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The wonders of Chicago have been well and frequently described. Chicagoans are generally the first to praise some new achievement or exploit some gigantic enterprise. But, however, there are many things in Chicago that, although remarkable, are never perceived by even such energetic boasters. They are wonderful from the very fact that they are unnoticed and unrealized. It is true that, unconsciously, we see and are a part of a life which, to strangers, is one of the most interesting and amazing characteristics of Chicago. It is always hard, however, to take ourselves up from our surroundings and look down with critical eye upon them and their relative position to the rest of the world. Even if we had time, we probably should not think of taking pains to observe those sights and places with which we have been familiar for years. Until we have thus observed, we cannot understand how Chicago is different from any other crowded, busy, monotonously active city.

One evening, during the holidays, an unwelcome opportunity was offered me of observing what went on in the Northwestern Railway station, commonly known as the Wells Street Depot. I had missed a train and was forced to wait for nearly an hour. At that moment I was watching the ceaseless coming and going in the car-sheds. It was a day or two before Christmas, moreover the busiest time of the day, which perhaps accounted for the crowd. However, for some reason, there was what seemed to me an unusual rush; the confusion was heightened, also, by the feverish haste of each particle of the mass. Each was bent on catching his train, and,
moreover, was evidently under the impression that his train was just starting. Consequently, each wore an amusing look of anxiety and fearfulness.

I wondered if I had looked thus a few minutes before, when I too was dashing down the stairs to the train that had already left. Alas! I must have appeared even more foolish, for these people all reached their trains in time. Swallowing my vexation, however, I began to ascertain my bearings.

The prospect before me would ordinarily have been quite unpleasant, for I had never noticed anything of interest about the station. I had been in and out of it times without number; I had taken time-cards from the sheet-iron pocket on the wall; had gotten bundles of Marshall Field’s boy at the foot of the stairs inside; had checked trunks, and had bought flowers of the old woman; I had even gone so far late one night as to eat a sandwich at the lunch counter; but always until to-day I had been of the crowd, one of the scramblers, and never had it seemed anything more than a prosaic, everyday, commonplace railway station.

This evening, on the contrary, the stiny old station was interesting. What a busy place it was! How many people there were, and how they hurried! How quickly the trains filled! How many papers the newsboy sold! It was truly wonderful. It was strange. It seemed like some other station. As it happened, for the minute I did not see one familiar landmark. Under the black wooden clocks with “This train leaves at” printed on them in white letters, were long lists of stations which might as well have been in Africa for all I knew of them. And yet the trains for those unheard-of places were as crowded as any on which I was accustomed to ride.

Meanwhile the people kept coming. The city above poured down a rushing stream of humanity. Old men and youths, women and boys, laboring men, clerks, shop-girls, all were borne in on the flood, and were tumbling over another in frantic haste. If perchance, the puffs of a starting engine sounded, the pace would quicken, as each wondered if the ominous sounds belonged to his own train.

Sometimes they came steadily, sometimes in spurts. The city, like a great heart, throbbed, now regularly, now hurriedly; now pumping a steady flow, now ejecting at intervals. The station was a pulse, by which one could tell how actively the city was working, whether normally, or feverishly.

But as I watched, there is a sudden lull. Like the mountain torrent that quickly comes, and as quickly goes, the mad stream from the street disappears; the platforms are left empty. There is no more confusion. The train agents take a breath; the newsboy with the blue suit rearranges his papers and counts his gains, while the gatemen have an opportunity of exchanging a few words. One single suburbanite comes down the stairs, and he looks forlorn and lone indeed. Where are the people? Why this sudden silence?

A hoarse toot on the river and the tops of three tall masts gliding by, answer that the bridge is open. I imagine the thick impatient mass lined up along the brink of the river, and waiting to rush across as soon as the bridge swings.

The conductors take out their watches to see how many seconds they can wait for the belated. Just then a dignified vestibule train takes the opportunity of slowly, silently, sliding away from in front of me. “That train,” I thought, “goes farther, sees more and knows more of the world than any of these suburban trains. It is an aristocrat, while they are of the common-herd.” I could see it winding away over the maze of tracks, among the myriads of green switch-lights, and across the bridge, until finally the red lanterns of the last car were lost in the haze beyond.

Just at this minute a half a dozen little boys with lunch boxes tear down the stairs, the first indications of the coming flood. They were probably on the bridge as it turned, and thus gained a bridge-length’s start of the others. They race to their train, and the first one there proudly mounts the brake-wheel; the others have to rest content with hanging their legs off the platform.

But the torrent is coming. There is an uproar above. The newsboy prepares for a rush; the gatemen open the gates wide. One second more and they are here. They cover the platform, and fill every corner. Hastening, hurrying, hustling, almost head over heels, they crowd out into the aisles, and swarm into the cars. As a train moves out, the rear end is black with men. It is like a great magnet dipped in filings, and the filings in their eagerness to reach it, cling to each other in a heap. When the train is well started, a few late filings are seen running along the platform, and adding their part to the heap.

Thus the rush kept on. I began to feel a new thought working within me. Chicago haste truly is a Chicago peculiarity; it is one of her proudest boasts. But this incontinent tempest surely was nothing to boast about. It was already beginning to appear ridiculous, and would have seemed absurd to a stranger. If it were possible to stop one of the racers and make him observe for himself, he would soon decide that it was all foolish and unnecessary. Such universal haste may be remarkable, it may be unusual; but very surely it is not admirable.

Time-saving, so ran my thought, is carried to too great an extreme. It is felt almost a duty to put off starting for the train until the very last minute, and then hurry away. And this is the reason that all these people, without exception, came into the station with that driven, fearful look, all in suspense lest their train should have departed.
Moreover, many run who should not run. That short man of large circumference ought never to worry himself into a trot, and yet there he starts up. Here comes an old man with arms full of Christmas bundles; he too has the driven look, and in his haste he stumbles and drops his packages. And many women have from time to time made a frantic exhibition of unlady-like haste.

It is all wrong, I thought. It is useless, unwise, wearing on body and mind, and more often on soul. I had learned a lesson. What does it profit one, who, though he saves two minutes in the office, probably takes two days from the length of his life? Who pays dearly for timed saved, in nervous strength lost?

No! Never again would I be so thoughtless. I resolved seriously and solemnly that never again would I foolishly defy time and try to gain a minute. Better to calm one's self and wait for the next train than waste away in nervous suspense. If I had bundles, I thought, I would start the earlier. If I wanted to accomplish enough to make the journey to the city worth while, I would start early and return late, rather than crowd many errands into few minutes; but never would I hurry for a train. My resolve was fixed.

Just then, as I pondered, I noticed a familiar figure scurrying along, and he at the same moment caught sight of me. "You will have to hurry if you catch this train," I heard, then suddenly the figure darted through the gate after a train just rolling out. Like a madman I tore after him. I ran, it seemed to me, as I had never run before. And just as panting and puffing, I seized the iron railing, and leaped upon the steps, I heard a brakeman remark: "Well, I've been running on this road nearly eleven years, but that's the fastest time I've seen in the old station yet."

David Fales, Jr., '96.

The University Pin.

The above illustrations are of the three best designs for a University pin, which have been submitted in reply to The Stentor suggestion. The pins will be finished in red and black, and will cost from thirty-five cents to a dollar according to material and finish. The designs which proves most popular will be adopted as the University pin, and in order to find which design is preferred by the majority it is proposed that all our readers vote on the matter. Write your preference on a postal card and mail to The Stentor, or give some member of the editorial board, as soon as possible. At this writing No. 3 has the preference.

Town Topics.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rumsey and family will shortly leave for Florida. They will remain there several months.

Last Tuesday was the coldest day this winter. In the morning the thermometer was variously reported as recording from 14° to 28°.

The second of the series of musicales under the direction of Mr. Marum was held at the home of Mrs. Frank Farwell last Thursday evening.

There has been continued interest in the prayer meetings at the church. Meetings were held there last week every night except Tuesday and Thursday, when instead there were various meetings in other parts of the town.

Monday Miss Holle and Miss Lucy Rumsey left for Oconto, Wis., where they will make a tour of the mining camps in company with Mr. Arthur Holt. Miss Rumsey will afterward go to St. Paul for a month's visit.

The Art Institute was held last week at the home of Mrs. Frank Hall. The evening was one of especial interest. Mr. E. Burton Holmes gave an illustrated lecture on the Oberammergau Passion Play, following with some views of Japan.

Considerable interest was shown in the organization of the Christian Endeavor Society last Wednesday evening. A temporary President and Secretary were elected to serve until the election of the regular officers next Wednesday evening, Jan. 31st. A large attendance is needed there.

An entertainment will be given Saturday evening for the benefit of the College Y. M. C. A. Prof. Booth will read several selections. An octette selected from the Glee Club will sing and there will probably be other music. The program will be followed by a social in Ferry Hall parlors. Tickets are 35 cents each. The people of Lake Forest are earnestly requested to aid this excellent cause.

Africa possesses the smallest university going, as well as the largest. An exchange mentions one consisting of five students and twelve instructors.

Egypt carries off the palm for a popular university. That located at Cairo, founded in the year 973 of our era, has an enrollment of 10,000.

A Latin play will be given by the undergraduates of Harvard this year. The "Phormio" of Terence has been selected because in plot and development it approaches more nearly than others to the modern comedy. Prof. F. D. Allen has prepared the music and Prof. Greenough has written a new prologue for the play.—University Review.
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A UNIVERSITY SONG.

We print this week the Lake Forest song written by A. W. Doran, '93, which was published in the Red and Black last year. The words are good and the tune is simple, both together forming an admirable combination, and by far the best L. F. U. song yet produced. The theme is a fruitful one, however, and we hope others will be tempted to try it. The Stentor would be glad to receive and publish verses, either grave or gay, suitable for a University song. Such songs should not exceed thirty lines in length, and should be adapted to familiar airs, or if the music is original it should not be too difficult.

Owing to the present "financial stringency" we are unable to offer any prizes for this work, but in a good cause perhaps our verse makers will be willing to exercise their wits for "glory," as do College editors.

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COLLEGE CYNICS.

It is very easy for any one, and especially College men, to get into the habit of fault-finding. As a man acquires education, his perception of the foibles of his fellows becomes keener, and unless he guards against it, the education process, which is intended in itself to be a broadening process, becomes narrowing in its effects. The custom of supercilious criticism, especially if one is by nature inclined in that direction, is very readily formed, and once permitted it soon becomes chronic. We know of College men to-day who, through disposition and practice, have become wholly unable to recognize merit in man or woman. The majority of mankind, to them, is either ignorantly foolish, or detestably selfish. They claim to see at a glance that every man is animated by stupidity or self-seeking motives.

It is such cynics as these who bring opprobrium on the name of college graduate, for of all uncomfortable men the confirmed cynic is probably the most disagreeable. The modern college student who is a victim of cynicism is happily rare, but we presume that a few such superior unfortunates are found in every school. The cause of their dissatisfaction is usually not far to seek. Admiring nothing external to themselves, they still have a supreme admiration for their own abilities, but lacking executive ability and "push," they are disappointed in their desire for office and position. They sullenly conclude, therefore, that those who are awarded the coveted places have secured them by unfair means, and with an ulterior end in view; and so they fall back to carping criticism as a relief to their jealousy.

Every true student sees the falseness of such a position. The aim of a College course is to broaden the mental and moral horizon, to increase the sympathies and to help one to take a philosophical view of life. A liberally educated man should be above petty jealousies—in fact he should have no room in his life for such emotions. If he does with his might the work next at hand, if he is ever ready to be helpful, these opportunities for increased usefulness will come as fast as he is able to take advantage of them. If all would adopt the cheerful motto of Edward Everett Hale—"Lend a hand"—cynicism would very soon disappear.
COLLEGE LOCALS.

R. H. Crozier, '93, is now in the railroad business in St. Louis.

G. W. Wright, '92, spent a part of last Thursday in Lake Forest.

Remember the Y. M. C. A. entertainment on Saturday evening.

Miss Cooke, of Wankegan, a member of '97, has left school.

E. U. Graff, ex '95, will return to college the beginning of the second semester.

Mr. H. E. House, ex '94, accompanied Mr. Sheppard last Tuesday evening.

Prof. Thomas' class in "Thesm" will enjoy his hospitality at his home this evening.

The Seniors took great pleasure in accepting Mrs. Scelley's kind invitation for tea on Monday afternoon.

Prof. Halsey has been confined to his house for the past week, and so was unable to meet any of his classes.

The Hare-and-Hound run scheduled for last Saturday did not take place owing to the heavy snow fall. If the weather permits there will be a run the coming Saturday.

Mr. D. W. Lyon, the traveling secretary for the Student Volunteer Movement, will probably be in Lake Forest to address the Christian organizations of the students on Tuesday, Feb. 6th.

The very common question just now is, "How many hours have you for next semester?" The course in English has been enlarged and advanced, there being now five semesters of English literature offered.

A good deal of interest was manifested in the outcome of the argument between Messrs. Corbett and Mitchell last week. We have so far been unable to ascertain just how much money changed hands on the result.

The latest additions to the library are the complete works of J. G. Holland in sixteen volumes, of Thoreau in ten volumes, and of Bret Harte in six volumes. A library catalogue will probably be out the latter part of this week.

A project is on foot to bring about a joint meeting of the three literary societies of the college. That such a meeting would be a success we have no doubt, and it is to be hoped that the matter may be favorably considered by all the societies.

Dr. Johnson, who addressed the students last Thursday morning has been in Chicago only a short time, but is rapidly making a name for himself. In his address here he produced a very favorable impression, both in the morning and afternoon.

Among the old friends whom we were glad to see with us again was Mr. Grant, who spent a couple of days of the past week in Lake Forest. He is doing some training under Stagg for baseball. He says Chicago's prospects for a good team are very bright.

Hand-ball is all the rage now. Already there are several teams very closely matched and who play a very sharp game. It is probable that if a gymnasium exhibition is given, (and a movement is on foot for such an exhibition), that a chance will be given at that time to settle the question of the supremacy of the various hand-ball teams.

The change in the weather bringing skighing has been taken advantage of by several jolly crowds lately. On last Thursday evening a party of six couples enjoyed the cool, moon-lit air, stopping at Mrs. Williams to be warmed and fed. On Saturday evening the Juniors with some auxiliary friends made a joyful noise through Lake Forest's quiet streets, going to the "Z. E. Hotel" for refreshments.

It would seem that when a man breaks a window in the gymnasium through carelessness that he would be honest enough to pay the damage; and if he does not admit his guilt, as a matter of self-protection to others, he should be reported. There are indulgences granted by the gymnasium committee in regard to the use of the upper floor for certain purposes, and the continuance of these indulgences depends largely on the conduct of those using the gymnasium.

On Tuesday evening, Jan. 23rd, Mr. Sheppard, a colored Presbyterian missionary from the Upper Congo region, who has spent eleven years in Africa, gave to the students of Lake Forest in Ferry Hall Chapel a lecture both entertaining and instructive. He was well called a"Second Kennan" so realistic and natural were some of his descriptions, and he certainly holds a high place as a missionary lecturer. He takes with him, as he now returns to Africa, the best wishes of Lake Forest students.

The Aethehasian meeting on last Friday evening was made especially interesting by the presence of several visitors. The program was as follows: Duet, violin and piano, by the Misses Pearce; paper, "World's Universal Journal," (exceptionally attractive) by Misses Keener and Cotton. The debate was given "because the question has not ceased to be of interest." The debaters were Misses Eudora Smith and Abigail Davies. A recitation (original) by Miss Olive McClanahan; music by Miss Leila Hodge and a dialogue by Misses Darby and Wetherhold.

Mr. W. H. Richardson, the State Secretary of the Inter-Collegiate Association will address the students of College and Academy in the College Chapel Wednesday evening at 6:45. He is the State Organizer and desires to organize a Prohibition Club in this institution.
The ultimate aim of this Club is to promote political interest in dealing with the liquor problem, its present aim a more thorough knowledge of its social and economic importance. The meeting will not last more than an hour. Those who attend will most surely enjoy an entertainment of high order. Let everyone be present.

The Athenaeans met on Friday evening. The first number on the program was a critique of "Shirley," by W. B. Smith. This number was followed by an essay on "The Evolution of Transportation," written by Mr. Cragin and read by J. H. Jones. The special feature of the evening followed, a paper by Professor Stuart on the Roman Drama. After the paper came the rendering of a portion of Plautus' comedy, known as the "Two Captives;" the parts in this were taken by J. G. Coulter, D. Fales and A. O. Jackson. Several visitors were present from the Academy and from the Zeta Epsilon Society.

Mr. W. H. Humiston, '91, has been secured to train the University Glee Club once a week. This is a good step. Hard work must be done however, for but seven week remains for practice before the club is expected to take its spring tour. The members of the club have just been selected. They are as follows: First tenor, E. B. Uline, W. H. Dudley, C. G. Smith, H. W. Harris and W. E. Pratt; Second tenor, W. L. Bray, A. P. Bourns, D. Fales and J. C. Linninger; First bass, J. H. Rice, H. P. Didrickson, M. K. Baker and C. A. Coolidge; Second bass P. H. Seymour, W. F. Curry, H. Moore and F. E. North.

The Day of Prayer for schools and colleges which occurred last Thursday was a day's rest from books and recitations fruitfully spent. In the morning Dr. H. A. Johnson of the 41st St. Presbyterian Church, Chicago, addressed the students, faculty and town people in the church chapel on the deficiency and need of personal work in the cause of Christ. In the afternoon of the same day Dr. John-on and Dr. Coulter met with the College and Academy students in the College chapel. Another meeting was held at Ferry Hall for the young ladies. Both meetings were well attended and it is believed that much good was accomplished.

The program rendered by the Zeta Epsilon Society on Friday evening, Jan. 26th, was as follows: Debate, Resolved, that in trials before a jury of twelve a two-thirds vote of the jurors shall be sufficient to return a verdict. Affirmative debaters were A. P. Bourns and F. S. Mellen; negative, T. F. Marshall and H. M. Moore. Decision of judges, two for the affirmative, one for the negative. E. C. Cleveland gave an impromptu on "How I Would Run a Bank," a critique by J. H. Rice, and a talk by C. B. Moore followed. An impromptu debate was held on the question "Resolved, that College faculties should forbid the playing of football." The debaters were H. Thom and F. A. Hayner.

Prof. McNeill chose a novel subject for his chapel talk last Tuesday. His talk on "New Stars" was intensely interesting. He mentioned the different kind of stars, the fixed, variable and the new stars. He showed how this last named variety has given interest and impetus to astronomical study, being the real cause for the catalogue of the stars, the finding of the law of gravitation and the invention of the spectroscope. He then spoke of the new star which was found two years ago and of the theories accounting for its appearance. It was found that the light came from two bodies, one a gaseous and the other a solid body surrounded by gaseous materials, the most rational theory being that the light was produced by a collision of the two bodies or their coming within range of one another.

Dr. Coulter has been abroad during most of the past week. On Sunday, Jan. 21st, he preached in St. Louis twice, addressing in the morning the people of Dr. Nichol's church, one of the strongest churches in the city. The notices of Dr. Coulter in the St. Louis papers were very complimentary. On the following Tuesday evening he gave the students of Carroll College (academy) and the town people of Waukesha his lecture on the "National Park," and had the pleasure of meeting its Senior class, some of whom said they would probably make Lake Forest their Alma Mater. The next day he addressed the students of Highland Park Military Academy, which institution observed that day as the Day of Prayer for Schools and Colleges. Then Friday and Saturday he was in Indianapolis on University extension work, lecturing before two different classes; one Friday evening and the other Saturday morning. Some of the members of these classes will undoubtedly be in Lake Forest next year. Dr. Coulter's scheme for university development has been sent to all the trustees. The chief points in the scheme are that our first and very vital wants are a recitation hall and student cottages. We believe that there is nothing so much needed as these same cottages.

ENTERTAINMENT BY THE Y. M. C. A.

The entertainment to be given on Saturday evening, Feb. 3, in Ferry Hall chapel by the Y. M. C. A. promises to be a very pleasant occasion. Prof. Booth will read several selections in his well-known pleasing style, the University Glee Club will sing, and there will also be other musical numbers. Seats will not be reserved; admission 35 cents. After the program a general reception will be held in the Seminary parlors.

The American School at Athens is in a very flourishing condition. In a letter to Prof. Goodrich from Prof. Richardson, the director of the school, it is stated that eleven students are enrolled this year.—Ex.
FERRY HALL.

No serenades!!! Why not?

Miss Louise Dauer, of Chicago, was the guest of Vinnie Gilleland over Sunday.

Miss Eva Banton was called home Thursday morning owing to the serious illness of her sister.

Mrs. Seeley gave one of her delightful teas Monday afternoon to the Seniors of L. F. U. Further notice next week.

We are all pleased to have Miss Phelps among us once more after an illness of about ten days. Her duties have been well attended to by Miss Stanley.

The Misses Stoddard gave a very enjoyable candy pull in the Gymnasium on Saturday evening, in honor of Miss Theodore Macomber, of the class of '93.

Dr. Seeley has deemed it expedient to reprimand some of the young ladies for repeated tardinesses to meals. Now is the time to learn to be prompt. Start when the bell rings!!

The Seniors had another one of their enjoyable feasts Wednesday evening. These same spreads tend to preserve the natural good humor of the girls and foster a spirit of unity.

Miss McIntosh and Miss Harris were at home to a number of their friends Saturday evening from four o'clock to six. This charming tea was in honor of Miss Gilbert, of Chicago. Dainty refreshments were served, and the guests were entertained in a pleasing manner.

Thursday, the "Day of Prayer for schools and colleges," was a holiday for all. In the morning we listened to a very pleasing a instructive address, ably presented by Rev. Johnstone, of 4th St. Church, Chicago. He is a speaker who easily wins his way into the hearts of his hearers. In the afternoon exercises were conducted in the Ferry Hall chapel. Dr. McClure and Mr. Holt contributed largely to the success of the meeting.

On Monday evening, at four o'clock, the chapel was the scene of direct agony "prolonged and unbroken" for the space of two hours. The cause was the second reunion of the Seniors for the purpose of showing the Faculty, together with Miss Fleming, what their fertile minds could devise in the way of literary productions. The pupils seemed to stand the ordeal well but one of the teachers, on account of "that tired feeling," was forced to abandon some work which she had planned for the evening.

"It snows, cries the school-boy," but not he alone, nor the school-girl also vents her gladness at the first snowfall with piercing shouts of joy. A cry of delight was heard, especially when some of the young ladies were invited to accompany the members of the "Alphabet Club" in a sleigh-ride Thursday evening. Although the number thirteen would tend to predict many mishaps, yet such was not the case. Owing to the precautions of the young gentlemen in securing a skillful (?) driver and a firm (?) carry-all, everything passed off pleasantly. After viewing for a time the beauties of moonlight scenes, the jolly party stopped at Mrs. Williams', where an elegant repast was served. As young ladies have the reputation of being unable to keep a secret, they were denied the right to be installed as members of this young society. Yet that matters but little, as long as it is permitted us to share their joys.

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ATHLETICS.

The Hare-and-Hound Club has already taken one run which was participated in by twenty-three men.

It has been suggested that the game of basket ball be introduced here. As there is room enough in the Gymnasium a team should be organized and games arranged with some outside teams. This game besides being extremely interesting is one of the best things known for general training work.

"The Athlete's Guide" is the name of a small book published by Spalding Bros. This contains articles on each event in track athletics besides the general rules of the "Amateur Athletic Union." The price is twenty-five cents, and as each article is written by the several champions, every one who intends to train for field-day should get one.

Work for baseball has begun in earnest. Captain Hayner has posted the training rules, in which he requires candidates to play hand-ball at least twice a week, and run a half mile out doors every day. Besides this, work in throwing will be done and the men will practice sliding bases. A large number of men have become candidates and the prospects for a winning team are very good.

Hand-ball is creating a large amount of enthusiasm here at present. There will be an athletic entertainment in the gymnasium early next term at which there will be several hand-ball games, so several teams have been organized and are training hard. These games will of course be held in the evening by lamplight and in order to get in trim the large chandeliers ought to be lighted two or three times a week in the evening.

A recent article on athletics at Chicago University states that their base-ball prospects are excellent and the team is hard at work under Stagg's management. Their track team is also at work and they seem to think they have some winners, especially in shorter distances. It was also stated that Chicago would not join any league as they preferred to be "free lances," so the triple league prospects have disappeared for the present.

In last week's issue we called attention to the neglected state of the gymnasium apparatus. This neglect does not stop here, but seems to extend to the whole building as was shown during the last snow storm when one of the windows was so out of shape that it could not be closed, and as a consequence a large pitch of snow about an inch deep was found on the running track the next day. This melted and part of it ran off onto the floor below. Another fault is that the steam is turned off every night and every thing becomes covered with frost. The steam rising from the warm water in the tank goes all through the build-

ing and is turned into frost. On a couple of cold nights last week there was, in some places, frost a half inch deep. When the steam was turned on, this all melted and dropped into the running track and the floor. As a result the track could not be used and scarcely anything could be done on the floor without danger of falling. Besides this it warps the floor and if it happens very often, the building will soon be ruined.

LAKE FOREST ACADEMY.

The Academy senior class enjoyed a delightful afternoon tea in Ferry Hall yesterday, on the invitation of Mrs. Seeley.

Prof. Dudley's double quartette is now the glee club of the Academy. The Academy never stands behind in anything, and the formation of the glee club is an additional proof of this fact.

Last Friday evening the seniors accepted an invitation of the Athenaeum Society of the College, and had the privilege of listening to an interesting program, and enjoying especially the rendering of the Latin comedy "The Captives."

While the Tri Kappa was holding its declamatory contest in the Reid Hall chapel, the Gamma Sigma preliminary debate was in progress in the Gamma Sigma Society hall. The debate was a most excellent one, and the decision of the judges was exceedingly close. Mr. Brown was the winner.

The Tri Kappa society held its preliminary contest in declamation last Wednesday morning. There were seven declaimers, of whom Messrs. Andrew Cooke and J. I. Loughlin were selected by the judges to represent the society in the spring contest. The judges were Dr. Haven, Prof. Bridgman, and Mr. Chas. Wells.

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Mary, his wife, was a pleasant body, a fit mate for "Johnny"; a good woman and a church member. She wanted John to join, but he rather held off saying, "Wait till we get the home paid for and then we can go in style, we and the little one."

The little one was the prettiest child in four neighborhoods, with curls and all that make a young one sweet and nice.

Saturday Johnny came home and put his pail on the sink, hung up his hat and coat without a word and then sat down. Mary knew something was up, but wisely kept still until supper was nicely laid upon the table, and said as though nothing had happened:

"Come, John, supper's ready."

"I don't want no supper, Mary."

"O come, Johnny, it's so good—the pastry—come—you and baby."

"I can't, I'd choke"—and he stared the harder at the fire.

"What is it?" She went and stood quite close to him, with her hand on his shoulder.

He didn't say anything for a while and then exclaimed:

"They ain't much to tell, only I'm a fool. You see McCarty—the foreman—he's had it in for me since way back and to-day, he struck little Dan next door and I told him what I thought of him and asked him to hit a feller his size. He didn't say anything, only walked away, and when I drew my pay, they told me not to come any more."

Mary could have cried, but he never knew it. A woman can cry all day, and a man won't know it if she don't want him to.

"Perhaps you can get work somewhere else, you're such a good workman."

But he shook his head. "Not these hard times. Most likely we'll be turned out into the street. I wouldn't care if it wasn't for you and the little one."

It was a gloomy meal and a restless night. The next morning, Sunday, Mary was hurrying around, and had the little girl all dressed up.

"Come, John, its most church time."

"I ain't a going," he said in a surly tone, "They don't want poor folks," and he stubbornly put his head down on his hands.

Mary did not say anything, but kept on getting ready and whispered something to the little girl.

"Poppey, me want to church," and she pulled his hands from his face and stood on her tip toes trying to kiss him. He could not resist but got up and put on his hat and coat.

At the big church, the usher took them way up in front, and the little one sat between them watching the choir and the minister. By and by this got tiresome and she slipped down, and stood awhile at her father's knee, and then out into the aisle, where she walked back touching each post and gravely looking up into the people's faces. They all smiled at her, and the women folks ached to kiss her. Way in the back part of the church she found a big man who had come in late and seated himself in one of the last pews. She liked him, he looked so big and grand, so she asked him if he was a "pliceman."

He smiled and lifted her to the seat beside him, and she began to talk, telling him about her doll and her dog, and mamma and papa and how he lost his job and how bad he felt, how most likely they would have to live in the street like a little girl she knew of.

The great organ sounded and all the people stood up. She stood on the seat with one arm half about her new friend and he held a book so she could see it and they sang.

When it was over, the big man took her in his arms and waited until her father and mother came along, and then politely asked them which way they were walking, and walked with them, down to the corner, where he sat the little one down, saying, "I must leave you here. Your little girl says you had some misfortune. What firm did you work for?"

Johnny told him, and the big man quietly took out a card and said:

"Perhaps we can do something for you if you will call at the office," and he kissed the little girl again and lifting his hat so grandly, went away.

Johnny handled the card awkwardly, and reading the address slowly, said aloud, "Why he's my boss!"

Mary only said, "Aren't you glad you came?"

He said, "Molly did it."

Somehow the sun looked brighter and the ugly little swallows really seemed to sing. But after all isn't the world as we look at it and things bright or ugly as we are?"