

Northwestern Military Academy I turn over to your proper use this natatorium, and with the hope that you will spend as much time and effort in developing and maintaining a pure and moral condition as you spend here in caring for your best physical conditions."

Major Davidson also spoke briefly, instructing the boys in the proper use of the new facilities accorded them. Captain Lomax responded for the cadets, accepting in their name the tendered gift.

Capt. W. L. Lomax responded as follows:

"On behalf of the athletic association, the cadet representatives, and the cadets I have the honor to thank you for the natatorium you have so generously presented to us. I assure you we shall all endeavor by our conduct and close attention to duties to show that we appreciate the generosity of the Academy management."

After a few brisk selections by the band the boys were dismissed and speedily hurried back, quickly divesting themselves of all superfluous clothing in a brisk race to see who should be the first to make a plunge into the tank, already filled and heated. Cadet Elder, a diminutive but very alert youth, beat them all in the "strip" and his plunge was a signal for a big shout which shook the rafters. In a few moments the pool was alive with bobbing heads while from every point of elevation and advantage the boys were diving and plunging into a body of water 40x20 feet in size and ranging in depth from four to eight feet. The tank is constructed of steel and built on a solid foundation, laid with much effort and expense. The top of the pool is level with the drill-hall floor and above is a large skylight. Leading downward from the main floor is a stairway, for in the basement will be located the lockers, toilet rooms and shower baths for the use of all the students, particularly adapted for the foot-ball players and other athletes. The completion of this splendid improvement will reflect great credit upon the management of the Academy which has in the past spared neither energy nor dollars in making this institution a thoroughly re-

presentative and high class military school for boys.

TAPS.

Corp. Messersmith and Cadet Blyer are absent on sick leave, and Cadets Bullard, Waterman and Leachman have been on the hospital list this week.

Mrs. Shuey, of Minneapolis, is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Capt. Trask. She will go to Chicago to attend the grand opera.

Major and Mrs. Davidson, Capt. and Mrs. Burke, Capt. Wood, Miss Wood, Miss Fannie Wood, Dr. Townsend and twenty-seven cadets were the members of a very jolly theatre party that went in last Friday night to see "Way Down East," at the Grand. Since that time "All Wound Round With a Woolen String," has been the one and only song about the Academy, even to the exclusion of imitations of Sig. Campanari.

The Sophomore entertainment, which was mentioned last week, was a success in every way and Manager Greenbaum is to be congratulated for his executive ability in planning and organizing the work. The hit of the evening was Capt. Wood's solo, the record of which was secured without his knowledge. Among the guests at the Saturday evening entertainment were Misses King, Bottum and Holmes of the Public Schools, and Miss Stewart of the High School.

A Lake Forest man named McCosker was seen lying between the C. N. W. tracks by a passing train crew on Saturday night. The train stopped and he was brought to Highland Park. He had fallen and become unconscious from the cold. Marshal Gordon of Highwood cared for him till the arrival of relatives. The extent of his injuries is not known at this writing.

A stag party and smoker was given at the home of Mrs. D. E. Inman of Second street last Saturday evening, Mr. Frank Haungs of Chicago being the guest of honor. Refreshments, songs, music and a phonograph were some of the sources of amusement. Among those present were Arthur Crichton, Charles Irish, Herman P. Schmidt and E. C. Tryon. A very enjoyable time is reported.

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