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THE JOKER.—A CHARACTER STUDY.

Well, I suppose every town most in the country has its queer one—some poor, half-witted odd-fellow to furnish fun for the others and to kind of show them off the better—by contrast, I suppose—or may be God's punishment for a parent's sin.

Back in the old days before the war our little town here had its character, too—and he was a character, poor fellow. You could have seen him trudging along kicking up little clouds of dust that covers the road out there in hot weather, and every now and then tittering away to himself as if he was the happiest creature round about. His clothes weren't much, old and faded, but never ragged, and he had a faculty of keeping his hands and face clean, and his face had an honest look to it.

We boys got to calling him "The Joker." Perhaps I started it. God knows, I wish I hadn't, if it ever gave him any pain. You see, he had a strange habit of snickering and tittering like a silly school-boy when you spoke to him, and try hard as he would he could not control it and look you square in the eye, but would hang his head and turn half away as he strove to answer, in spite of his giggling.

Then he'd hurry away, with his face and ears burning with shame, and some said he always had a tear in his eye afterwards. He lived over yonder That little house where the smoke is coming up. He and his mother, a sweet little old lady, who thought her boy a wonderful fellow and bright as a dollar, tried hard to make a parson of him. Once, they say, he actually did start out to make one by trying to pray out loud at meeting, with his dear old mother by his side holding his hand and gently urging him on. Well, he started, stopped, and started again. Then as if the occasion were too much for him, he laughed, and the harder he tried to pray the worse he tittered, and finally they say he sat down, saying "He didn't mean nothing disrespectful," and burying his hands in his face cried and laughed aloud. Hysterics? Yes; guess they were. We didn't call them that in those days.

He gave up trying to be a parson. Anyway he reckoned a man wouldn't make a good parson who loved a horse. Love horses? Well, I guess he did; and they loved him, too. There seemed to be a kind of feeling between them, and they knew he didn't mean anything when he laughed. He was the best horse trainer in our county, and many the wild, raging colt he broke with never a cuss word or a blow. Why, he handled those animals just as a woman does her babe, and then his eyes would flash, his lips draw down, his face would flush, and he looked every inch a man and master; but after it was all over he'd hurry away to avoid acting silly before you.

He was just as gentle with folks, and mother said many a time that he was better than most women folks she knew of, and our section was noted for its nurses then. And once when Mary here and Babe was near death's door he brought the child back to life, and Mary—why, Mary thought the world of the old Joker, as women folks will when you do anything for their children, and Babe liked him better than her dad. And he used to come to the house real often.

One night I had been down to the squire's drinking—I don't drink now—and the boys had been twitting me about the Joker and my wife and all that, and soon between the liquor and the coarse jokes I was most crazed and started home swearing like a trooper. But I kind of got cooled down by the time I had reached the house and sent the horses to barn, else I might have killed him then. I went in round by the kitchen door and saw Mary hustling about her work as she always does and the Joker sitting on a chair swinging Babe high in the air. I flared up in an instant and asked him what the devil he was hanging round my wife for, and Mary, looking pale and scared, tried to quiet me. Slowly the Joker put Babe down and stood up there. Then he snickered, and I struck him, and as he lay I kicked him once, twice—yes, three times, and then Mary drew me back. He got up slowly and fumbled about for his hat, and standing in the doorway very straight, with the blood running down his pale face, he said: "Josh, I didn't mean nothing, and I don't see what you want to hit me for—and—and Josh, I'll never come again," and, with a look at Babe, he left.

Well, he never did call again, and between Mary and I there was a coolness for many a week, and Babe cried herself sick for her old playmate she missed so.

Soon after the war broke out, and I and Jerry Black and the boys, and the Joker, too, enlisted. After the novelty wore off camp life got pretty monotonous, 'cept just before a fight, and we spent many an hour thinking up pranks together to play on fellows, and the old Joker came in for more than his share, and Jerry Black and I were at the bottom of most of them. But he stood it all with unfailing good nature and was forever returning good for evil, heaping coals of fire, as the Bible says.

One day some horses were sent down to camp, and somehow Jerry got in among them, and one vicious black brute had him by the shoulder like a flash and threw him to the ground and was pawing his life out, when, like a shadow, the Joker was in among those
horses, and, with his hands at the brute's head, drew the horse back, all quiet and trembling, and we pulled Jerry out.

About that time, at the end of the first year, the fighting was coming along pretty thick, and we kind of got so we couldn't sleep well without the hum and cracks and noise of the firing.

One day, as luck would have it, I got hold of some real whiskey, and I didn't let the boys know, except I looked for Jerry, but he was off with a party. You see, we were closing in on them, and expected a battle most any day. Well, I got beastly drunk, and before I sobered up even the fever had me. There wasn't any room in the hospitals for a man with just the fever, and I might have fared pretty bad, only the boys helped me out a bit; but they were too busy to stay long, except the Joker, who stayed with me and nursed me like a mother. I remember coming to several times and finding him by my side holding my head up, that I might drink, and all so gentle and soft-like. And they say he stayed with me a night, a day, a night and a day, dozing when he could, and the last night they doubled the sentinels and called him out. They were expecting an attack any hour.

Toward morning they found him asleep on the ground, his gun out of his hands.

You know what a court-martial is. Well, they had Joker up, and even before the camp was through laughing to think how he'd be scared. But some of them took it serious and sent in a petition, but it was all rushed through in a hurry. They said up at headquarters it was for example. Well, perhaps we needed it, but they needn't have taken the best man in camp for it. You know how it's done—the choosing of lots, and all that. Jerry Black drew first lot, they said, and turned white's a sheet and liked to have fallen, and all the while I lay unconscious.

You know the rest—the march, the coffin, the chaplain, and all; the men drawn up in a half-circle, standing with down-cast eyes and bent heads, and Jerry like a dazed man. The Joker stood there, they say, with his arms tied behind him and a half-frightened expression on his face, as though he was trying hard to find what it was all about and whether or not it wasn't one of Jerry's jokes. They hadn't tied his eyes. He "kind er wished they wouldn't." They say he spoke: "I don't see what you want to shoot me for. I never done nuthin'." And after that he sent a message to his mother, saying, "He'd never tease her for cookies any more or drink the milk she was a saving for the cream." And he asked Jerry to take care of old Bess, his horse. Then he half turned and broke into that awful pathetic, silly little laugh. Then came the low command. Every one of 'em prayed that he might have the blank shot, but their prayers couldn't o' reached heaven, for the dear old Joker fell with scarce a moan, half in and half out his coffin, and the red blood spurted out on the piece of cloth pinned over his heart.

When I got round again I noticed a good many faces missing, and as it was after a big battle I s'mised where they were, and I thought the Joker had fallen naturally, too. I felt kind of sorry for his old mother and wished I hadn't played jokes on him.

I noticed Jerry Black acted strange and shunned every one with head bent down, like a thief with a conscience. One day I thought I'd find out, and asked Jerry to come over and have a drink at the sutler's. But he looked crazy-like and backed off, and I took him by the shoulder and made him tell me all.

He's taking care of the farm for the Joker's mother now.

Why, drat me, I believe I'm crying; and you, too, Mary. Shame! Just like a woman.

Fred Ames Hayner.

THE MISSION OF THE COLLEGE PAPER.

FROM A KIND BUT KEEN CRITIC.

The aims of a college paper should be: First, to pay its way; second, to furnish news and criticism to its patrons; third, to promote the interests of the institution at which it is conducted. To accomplish the first end a good business head in charge of advertising, subscriptions and collections is essential, but he will hardly succeed in securing and retaining that financial basis of every newspaper—good advertising—unless the paper is properly conducted in other respects. Advertisers are quick to discover that their medium is or is not a successful journal of the class to which it belongs. The college paper should furnish genuine views and worthy criticism. Its field of news is largely local and largely educational or scholastic, and its locals should be in the main educational, and its educational topics largely local. For the most part it will chronicle the life of the local college. It is a mistake to compose this chronicle of personal items to any extent. These only gratify a feeble individual vanity and have no interest to the majority of readers. What should be chronicled? The career of the college—any changes in its policy or curriculum or staff. The work of the faculty, any contributions to journals or periodicals, should be followed and noted, independently, and not by hearsay from the parties interested. The weekly meetings of the literary societies should be reported in brief digest. Lectures given in the town should be similarly treated. All the above matters should be given not in mere mention; they should be reported with judicious selection and comment. The work of reporting outside contests—literary or elocutionary—in which our students have participated, or games in which our teams have borne a part, has been so well done in the past by our Lake Forest papers that the only suggestion needed here is that all other reporting be done as carefully and as critically.
Outside news from other colleges should be handled.

Changes in policy or curriculum, happenings of note of any kind should be given a place, so that touch may be had with the larger life of the collegiate world. On the other hand, local events not collegiate may find a place. Matters which affect the whole community should be selected, however, and outside criticism may occasionally find a useful place. An article in one of our papers last season by a citizen concerning the killing of unmuzzled dogs, dealing as it did with niceties of the law, was of interest to every student of legal turn of mind. Larger matters than the bounds of the town or of all collegiate life can reach may be handled effectively. Mr. Danforth’s interview of Stanley some years ago as he rode from Chicago to Milwaukee was a neat bit of work for The Stentor, and the same paper made a brilliant stroke when it gave all Lake Forest the first news of Cleveland’s second election.

Finally, reporting should be accurate and criticism discerning. The paper is to stand for the student life, but it should represent the student life at its best, its maturest, its coolest, its fairest. The sensational reporter rushes in where the college scribe should dare not to tread. If the paper is to lead college opinion and make it forceful it should have as its motto, “Be sure you’re right, and then go ahead.”

J. J. Halsey.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

We have just received from Ginn & Co., Boston, a copy of “Graduate Courses, a Handbook for Graduate Students.” The credit of this new venture is due to the Graduate Club of Harvard. A committee from the Harvard club, assisted by committees from Cornell, Johns Hopkins and Yale, has made a compilation of the graduate courses of eleven of our largest universities, and arranged the courses in the different departments ready for comparison. The editors are conscious that the scope is limited, that other schools have special departments, but it is a move in the right direction and an honest effort to secure heartier co-operation between American schools, particularly in the requirements for the higher degrees. The schools considered are: Bryn Mawr, Chicago, Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Princeton and Yale. That graduate students and facilities for graduate work are constantly increasing is shown by this little book, which we heartily commend.

THE DENTAL DEPARTMENT.

The Dental Department of the University, the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, as it is called, will not open until the last of October. The delay is caused by the unfinished condition of the new building. When it is completed, the Dental Department will have one of the finest buildings in the city. It will be a fitting home for the school, which under the guidance of Dr. Truman W. Brophy, the dean, has become the leading college of its kind in the West.

ATHLETICS.

FOOT-BALL.

The foot-ball season is once more upon us and every night the players may be seen hard at work. The outlook is not as good as it was last year. Then we had back nearly all the old regulars and a couple of subs from the year before. This year only six players have returned. However there is material for just as good a team as we had last year, and besides, it is generally the case that when there is a good deal of new material to develop, the team works harder and comparatively better results are gained. The old men now at work are McGaughy, Woolsey, Hayner, captain; Hunt, Williams and D. Jackson. Then of last year’s subs are II. Thom and C. Thom. This leaves one end, a half back, a tackle and quarter to be filled. Adams is working hard for quarter. He does good work, for a new hand, and will very likely get the position. Lee, a new man, and C. Thom are working for heavy half. Thom has the advantage of having played before. He is a good tackle and bucks well, but is too slow to be of any account in the interference. Lee is a fast man, and if he will practice hard, will make a fine player. There are several candidates for end, among whom Cragin and Rice have the best prospects. Other men who show up well are Fales, Williams, Portier, North, Campbell and Gilceland. There are several whose names are not mentioned, but who play very well, and a good scrub team ought to be gotten together.

The dates for games already secured are as follows:

With Chicago University, at Chicago, October 14th;
with Wisconsin University, at Madison, November 18th;
with University of Illinois, Thanksgiving Day, at Champaign.

Correspondence is now being carried on with a view to securing home games.

TRACK ATHLETICS.

During last year, when the interest in base-ball was at a low point, track athletics were becoming more prominent. Our school had never won any points before in an intercollegiate field day. Last year, however, we got several. Five of the winners in last Spring’s intercollegiate field day at Champaign were chosen to represent the Chicago Athletics during the summer and in the great Columbian meet. Among these was our mile-runner, Mr. L. W. Rossiter, who took second in the two-mile handicap and third in the mile championship against such men as Orton, Connell and Walsh. He is now champion of the West, as he defeated the former champion at Cleveland. If we want to hold up our end this year, we will have to get every man out who can do anything at all on field or track. A good plan would be to get up some inter-class field day, such as they have in eastern schools. This would arouse enthusiasm and get men out who might never be known otherwise.
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"To all to whom these presents come, greeting!"

T is a little late to welcome our readers, old and new, to Lake Forest; so if you feel at home by this time you can reverse the process and extend a welcome to The University Stentor. It is hardly necessary for us to make a long editorial inaugural, for the plan and scope of the college weekly are pretty well understood. The form has been enlarged, and we trust improved. Old readers will notice a slight change in the title, though it is not really a change in fact, as the legal name of the paper has always been the Lake Forest University Stentor. These changes were deemed advisable, because it is intended to make this journal more than ever before, a true university organ, and because The University Stentor is, in a sense, the successor of two other publications—The Red and Black and The Stentor. Just before school closed last year a combination was effected (into the details of which we need not enter), so that now this paper represents the united forces of last year's journalistic rivals.

The delay in the appearance of this first issue may be briefly explained. Last year both papers had "an uphill climb," financially, and the final balances were on the wrong side of the ledger. The business affairs of The Stentor especially were in a very unsettled condition, and it required considerable time to get matters straightened out. However, arrangements have been made, so that the finances will now move smoothly.

The co-operation of all will be needed to make The University Stentor a success. The paper is not run for the aggrandizement of the stockholders, but for the best interests of the institution as a whole. No factions will be favored, but fair treatment accorded to all parties. Those in charge wish to have it understood that The University Stentor is not their paper, but the student's paper, in the full sense of the word.

THE COLLEGE READING-ROOM.

THERE is one department which seems to hardly have kept pace with the many improvements noticeable in the College this year, and that is the reading-room. True, it has been moved from its old cramped quarters to a larger place, but the increased size of the room only makes the scarcity of reading matter the more apparent. A few monthly magazines, some scattering weeklies, and one lonely daily paper make up the list at present writing. To remedy this deficiency the librarian is in the habit of sending around a representative to solicit subscriptions of the students and faculty in order to provide illustrated papers, etc. In other words, the college furnishes about half of the reading room and expects the students to supply the rest—or go without. Now, we appeal to the judgment of the Trustees, or whoever has the matter in charge, and ask if this is not an evidence of extreme parsimony? Would it not be almost as reasonable to ask students to help stock the library as to expect them to fill up the reading-room? When a student comes here for an education, he expects to find the necessary apparatus provided, and that apparatus, to our mind, includes facilities for general culture as afforded by a reading-room well stocked with all the leading periodicals. This method of begging pennies may have been perfectly proper in the early 80's, but it seems a little out of place nowadays.
LOCAL NEWS.

THE COLLEGE.

Quite a number of the fellows were well soaked in the heavy rain of last week, but we were all so glad to see the rain that we didn’t mind a little wetting. The unusually long drought this summer shows its effects on the campus. The grass, usually at this time of year quite fresh-looking, is literally burned up.

“Ye ancient game of fannell” was worked upon several unsuspecting victims on Friday evening. The onlookers enjoyed the sport immensely.

A World’s Fair Y. M. C. A. Congress is to be held in Chicago, commencing Oct. 6. Among the leading speakers mentioned for the meeting is our president, Dr. Coulter. The regular state convention of the Y. M. C. A. will be held this year at Elgin. One day of the meeting will be given up to athletic contests. It is to be hoped that we will be represented at the meeting. This year we will not be represented in Illinois inter-collegiate athletics at all. It is to be deplored that we are so restricted financially as to be unable to send contestants to these meets.

Prof. B. (in Greek class): “You may take the first seven verses for your lesson.”

New Man: “How many lines will that be, Prof.?”

The officers of ’96 are as follows: Pres., D. H. Jackson; Vice-Pres., Marie Skinner; Secy.-Treas., M. Woolsey; Sergeant-at-Arms, J. M. Vance.

It would be a decided impetus to foot-ball and bring out a larger number of men who might afterwards become available material, if class foot-ball teams were formed. Some arrangement should be made whereby the games could be played before the cold weather sets in.

The societies are hustling for new members, and the new men, while being worked themselves, are incidentally working the societies for all the good things they can from each.

In former years the eating clubs have as a rule been situated at long distances from the College. This year the reverse is the order, both Academia and Mitchell Hall being used as eating halls by the members of the respective societies.

It has been reported that steam will be turned on in the gymnasium only two days in the week during the fall season. This order should be changed. The heating of the gymnasium is a matter of great importance to the foot-ball team. Having to dress in cold and damp quarters will do more harm to the team than anything else. The bath rooms are limited in number, and this inconvenience is increased if they are available only two days in the week. “Senator” Fry is respectfully requested to be more liberal with his steam.

The Illinois Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Association will hold its annual contest at Galesburg, under the auspices of Knox College, on Friday evening, Oct. 6th. Mr. A. P. Bourns is Lake Forest’s representative, and will no doubt do her honor, for he is a pleasing speaker, with strong convictions. His subject is an interesting one:—“Henry W. Grady and His Negro Policy.” We extend to Mr. Bourns our best wishes for his success.

The Athenaean Society gave a very pleasant reception in their hall on Saturday evening last. Notwithstanding the disagreeable weather the attendance was good. An unique and exceedingly beautiful feature was the decoration of the outer hallway, which, with the aid of autumn leaves and colored lanterns was made to present the appearance of a sylvan bower. The genial Mr. Peter Williams presided at the refreshment table. The thanks of those present are due the Society for an enjoyable evening.

Among recent visitors were Miss Beach and Miss McKenzie, both ex ’94, and Alex Wilson, ’92, N. H. Burdick, R. H. Crozier and E. H. McNeal.

At the Young People’s Missionary meeting last Sunday evening, Dr. Coulter gave a brief and admirable presentation of Persia as the battlefield of great religions.

The students welcomed Dr. McClure after his extended trip through British Columbia, Alaska and the Yellowstone, Park on the second Sunday of the term.

The Junior young ladies received the young gentlemen of the class on Monday evening, October 2nd, in the Antheian Hall.

Rev. Wm. Elsing, a former Academy student, will address the usual Wednesday evening prayer meeting on his work among the Jews of New York City.

The piano in the chapel is a great improvement over the old organ.

The present economic condition of our country must have aroused a lively interest in the minds of a great many students, as Prof. Halsey’s class in Economics is the largest in the college.

J. Z. Johnson has entered the Senior class. From present indications that class will outnumber last year’s graduating class.

The college dormitory is much better filled than last year.

Three freshmen, Baker, Morrison and Craigin, are rooming at Mrs. Glen Wood’s.

Rush Medical College opened Wednesday, Sept. 27, with 526 students.

The Zeta Epsilon Society has issued invitations for a musical, which will take the place of their regular programme, next Friday evening.
AMONG THE PROFESSORS.

Professors Halsey, Davison, McNeil and Stuart spent most of their time last summer in Lake Forest looking after Senator Fry and visiting the world's fair between times.

Professors Harper and Lacy passed a large part of their vacation at Woodshole, Mass., studying in the marine biological science laboratories of that place. This center of biological studies was started by a Boston society and draws advanced students every summer from all over the United States. The professors report a very pleasant as well as profitable summer.

Professors Thomas and Stanley were out camping in northern Michigan, near Mackinaw, taking with them many of the common luxuries of modern life, for instance a piano.

Professor Schmidt, who formerly taught in the Academy for two years, and during the past three years has been teaching at Northwestern University, is one of the latest acquisitions to our faculty. Most of his summer was spent in teaching and tutoring in Evanston. Six weeks, however, of the vacation was used in fishing, most of the time in Minnesota streams for black bass.

Truly Lake Forest has sent out a few great men, and still more are to be on the roll. Among these latter Prof. Jack is setting a great pace. Graduating in '84, he spent the next three years in Princeton Seminary, and then for the next year and a half he studied in Germany, returning thus soon on account of ill-health. For the past two years he has been teaching in our Academy. Now as a college professor his classes are deservedly popular.

Professor Bridgman has been spending the summer with New Haven friends in Greensboro, Vermont. This was his third vacation in that place.

Professor Walter Smith has kept cool for about eight weeks in Nova Scotia and vicinity.

Mr. Seymour, '92, of Ann Arbor, now our instructor of chemistry, has been doing post-graduate and tutoring work in his alma mater during the past year.

President Coulter's herbarium in the old Academy building is in charge of two post-graduate students, Mr. Uline and Mr. Bray. Mr. Uline has had considerable school life, teaching three years previous to his college course, and after graduating at Indiana University in '92, spending a year there as a post-graduate and tutor. Mr. Bray is a '93 man, also of Indiana University. He spent six years before his college course in teaching in the public schools.

The recitation rooms of the college department are scattered more than ever this year. Profs. Dawson, Locy, Stevens and Seymour are in the college building. The old reading-room is now the president's office, while Prof. Morris' room makes a great improvement on the old as a reading-room. The library now occupies all of what used to be President Roberts' lecture room. Profs. McNeil, Thomas and Smith hold sway on the first floor of the old Academy building, with the book-store in the old Academy office and the librarian in the west end of the building. Profs. Stuart, Bridgman and Harper are in the basement of the Art building, Prof. Halsey in the southeast room of the main floor, with Profs. Jack and Schmidt in the gallery rooms.

Lake Forest is now a center for botanical study and publication. President Coulter is one of six great botanists who are revising and correcting previous botanical publications. They intend to publish in a few years a complete work in that study, to be the most complete and exact of its kind. The business office of the leading botanical periodical published, "The Botanical Gazette," has been located in this place. This journal was founded by Dr. Coulter while at Hanover in 1875. At first it was but a four-page sheet, but it is now a compact magazine of some forty pages, which stands at the head of its field. The present editors are John M. Coulter, C. R. Barnes, University of Wisconsin, and J. C. Arthur, of Purdue.

FERRY HALL.

The Nu Beta Kappa is no more. We mourn its loss, but cannot regret that it is at rest. During the last months of its life it showed the slowness and decrepitude of old age, and in June it was attacked by a committee of the faculty. The attack threatened to prove fatal, but it took a new lease of life and survived the pleasant summer months. This fall, however, after a desperate struggle for existence, it died, leaving all its earthly possessions to its twin daughters, Rhetoricals A and Rhetoricals B.

The organization of the two societies formed to take the place of the old Rhetoricals is almost complete. The meetings, which will be open, by order of the faculty, will be held each Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 in the chapel. The officers of one society are: President, Miss McIntosh; vice-president, Miss Louise Conger; secretary, Miss Harris; critic, Miss Stoddard. Of the other society: President, Miss Parmenter; vice-president, Miss Daniels; secretary, Miss Wilson; critic, Miss Lita Stoddard.

Miss Ina Young has been compelled to leave school on account of illness. We hope that she may return after Christmas.

Miss Lord spent Sunday in Evanston.

On Wednesday, Sept. 29, Mrs. Joseph Cook, of Boston, gave a delightful paper on "Women of the Orient." The young ladies are very grateful to Miss Norton for providing this pleasure for them.

Fly-paper has become an established necessity at Ferry Hall, and in certain rooms carelessness brings its own recompense, for we can testify from experience that it "sticketh closer than a brother." "Look before you leap."
Mrs Wallace paid a visit this week to her sister, Miss Dwelle.

The Misses Chapin spent a few days in Chicago.

The Seniors had a watermelon feast last week. No remarks are necessary.

Miss Somerville spent Tuesday at Ravenswood.

Miss Gladys Palmer was the guest of Miss Barnes for a week.

Thursday evening Miss Robinson gave one of her pleasant and instructive talks to the girls. An address by Miss Conger followed.

Mr. McIntosh, of Macomb, visited his sister, Miss Alleyne, recently.

Music is well said to be the "speech of angels," and there isn't a "Sem," except a few unfortunates who room on the east side or the south end, who will not echo that sentiment when you mention the glorious serenades we have had this term, and especially the last one, for the new songs were so restful we even forgot there was a melody entitled, "Good Night, Ladies." Therefore, ye pipers, play on!

The officers of the Senior class for this year are:

President, Miss Clark; secretary, Miss Condon.

The officers for the Junior class for this term are:

President, Miss Nellie Stuart; vice-president, Miss Miller; secretary, Miss Mercer; treasurer, Miss Stoddard.

LAKE FOREST ACADEMY.

PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

OPENING OF SCHOOL.

With many of the old students and a goodly number of new boys present, school began in the Academy on Wednesday, September 13. Although everything seemed as familiar as ever, still great changes had taken place.

We are now the proud occupants of three elegant new buildings, about which enough has already been said.

Two new professors, Messrs. Meyer and Whiteford, are among the novelties of the season. They are taking the places of Professors Jack and Mendel. Prof. Jack is now teaching in the college, and Prof. Mendel has returned to his home in Germany.

Prof. Robert N. Whiteford, M. A., Ph. D., who now occupies the chair of English, is a graduate of Wabash College, and has taken his degrees from that institution. Besides his regular and post-graduate courses at Wabash, he took a post-graduate course in English, German and French last year at Johns Hopkins University.

Prof. G. N. Meyer, M. A., is the new teacher of modern languages. He graduated from Colgate University, in New York, in 1889, and has since taught in the High School of Des Moines, Iowa.

We are glad to welcome both of these men to our Academy, and hope that they may enjoy their work here.

The number of students this Fall is not as large as expected, but as soon as times grow better, an increase will probably result. There are now eighty-seven enrolled.

To the Academy students for whom this year is their first, the older members extend their hands in the jolliest, and, it is hoped, the truest friendship. We understand you to be gentlemen and only hope we may fulfill your good expectations of us. The opening term of each succeeding year brings among us a great number of new students, but this line of distinction between "old" and "new" students soon vanishes, and both enjoy the general credit given to the Academy.

Society halls are the next thing we need. There are unused rooms in Reid Hall, which would be very suitable for this purpose, and the societies should at once try to procure them.

Chicago Day at the Fair will be October 9. If things go as they should, it will be a holiday.

Steps have been taken to organize an Athletic association. Messrs. D. H. Williams, Judson Williams, W. L. Jaeger, and R. G. McKinnie have been appointed a committee to draw up a constitution. More will be said in the next issue regarding this association.

The Academy foot-ball team has been chosen, and has elected Judson Williams, Esq., captain, and R. G. McKinnie manager for the coming season. Practice is going on every evening.

All who play tennis can congratulate themselves upon the elegant new tennis courts back of Reid Hall.

At Highland Park, last Wednesday, Messrs. Hedges and Thornton crossed rackets with a "double" of that place and captured four out of six sets. The set was won chiefly by the fine drives of the Lake Forest gentleman, whose "lawfords" their opponents found impossible to return.

SOCIETY NEWS.

All the new students have now been chosen into the Gamma Sigma and Tri Kappa societies. Officers for the societies were elected on Wednesday, September 20.

Following is the result of the elections:

**Tri Kappa:**

President—B. S. Cutler.

Vice-President—J. T. Williams.

Secretary—N. B. Hewitt.

Treasurer—W. L. Jaeger.

Sergeant-at-Arms—M. N. Warren.

**Gamma Sigma:**

President—R. G. McKinnie.

Vice-President—C. P. Hall.

Secretary—W. S. Kline.

Treasurer—J. H. Rheingains.
O N L Y A S C A R E .

Last Saturday the lamp in the room occupied by J. H. Rheingans came very near exploding during his absence. The result was a panic in the menagerie, and the “Campbell,” becoming unruly, put his foot through the door, so that it was opened in time and the lamp thrown out of the window. Prof. Palmer arrived at the critical moment, fatigued in his efforts to break the pacing record. No serious damage resulted, further than the frightening of Greenwood.

A C A D E M Y L A C O N I C S .

Messrs. Bodle, Moriette, McFerran, Carver, Hald- bert, Ritchie, Reid, Roberts and Baker are old students now in the college. The last four graduated from the Academy in June.

In the commencement number of the Chicago University Weekly we notice Prof. Burnap’s likeness in a cut of the class of ’86 of the old Chicago University.

Mr. F. M. Hatch will not be back with us this year. He is now in the emloy of Marshall Field & Co.

Mr. George Marshall has entered on active business life.

H. F. Dickinson, ’93, has entered the University of Wisconsin.

One who was a student here last year, Fred W. Kickbush by name, is now a married resident of Wau- saw, Wis.

Among the notable characters who have not returned to the fold this year are Graham, Nichols, alias “Wild Bill,” and Kilgour.

G. O. Forbes, of last year’s senior class, and A. H. Bogue, of ’93, are now freshmen at Princeton.

Charlie Durand has left us to be a student at Andover Academy.

Mr. Black, a new student, left us last Monday.

Several old boys have visited since school began. Among them are Geo. Busse and Nott and Joe Flint. The latter are now at Chicago University.

A petition was handed the Faculty about a week ago, asking that Saturday be made a full holiday during the continuance of the World’s Fair. The Faculty, however, looked at it otherwise, and—you know the rest.

Prof. Palmer took his Ph. D. degree here at commencement in June. This gives us two Doctors of Philosophy in the Faculty.

Prof. Dudley was visited by his father last week.

All rooms in the Cottage are now filled.

A L U M N I .

[Note:—The alumni will be pleased to learn that Prof. John J. Halsey has consented to take charge of this department and will give it his personal attention this year. His personal acquaintance with nearly all the alumni is sufficient assurance of his interest. You are earnestly requested to send him any items of news coming under this department.—Ed.]

T I D I N G S O F ’93.

The class of ’93 furnishes six divinity students for the coming year. N. H. Burdick, C. S. Davies, J. A. Linn and Henry Marcotte go to McCormick Seminary, at 1060 North Halsted St., Chicago; A. W. Doran is at the Episcopalian Divinity School at 1113 Washing- ton Boulevard, Chicago; E. L. Jones is at Auburn Seminary, in New York State. Two from the class are reading law—R. H. Crozier, in the office of Cutting and Castle, 815 Chamber of Commerce Building, Chicago; and A. A. Hopkins, at Denver, in the office of Rogers & Stair, 53 Syms Block. W. D. McNary is in attendance at Rush Medical College. Three are in business: L. A. Grove, with the hardware house of Grove & Co., at Ellwood City, Penn.; S. B. Hopkins with a music and stamp house at 79 State St., Chicago; and F. C. Sharon will go into the passenger department of the general offices of the C. B. & Q. R. R., either at St. Louis or at St. Joseph, Mo.

Three of the young ladies are teaching. Miss R. E. Adams has not communicated her location. Miss B. C. Marshall is assistant principal in the high school at Spencer, Iowa, and Miss E. M. Williams is assistant principal in the Union school at North Argyle, N. Y. The following are at their homes: Miss A. Adams, 864 South Ashland boulevard, Chicago; W. J. Chaffee, Paw Paw, Ill.; Miss D. D. Cresswell, Minneapolis, Minn.; R. J. Dysart, MacAlester Park, Minn.; W. N. McKee, Remington, Ind.; L. N. Rossiter, Lake Forest, and Miss B. B. Taylor, Princeville, III.

Mr. Sharon and Mr. S. B. Hopkins are following business pursuits only for a time. The former still expects to take a graduate course in social science at Columbia.

Judge Rogers, the senior of Mr. A. A. Hopkins’ patrons, is one of the leading lawyers of Colorado.

“Double A” writes cordially in his wishes for L. F. U. “under the new administration,” Miss Marshall, is with us “in spirit,” and seven sturdy fellows—Crozier, Davies, Doran, S. B. Hopkins, Marcotte, McKee, Rossiter—have been with us “in the body” to help open the new year.

T O W N T O P I C S .

As Lake Forest develops, and a business element, with public interests and public improvement at stake appears, the necessity for a reliable news medium to record and disseminate transactions and happenings is at once obvious. For this reason The Stentor, while pre-eminently a college paper, has determined to continue its “Town Topics” department. The Sten- tor will endeavor, moreover, to keep pace with the progress of the town in its weekly summary of events, and will do its utmost to attain to that reliability of in-
The foot-ball season at Wabash opened on the first day with two full elevens in the field.

The University of Illinois has lost several men, among them Huff, but expects to have a fair team.

The University of Minnesota has the brightest foot-ball prospect of all the western colleges. Seven of the old team are back and excellent material for the other positions.

In the East the undergraduate rule will probably be revoked.

Yale is as strong as ever.
Princeton, with another scion of the Poe family, feels confident of success.

The Pennsylvania men go in with a strong team. Cornell is somewhat behind on account of the death of their captain.

Among our exchanges we noticed that the University of California furnishes the largest amount of poetry. Both of its papers contain excellent verse.

CONVERSATION AT MIDNIGHT.
'Twas midnight on the sandy shore,
Thick fog banks rose around.
The sounding waves and billows roar
As if talking with the ground.

"To-day there wandered four stout wights,"
An oak tree murmured low,
The strangest of all earthly sights,
Prof. Harper and his show.

"A class in Field Geology,"
They call themselves, I hear;
I however they should, it seems to me,
Have named themselves "The Queer."

For of their number one drew nigh
In youthful "freshman" joy,
Exclaiming as he held up high
A specimen (poor boy!):

"Professor, see! what luck to meet
Upon this lonely scur,
Subjected to intensest heat,
This piece of cinnabar."

His look was satisfied and bland,
His specimen was thick;
And, friends, he held within his hand
A—well, it was a brick!

—Adapted from The Occident.

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"Nor, although there are many things in Blackstone, which have ceased to be important in the practical administration of the law, can we, with prudence or propriety, omit to make ourselves acquainted with them. Things which are abolished or obsolete may nevertheless, have furnished the reasons for the things which remain; and to study rules while ignoring their reasons would be like studying the animal anatomy, while ignoring the principles of life which animated it. And it is noticeable also, that through in England, where the common law and the statutes mentioned by this author have been so greatly changed by recent legislation, * * * in America, where many of these changes have never been made, and where much of the recent English legislation has no importance, even by way of explanation or illustration, the original work of Blackstone is much the most useful, as presenting us the law in something near the condition in which our ancestors brought it to America, leaving us to trace in our statutes and decisions its subsequent changes here, unencumbered by irrelevant information about parliamentary legislation which in no way concerns us."

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