

July is pre-eminently the month of picnics. The papers, the walls, and the fences are full of advertisements of moonlight excursions and cheap trips to lake shore and wood. Superb inducements are offered to those who wish to purchase pleasure at wholesale and make a corner in sylvan sensuousness. July is synonymous with a juvenile holiday among trees and flowers. The girls of the Sunday school classes array themselves in spotless white muslin, and the elders attend with one eye to the little ones and the other to the hampers. There is a healthy and innocent feeling in this class of picnics. They are events to be anticipated for weeks to come, and to be affectionately reverted to a year after they are over. Possibly a clergyman attends, and opens the exercises with a prayer not too long. They are occasions expressly made for children, and it is the children who give character to them. If any of the attendant teachers can be accused of flirtation, the flirtation is of a sober and retained description. The fact is recognized that childhood is particularly the season for that free, untrifling, animal enjoyment which the picnic, under proper conditions, is calculated to promote.—*Inter-Ocean.*

It is interesting to note the respect which the just now prevailing fear of hydrophobia has secured to the dogs. They are seldom annoyed, and never aggravated, except perhaps by the most recklessly mischievous of boys, whose love of wickedness and dense ignorance of current matters combine to make them careless. A dog in one of these hot days may lie down in the coolest spot on the shady side of the way, and remain there undisturbed so long as it suits his convenience to remain. He may stop in the middle of the walk on Clark street, at any time he likes, and hold consultation with other dogs, and men will cross to the opposite side sooner than interrupt. He even may forage about butchers' shops and steal off the articles displayed therein—no one remonstrates. The community is on the watch for canines, so closely and nervously that the harmless bark of a dogberry-tree will send everyone within three blocks over the fence and out of the way.—*Inter-Ocean.*

HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Report of the Highest Four Grades for the Term Ending June 26, 1874.

FIRST AND SECOND GRADES.

Rank as determined by the sum of the 3 Averages.	NAMES.	No. half-days present.	No. half-days absent.	No. times tardy.	Average attendance.	Average deportment.	Average Scholarship.
1	Archie A. Beebe	80	0	0	100	100	93
2	Sarah Buck	80	0	0	100	100	84
3	Stella Duffield	77	3	0	96	99	88
4	Aggie M. Leslie	75	5	0	94	100	83
5	Belle G. Mackie	56	24	0	93	100	83
6	Hattie S. Hurd	80	0	0	99	100	76
6	Ada Lamson	62	18	0	89	100	86
7	Mary E. Tatch	78	2	2	97	99	76
8	Katie E. Beebe	77	3	0	96	97	78
9	Clermont Brokaw	78	2	0	98	99	73
10	Charles Shepard	80	0	0	99	98	71
11	Frank Plummer	78	2	0	98	96	71
12	Lily Hastings	80	0	0	100	100	64
12	Mamie Fischer	70	10	0	87	100	77
13	Eddie Smith	49	31	0	98	100	64
13	Newman Hall	80	0	0	100	93	69
14	Lillie Fischer	72	8	1	90	100	49
15	Willie Willard	70	10	0	88	99	67
16	Alice Dowd	80	0	0	100	99	51
16	George Leslie	76	4	3	93	98	71
17	Mary Steers	70	10	1	89	100	50
18	Lewie C. Preston	77	3	3	94	93	61
19	Harry Denison	80	0	0	100	91	55
19	Frank Green	68	12	0	85	100	60
20	Gregg O'Brien	41	39	2	80	98	63
20	James McDonald	76	4	0	95	90	50
21	Carrie Rusco	72	8	2	90	100	50
22	Bertha Baker	57	23	2	87	88	61
23	Alice Boyington	69	11	0	88	97	50
24	Carlie C. Curtiss	71	9	1	85	85	54
25	George Hammer	47	33	0	58	94	54

THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES.

1	Louise Gray	80	0	1	99	95	91
2	Frankie Field	80	0	0	100	98	72
3	Fanna C. Preston	78	2	3	96	93	80
4	Martha Feakes	80	0	0	100	100	68
5	Fannie Streeter	79	10	0	93	99	75
6	Harleigh Gilbert	77	3	0	92	99	75
7	Mead Kelsey	80	0	0	100	96	69
8	Freddie Clappitt	80	0	5	97	95	67
9	Lillie Beebe	76	4	0	94	85	79
10	Ella Elvey	78	2	1	94	96	66
11	Florence Duffield	56	24	0	93	93	68
12	Willie Gray	80	0	1	99	91	61
13	Eddie Hurd	77	3	1	94	91	64
14	Cornelius Field	79	1	1	97	90	61
15	John Bingham	78	2	1	98	84	64
16	Charlotte Feakes	76	4	0	95	93	50
17	Nellie Carpenter	32	8	0	80	83	70
18	Grover Williams	42	0	0	84	96	62
19	Hattie H. Denison	70	10	0	88	92	63
20	Florence Plummer	78	2	2	96	91	50
21	Charles Leslie	76	4	3	94	81	56
21	Ida Andrews	70	10	3	86	94	50
23	Leon Pluard	52	8	0	67	84	50
24	Anna Hammond	20	5	0	75	86	48
25	Frank Gallagher	65	22	0	75	94	40
26	Mary Fraser	36	14	2	76	94	24
27	Willie Lewis	5	6	0	50	100	—

We would invite parents, and all interested in the cause of education in our community, to examine carefully the foregoing tables, and to compare them with

similar tables printed in the May number of the News. These averages have been prepared with care and fairness, from reports regularly and accurately kept during the term; and we believe them to be the best possible index to the school-work of each pupil.

At the close of the winter term we simply had these tabulated statements printed, without explanations. But, out of justice to the pupils interested, who have labored most earnestly during the whole time, as well as for the information of the public, we would state, that the last column, relating to scholarship, is only designed to show the average of each pupil's scholarship at the weekly written examinations. Some of these examinations were quite difficult, including many facts and principles not passed over during the term. The daily class work of the pupils, as shown by our "class books," was considerably higher this term, and very much higher during the winter term, than this column of figures would indicate. The number of cases of tardiness, as compared with that of the preceding term, has been reduced 58 per cent, which is certainly a very pleasing result. It shows that only one pupil in each one hundred has been tardy, on an average. We hope that, in the course of another year, with the hearty co-operation of both parents and pupils, the cases of tardiness will be reduced to the very smallest possible minimum, thus leading the pupils to form in early life that habit which is a desideratum in any avocation of life—punctuality.

We find that the deportment, and indeed all the averages of the pupils, make a much better exhibit than those at the close of our last term. And this, in spite of the fact that a more rigid system, in many respects, has been adopted. The attendance would have been almost perfect but for the numerous cases of sickness. Our original record shows that the absences were almost entirely caused by personal sickness. And a few pupils have proven their zealous fidelity to duty, by constant attendance, when actually afflicted, and too ill for regular work.

We trust that the close of the long summer vacation will find teachers and pupils prepared for another year of arduous and persistent labor, without which no marked success in life can be achieved.

PRINCIPAL.

BASE BALL.

The following game of base ball was played on June 14, between the Highlanders and "Beebe Nine" of Highland Park, being the third and last game of the series, the first game being won by the "Beebes" by a score of 48 to 40, the Highlanders winning the second by the fine score of 20 to 1. The following is the score by innings:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Beebe Nine,	6	0	3	1	0	0	5	4	7-26
Highlanders	0	1	4	0	0	3	5	4	6-23

TOTAL OF THREE GAMES.

Beebe Nine,	1st game, 48	2d game, 1	3d game, 27	Total, 76
Highlanders,	40	20	23	Total, 83

The following game have been played by the Highlanders on their grounds during the past month:

Highlanders,	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
High School Nine, of Chicago,	11	3	1	4	3	2	4	1	1	30
Highlanders,	3	5	0	2	2	2	7	7	8	36
Glencoe,	3	0	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	10
Highlanders,	4	0	2	9	3	0	3	2	2	25
Lake Shore, of Waukegan,	1	0	1	10	0	1	1	3	0	17
Highlanders, 2d nine,	8	0	1	0	1	2	4	0	0	10
Lake Forest,	1	3	2	0	0	0	5	1	2	14
Highlanders,	7	4	1	1	2	6	1	1	0	23
Waukegan,	1	0	1	3	0	1	2	0	2	10

The Highlanders have also played against several picnic nines, being victorious in each game. The people of Highland Park are proud of their representative club, and show it in their attendance at each game. Next week the Highlanders play a return game with the Waukegan club, at that city.

"The Fourth" was celebrated in a very independent and democratic way in our city. There was nothing formal in any of the demonstrations, but a great deal that was patriotic. Explosions, both of gunpowder and of temper, were frequent, while the weather was the theme of that sort of comment which is neither elegant nor complimentary.

Love is often wiser than wisdom. This, at least, is sure: the most impressive and effective parental training is in the parent himself. The father and mother can do nothing worse for their child than to be themselves false and fretful and fault-finding; they can do nothing better for him than to be themselves upright, frank, generous, large-hearted, respected, and honored. No instruction is so thorough as the constant and unconscious instruction conveyed when the parents are all that they wish their children to become, and this instruction they have always under their control. The little ones, if they are of an enterprising turn, will often tread a zigzag path; but it is almost certain to tend constantly upward.

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