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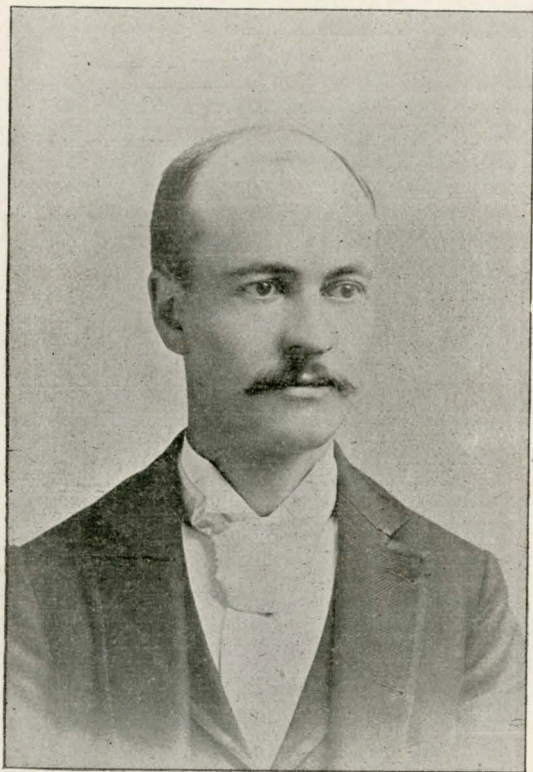
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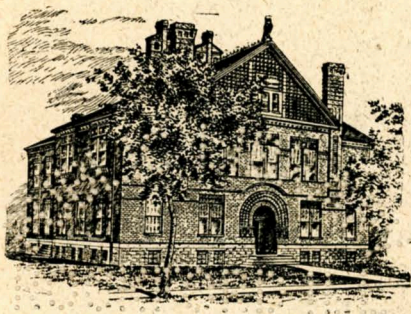
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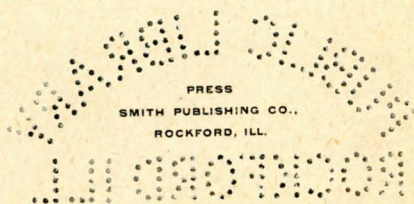
OF CLASS OF '92.

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ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS,

June 1, 1892.





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## TO OUR FRIENDS.

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WE PRESENT THIS, the first volume of the  
R. H. S. Annual.

As the school has published nothing of this kind before, those inclined to criticize will doubtless find much that can be improved upon. Such criticism, given in a kindly spirit, will be beneficial.

As we expect the Annual to be a permanent institution, we hope the future publishers will profit by our successes and mistakes.





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## Instructors.

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### PRINCIPAL.

MR. WALTER A. EDWARDS, A. M.,  
Instructor in Vergil, General History, Civil Government,  
Politics and Political Economy.

Graduated from Knox College, Ill., in 1883. Taught Latin and Greek in the Peoria High School until 1886. Studied Latin and Greek in the University of Berlin and other schools in Germany for three years. Principal of the Decatur High School until January 1, 1891, when he became principal of R. H. S.

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### ASSISTANTS.

MISS JENNIE E. WALDO,  
Instructor in Natural Sciences.

Graduated from the Rockford High School in 1879, attended Wellesley College. Has since 1883 taught in the R. H. S.

MISS HATTIE E. MORSE,  
Instructor in Mathematics.

Graduated from Illinois State Normal University in 1879. For five years instructor in the R. H. S.

MISS CLARA F. RANDALL,  
Instructor in Literature and Elocution.

Graduate of Boston University. Taught in Peoria, and in Montpelier Female Seminary.

MISS SARAH M. FARLEY, A. B.,  
Instructor in Latin and Greek.

Graduated from Smith College in 1890. Has since  
taught in R. H. S.

MISS FRANCES SIMPSON, M. L.,  
Instructor in German.

Graduated from Northwestern University in 1884. Stud-  
ied at Berlin and Paris for thirteen months.

MISS M. V. HODGMAN,  
Instructor in English, English History, Literature and  
Algebra.

Graduated from Princeton Township High School and  
attended the State Normal School three years.

MR. O. J. KERN,  
Instructor in Latin, Algebra, Geometry and Physical  
Geography.

Attended DePauw University three years, was a member  
of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. Principal of the  
Cherry Valley Schools for three years.

MR. W. D. HAWK,  
Instructor in Physics and Chemistry.  
Graduated from Illinois State Normal University in 1891.  
Has since taught in the R. H. S.

MISS HELEN L. DICKEY,  
Instructor in Drawing and Painting,  
Studied in Boston and New York. Taught in Michigan  
twelve years.

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MR. L. L. KEELER, the faithful janitor, has taken  
a course of six years, and does not intend to graduate yet.



# The Rockford High School.

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What pupil or alumnus of the R. H. S. is not proud that he is or has been a member of that school? Indeed, has he not a right to be proud of it, for it would be hard to find a high school that has enjoyed a better reputation.

Ever since the new building has been occupied the standard of the school has steadily risen until now its graduates are admitted to such universities and colleges as Amherst, Cornell, Northwestern, Smith, Oberlin, Wellesley, Ann Arbor, Champaign, Lake Forest, Rose Polytechnic, Madison and Wheaton without examinations, and to many other schools as, Rensselaer Polytechnic, Beloit, etc., by special arrangements.

But a good course of study with the excellent corps of instructors which we have, can not alone make the kind of school which we boast of; although much is due to their influence, there must be a spirit of enterprise among the pupils in order that the different societies and associations may prosper and good feeling prevail.

Too much stress cannot be laid on the importance which the morning chapel exercises have in making the atmosphere of the school good, the gathering of all the pupils in one room daily is an inspiration to a student. If no such morning gatherings were held the classes would lose interest in each other and in the welfare of the school as a whole.

The R. H. S. has made a good record. Maintain it. Better it.

# ❧ Classes. ❧

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## Senior Class.

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### OFFICERS.

GEO. N. HOLT,   -   -   -   -   -   President.

EBEN W. ENGSTROM,   -   -   Vice President.

EDITH CONDE,   -   -   -   -   Sec'y and Treas.

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**Colors**—*Scarlet and Cream.*

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**Motto**—*No Steps Backward.*

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**Yell**—Whoop-Yah-Whoo !

Rip-Bum-Boo !

R.-H.-S!!

Ninety-Two!!!



# MEMBERS.

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M. LEOTA ADEE,	-	-	-	-	1008 East State St.
LUCIUS A. ANDREW,	-	-	-	-	908 First Ave.
HARRY S. BARNARD,	-	-	-	-	204 South First St.
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NORMAN E. CATLIN,	-	-	-	-	302 South First St.
EDITH CONDE,	-	-	-	-	201 Summit St.
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WINIFRED A. GRAY,	-	-	-	-	205 N. Horsman St.
MINNIE HAIGHT,	-	-	-	-	309 N. Fourth St.
GEO. N. HOLT,	-	-	-	-	305 N. West St.
WILLIAM A. LEWIS,	-	-	-	-	Box 1535, Rockford.
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EDWIN M. ST. JOHN,	-	-	-	-	611 N. Church St.
WALLIS R. SANBORN,	-	-	-	-	604 N. Second St.
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E. HOWARD WELLS,	-	-	-	-	524 N. Church St.
AGNES N. ZUCK,	-	-	-	-	905 Horsman St.
MAMIE ZUCK,	-	-	-	-	905 Horsman St.



CLASS OF '92.





## History.

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As I sit down to write this, the obituary it almost seems, of dear old Ninety-two, strangely enough my heart is not filled with sadness nor is my spirit oppressed with the funereal trappings which surround me ; my thoughts turn to the remembrances of some mischievous prank of our rollicking Junior days, rather than to any exemplary feat of studiousness upon which one might pronounce an eulogium. But why should we speak in this way? Ninety-two is not dead. Ninety-two is proud of old Rockford and Rockford is proud of Ninety-two, and so long as such conditions exist Ninety-two will never die.

But to my history :—We entered some sixty strong and it always seemed to me providential that we were no stronger, else that august tribunal and generous giver of Field Days, the school board, would have been compelled to build for us a

“Temple nobler than the last,

• Shutting us from heaven with a dome more vast”

in which our rapidly expanding brains might grow on unhampered. Most of our experiences as Freshmen were exceedingly pleasant, most of them I said, for sometimes in my dreams memories of a fishy zoological smell haunt me, and even now it urges me to pass on to our Sophomore year.

Here an incident, the forcible ejection of one of our band from the “gym” by a hated Senior caused a sudden



awakening of feeling among the Sophs. We organized and like many other classes just out of their short clothes, adopted for our motto "Populi Sumus" which is English for the Latin expression "we are the people." From that time forth Ninety-two was an important factor in the school and lead in the "gym" meeting, on the play ground or wherever enthusiasm and numbers counted for anything. In the royal game of foot ball the Ninety-two men held the field time after time against the combined assaults of the other three classes and it was seldom indeed that a Sophomore did not succeed in getting behind the line with the ball, oftentimes bruised and torn in body and garment but triumphant nevertheless. It was clearly evident that we were favored by the gods for Botany day came and went and no rain came with it, a circumstance which has not happened before within the memory of recent man, nay not within the memory of "Jan" Keeler who has ruled long in the land of the Winnebagoes.

When another September came 'round we were Juniors—I pause that the casual reader, who perhaps has never been a Junior may realize the magnitude of our situation;—we were on equal footing with the Seniors and could fight them (if Prof. wasn't looking) in their own halls. How far our reign of triumph would have extended if Field Day had not occurred no one dares to predict. But Field Day did come and with it defeat and humiliation for Ninety-two. Although nobly cheered on by the girls, Senior beef and muscle prevailed over Junior skill. Not long, however, for the next night two venturesome "Barbarians" scaled the classic walls of the Senior room and taking down the emblems of Senior

victory, planted in every nook and cranny the glowing colors of the World's Fair class. The Juniors were ahead now and remained so, for despite the frantic efforts of the Seniors the "Crimson and Cream" floated peacefully over their heads till the last. Autumn and winter sped swiftly by, and with winter went "Pete" Rundquist and Elmer Hollem, he of many neckties and much patience; also many of the girls. The year was ended quietly and in earnest preparation for the work to come in the fall.

When Ninety-two stepped into the Senior shoes she at once set about to put in practice the principles she had advocated during the three years previous—the abolishment of class feeling and the union of every person, regardless of class or clique for the general good of the school. She threw aside the customary Senior egotism and went to work with a will, and for the result Ninety-two points with a proud heart to a record in every department, Literary and Athletic, which has not been excelled in the R. H. S. While naturally enough she takes a kind of maternal pride in the record, she claims it not for herself; it belongs to the school and to the school let all honor be given.

And now I come to the closing chapter of a book which has been all too short. The time is not far distant when we as Seniors, shall pass for the last time up the Chapel stairs. There is a touch of pathos in doing even the simplest thing for the last time. The actor who steps before the footlights for the last time; the singer who, making way for fresher voices receives for the last time the plaudits of the multitude; the minister who stands for the last time before a people whom he has guided long and faithfully; they all know the hidden



bitterness of these two words, but to no one do they come home more forcibly than to the Senior who treads for the last time the familiar halls of his beloved *Alma Mater*.

Swiftly and pleasantly the four years have passed away and none can recall them now ; like a dream of our childhood—they are gone.

E. M. ST. J.

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### Last Words of Famous Authors.

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Miss Gr-y : “By the Great Hokus Pokus.”

E-gstr-m : “For goo’ness sake.”

H-lt : “Oh, you j-a-y.”

A-dr-w : “Pie face.”

B-bb : “Aw, shaw.”

One of the seven Sunday School teachers : “Oh, dum it.”

M-n-rd : “Aw, come off ; leave me alone will you.”

B-rn-rd : “Donche know.”

## Class Day.

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'Tis vile unless it may be quaintly ordered,  
And better in my mind not undertook.

—*Shakespeare.*

It is not often that a class has the chance to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America, but that chance falls to the graduating class this year, and by them it will be fittingly celebrated. Just how it will be we are not at liberty to divulge, but it will be something new and novel.

The committee appointed to arrange the program was, Miss Randall, Miss Vanhorne, Miss Gray and Mr. St. John. They have done well in selecting the program they did, and also in the fitness of the distribution of the parts.

From Bebb's classic brain will spring the history of this famous class ; Miss Vanhorne will tell of still greater achievements yet to come. To Miss Gorham has been given the part of rousing the obstinate Muse of Poetry.

The play is bright and interesting. Candor compels the confession that it did not emanate from the brain of a Senior. We can promise a treat, however. It must be seen to be appreciated.



## Junior Class.

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### OFFICERS.

MABEL DAVIS,	-	-	-	-	-	President.
SIDNEY W. SMITH,	-	-	-	-	-	Vice President.
E. B. DICKERMAN,	-	-	-	-	-	Sec'y and Treas.

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**Colors**—*Gold, Brown and White.*

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**Yell**—We are the people, we, we, we!  
Rockford High School, '93!

MEMBERS.

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HOWARD C. ATWOOD.  
NELLIE BARGREN.  
CHAS. BROGUNIER.  
WALTER BEBB.  
DELLA COUNTRYMAN.  
BERTHA CROWELL.  
MARY CROWLEY.  
MAGGIE CALVERT.  
EDITH DICKENSON.  
BELLE DICKINSON.  
HARRY DICKENSON.  
E. B. DICKERMAN.  
MABEL DAVIS.  
LULU DIXON.  
WILL ENNETT.  
NELLIE ENNETT.  
ANNA ELMORE.  
CLARA FRISBIE.  
BELLE FROWE.  
LUCY GRAHAM.  
MAGGIE GREENLIE.  
ALICE HYNDMAN.  
LUCY JOHNS.  
GRACE KENNEDY.

KATHERINE KEELER.  
ETTA LANDER.  
LIZZIE MCCARD.  
MAUD MCPHAIL.  
LAURA NOONAN.  
DAISY NOBLE.  
LENNIE PRESTON.  
MARY PETERS.  
IDA PATTERSON.  
FRED RUTLEDGE.  
SIDNEY W. SMITH.  
JESSIE SMITH.  
JESSIE SMALL.  
DAISY SAMES.  
WILLIAM SIZER.  
TOM SIZER.  
HATTIE SIDDERS.  
JUNE SNOW.  
EVEYLN WAXHAM.  
CLARA WRAY.  
MAIE WALLACE.  
HATTIE YORK.  
ADAH ZOLLER.



## History.

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“Happy is that people  
That has no history.”

Notwithstanding this quotation, we are Jolly Juniors and are happy in another way, for it is seldom that such a class of intelligent, brainy pupils comes together as is now assembled in the present Junior class. When before were such percents seen as are accredited to our class? As for Greek and Cicero, no one can stick them on any declension or construction.

The German class has proved very interesting, and many are the pupils who are moved by the haunting spirit of “Reinhardt.” Many pupils are doing extra work in order to graduate with us. Some knowledge of our popularity may be found by reading the many items about the class that are published in the Owl.

If you see any High School boys or girls along the streets eating peanuts, you may make up your mind that they are Juniors. The girls in the class have a base ball club, it makes great sport for them, but the boys swear that they can beat them. Although the boys are in the minority, yet these same boys, when they come together for base ball or foot ball, allow nothing to stand in their way. They lead the school in all sorts of athletic sports; they are invincible.\*

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\* The authors must have had temporary aberration of the brain, probably caused by writing such a voluminous account of their achievements.

Our class organized this year; the first important event after the adoption of a constitution was to select class colors, and we flatter ourselves that a more harmonious effect could not have been produced than that of white, gold and brown. The school reception being held soon after, the class appeared in full force wearing their colors, which was a feature of the evening.

The winter coming on sleigh rides were in order, and Miss Frisbie invited the class and some of the teachers to her home, a short way out of the city. Bobs were obtained and the meeting was one of the pleasantest of the class history. The loads were mistaken for boxes of sardines, the boys like sardines. A short time later, Dickerman invited the class to meet at his home, near New Milford. Sad to relate, that night the reputation of the class for gallantry met a fall, the boys piled into the bob, and let the girls shift for themselves. We would suppress these harrowing details but every one knows them, so it would be useless.

The future beams out brightly for '93, with the prospect of the laborious part of our work being finished this year.

S. S.

I. P.



## Sophomore Class.

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### OFFICERS.

W. B. TAYLOR,	-	-	-	-	-	President.
MINNIE WOODWARD,	-	-	-			Vice President.
HELEN WITHERELL,	-	-	-	-		Secretary.
W. P. TALBOT,	-	-	-	-	-	Treasurer.

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

President, Vice President,	
Secretary,	
Treasurer,	
C. S. KENNEDY,	J. HUNTER.

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**Colors**—*Green, Yellow and White.*  
In the form of a Daisy.

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**Yell**—Rip, Rah, Roar!  
Rip, Rah, Roar!  
Rockford High School!  
Ninety-four!!

## History.

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Do I hear somebody say, "Who are you?" Can you not tell us as distinguished from the rest of the world? Behold! our attempted dignified bearing, our curious eyes prying into the mysteries of the various departments of this beloved institution; and our logical proofs for everything that we find in our path.

But as you evidently know little about us, we will tell you from whence we came and whither we go.

Last year a hundred and forty strong we were rooted and grounded down in the vale of Freshman bashfulness; but in a year's time our roots partly overspread the vale; and have commenced to climb the foot hills of Mt. Wisdom.

Once, while exploring the storehouse of knowledge, quaking in every limb, we opened a door and peered into the darkness beyond, only to behold a most hideous grinning visage. This is but one of our thrilling experiences; but by the time we have leaved out as Juniors and blossomed out as Daisy Seniors, we expect to crown the summit and explore the Universe beyond.

As was stated before, our original number was one hundred forty-three, the largest class that has ever entered this school; but some found it stony ground and failed to thrive and only sixty-six were hardy enough to withstand the frosts.

Our boys are mighty beings; for their Freshman base ball nine put the Seniors off their trolley; and



since the Seniors had visited a like fate on the Juniors and Sophomores, we then started our record of championship. In base ball this year we refer you to our star team. We are well represented in the foot ball team. But our girls are rising in athletic sports; they have procured the sphere and are now laboring for the cylinder to keep the sphere in motion; and will soon quite surpass the boys.

In January, a committee was appointed to draw up a constitution. The result of their labor was accepted with a few changes. The constitution is, in one or two respects, much different from that of any other class. We wished to preserve class unity; so that there might be no quarreling between the divisions over officers, we decided that they should be equally divided between the English and Latin sections.

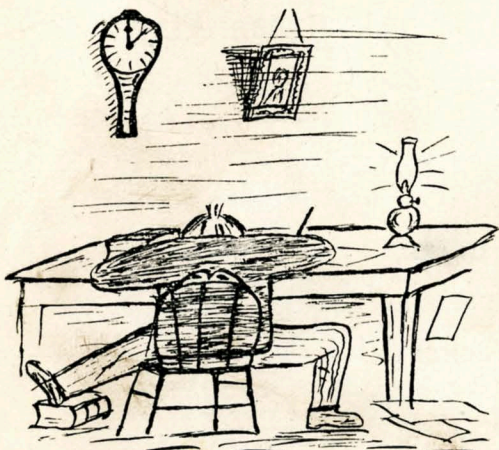
One morning we were surprised to see the Juniors pass into chapel, decorated with funny little knots of ribbon. They dazzled(?) our eyes and aroused our class spirit. A meeting was called at once; and after much tumult among the boys, a committee of girls was appointed to select a combination of colors. Our "foolish wisdom" was shown by selecting girls not in favor of class colors in the Sophomore year.

In time the colors were chosen; green, yellow and white, to be in the form of a daisy. Another committee of girls was appointed (for girls are artistic beings); and after laboring with unruly ribbons completed their work. We first arrayed ourselves, with those gentle daisies, at one of our sociables. To touch the tender spots of our hearts the Seniors and Juniors most absurdly interpreted the stems of our daisies as the symbol of

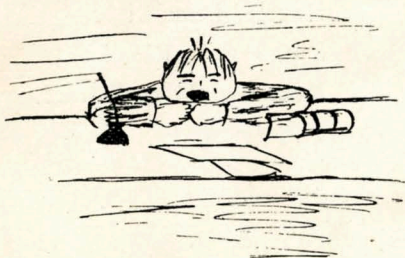
greenness, the snowy petals of cowardice and the golden heart, jealousy. But traced upon our hearts is a marble palace whose white walls are purity, whose pillars of emerald fill all the palace with joy, and whose golden center, the greatest of all these, is love.

B. A.

J. H.



- BURNING MIDNIGHT OIL -



- FRONT VIEW -



## Freshman Class.

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### OFFICERS.

HAROLD CLARK,	-	-	-	-	-	President.
EDITH PENFIELD,	-	-	-	-	-	Vice President.
ROY S. CLEMENTS,	-	-	-	-	-	Sec'y and Treas.

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**Yell**—Hobble, Gobble !  
Razzle, Dazzle !  
Zip, Boom, Bive !  
Rockford High School,  
Ninety-five !

## History.

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It was the festive month of September in the year 1891, that we the most illustrious, most ingenious and intellectual of Freshmen, that the Rockford High School has ever seen, made our appearance in the Chapel, before the faculty raised upon their uplifted thrones.

This ordeal of marching to our seats before all of the Seniors, Juniors and Sophomores was truly embarrassing.

The doorway is entered,  
We glance here and there,  
And look like a boy who  
Has just seen a bear.  
To the right to the left,  
On all sides we behold,  
Wise looks which bewilder  
These stray lambs of the fold.

Although the other classes may make fun of the Freshies, they are really proud of the great addition we make to the R. H. S. As regards marks, students, pretty girls and handsome boys, the Freshman class of '95 is farther advanced than any previous entering class.

Thus far we have been able to cope with everything, including our state examination in Algebra. We have finished our course in English History and Physical Geography, and judging from the marks in other studies we bid fair to complete our course with honors which belong to us, having been earned by hard mental labor.



Although we are young in the history of the High School, yet we have several different clubs and societies. Perhaps one of the best known to the school is the T. R. S. It was formed by a number of our young ladies, and holds its meetings semi-annually, having at such times a royal banquet, to which the young gentlemen are invited. Their motto is—If we didn't expect an invitation we would give it away.

We also have a base ball nine which is a credit to the school; we have played the Seniors three different games, losing only three; beside this we have won all other games that we have played with clubs outside the school.

Among the scholars of our class are several quite poetical people, also some very fine story writers; taking both together we have had plenty of reading matter to occupy our spare moments in school hours.

It is apparent to all that we have made great progress in the way of Delsarte, this may be noticed by the way in which we ascend and descend the stairs *en route* to our recitations, also the ease and grace with which we make all of our movements and gestures in our reading(?). This is all due to the judicious training of our reading teacher, Miss Randall. Whereas we were very awkward and green in our movements when we first entered, we now are quite graceful and easy in our bearing(?).

As we approach the close of our Freshman year we realize more than ever how much we have learned and how much there is yet for us to gather.

May we so cover ourselves with glory and honor in the remaining three years, that when we turn aside from

our duties here, we may be able to join the great caravan that goes out to meet the world, fully prepared for its innumerable trials, temptations and tribulations. Our past lies like a golden sunset behind us, the future shines brightly before us.

H. C.

L. O.

F. F.



# R. H. S. Literary Society.

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## OFFICERS.

MAIE WALLACE,	-	-	-	President.
SIDNEY SMITH,	-	-	-	Vice President.
ETTA LANDER,	-	-	-	Secretary.

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## PROGRAMME COMMITTEE.

MISS SIMPSON.

MISS VANHORNE.

MR. HAWK.

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One feature of our school, in which the pupils take a very commendable pride, is the "R. H. S. Literary Society."

It made its advent at the Xmas season. On December 23, 1887, its first programme gave a foretaste of the good things to come.

From the start it has been a society of the students, for the students, and by the students. There has been always a distinct recognition of the inalienable right of each member to contribute to the happiness of all. Neither race, sex, nor "previous condition" has debarred a member from casting his or her vote.

The Society has enjoyed the hearty co-operation of all the teachers. It has furnished many a pleasant and profitable hour, and thereby fully demonstrated its right to be.



The High School Owl—may his tribe increase ! —  
Awoke one night from dreams that would not cease,  
And saw by the bright star light in his nest,  
Making it of all Owl's sanctums far the best,  
A Senior writing in a book of red.  
Exceeding wisdom much this Owl did dread,  
And to the Senior tremblingly he said,  
“ What writest thou ? ” The Senior raised his head,  
And with a look made of sweetest charity,  
Answered, “ The names of greatest rarity,  
Of those who've done most for the ‘ Literary.’ ”  
“ Is our name there ? ” said th' Owl. “ Ah, why so ? ”  
Replied the Senior. Th' Owl spoke more low,  
“ ‘ Resolved that circumstances make great men,’  
‘ Impromptu speaking ’—and ‘ music ’ then,—  
‘ Essay, recitation, declamation,  
Mock trial, class yell, city council,’  
These have we done and a far greater score.”  
The Senior gravely bowed his head  
And calmly answered, “ In our book of red  
All this in good fair type shall written be ;  
And long live our High School Society !

## Shakespeare Club.

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*Object:* To further the study and recitation of *fitting* passages from the works of that great man.

At 12:30 sharp, Mr. G. Nels Holt called the meeting together—"and the deep, heroic bass drowned the loud clarion of the braying —." The Rt. Hon. John Budlong, Esq.—"would he were fatter,"—was elected Grand Shaker of the Almighty Club. L. A. D. D. Andrew, Esquire,—“The course of true love never did run smooth”—was elected “Most Awkward Spearster.”

The following gave their initiatory quotations and were admitted to the first degree:

H. Cl-rk: “The ladies call him sweet; the stairs as he treads them kiss his feet.”

Miss M. W-l-s: “Who chooseth me must risk and hazard all he hath.”

H. D-ck-ns-n: “Comb down his hair; look! look! It stands upright!”

St. J-n: “He would pun thee into shivers.”

Miss W-x-h-m: “An’ if his name be George, I’ll call him Peter.”

Senior Girls: “A quarrel about a hoop of gold, a paltry ring.”

Miss M-r-t-n: “She sings as sweetly as the nightingale.”

R-lst-n: “I’m a woodland fellow, sir.”

T. S-z-r: “What a beard thou hast got.”

H-rdy: “How far that little candle throws its beams.”

Miss H-yt: “Man is a giddy thing.”







E. M. ST. JOHN.

CARL KENNEDY.

MISS GRAY.

L. A. ANDREW.

THE OWL STAFF.

The



Owl.

A newspaper gives a good idea of the prosperity of a town and in a like manner Schools and Colleges are judged by the paper they publish.

April 15, 1890, Elmer Bruner, Andrus Jones, and V. J. Hall issued the first number of the "Owl", laying the foundation upon which the others have so handsomely built. It was the first thing of the kind attempted by the R. H. S. and it was not supported as well as it ought to have been. Then as now pupils were too apt to get their subscriptions without paying for the same.

The next year the Juniors and Seniors both wanted the honor and spoils (?) of publishing Volume II. After it was well started the Juniors backed down, selling it to Messrs. Radecke, McCard & Johnson, who made it a four column, four page paper.

Three of the company wanted to be exchange editors, and the editorial and scientific columns suffered in consequence. After several dividends had been declared Mr. Radecke bought out the other interests and conducted the paper in creditable manner throughout the school year.

This year E. M. St. John and Lucius Andrew control it. Under their good care it has grown so fast that its old clothes would no longer do, so a new, larger and



better suit was donned and now it claims to be the largest and best semi-monthly published by any High School. Have they not reason to be proud?

School Athletics and the Literary are well provided for, but the strong point of the "Owl" has always been its Local Column. "Hits," "roasts" and "grinds" in abundance, but all meant in good feeling, are enjoyed by all and no less by the one aimed at.

The managers have two very efficient editors, Miss Winifred Gray and Carl Kennedy, who assist them in different departments. Crisp, bright locals, short stories, poems (spring poems prohibited) and other entertaining matter fill the paper to overflowing.

If anyone doubts that the "Owl" is very well appreciated they should see the knots of scholars that swarm around the halls after "Owl" delivery, to see if there is anything about them in the paper, for who does not like to see his name in print occasionally?

The pupils are kept well informed about school and college news by the many exchanges they have the privilege of seeing, and St. John's face bears a big, broad grin as he reads the favorable comments on the "Owl" in nearly every exchange he picks up.

The proprietors have quite a little pride in their new, fashionably dressed "Owl," but the Editors of the ANNUAL are diseased in about the same spot, and what pleases them most is that they can square off a number of those hits and grinds that have appeared in the "Owl" about them.

We hope the "Owl" will continue to grow and be as well appreciated by the pupils as now. Long may he toot! WHOOP!!

## Some Original Translations from Maria Stuart and Other Classics.

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“Umarmen Sie mich.”

Miss V’s translation: “Oh—? \* Ah!—x! \*; — me.”

Mr. L’s translation: “Leave me, please.”

“Das Spielzeug des grillenhaften Eigensinns.”

“The gimcrack of his hobbyhorsicle peevishness.”

“Was meint ihr damit?”

“What do you mean — —?”

“Denkt an den Wechsel des Menschlichen.”

Miss G-rh-m: “Think of the bills of mankind.”

“Die Zimmerer zu unseren Fuessen das Geruest aufschlagen.”

“The carpenters are building a platform for our feet.”

“Geht in die Hoelle.”

Miss Gr-y: “Go in the house.”

“Heiliger Georg.”

H-lt: “Gosh all hemlocks.”

“Ich habe den Scherz zu lang getrieben.”

An-r-w: “I have worn my shirt too long.”

“Was steht dir von meinen Sachen an?”

W-lls: “How do my socks fit you?”

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## Did You Ever Hear These?

“Mr.—, have you ever seen the outside of your book? I’m sure you have never seen the inside.”

“The Kindergarten is the place for such little tricks.”

“Well, I must confess, I don’t know about that.”

“There’s a fallacy, a lack of exactness in your definition.”



# Freshies, Take Warning!

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Ram it in, cram it in,  
Freshies' heads are hollow,  
Slam it in, jam it in,  
Still there's more to follow—  
Hygiene and History,  
Astronomic mystery,  
Algebra, Histology,  
Latin, Etymology,  
Botany, Geometry,  
Greek and Trigonometry—  
Ram it in, cram it in,  
Freshies' heads are hollow.

Scold it in, mould it in,  
What are teachers paid for?  
Fold it in, hold it in,  
What are Freshies made for?  
Ancient Archæology,  
Aryan Philology,  
Prosody, Zoology,  
Calculus and Mathematics,  
Rhetoric and Hydrostatics—  
Hoax it in, coax it in,  
Freshies' heads are hollow.

Rub it in, club it in,  
All there is of learning,  
Crunch it in, punch it in,  
Squelch their youthful yearning  
For their pranks and story books,  
Foot ball field and loving looks,  
Teach these Freshies that they are  
But machines to cram it in,  
Bang it in, slam it in,  
Press it in, caress it in,  
Rap it in and slap it in,  
For Freshies' heads are hollow.



## R. H. S. Patent Office.

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*Patents issued since March 1, 1891, to:*

R. Peyton Manard, for his "Anti-Tardy Machine." He owes his idea to the wonderful amount of knowledge concerning Electricity which he has absorbed in Physics class.

Said invention consists of an immense electro-magnet to be placed near the foot of the bed. On the head board is a large iron disk. By means of clock work machine the current is turned on at the hour desired, the magnet attracts the disk, raises the bed up on its hind legs and ye sleeper is unceremoniously dumped into a tank of ice water, which is cold enough to warrant that even Manard would not go to sleep in it. For further particulars call on the patentee when you can test it.

E. M. St. John for an improved fly catcher, the kind of flies that trouble him most who stands in the right garden of the R. H. S. ball nine. Design as follows: Two large wicker baskets, two feet in diameter, well lined so as not to hurt the hands and arranged so as to prevent the ball slipping through the hands and damaging the face, by a stout piece of street-car-horse-hide leather connecting them. Seeing the advantages of such a glove, Messrs. Brogunier and Ennett have each ordered one.

Mr. Lemuel Preston, for a Beard Inciter. To be applied once an hour for six months, at the end of which time it is guaranteed that there will be enough fuzz to shave. The application is also good for cold in the head.

# Athletics.

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## OFFICERS OF THE R. H. S. ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

FRED RUTLEDGE,	-	-	-	-	President.
JOSEPH HUNTER,	-	-	-	-	Vice President.
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NORMAN E. CATLIN,	-	-	-	-	Treasurer.

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HARRY F. DICKINSON,	-	-	Foot Ball Captain.
WILL. ENNETT,	-	-	Base Ball Captain.

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## APPARATUS COMMITTEE.

President.	Treasurer.
Foot Ball Captain.	Base Ball Captain.



# BASE BALL.

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## School Team.

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WILL ENNETT, Captain and Manager.

CARL KENNEDY, *c.*

GEO. FORBES, *p.*

F. I. BROOKS, *1st b.*

WILL ENNETT, *2nd b.*

N. E. CATLIN, *3rd b.*

AMOS TUCKER, *s. s.*

CHAS. BROGUNIER, *l. f.*

TOM SIZER, *c. f.*

E. M. ST. JOHN, *r. b.*

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### SUBSTITUTES.

ROY CLEMENTS.

FRED RUTLEDGE.

ERNEST SMITH.

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### SCORES.

R. B. C.....	23.	* R. B. C.....	12.
R. H. S.....	12.	R. H. S.....	14.
Comets.....	13.	Black Diamonds.....	11.
R. H. S.....	14.	R. H. S.....	17.
Y. M. C. A.....	5.		
R. H. S.....	7.		

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\* Disputed.



## Class Teams.

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### FRESHMEN.

CLEMENTS, *c.*      WARREN, *p.*      SCOVILLE, *p and l. f.*  
SMITH, *1st b.*      ALEXANDER, *2nd b.*  
BURRITT, *3rd b.*      TUCKER, *s. s.*      DICKSON, *c. f.*  
WARREN, *r. f.*      H. CLARK, *r. f.*

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### SOPHOMORE.—STAR TEAM.

HERR GOLDMAN, *c.*      DR. HUNTLEY, *1st b.*  
PROF. HARDY, Ass't to the Ph. D., *p.*  
MR. RUSSELL, Tutor in Delsarte, *2nd b.*  
BUDLONG, "*short*" *stop.*  
BUTTER AND CHEESE ALVERSON, *3rd b.*  
JAMES RYAN, *l. f.*      PICKLE SNOW, *c. f.*  
FARMER RALSTON, *r. f.*

### SUBSTITUTE.

KENNEDY.

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### WATER HUSTLER.

FORBES.

### JUNIOR.

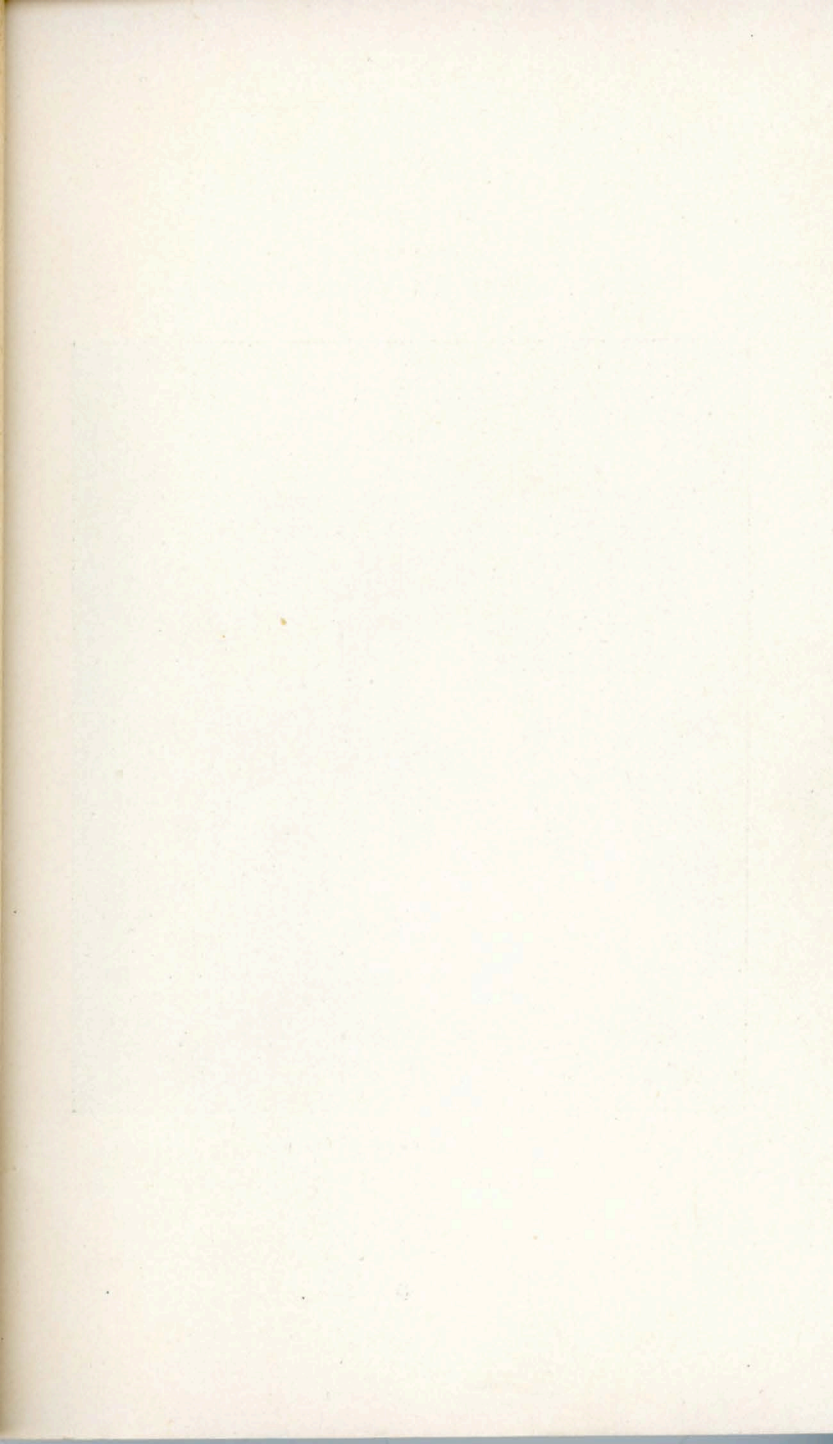
T. SIZER, *c.*      ENNETT, *p.*      BROGUNIER, *1st b.*  
BEBB, *2nd b.*      SMITH, *3rd b.*  
RUTLEDGE, *s. s.*      DICKERMAN, *r. f.*      ATWOOD, *c. f.*  
W. SIZER, *l. f.*

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### SENIOR.

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KENNEDY, *c.*      CATLIN, *p.*      BROOKS, *1st b.*  
HOLT, *2nd b.*      ANDREW, *3rd b.*  
ST. JOHN, *s. s.*      ENGSTROM, *l. f.*      BEBB, *c. f.*  
COUNTRYMAN, *r. f.*





R. H. S. FOOT BALL TEAM.



# FOOT BALL.

## School Team.

HARRY F. DICKINSON, *Capt.*

N. E. CATLIN, *R. End.*                      B. HUNTER, *R. Tackle.*

F. I. BROOKS, *R. Guard.*

H. F. DICKINSON, *Center.*                      E. C. BEBB, *L. Guard.*

W. R. SANBORN, *L. Tackle.*

W. ENNETT, *L. End.*                      AMOS TUCKER, *Quarter Back.*

M. COUNTRYMAN, *Left Half.*

GEO. FORBES, *Right Half.*                      CARL KENNEDY, *Full Back.*

### SCORES.

Forest City's..... 0.      Forest City's..... 2.

R. H. S..... 52.      R. H. S..... 1.

(RUGBY RULES.)

St. Alban's Military Academy..... 4.

R. H. S..... 16.

Beloit Academy.\*

R. H. S.

\* Beloit failed to appear.

## The Athletic Association.

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The present Athletic Association was an outgrowth of the High School Gymnasium, which was organized March 1886, with Will Helm as President.

So little interest of late was taken in the indoor work, that the gymnasium was dissolved. The Rockford High School Athletic Association was then organized on Feb. 4, 1892.

Under the new arrangement the school is assured of a foot ball and a base ball team each year, and good games are to be expected. Never since the old Central High School team was in existence has there been so much interest in Base Ball as this year, and the school's first Foot Ball team was the team of '92, which gained such a reputation.

The new Association does things up in a business-like style, charging admission to foot-ball games and thus being able to get outside teams to come to Rockford, but John Buker gets a good share of it for the apparatus purchased of him. We are in this way able to share their expenses without draining the already leaking treasury and calling for one of those familiar ten cent assessments.

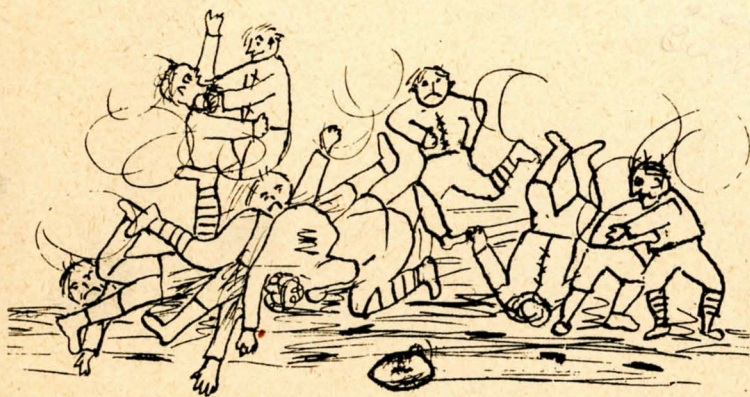
One of the best ways to get the attention and interest of people to the High School, is through Athletics.



But the High School does not carry on Athletics at the sacrifice of the Literary Society, which is a very flourishing institution, and Friday afternoon you may hear a very dignified young man speak to the delight (?) of the audience on Free Silver, Reciprocity, etc.; the next day you will see him "buck" the man opposite him in the rush line like a professional.

It is more difficult in a public High School like this to awaken interest enough in Athletics to make it a school enterprise, than it is in an Academy or a College, and so we think it is doing well to keep foot ball and base ball teams always in readiness to play.

Pupils of the R. H. S. have no sympathy for persons who say that running base ball nines, getting out annuals, etc., is making a High School too much of a College, for the spirit is just as beneficial to a High School as a College and spirit is what we want.





## Socials.

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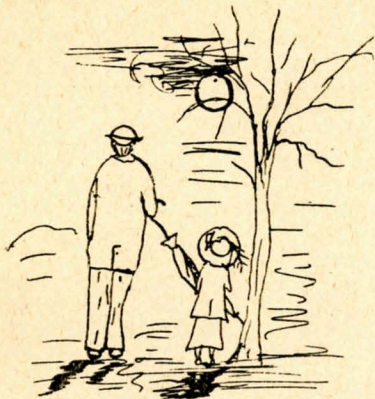
Of the customs recently established that of holding socials once a term is one of the most enjoyable. Last year two were held, and this year we have had two, with one more yet to come.

It is not to be wondered at that the pupils of different classes know so very little of each other. If these socials are continued, in a few years the pupil who is not acquainted will have no one to blame but himself.

Our socials are not stiff and formal receptions ; a program of music, recitations, etc., is given, and between numbers several young ladies have as many strings of young gentlemen in tow, whom they are introducing to other young ladies. Before the evening is over, the classes are so intermingled with each other, that, except for the class colors, it is impossible to say to which class anyone belongs.

When it is time to go home, the Senior boys declare that they have taken Senior girls to class meetings for a

year and want a change, and as each tall, dignified Senior wends his way homeward with a pretty little "Freshie," he blesses the social and hopes it may thrive.



One can walk arm in arm only  
with a man of about one's own size.

—Warner.



## What Others Say About You.

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K-n-d-y: "His views of life were bounded more or less by what he could eat with safety."

B-rr-tt: "Is always groping through the second-hand furniture of his mind."

D-cks-n: "Seems to have an appointment with leisure."

Pr-st-n: "He made me think of a defective faucet—you never knew where it was going to spurt next."

E. B-bb: "Strange to the world, he wore a bashful look."

Tyl-r: "He was as fresh as is the month of May."

Miss P-rk-r: "The violet thinks with her timid blue eye, to pass for a blossom enchantingly shy."

C-n-r-m-n: "The wealthy curled darling of our nation."

Miss B. C-n-r-m-n: "Infinite riches in a little room."

Eng-tr-m: "What shall I do to be forever known?"

L. An-r-w: "I awoke one morning and found myself famous."

H-ntl-y: "And still they gaze and still the wonder grew, that one small head should carry all he knew."

Sc-v-lle: "Can love forever run like a river?"

Miss B-ll: The church-going bell.

## R. H. S. Alumni Association.

Organized in 1885.

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### OFFICERS:

WILLIS B. HELM,	-	-	-	-	President.
MISS JENNIE MCFARLAND,	-	-	-	-	Vice President.
MISS LILLIAN STOREN,	-	-	-	-	Sec'y and Treas.

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Space will not permit the Alumni Record to date further back than '89; indeed a complete list of names and achievements would require a volume. To this list as to all else pertaining to our R. H. S. we point with pride. Reading between the lines will disclose "shining lights" in the fields of art, literature, music, etc., etc.



LEVI P. ATWOOD, - - - Attending University of Illinois.  
 MISS MARTHA BEBB, - - - - - At home.  
 MISS JESSIE M. BURRITT, Attending Mt. Holyoke Seminary.  
 MISS CATHERINE BEALE, - - Stenographer, Rockford, Ill.  
 SANFORD R. CATLIN, - - - - Attending Beloit College.  
 MISS FRANCES FULLER, - Attending Mt. Holyoke Seminary.  
 MISS LILLIAN GRAY, - - - - - Stenographer.  
 Manufacturing Department, World's Fair, Chicago.  
 FRANK R. GREEN, - - - Messenger, Adams Express Co.  
 SETH W. GREGORY, - - - - Attending Beloit College.  
 WALTER J. HAMMIL, - Attending University of Michigan.  
 DANIEL HUTCHINS, - Attending Rockford Business College.  
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 HENRY R. LUND, - With Holland-Ferguson Co., Rockford, Ill.  
 WILL C. MCCARD, - - Attending University of Wisconsin.  
 LEE K. MORSE, - - - - Civil Engineer, Pacific Coast.  
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 MISS MARY A. PICKEN, - - - - - School Teacher.  
 MISS EDITH B. RICHARDSON. - - - - Mrs Ward Baker.  
 MISS HATTIE E. SCOTT. - - - - - Married.  
 EDWIN I. SEAVERNS, - - - - - Farmer.  
 MISS MARY G. SMITH,  
 MISS LILLIE E. STOREN, - - - - In City Clerk's office.  
 MISS LUCY STOUGHTON, - - Teacher, Montague School.  
 MISS GERTRUDE SWITS, - - - - - At home.  
 WM. W. THAYER, - - - - - Farmer.  
 MISS MABEL G. WALDO, - Attending Wellesley College.  
 LEWIS A. WILLIAMS, With Forest City Insurance Co., Rockf'd.  
 MISS FRANCES M. WILCOX, - - - - Stenographer.

# ◁ '90. ▷

MISS EDITH ANSON,	- - - - -	At home.
MISS ALTA BARNUM,	-	Attending Lake Forest University.
ELMER H. BRUNER,	- - - - -	Traveling salesman.
	Residence, Oak Park, Ill.	
FRANK A. CARPENTER,	-	Attending University of Ills.
MISS BERTHA CONDE,	- - - - -	Teacher.
MISS GENEVIEVE DEVER,	- - -	Mrs. Ralph George.
MISS ANNA B. FARRINGTON,	- - - - -	Music Teacher.
MISS JENNIE G. FOSTER,	Teacher, Adams School, Rockford.	
J. VERNON HALL,	- -	Attending University of Michigan.
MISS CLARA HERRICK,	-	Teacher, Marsh School, Rockford.
ANDROS C. JONES,	- - - - -	Book-keeper.
MISS CASSIE KEEGAN,	-	Teacher, Kent School, Rockford.
MISS NORA V. O'CONNOR,	- - -	In County Clerk's Office.
MISS HELEN F. PALMER,	Teacher, Hall School, Rockford.	
MISS MABEL E. PARKER,	- - - - -	At home.
MISS FRANCES I. PORTER,	Studying Music, Rockford Seminary.	
MISS MARY A. POSSON,	- - - - -	At home.
MISS ANNA PREDMORE,	-	Employed at Lamont & Whipple's.
MISS AGNES B. REGAN,	- - - - -	Teacher in Chicago.
MISS GERTRUDE SCOVILLE,	-	Attending Rockford Seminary.
WILLIAM E. SMALL,	with Rockford Security & Investment Co.	
MISS ALICE SMITH,	- - - - -	Stenographer.
MISS MABEL SNOW,	- - - - -	Teacher.
MISS MABLE STURTEVANT,	Studying Music, Rockford Seminary.	
MISS BLANCHE SWARTHOUT,	Studying Music, Rockford Seminary.	
MISS MARY THAYER,	- - - - -	At home.
MISS FANNIE E. WALKER,	-	Attending School at Elmira, N. Y.
MISS HANNAH WALSH,		
MISS MABLE WITWER,	Preparing for Northwestern University.	
MISS FLORA C. WOOD,	- - - - -	At home.



◁ '91 ▷

ROBERT ALBERTSON,	-	With the Chicago Gas Co., Chicago.
HARRY R. BAKER,	- - - - -	At home.
AUBREY BARNES,	- - -	Attending Amherst College.
MISS BLANCHE BARNUM,	-	Attending Rockford Seminary.
MISS ELLA BULL,	- - - - -	Teacher.
MISS NEENAH BURRITT,	- - -	Teacher, Owen Center.
GEO. F. COOK,	- - - - -	Stenographer.
WILL H. CRUMB,	- - -	Attending Cornell University.
MISS GRACE DAVIS,	- - - - -	Teacher
MISS ALICE HAIGHT,	- - - - -	At home.
MISS GERTRUDE HAMILTON,	- - - - -	At home.
MISS GRACE HERRICK,	- - -	Attending Carlton College.
WILL C. HICKS,	- -	Cashier, Ashton's Dry Goods Store.
CHAS. A. HUTCHINS,	-	Attending Rockford Business College.
LOUIS A. JOHNS,	- - - - -	Farmer.
VICTOR M. JOHNSON,	- - - - -	Clerk.
CLARENCE LANDER,	-	Attending University of Wisconsin.
MISS GRACE LEONARD,	Studying Music at Rockford Seminary.	
MISS NORMA LINDAHL,	- - - - -	At home.
HARRY S. MCCARD,	- - - - -	Barber.
MISS KATE MCEACHRAN,	- - - - -	Teacher Argyle.
MISS GENEVIEVE MINZINGER,	-	Attending Rockford Seminary.
MISS NETTIE MITCHELL,	- - -	Studying the Air Brush.
MISS BELLE MONTGOMERY,	- - - - -	Teacher.
MISS MARY A. NOONAN,	- - - - -	At home.
HARRY B. NORTH,	- - - - -	Expressman.
MISS LAVERNE PACKARD,	- - - - -	At home.
MISS FLORENCE PALMER,	- - -	Teacher Wight School.
MISS MAY STEWART,	- - - -	Rockford Seminary.
FRANK T. RADECKE,	- - - -	Lake Forest University.
MISS ALICE M. SOVEREIGN,	- - - - -	Music.
MISS JENNIE M. HART,	- - - - -	At home.
MISS MAY A. THOMAS,	- - - - -	At home.
MISS MAE E. TYLER,	- - - - -	Monroe Centre, Ill.
MISS ETHEL VANWIE,	- - - - -	At home.
MISS LOUISE WARREN,	- -	Attending Wellesley College.
MISS INDAOLA WILLIAMS,	- - - - -	At home.

## We Make Our Bow.

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### I.

Two valiant boys of Ninety two,  
Have made obeisance unto you,  
And tried to prove with brush and pen  
That even though they are not men,  
They can compile a book of facts  
With illustrations neat as wax.

### II.

A school like ours, "Upon the Hill"  
Can furnish all we need, to fill  
A book of more imposing size  
With gems of wit and sayings wise,  
Without resort to "padding" dry—  
Weak trash that would your patience try.

### III.

We've striven with care to glean the field  
Of all the fun that it would yield;  
With here and there a solemn thought  
To make you notice, as you ought,  
That if the student will grow strong,  
Life must be more than mirth and song.

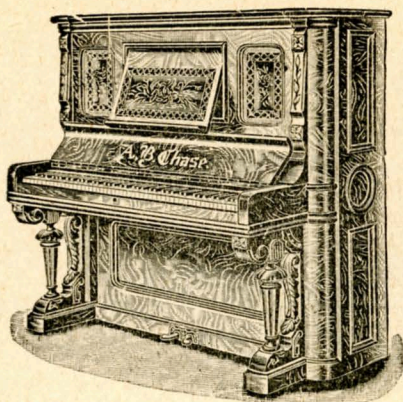
### IV.

Now here's a hint to '93—  
Within this book, we hope they'll see  
A door, that opens wide toward fame.  
If they will enter through the same,  
The classes for all time to come  
Will cry—"Behold! what they have done."

*Das Ende.*



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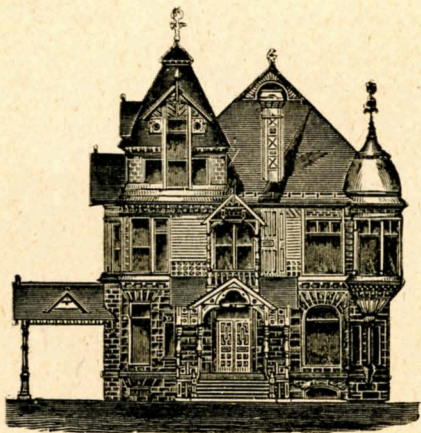
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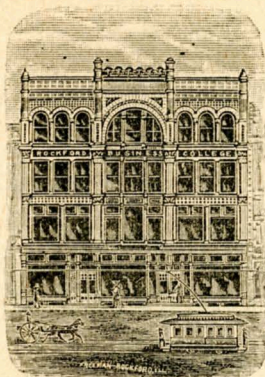
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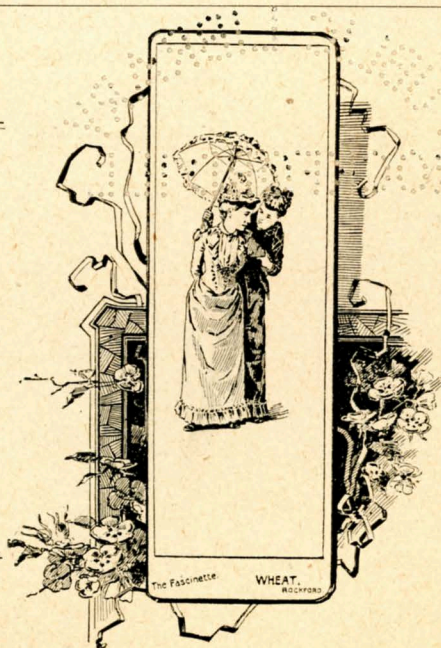
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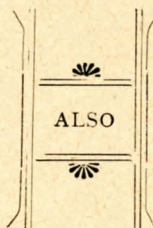
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