability in Arms is certainly very marked and this friendly feeling is advanced by the informal receptions held at the Academy hall under the auspices of the respective classes and school clubs, each trying to make their sociable the best. Good fellowship is also promoted during

the intervals between receptions by everyone's endeavoring to keep up friendly conversation, when perchance the main hall is left without an instructor to reprimand us for behavior. These affairs tend to abolish those cliques so peculiar to High Schools.

Arms is fortunate in having the support of the whole school in her athletics. Indeed a good share of her success is due to the spirit of loyalty and the interest shown not only by the students, but by the residents.

Athletics has done much for Arms and should be encouraged. The physical training and health gained, also the pleasure enjoyed and the acquaintances met are greatly to be desired.

As to the accidents which will sometimes happen, we have been extremely fortunate, a few sprains and bruises being the extent. The games are also to be commended for the practice they give in the control of temper. A word should be said for the conduct of the visiting teams who have shown themselves to be gentlemen.

GRADUATION WEEK.

The first thing on the program is Baccalaureate sermon, which will be delivered on Sunday preceding graduation, the service being held in the Congregational church. This year Rev. Edwin A. Grosvenor, professor of modern governments at Amherst, will preach, and the music

will be rendered by the Schubert Male Quartet of Shelburne Falls.

Monday, the Juniors act their part in the tragedy by participating in the Prize Speaking Contest. This is their first appearance before the public, and they are rather apprehensive of its results. The program is as follows:

1. Music.
2. The End of the Quest, - Longfellow
Bessie L. Stanford.
3. The Hunt, - Murray
J. Earl Perry.
4. A Cook, - Pauline Phelps
Nina M. Dexter.
5. Await the Issue, - Carlyle
Evans K. Newton,
6. The Switchman's Xmas Story.
Gertrude G. Gates.
7. Music.
8. The Apostle Paul.
Frances G. Tansom.
9. A Race for Life with the Tide in
the Bay of Fundy.
George R. Martin.
10. The Holy Grail, - Tennyson
Hope M. Hotchkiss,
11. A Colonial Heroine.
Alberta H. Amstein.
12. The Revolutionary Alarm.
Charles F. Atkins.
13. Music.
14. The Burial of Moses, Mrs. Alexander
Emma D. Wilson.
15. Horace Greely's Ride to Plac-
erville, - Artemus Ward
Clarence L. Gardner.
16. Chita, A Memory of Last Island
Lafcadio Hearn
Mary A. White.
17. The Black Horse and his Rider.
John E. Nelson.
18. Forfeited to the Crown, - Longfellow
Robert F. Wood.
19. Music.
20. Award of Prizes.

Tuesday afternoon is the time set for Class Day exercises. This is an especially pleasant day for all. At this time are revealed all the mysteries the future has in store for the class. Their last will and testament is read, and the Juniors, to their

great joy, are willed and bequeathed the back seats with all privileges thereto pertaining. The class orator holds forth, and an address to undergraduates is given, followed by a reply from the Juniors. This is the program:

1. Address of Welcome, Luther P. Perry
 2. Choice Selections, - Chorus
 3. Oration, - Fred H. Winterhalder
 4. History, - Bertha L. Read
 5. Statistics, - Mabel S. Ware
 6. Song of the Sea, - Chorus
 7. Class Will, - C. Stewart Holbrook
 8. Address to Undergraduates,
Philip R. Eldridge
 9. Reply, - Bessie L. Stanford
 10. Prophecy, - Cora M. Hallam
 11. Prophecy upon the Prophetess, Fred Macher
 12. The Red Scarf, - Chorus
 13. Memorabilia, - Leon F. Payne
Josephine Zraunnig
 14. Ode, - Class 1901
- On Tuesday evening the part of the exercises most enjoyed by the musicians of the town, takes place. The concert is to be given in Memorial Hall. The Tremont Svendsen combination quartet of Boston are this year to furnish the music. The program is a good one.
1. Bullard, A War-song of the Cavaliers,
Nottingham Hunt
Tremont Quartet.
 2. Gade, - allegro trio Op. 42.
Svendsen trio.
 3. Pinsuti, - "Queen of the Earth"
Mr. Swaine.
 4. Attenhoffer, "Defiance"
(I'm a war worn man at arms)
Tremont S. Com.
 5. Davidoff, - "At the Fountain"
Miss White.
 6. Abt. - Sernade
Tremonts.
 7. (a) Sarasate, - Romanza Andaluza
(b) Hubay, - Scenes de la Czarda
Miss Belcher.
 8. Couchois, - "Theodor's Love Songs"
Mr. Martin.
 9. (a) Fuchs, - Romance
(b) Slavonic Dance, - Dvorak
Sen. Trio.
 10. Pach, - "Moonrise"
T. and S. Com.

Next come the graduating exercises, which are held in Memorial Hall. All the great questions of the day are settled within one or two short hours. This is a good opportunity for all people interested in the welfare of the republic to hear the final discussion and decision of the graduating class of Arms Academy.

At one o'clock on Wednesday the Alumni dinner is served in the Congregational vestry. There are to be after dinner toasts by good speakers, and the alumni will be represented.

Wednesday evening the Juniors give a reception, to which the parents and interested friends of the members of Senior class are cordially invited, as it is given particularly for this object. There will be a very good program. Mr. Bickford will give two selections on stringed instruments and Mrs. Addie Chase Smith has kindly consented to give a reading.

CHARACTER IN CHIROGRAPHY

[Handwriting of each individual of class 1901 was given to a remote witch.]

I.

With head erect, a pleasant, thoughtful face, continually seeking the how and why. Enjoying those things nearest at hand. A lover of nature, but loves her more without the "powder and paint."

II.

A happy, good natured, but trusting person, open and frank, with heart like an open book. Shedding good cheer wherever she goes. With the least inclination toward fickleness.

III.

A congenial, unaffected but rather sensitive disposition. Apt in all undertakings. Prompt in dispatch of duty, a lover of outdoor life and sports. One who receives attention from the fair sex complacently.

IV.

A somewhat undecided person, loves change and excitement; inclined to follow the fashion even in athletic sports. Has a weakness for descriptive adjectives and goes into ecstasies over small things.

V.

One who enjoys out door life and sports. Is able to overcome difficulties by patience and perseverance. Inclined toward the sciences, but underrates his own ability.

VI.

A bright and shining light, quick of intuition, but has a decided love for her own way and unable to hide her feelings.

VII.

A person with sensitive disposition. He is a sportsman, and systematic in all he does. Underrates his own ability?

VIII.

A sentimental, sweet dispositioned person preferring indoor life. She is quiet and unassuming.

IX.

A diligent and independent scholar. A tendency towards languages. He has business ability, and is admired by his associates.

X.

Fond of athletics, an imitator of Isaac Walton. He has executive abilities and power of expression. Applies his forces to various lines.

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| 1. Luther P. Perry. | 6. Bertha L. Read. |
| 2. Mabel S. Ware. | 7. Fred Winterhalder. |
| 3. Philip R. Eldridge. | 8. Josephine Zraunnig. |
| 4. Cora M. Hallam. | 9. Leon F. Payne. |
| 5. Fred Macher. | 10. C. S. Holbrook. |

HOW TO STUDY BIRDS.

"A scrupulous conscience, unlimited patience, a notebook and an opera glass," are the four necessary things in bird study. The note book enables one to catalogue the facts which the opera glass reveals.

"Patience leads to trained ears and eyes, and conscience prevents hasty conclusions, and doubtful records."

The best way to go birding is to find some secluded spot, frequented by birds, and wait quietly with book or work; for birds are curious little creatures, and will come and peer and peek at you, giving you a chance in return to see them if you are careful not to move abruptly or point at them. Always seek a position where you will not have to look toward the light, as in that case the colors are not distinctly discerned.

Birds do not seek the heart of forests, but nest on the outskirts where the land is comparatively open and sunny. Lawns, shrubs, old fences and pastures, along river banks and brooks are also good haunts.

During migration, birds are seen best from 4.20 to 8.20 a. m., and from 4.00 to 8.00 p. m.

As to outlines, one sees in books and papers long lists of points to aid in learning what a bird may be. These are good only one cannot remember them all, so take the principal ones. As—

1. Size.—Compared with robin.
2. Colors.—Always notice any bright coloring and its exact situation first; if no bright color, principal color.
3. Markings.—Marks on wings, tail, white or grey line about eye, or marks on the breast or head.
4. Shape.—1. Slim or plump; 2. Shape of bill.
5. Movements.—Hop, sparrow; walk, oven bird; creep, brown creeper.
6. Song.—It is well to cultivate the ear by the songs of birds. With a quick ear one can tell if a new bird is in the neighborhood.
7. Habits.—1. During courtship; 2. Migrations, flocks or singly.

8. Localities.—1. Ground; 2. Low shrubs; 3. Top of trees; 4. Swampy or dry land.

Of course the nesting habits are always interesting to study, as nest, eggs, incubation and young.

Books to aid in observing and in naming the birds are needful. One of the best for beginners is Florence Merriam's "Birds of Village and Field," \$2.00. Others are "How to name the Birds" by E. H. Parkhurst. 90c or \$1. "Bird Neighbors" by Neltze Blanchan, with colored plates, \$2.00. "Handbook of Birds" by Frank Chapman \$3.50. Helpful books to read are John Burroughs' books, Bradford Torrey's books, "Tomme Anne" and its sequel, "Mabeno the Magician" by Mabel A. Wright. L. E. H., '03.

ATHLETICS.

WINTERHALDER AND MACHER, EDs.

As the editor-in-chief was informed at the last moment that one of the athletic editors was (dead) and the other almost as badly off, he asked me, an '03, man to write up the Athletics for this issue, and the following is the result of my labors. Up to the present date Arms has won four out of five games, scoring a total of 64 points to her opponents' 39. The boys are all playing good ball, which can be seen by the number of games won, but the error column shows that some could stand a little more practice. Macher is pitching a fine game, being one of the best ARMS has ever had in her box. He keeps the hits well scattered and gives but few bases on balls.

Manager Holbrook deserves especial credit for the way he has worked to make the team a success. His receipts to date have been \$84.55 and expenditures \$84.26.

The line up of the team is as follows:

Eldridge, 3 b. Koonz, r. f.
 Wilson, s. s. Atkins, c. f.
 Siskind, c. Nelson, l. f.
 Macher, p. Perry, 1 b.
 Winterhalder, 2 b. Short, sub.

Our base ball season opened with a game with Drury, May 1st, at Shelburne Falls, Arms scoring a victory.

Score by innings:

Arms, 0 0 1 5 0 0 8 2 --16
 Drury, 0 0 5 0 4 0 0 0 0—9

Batteries Macher and Siskind.
 Fake and Blanchard.

May 5. A game was played at Greenfield between the High School and ARMS.

A. : G. 16 : 6.

Score by innings:

2 0 0 0 4 0 4 2 4—16
 2 2 0 0 0 2 0 0 0—6

Batteries, Macher and Siskind.

" Harris and Mowry.

May 13. We gave Drury's pride another fall with 9 to 3. From this string of victories the boys decided they could play without practicing and were beaten by Williamstown May 15, 11 to 10.

Score by innings:

Arms, 2 0 0 4 1 0 0 3 0—10
 W. H. S., 2 3 2 0 0 1 0 3 —11

May 22. Arms played Greenfield 13—10 at Shelburne Falls. But as Arms players were suffering from a severe attack of "swelled heads" Greenfield ought to have won—but Macher was in the box.

WILSON '03.

ALUMNI NOTES.

1886.

Miss Susie Richmond is the wife of Mr. F. W. Main, who has worked for some years in the newspaper line, and is at present on the staff of the Springfield Republican. Mrs. Main lives at 19 Berkley street, Springfield, Mass.

Miss Julia Ballard taught for some years and later became the wife of Rev. Joseph Strong who graduated from ARMS in this same class. Mr. and Mrs. Strong are living in Hartford, where Mr. Strong is attending the Hartford Theological School.

Miss Alice E. Brown worked as bookkeeper for some time, till recently she obtained a good position in Mrs. N. S. Day's new art rooms in the Kinsman block, Springfield. Miss Brown's address is 19 Berkley street, Springfield.

Miss Clara Howard is now Mrs. Charles Fiske and lives in Springfield, Mass.

Miss Clara Davenport is the wife of Mr. Jesse Purrington, a successful carpenter in Lyonsville, Mass.

Miss Marion Purrington is now Mrs. O. D. Purrington and lives at 194 Main street, Worcester, Mass.

Frank T. Daniels was a professor in Tufts College till recently, when he accepted a position on the Metropolitan Sewer Commission of Boston. His address is still Tufts College.

Miss Lula Tooley is now Mrs. Ball and lives in Athol.

Miss Helen M. Severance recently married Mr. Osborne Brown who is at the head of the freight department of Northampton, Mass.

Edward S. Boyd graduated from Amherst in 1890 and M. A. Amherst in '93. He taught as principal of Haverhill Academy, head master at Upton Seminary, New Preston, Ct., and six years principal of Parker Academy, Woodbury, Ct. He was married in 1895, and for the past two years has been secretary and treasurer of Connecticut Construction Co., Hartford, Conn.

James Connell is deceased.

Arthur N. Peaslee graduated from Bates

College as valedictorian in 1890. Taught in the Cathedral School of St. Paul, Garden City, L. I., for a year and later entered the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, where he graduated in 1895. He was for two years rector of St. John's Church, Haverhill, Mass., resigning to accept a curateship at Christ Church, Cambridge. He continued in this position taking special courses in Harvard until Feb. 1901, when he resigned and went to Europe to study at Heidelberg and Oxford.

Miss Inez Bass is now Mrs. L. S. King. Mr. King has recently moved from Rockville, Ct., where he was foreman of the Belding stock farm, to his old home in Buckland.

Miss Anna Koonz is a very successful teacher in the Shelburne Falls grammar school.

Frank E. Swan has a lucrative position in the Waltham Watch Factory, and lives at 15 Cushing street, Waltham, Mass.

Miss Sadie Ritchie is deceased.

Miss Lucy Smith married Mr. Goldsmith, at one time editor of our local paper, and at present living in Brattleboro, Vt.

Joseph W. Finerty took a course in a medical college, traveled abroad, and is now a practicing physician.

Wilbur F. Gillette spent four years in Williams College and then passed several years as bookkeeper in Virginia. Later he lived in Greenfield for some time, and for one summer in Michigan. For the past three years he has been a bookkeeper in Holyoke, Mass.

1889.

Miss Grace E. Canedy spent two years at Smith College. Later she married Prof. F. A. Tupper, a former principal of ARMS, and at present principal of the Brighton

high school. Mr. and Mrs. Tupper are living at No. 7 Menlo street, Brighton, Mass.

Miss Bertha Carpenter is now the wife of Dr. Samuel Demarest and lives at No. 6 Pearl street, Glens Falls, N. Y.

Miss Grace E. Wing married Mr. W. E. Conl, a civil engineer, and moved to Tacoma, Washington.

Mark H. Brown became a dentist and has two offices in New York, one of which is on West 34th street and the other in West Chester, N. Y. His address is Main street, West Chester, New York City.

Miss Lila W. Bates has a very good position as cashier and bookkeeper for a printing office in New York City.

Miss Florence A. Russell studied awhile after leaving ARMS and later married Dr. Hildreth. She died in 1897 after a short illness.

Leo Willis worked for some time in Mr. J. G. Brown's jeweler's shop and then went into business in Fitchburg where he now remains.

Miss Lulu Goodnow is now Mrs. Harris and lives in Buckland.

Miss Sadie E. Reed attended a business college and is at present teaching in Hoosac Tunnel, Mass.

M. Orlando Spaulding spent part of four years traveling for a screen company, later was engaged a few months in electrical work, and at the present time is a contractor and builder in Keene, N. H. He lives at 29 Cross street, that city.

Herbert A. Russell graduated from the Long Island Medical College and received a \$50 prize for doing the best work in dissection done in his class through the entire course, as a result of which he has been instructor of the Dissecting Department of the college for the past two or three years. He is a very successful physician and surgeon in Brooklyn, N. Y.

His address is No. 635 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

1893.

Miss Mary C. Burrington taught school for some years and at the present time is living at her home in Heath.

Chas. W. Cary is principal of the Rumford Falls High School, Me.

Miss Flora Hill became a trained nurse and is now Mrs. Dr. Ball, the wife of a successful physician at No. 365 West 28th Street, New York.

Miss Charlena Hoyt is a kindergarten teacher in the Cudworth School of which she expects to be principal next year. Her address is 24 Marion street, East Boston.

Miss Helen Hoyt has a position as stenographer for H. H. Mayhew & Co. of this place.

Miss Sadie R. Maxwell is living at her home in East Charlemont.

Miss Wilhemina Yetter is teaching in the Shelburne Falls 2nd Grammar School.

Harold C. Howes studied medicine in St Paul, and then enlisted in the U. S. army as a physician. After some time he obtained a discharge and joined an expedition to Alaska.

Harry M. Howes after graduating from ARMS went directly into the employ of Meekins, Packard & Wheat, Springfield, Mass. He worked six years in the drapery room and for the last two years has been in the furniture department.

George B. Wing and Walter W. Wing are very successfully engaged in the laundry business in Tacoma, Wash.

Charles A. Merrill is in the cashiers' department of the Western Electrical Co. His address is 4741 Kenwood Ave., Chicago.

Geo. F. Jenks took a post graduate course at ARMS and then went to Brown. He has since worked in the newspaper

business, and is at present the chief editor on the Holyoke Telegram.

1894.

Edward P. Dickinson is running a farm in Heath.

Miss Mary Hunter has taught school in Goshen, Heath and Hawley, but at present is at her sister's in Westfield at 12 Princeton street.

Miss Bessie E. Fisher graduated from Wellesley in 1893. Later she taught in the Berkshire school Pittsfield, and is now at her home in Woods Hole, Mass.

Miss Grace Ware, after teaching a while became a bookkeeper and stenographer, and is now working for Rogers & Wells at Middlebury, Vt.

Miss Mary Reynolds took a course of music at Troy, N. Y., and is now at her home in Stockport, N. Y.

Paul S. Guilford took a course at Brown and worked one year in Brown & Sharp's establishment when he went to the Paris Exposition.

Miss Sadie D. Miller is studying in the elocution department of the New England Conservatory at Boston. Miss Miller had a class in elocution at ARMS, last fall.

C. Euclid White is night clerk in Royalston hotel, New York. His address is 44 West 44th street, New York.

Miss Minnie Dwight has for the last year been teaching in Heath.

Miss Alice Burrington married Mr. John Temple who is a hardware and stove dealer in Rutland, Vt.

1897.

Miss Florence Taylor has been a teacher in the Buckland grammar school and is now teaching at Munroe Bridge.

Baxter H. Newell attended a business school in Boston, and is now in his father's

wholesale and retail hardware store in Shelburne Falls.

Mr. Geo. M. Innis is in his junior year at Brown, Providence, R. I.

Miss Grace Haigis worked till recently in the millinery business in Greenfield. She is now working at the same trade in Athol.

Mr. Joseph Ballard is in the Mass. Institute of Technology. His address is 84 Montgomery street, Boston.

Miss Mary Burrington is teaching the North Bend school in Buckland.

John F. Manning is attending a business school in North Adams.

Miss Katherine E. Burke is teaching in Colrain.

Howard W. Hall is attending Dartmouth College. He is business manager of "The Dartmouth," the college paper, and also the manager of the Dartmouth Debating Society.

Miss Mand V. Elmer is in the State Normal school, North Adams. Her address is 157 Davenport street.

Miss Florence Amstein spent a year in the Boston Conservatory of Music, and is now giving lessons in this town.

Miss Celia Thorndike married Mr. Sawyer, who runs a tool shop in Fitchburg, Mass. Her address is No. 43 Summer street.

1898.

Miss Grace E. Call taught as an assistant in the Shelburne Falls primary school, later she had a school in Colrain, and is now teaching very successfully in Shelburne.

Neal Carley is attending Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H.

Miss May Chapman has for the past two years been teaching in Griswoldville.

Miss Jean Fisher is at home in Woods Hole, Mass. She is about to take a course in the Boston Conservatory of Music.

Miss Charlotte Jenks attended the Pittsfield business school and is now stenographer and typewriter in that place.

Miss Helen J. Shay is bookkeeper in the Pocketbook shop at Greenfield, Mass.

Miss Inez Ward is in the Boston Conservatory of Music.

J. EARL PERRY,
Ed. Alumni Dept.

SCHOOL NOTES.

At a recent meeting of the Junior class it was voted to retain the same board of officers: President, Bobbie; Secretary and Treasurer, Allie; Vice-President, Martin.

Holbrook thinks the base ball team rather unruly. He says he "withers" three collars a day managing them.

Prof. went to Williamstown, May 12.

The Junior prize speakers are doing their best to drive you crazy. Look out for them.

Under the skillful direction of their Latin teacher the Senior Virgil class have long since finished their journey to Hades.

The Senior Greek boys have patiently waited a week for their new books.

The young ladies say they wish their base ball boys wouldn't make so many errors.

The Juniors are reading Virgil, and the Seniors, Ovid.

Wanted—a powerful thinking cap to remind certain Juniors of their Latin verbs.

Is it because great minds run in the same direction that A. A., R. W. and E. W. always have their Latin prose exactly, precisely and absolutely the same?

Don't miss the auction sale advertised on page 16. There will be no "by bidders."

UN PETIT CONVERSATION.

Mrs. Jones calls upon her neighbor, Mrs. Bismark.

"And how is your man Fritz?" said Mrs. Jones.

"Ach iss better now as he vas some leetle time ago" replied Mrs. Bismark.

"But you don't mean to say he has been sick?"

"Vell no, not quite, but not as vell as he ought to be. You see it vas yost like dis. My man he say one day 'Katherine, I have got a pain my stomache inside of, und it seems yost I vas going to bust.' Den I vas yost as scared as ever und I say 'Fritz, better as you run der block around und see dat man vat has M. D. his name on der end of. Fritz he had some scairtness too, und he took his hat und set out. He vas gone so long dat I think he had fallen de way beside of perhaps, but after a while he come back und I rushed up to him und said 'Vat conversation did he make und you?' Den Fritz he say 'Dot fellow he say how as I must diet for some leetle, und he would come in tree days und see how I come long.' Den I haf ein grand idea. I yost rushed right der street down onto, und bought tree bounds of Limberger cheese, und ven I go home I said: 'Here Fritz, dis iss all you can 'ave to eat for der next tree days. I vill put it right here on der table vere you can get it ven you vant it.' Vell dot iss yost vat ve done und on der dird morning ven dot doctor come vat you tink he done? Why he put his hand up to his nose und said mit 'uskiness his voice in, 'Ven did he die?' "

WOOD, '02.

EXCHANGES.

CORA M. HALLAM '01, EDITOR.

In looking over the exchanges for this month I was conscious of a pleasant im-

pression that they were all rather better than usual. Most of the papers have one, if not more, well written, interesting stories; the school notes seem brighter and the notices of wider interest. "The Connecticut Poets" in the "Puritan" and the article "Gymnastics for young Women" in the "Steele Review" deserve special mention because they show some thought and power of expression. Articles like these should be more numerous in our high school papers as they are in the college papers. Not that stories should be omitted to make room for these more serious articles, but perhaps a little of the space devoted to Athletics, Batallion notes, and exchange jokes that have been repeated so many times as to be easily recognized,—perhaps some of this space should be given to some things of more value. This would not necessitate that "the games" should be neglected or that the occasional line-up should not be given. But some of our papers contain protracted accounts of every game, even tho' there should be five a week. It is too generous to the department to give three or four columns to uninteresting batallion notes. And one otherwise excellent paper was somewhat marred by a page of the oldest exchange wit.

Taking advantage of this last issue by the class of '01, I plead for articles of wider and more thorough interest, as earnestly as our Musical Associations plead for better music.

THE ALASKAN DIFFICULTIES.

(Read before the Current Events Class.)

Alaska was discovered by Behring in 1741. It remained, however, in almost entire obscurity till near the end of the 18th century, when the Russians established a few posts for fur-trading. The Alaskan territory includes the Aleutian

Islands and many coast islands north of them. It is bounded on the east by the Dominion of Canada, south by the Pacific, west by Behring Strait, and on the north by polar bears and icebergs. The total area, including all the islands, is estimated at 577,390 square miles, nearly 70 times that of our own state, or about one-sixth that of the United States. There are many active volcanoes on duty, and its highest peak, Mt. St. Elias, towers to a height of 17,000 ft. above sea level. Flowing almost directly west is the Yukon river, which rises in the Rocky Mountains and after traveling 2000 miles empties into Behring strait. The chief imports of Alaska are miners, while its chief exports are "busted gold-seekers," copper, oil, Esquimeaux, iron, coal, petroleum, graphite, white bears, salmon, cod, halibut, Northern Lights, seals, furs, pelts and icebergs.

Before the Klondike craze it was estimated that there were 14,850 civilized inhabitants and about 35,000 uncivilized, but the list of uncivilized people has probably doubled since the Klondike fields have been opened. These estimates, however, vary widely.

This extraordinary country was owned by Russia till Oct. 18, 1867, when "Uncle Samuel" purchased it for \$7,200,000. But "thereby hangs a tale." Up to, and for some time after this purchase, there was but one claimant at a time to Alaska, viz. Russia and then later the United States. However, owing to the unreasoning desire of the fair sex to keep up with the styles, all the seals in the Southern Pacific were killed to meet the demands. Now the many islands in the Behring sea belonging to Alaska and the United States were populated by multitudes of seals. Naturally, therefore, many seal hunters, especially British Canadians, went to the Beh-

ring sea, and in a short time had so far exterminated the poor *Terrae Carnivora Phocidae Otariidae*, that the United States passed stringent poaching laws.

At this point John Bull steps up and claims the right to kill seals in Behring sea. Several spicy communications were held between Pres. McKinley and Lord Salisbury. Finally, at England's request, the whole business was submitted to arbitration. While the arbitrations were going on it was agreed that there should be a 'modus vivendi,' that is, England and United States should together protect the seals from hunters. The modus vivendi was strenuously objected to by the inhabitants of Canada, Alaska, and, of course, England. For two seasons this law has been enforced, but in such a way that more seals were destroyed than in other years.

Thus England and United States have been at variance on the northern, western and southern boundaries of Alaska. Surely the eastern boundary must feel slighted at thus being left out of the fray. But its time was soon to come. All at once the papers were filled with gold discoveries in the Klondike and other gold districts. It was found that the entire region was full of gold. Here was a great chance for a squabble. The boundaries of Alaska and the Dominion of Canada were always very shadowy, and hence left many opportunities for disputes.

After much parleying, the United States temporarily gave up to Great Britain a strip of the Porcupine gold fields about 20 by 100 miles in area which she had formerly considered her own. As new fields are constantly being discovered near the division of Canada and Alaska, the difficulty of establishing a permanent and satisfactory boundary line is fast becoming very serious. It is hard to predict the re-

sult of the present controversy, but its development will be keenly watched by all the civilized nations of the earth.

EARL PERRY, '02.

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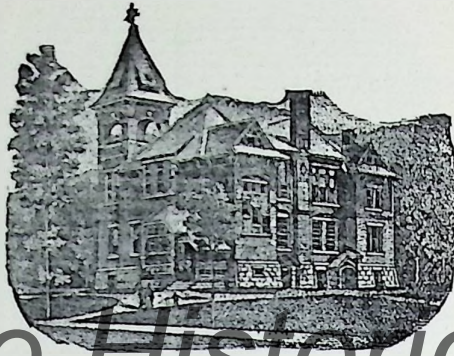
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