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EDITORIALS.

We hope the athletic field will be ours this year. Such a field is a necessity in the equipment of a modern high school.

The best work done in the shops will be hung on the new panels at the side of each room. It will be an honor to a student to have his work up, and all should try to do something worthy of it.

Students writing for the High School News will receive credit in English for the work done. This makes it worth while to try and get on the staff and to stay there when appointed.

The editor of the Sheridan Road News-Letter has shown his public spirit already by giving us this page of his paper. Now he proposes to offer a prize for the best article on "Newspapers," nothing short of a trip to the St. Louis Exposition, and return.

Students and their parents should subscribe for the Sheridan Road News-Letter in order to read the high school news. Clubs of ten or more students may secure the paper and keep in touch with all the life of the school. A special clubing price has been made.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Social Item.—Robert Lutz gave a surprise party in the chemistry laboratory last Tuesday. Details later.

Who swallowed the football? It was last seen in the lunch room the day the sandwiches and pie gave out.

Teacher of History.—Who were the husbandmen?

Freshman.—Why, they were the married men.

Teacher of Latin.—Don't laugh. "Boni children" means "good children," not children full of bones,—boni liberi.

Mr. Averill and his mother have taken apartments on Central avenue. Mrs. Averill will arrive in Highland Park today.

The first of the fortnightly lectures, by Jerome H. Raymond, will be given in the assembly hall, at the high school, Monday night at eight o'clock.

Mr. Wilson spent Wednesday afternoon at the high school. The enthusiasm with which he was greeted plainly showed his position in the hearts of the students.

The Board of Education have decided to put the matter of securing an athletic field for the school again to a vote while lots may still be purchased adjoining the school.

Frank Morris, the new gym instructor, is very much liked by the boys. He was captain of the track team at Northwestern last year and wears the much coveted initials on his sweater—emblem of events won for his alma mater.

The cow bell has been relegated to the grammar school whence it was borrowed, and the students now assemble at the sound of a bugle. Alexander Schenck brought one from the post and it is inspiring to hear him blow it.

Last week Friday the school was favored by a visit from Mr. Pease. He gave us a short but interesting talk, left us a specimen from his garden—a cornstalk 12 feet long, and also a number of geological specimens from Niagara and the Atlantic coast.

Mr. Sandwick will speak at the National Conference on Secondary Education, to be held at the Northwestern the last of this month. Among the leading educators who will take part from distant places are: Alfred E. Stearns, Principal of Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass.; Homer T. Fuller, President of Drury College; John Henry Bartlett, of Philadelphia, and Prof. Charles de Garmo, of Cornell University.

MISS FANNIE BLISS

We propose this week to give a brief sketch of our teacher of French and German. Miss Bliss is a native of New York. Her college work was done at Wellesly. In 1890 she came to Oak Park, Ill., as teacher of French and German in the high school there. After nine year's service she received a year's leave of absence and went abroad to study. She studied in Berlin and a year later made a second trip to Europe, remaining two years and studying in the University of Berlin and in the University of Lausann, Switzerland. Upon her return she was received as teacher of modern languages in the Deerfield Township High School. This is her second year with us and that she is filling her place to the utmost satisfaction of all may be clearly seen by the student's progress and by the pleasure with which they look forward to their recitations with her.

A. E.

MUSEUM AND SOCIETY ROOM.

A new addition to the high school building is being made by the fitting up of three rooms that were left and finished at the time the high school was built. This year some rooms at the east end of the first floor have been rented to the grammar school for the use of the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades; the rent money is to defray the cost of furnishing the new rooms, No. 36, 37 and 38. No. 36, situated in the southwest corner, is used for recitations only and is occupied by Miss Williams and her classes. This room, which is filled with bright flowering plants, is the sunniest spot in the building. No. 37 is to be a museum containing tablets filled with various curios and with geological and biological specimens. The collection of these has already begun; Mr. Oscar Bell, of Highwood, a well known collector, has promised mineral specimens. Mr. Pease, also of Highwood, bought us some curious rock formations from the east; and we already had a number of specimens of our own in the Biology stock-room.

No. 38 is set apart for literary societies. The walls of this will be tinted and decorated with pictures and tapestry and with trophies won by the school teams. Here the senior boys will hold bi-monthly debates, regulated by the rules of the U. S. senate and the girls will hold their literary society meetings in the same room at other times.

A. J.

A MODEL HIGH SCHOOL.

(A letter to an imaginary friend by an imaginary principal.)

Highland Park, Ill.

Sept. 21, 1903.

Dear Mr. Stone: Three weeks ago I accepted the position of principal of the Deerfield Township High School. The catalogue indorsed contains a short description of the courses of study and of the different departments in the school, the requirements for admission and graduation, the length of the sessions, the number of pupils and other things that have been heretofore, and will continue to be essential characteristics of the school.

In regard to matters not in the catalogue, I will begin by saying that to the modern languages now taught, I hope soon to add Spanish, as I consider it invaluable to any student who selects an occupation that will carry him or her to our colonies or to any of the Spanish speaking countries, where just now so many opportunities are opening up. As not a small percentage of the pupils come from a farming district, the sciences, especially Biology and Physiography will be taught both in recitation, laboratory and outdoor work, so as to be of practical use to them in later life. All the studies will be made interesting to the pupils who take them and no one will have to study more than four hours to prepare his or her recitations.

The boys will be required to take one period of manual training and a half an hour's work after school in physical training, unless something makes it absolutely impossible for them to do so. The girls have a choice of

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