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SPRING has come at last. The song of the bluebird and the robin, the trees bursting into bud, the appearance of the sweet-smelling arbutus, the campus gaily re-echoing with shouts of "Forty-Love" and "Striker out" all indicate that the long and trying winter is over. Now is the time to shake off our dull winter habits and assume others more in harmony with Nature and the season.

THERE will be published toward the close of the term a book of statistics of the graduating class. This book will contain various cuts and such valuable information as can be gained from no other source.

THE Editorial Board feels very much encouraged by the large number of articles received up to date from members of the school and graduates. Limitations of space will account for the non-appearance of some of these in our paper.

EACH member of the graduating class has received from the publishers two numbers of the American Teacher. This periodical is of great value to a teacher, and the fact that Mr. A. E. Winship and Mr. W. E. Sheldon are its editors goes to prove that it is well worth the subscription price.

WE are glad to notice the friendly spirit shown toward the Normal boys by most of the townspeople who now attend the base ball games on Saturday afternoons. Of course, the hoodlum element is on hand endeavoring to make things disagreeable for everybody and the less attention the players give to their remarks the sooner they will cease.
THE enthusiastic students of astronomy who make frequent expeditions into the night for the purpose of studying the constellations are undoubtedly becoming well learned in knowledge of other worlds. While this is an admirable sign of interest in the work, yet too much attention cannot be paid to things terrestrial and astronomy should receive only its proper share of time.

IN the May number of the Offering, we shall present to our readers a half-tone group picture of the school faculty. We go to this expense for the sake of increasing our circulation among the members of the school. It is painfully surprising to see how many of the school are non-subscribers. If, in this way, some of these can be induced to give their support to the paper we shall feel that our efforts have not been in vain.

Those who wish extra copies of this number will kindly drop a postal to the Business Manager beforehand so that he may know how many copies to have printed.

CO-EDUCATION AT ANN ARBOR.

THE State of Michigan is in advance of some of her sister States, for she furnishes a university education as a part of her free school system. The University of Michigan at Ann Arbor is one of the institutions most largely attended in the country. It furnishes advantages in many lines of work to both gentlemen and ladies.

A little more than twenty years ago, ladies had only been admitted to the preparatory schools which were located at different places in the State. At one of these was Miss Madelon Stockwell who completed the course of study there provided. She then requested admission to the University, but the regents replied unfavorably, they had no room for women. Her friends found that the law specifying who might enter used the word "person" instead of "male." So another letter was written repeating the request, and after having their attention called to the law, the authorities decided they could not keep her out, though only one of the professors was in favor of allowing women to enter.

Miss Stockwell entered the sophomore year, and graduated three years later at the head of all her classes. In her entrance examination she was given a Greek sentence to translate, which, given a free rendering into English, is as follows: "Seeing then that we are women, let us bear ourselves humbly, and not attempt to compete with men; for these things must we bear, and things more bitter, because we are women." At the close of the course, the same professor gave her from the same author this sentence: "It is a shame for us, being men, to be beaten by women." The last sentence was particularly applicable for it was admitted that so splendid a Greek thesis as hers had never been prepared at the University.

It is said to the honor of the young men, that in spite of the disapproval of the faculty toward her, they always treated her with courtesy; but the women of Ann Arbor, led by the families of the professors, ignored her. At the reception given the graduates, the hostess and her daughter were the only women who recognized her. It was also a question with the regents whether she be allowed to sit with the graduates, and receive her diploma at the front, but this was finally permitted. None of these things were the fault of Miss Stockwell, for aside from her brilliant intellectual gifts, she was possessed of an independent fortune, and was in every respect a lady.

It was twenty-three years ago that she so victoriously fought the battle for herself and for her sex. Now women are welcomed to all the leading departments of Ann Arbor, literary, law, medicine, and dentistry.

IN MEMORIAM.

On March 19 Miss Clara A. Swett of North Weymouth passed quietly to her Heavenly Home. For two years she was in school with us, where her sincerity, her quiet, ready sympathy, her tender consideration for others, shown in many loving deeds, above all, the nobility and purity of soul manifested in her daily life, endeared her to all. "None knew her but to love her, none named her but to praise."

We mourn the loss of her companionship, yet we know that she has passed to a higher life. May her life be a constant inspiration to us, leading us ever upward to our Heavenly Father.
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"The blessing of her quiet life
fell on us like the dew;
And good thoughts where her footsteps pressed
like fairy blossoms grew.
Sweet promptings into kindest deeds
were in her very look;
We read in her face, as one who reads
a true and holy book.
Fold her, O Father! in thine arms
And let her henceforth be
a messenger of love between
Our human hearts and thee.
Still let her mild rebuking stand
between us and the wrong,
And her clear memory serve to make
Our faith in goodness strong."

JAMES HANNINGTON.
The Martyr Missionary.

Concluded.

HAVING caught a glimpse of the years of preparation, let us now look at the three years of Missionary life. Moved by the violent deaths, at Lake Victoria Nyanza, of the two missionaries, Shergold Smith and O'Neil, Hannington offered himself and his property to the mission field of East Equatorial Africa.

Thither he went, in 1882, away from friends and family. The Church Missionary Society, learning the history of Hannington and his burning zeal, sent him as leader of a party of six missionaries to reinforce Mackay in Uganda. Five months later, Hannington and his party started by the only open route—from Zanzibar to the south end of Victoria Nyanza, thence to cross the lake to Uganda. Along this unhealthful route, with its scanty and foul water, its deadly fevers and dysentery, the little missionary party struggled four months cheering and strengthening the mission stations by the way. The party reached the lake; but, by a strange providence, Hannington, the sturdy leader, the life and soul of his party, was not allowed to go farther. Fever and dysentery seized him and racked him nearly to the point of death; till, at the lake, not from fear of death, but from sheer inability to go farther, he was compelled to turn back. For this act he ever after called himself a coward. On the return journey, he was several times, by his attendants, laid down to die, but, roused by his iron will, he revived.

In England, as soon as he was well enough, Hannington labored constantly for African missions. At first, he was terribly down-hearted because physicians said he could never return to Africa. To the surprise of all, his old vigor came back. The objection to his return was withdrawn and, thereupon, he sent this very characteristic note to his wife: "Hallelujah, Amen; Hallelujah, Amen; Hallelujah, Amen; Hallelujah, Hallelujah and again I say Hallelujah!!!"

Hannington's return was not a cowardly defeat, it was a victory. So thought the Church Missionary Society, when they heard the story from other lips than his. Wishing to bring their missionary stations, in East Africa, under the direction of one controlling mind, they consecrated Hannington First Bishop of East Equatorial Africa.

Again leaving his family in England, Bishop Hannington hastened to his appointed field and landed in Frere Town, January, 1885, just nine months before his death.

In his diocese were ten stations with an entire force of twenty-seven workers, placed, some along the lower route to Victoria Nyanza, one at Bugaga, the Capital of Uganda, and the rest in the district west of Frere Town.

Before his arrival, Hannington had mastered the details of his duties and now he came to the weary African missionaries a veritable impulse from Heaven. Mission vessels, new routes, new stations, arranging workers, confirming converts, urgent letters home for prayers and help and, in spare moments, beloved botany, all gave him joyful but unceasing toil. Wherever he went, his humility, gentleness and boundless energy made him welcome as a warm gleam of God's love. Thus for five months, Hannington wrought in the eastern part of his diocese, making almost incredible journeys on foot over burning deserts between widely separated stations,—traversing over and over all the ground from the ocean washed coast to where the hungry African Sun feeds upon the snow of Mount Kilimanjaro.

After five months, Hannington resolved to visit Mackay not by the deadly lower route but from Frere Town direct to Uganda by the north end of the lake. He hoped thus to open a more healthful route and to line it with missionary stations, so that his whole diocese might be sur-
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rounded by Christian workers in an unbroken chain. He started immediately with a caravan of porters and, in three months, reached the lake at Kavirondo. With wonderful tact, he had led his company safely through the midst of that dreaded African tribe, the Massai, a trip never accomplished but once before without bloodshed.

Thinking all difficulties now to be over, he left his caravan at Kavirondo for the present, and hastened with fifty porters toward Uganda to meet Mackay.

Suddenly the people became hostile and threatening. Hannington, with increasing difficulty, struggled on, till, one night, near Ukassa, a village on the east bank of the Nile, while apart from his followers, he was set upon by a crowd of warriors and dashed to the ground. He was then dragged violently over fields and through bushes, till, almost naked, strained and bleeding, he was hurled into a filthy hut. Here, in dreadful suspense, his men he knew not where, his fate a black mystery to him, quivering with pain and fever, yet singing, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," Hannington was kept eight long days.

Hannington and his friends on the coast had not suspected danger excepting from the Massai, but Mackay, weeks before Hannington’s arrival at Ukassa knew that he was in deadly peril from the Baganda and had tried in vain to send him warning. The King of Uganda was, at this time, alarmed at reports of German aggrandizement on the eastern coast and feared that he might lose his kingdom. His fear became unreasoning panic. Europeans might come from the north to Uganda in safety, but, when the King heard that a tall white man was hurrying with a caravan from the east to the north end of the lake, he straightway believed this party to be the van of a German army. Mackay tried to allay the King’s fears and then to warn the fast approaching Hannington, but all in vain—Mackay was really himself a prisoner. So Hannington had been seized by the orders of the King of Uganda.

On the eighth day of his captivity, Hannington’s guards told him he was to be freed and they led him out to meet his men. At first, he hoped for liberty, but soon he was terribly undeceived. He came upon his men, but they were stripped and bound, surrounded by an armed guard. His own guard began to strip him. It was vain to resist. So, drawing himself up to the full height of his noble stature and looking calmly around, his piercing gray eyes not flashing with anger nor his face blanched with fear, he uttered a sentence that his murderers afterwards repeated word for word: "I am about to die for the Baganda, I have purchased the road to Uganda with my life." Then, quietly, he knelt down, his eyes lifted to Heaven. A signal gun sounded. Two savages thrust their spears into his body. Hannington’s soul went home to God.

At the beginning of his work, still only thirty-eight years of age, Hannington was killed, but his was not a fruitless life. Zeal and enthusiasm had been displayed not only in death but in the every day monotony of life. Bishop Hannington was a martyr, but his heroic life, more than his heroic death, deserves the garland of glory.

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BASE BALL.

BRIDGEWATER, April 7, 1894. The Normals had for their opponents today a strong picked team from the town and succeeded in showing that they could play "stiff ball."

What we want is to draw attendance at the games and make them interesting, we sincerely hope it will continue.

Although some of the picked nine had not played for a long time, they showed that they had not forgotten how to play. The work of Harlow, and Hayward’s catching were very noticeable. For the Normals “our old reliables” Reynolds and Hutchins did fine work, and are sure to capture the people in any town.

The score:

PICKED NINE 3.
NORMALS 12.
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BASE BALL SCHEDULE.

April 28. English High.
May 5.
May 12. Technology '97.
May 19.
May 26. Gray's Hall.
June 2. Alumni.
June 23. Malden High.

A CITY GIRL'S APPRECIATION OF THE COUNTRY.

It is often said that the country is a better place in which to bring up children than the city. The country child grows up with all the beauties of Nature around her and is so accustomed to seeing them that she seldom stops to think of the grandeur that is everywhere. Let us follow the city child in her first walk on a perfect Autumn day.

The first thing is a four-leaved clover, one of those large ones, over an inch across. How carefully it is kept, pressed, and laid away! Next, a cranberry catches the eye. How dainty the bright red ball looks on its delicate stem, hanging from among the small green leaves! It is taken home and hung up where the eyes may feast on its novelty for days. A bird's nest has been blown from its place and is lying in the path. The idea of a thing, so common to the country girl, is wonderful as revealed to the city eyes. The fine weavings of the many strands, the soft lining, the whole thing inspires an awe and reverence, which will only come to the country child, when something wonderfully strange is presented. On she goes over fields and bridges, and reaches home with her trophies, (golden rod and asters). She has read Tennyson's "Song of the Brook," but its music is nothing as compared to the first song she now hears among the grasses. By its side she finds the graceful ferns and gathers them with a thrill of delight.

She may have seen the snow in its first beauty from her window at home; but when Winter brings its return, how she feasts on the great white expanse, and sees for the first time the pines dressed like Santa Claus. Then the lichens. She never even knew that there were such things, because such dainty creations were never meant for dusty cities. Whole groves of trees are revealed under the microscope, and in her newly awakened imagination, she peoples them with fairies.

As the Spring comes, she finds new and far greater wonders. The long imagined paradise is there, and she cannot find words to express her delight.
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She may envy the country girl. But is she not many times more fortunate in experiencing the pleasures unknown to those who have these things all their lives? She delights in exercise for the sake of the beauties to be found, and above all she reverences the Maker and Controller of all these mysteries. She gains knowledge and pleasure at the same time. S. G. P.

Section B reunion.

The members of Section B, June '90, met at the home of their president, Mr. Gurney, on Saturday, March 31 for their third annual reunion. After a royal repast which did great honor to the young hostess a short time was spent in pleasant social intercourse. This was followed by the usual business meeting in which Mrs. Gurney was unanimously voted a member of the class, and committees for the ensuing year were elected. The remarkable esprit de corps so persistently manifested by this class is due in no small measure to the enthusiasm of its president and its secretary. In each of the previous reunions the entire class have been present. Only one was missing this time. The new and appropriate class pin was displayed for the first time. Two have become benedicts during the past year, and we are credibly informed at least two more are to follow in the same good way before the next meeting.

Lyceum.

Owing to the illness of Mr. Bassett, the piano recital which was to occur upon the 16th was changed to that of the usual musical and literary program followed by an impromptu debate.

Program.

Piano Duett, Misses Conner and Crawford
Reading, Miss Barnes
Clarinet Solo, Mr. Hayward
Reading, Miss Safford
Debate—Resolved, "That the Indian has suffered more unjust treatment in this country than the Negro."

1st affirm, Mr. Herrick; 2d affirm, Mr. F. M. Shaw; 1st neg, Mr. Swan; 2d neg, Mr. Tibbetts.

The resolution was not adopted, the vote standing twenty-four in the negative to seventeen in affirmative.

The lyceum met on the evening of Mar. 30 for its regular meeting. The committee appointed for the revision of the Constitution submitted its report, and after some debate it was voted to accept the Constitution as revised by the committee.

After the business of the meeting the audience listened to the following program and debate:

'Cello Solo, Mr. Kirmayer
Reading, Miss Malley
Song, Miss Jackson
Reading, Miss Kelly
Song, Mr. Swan
Piano Duett, Misses Clarke and Turner
Debate—Resolved: "That voting in public elections should be compulsory."

1st affirm, Mr. Murphy; 2d affirm, Mr. Babcock; 1st neg, Mr. Gaffney; 2d neg, Mr. Knight.

Wordsworth.

Professor E. Charlton Black in a recent lecture on Wordsworth gave an interesting view of the poet's life. It is difficult to think him as a boy of moody, violent temper, who gave his mother more anxiety than any of her other children, or to see in him merely a healthy English schoolboy whose chief interest in nature arose from skating and fishing; yet a little thought shows us that both these phases had their place in the poetic temperament.

Like many of his contemporaries Wordsworth sympathized heart and soul with the French Revolution, and saw in it the dawn of the golden age. His disappointment in its despotic end drove him to the opposite extreme and made him a Conservative,—a change which Browning laments in his poem, "The Lost Leader."

The years which immediately followed this change were full of unrest, and we can imagine the unspeakable comfort in the influence of his sister, the sister Dorothy "the music of whose life lured the poet into song." Coleridge was another beneficent influence, revealing the man to himself, and by appreciation and sympathy stimulating him to new effort.
The effect of change is noticeable in Wordsworth’s work. His genius was peculiarly dependent upon the inspiration of a new experience. He seldom wrote much or well from a dead level of quiet days. For the utterance of impressions gained during passive moods, the stimulus of change was necessary; a journey, a change of scene, of companions or of interests, aroused him to activity.

It has been said that the creative imagination of the poet comes nearer to absolute power than anything else, and in this domain Wordsworth is a master. His addresses to Milton,

“Thy soul was like a star and dwelt apart;”—
“Milton, thou shouldst be living at this hour”—
have a peculiar significance as they show us one master mind calling to another; for since Milton’s time no poet so like him had broken the silence.

Wordsworth is not to be read as we read a novel to while away idle hours. Often we must wait at his gates and go away unrewarded, before he lets us into the inner presence; but his message is of the highest import. We live in a world of hard realities, and the long day is full of tasks.

Wordsworth more than any other author has transfigured humble things with the light of imagination, showing us that in our daily walks we too may breathe celestial air, and share

“The light that never was on sea or land,
The consecration and the poet’s dream.”

F. A. COMSTOCK.

A PROTEST.

A GREAT deal has been said and written recently about dropping the study of Greek and Latin in our schools and substituting for them some of the modern languages; and not long since it was stated in an article that Greek and Latin would soon cease to be taught.

Literature is claimed as one of the urgent reasons for the suggested change. But has literature no connection with the Classics? In E. Bulwer Lytton’s “Last Days of Pompeii” occur many technical terms which are very familiar to a Latin student, but utterly devoid of meaning to one who has not studied that language.

A Latin scholar once said that one almost ought to study Latin before English. In the Grammar schools the teachers endeavor to inculcate into the minds of their scholars the meanings of ultimo and proximo and the difference between the two terms, which are nevertheless constantly confused. But when one has studied the comparison in Latin the trouble ceases.

Latin and Greek are helpful in spelling as discipline, reminiscences, metempsychosis, and many other words bear witness; and if one has studied derivation, he does not need to consult the dictionary so often, for the composition shows the signification plainly in many cases.

DEPARTMENTS.

ZOOLOGY.

A NEW supplementary course is being used by the four years’ section, with laboratory exercises adapted to high school classes. After use this term it will be printed. The course includes the range of animal life from the simplest to the vertebrate, and emphasis is laid on the geographical adaptation and practical uses of the different animals.

PHYSICAL LABORATORY.

MUCH more work on experiments in exact measurements will be done this term than ever before; such experiments were begun early in the term and a portion of the time has been given to them each week; the amount of time will be increased next half. The course has been rewritten and extended so as to cover the ground recommended in the Report of the Committee of Ten, while it is not restricted to the work there outlined.

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PERSONALS.

—’92. Miss Mary Bean teaches in Taunton.
—’90. Miss Catherine Cary is in a primary grade in Wellesley Hills.
—’91. Miss Edna F. Grant is assistant in the Medway High School.
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—'94. Miss Grace N. Bramhall has a mixed school in Pembroke, Mass.
—The engagement of Mr. H. P. Shaw and Miss Nannette M. Young '94 has been announced.
—Mr. G. M. Fisher has charge of a Grammar school in Millbury.
—Miss Josephine White, who left us in '91 to accept a position in the Lancaster schools, is now teaching in the Minot Grammar, Boston.
—'93. Miss Annie F. Leary is teaching in a Grammar grade in Fall River.
—Of the eight regular teachers in the Wollaston School, Quincy, five are Normal graduates: Mr. H. G. Kingman, Principal, Miss E. C. Foster, Miss Maud Thompson, Miss Grace Parker, and Miss Bertha M. Kingman. Miss Susie H. McKenna has recently left there to accept a position in the Dillaway School, Boston.
—'93. Miss Sadie E. Childs has recently begun teaching in Center Pembroke, Mass.
—Mr. Frank Keith is in a Boston school.
—'90. Miss Maude M. Mixer is teaching in North Adams.
—Miss Eva G. Tuttle has a position in Malden.
—Miss Elizabeth MacKenzie, Miss Cora Reed, '92, and Miss Sheba E. Berry, '90, are in the Shurtleff School, Chelsea; Miss Jennie Kirby, in the Carter School, Chelsea.
—'90. Miss Inez Libbey has a school in Melrose.
—Miss Priscilla Whiton is teaching in the Dwight School, Boston.
—'93. Miss Helen Humphrey is in the Athol High, and not prevented from teaching by poor health as incorrectly reported in the last Offering.
—'93. Miss Ella S. Curtis has charge of a school in Rockland.
—'93. Miss Josie Chamberlain has a Grammar school in Hanson, Mass.
—'93. Mr. R. P. Ireland has gone to Gloucester to take charge of a Grammar school.
—'92. Mr. Frank E. Oakman is teaching in Hamilton, R. I.
—'94. Mr. Allen P. Keith has a school in Pascoag, R. I.
—Mr. Merle A. Drake has left Easton and accepted a position as principal of a Grammar school in Revere.

—Mr. Chas. E. Glover is principal of a Grammar school in Pawtucket, R. I.
—Miss H. M. Hanson has left us to accept a position in the Cambridge Training School.
—We have enjoyed this month short addresses by Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells, Mr. Henry T. Bailey, and Hon. Elijah A. Morse.
—'88. Miss Eunice R. Pierce and Miss Louise Sears have positions in Grammar grades in Taunton.
—'94. Miss Minna A. Morse has accepted a school in Natick.
—'92. Miss Emma G. Hall has a Primary school in East Dennis.
—'88. Miss Mary J. Mayo has first grade work in the new schoolbuilding at her home in Orleans, Mass.; Miss Lila M. Taylor has fifth and sixth grades in the same school.
—Miss Mary L. Daniels, a former student of this school, now a teacher in the Girls' Boarding School at Harpoot, Turkey, spent several days with us recently. Her personal intercourse during her stay, as well as her brief address on Turkish manners and customs, served to awaken an interest in her work. Miss Daniels resumes her duties in October.
—An unusually large number of visitors have been with us this month. Among them were noted Mr. Henry T. Bailey, Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells, Mr. Wallace Boyden, Mr. C. F. Carroll, Supt. of Schools in Worcester, formerly principal of the New Britain Normal School, Mr. Robbins of the Conn. Board of Education, Mr. L. F. Elliott, Williston Seminary, Northampton, Mass., Mr. Cook, Supt. of Middleboro schools, Mr. Fearing, Supt. of Provincetown schools, Mrs. John D. Long, Mr. Phinney, Mr. H. W. Kinnayer, Mr. S. B. R. Paul, Mr. A. B. Palmer.

SCHOOL ZEPHYRS.

—The following sentence contains all the letters of the alphabet, and is set by writing teachers as a copy, "A quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog."
—A host in himself—the cannibal that devoured his entertainer.
—Imagine yourself listening to Mr. Clapp's lecture on Hamlet, April 27. What a treat!
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We are glad to see the young men on the campus again.

-The Seniors have chosen Hastings of Boston as the class photographer.

-Basket ball has become a favorite sport in the gymnasium.

-A student writing an essay in class, asked the teacher if it would be correct to use the expression, “An idea struck him.” Another student quickly asked, “Did it hurt him?”

-Lawn Tennis is booming! Seventy-nine members on the roll-call.

-In the west, the squares grow narrower toward the top. At least, that is what a student in Astronomy says of the land sections there.

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For the past few weeks Section K has been reading Macbeth. Next half we hope to take up Hamlet. Never have we had a pleasanter or more profitable half-term in Reading, and we wish all could enjoy the same privilege. The two years’ course unfortunately does not admit of the study of Shakespeare. Yet even the two years’ scholars have had opportunities to study some of his plays, judging from the scenes they give from 6:30 to 7 P. M.

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A crafty milkman, whose cans of milk were but two-thirds full, daily increased his supply from a babbling brook which crossed his route to market. In the usual routine, he one day added to his fluid two lively frogs. Astonished at the transformation of water into some unknown substance, one of the frogs inquired, “Where are we?” His comrade in distress replied, “I am unable to state; but keep up your courage and struggle for the surface.” Soon the first one exclaimed, “My strength is failing; I cannot endure this ordeal longer.” His companion replied,
"Struggle! kick! do not cease. Upon your vigorous kicking and struggling depends your existence." Unable to withstand the combination of two fluids so diverse in character, the weaker frog soon sank and perished. The other, being more courageous and determined, kicked so violently as to keep the entire contents of the can in brisk agitation. Arriving at his destination, the milkman opened the cans; but his astonishment was great when he discovered one frog dead in his can, and another sitting on a lump of butter in serene contentment.

Moral:—Courage, determination and effort lead to success. It is brisk agitation that makes the butter come.

EXCHANGES.

The Oneonta for March presents us with a cut of the Oneonta Normal School ruins. A bill appropriating $100,000 for the rebuilding of the school has been passed, and it is hoped that there will be a new building at the opening of the September term.


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