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the boatman dear;
"Dear sir, I would with thee embark, but
thou art full I fear."
Quoth Charon:—"Sir' dismiss such
thoughts! I'm loaded well, 'tis clear,
But ne'er will I be found so full I can't
take on a bier."

Pupil translating Latin:—"And
Boii and Tulingi ran around the
Romans' right end and after gaining
several yards were ably tackled by
Caesar himself.

They say the pickpocket is a liv-
ing example of the saying:—"To be
successful one must keep in touch
with his fellow-men."

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SKETCH OF THE CHARACTER OF BRUTUS AS PRE- SENTED IN SHAKES- PEARE'S "JULIUS CAESAR."

To everyone who has read Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," one of the most interesting characters has been Marcus Brutus, he who slew his best and dearest friend for the good of Rome.

In Brutus we see a loving and gentle disposition, pure and simple aspirations and such a lack of self-consciousness that we cannot help admiring him. His innocence in regard to his own abilities is shown in his reply to some of Cassius' flattering remarks when he says "Into what dangers would you lead me Cassius, that you would have me seek into myself for that which is not in me?" His main weakness seems to lie in the fact that he could be so easily influenced into a so mistaken idea as to Caesar's ambition. No one knew this so well as Cassius and this weakness can be no better expressed than in Cassius' own words where he says,

"Brutus, thou art noble; yet I see Thy honorable metal may be wrought From that it is disposed."

An admirable quality is the perfect trust which he reposed in Cassius Brutus' judgment was good when he was left to himself but unknowingly he would readily yield his noble thoughts to the craft of his friend. Yet he was sincere. He truly thought he was doing his honor and his country service by joining the conspirators and had no particle of malice toward Caesar except for his ambition. We see his love for honor and his country in his own words when he says,

"If it be ought toward the general good,
Set honor in one eye and death i' the other,

And I will look on death indifferently,
For let the gods so speed me as I love
The name of honor more than I fear death.

His love for Caesar is shown in a few words of his speech in the Forum.—"As Caesar loved me, I weep for him; as he was fortunate, I rejoice at it; as he was valiant, I honor him; but, as he was ambitious I slew him."

The honesty and sincerity with which Brutus worked in the conspiracy is brought out in his words in a reply to Cassius' suggestion that the conspirators swear themselves.

"What other oath than honesty to honesty engaged,
That this shall be, or we will fall for it.

Swear priests and cowards and men cantelous,
Old feeble carriages and such suffering souls,
That welcome wrongs; unto bad causes swear
Such creatures as men doubt; but do not stain

The even virtue of our enterprise,
Nor the insuppressive mettle of our spirits

To think that or our cause or our performance
Did need an oath; when every drop of blood
That every Roman bears, and nobly bears,

Is guilty of a several bastardy
If he do break the smallest particle
Of any promise that hath passed from him."

After these words we cannot justly accuse Brutus of any low motive in joining the conspirators. He seems to be thoroughly conscientious throughout the whole enterprise, and although there are a few things that seem bloody and only the outcome of a weak mind, we see none of Antony's falseness, none of Cassius' craft, none of Cicero's conceit and no undue ambition.

There are so many noble qualities to more than balance the weak ones that we can hardly call Brutus other than one of the noblest, truest and most conscientious men of his time.

N. G. '94.

Some one wishes to ask "G. E. F. '94" if a practical knowledge of geology teaches one how to "get the rocks?"

Hail to the "two-ton boot" brigade!
With light and airy tread
O noble band to glory march
By gallant Bertie led!

QUOTATIONS.

To G. E. F.—And still they gazed,
and still the wonder grew,
That one small head could carry all he knew.

To A. E. L.—When he had passed it seemed like the ceasing of exquisite music.

To M. W. R.—All singers have this fault; if asked to sing
In friendly circle, they can never bring
Themselves to yield consent; yet, if unasked,
They'll sing and sing, till patience's self is tasked.

To J. F. F.—He wears the rose of youth upon him.

To A. G. C.—Learning joined to kindly manners and a warm heart maketh a pleasant man.

To F. W. F.—The sober garb of modesty rests well upon thy shoulders.

To D. C.—He is always fresh and invigorating, like a breezy morning.

"I came and saw a saw," said the facetious tramp, "but I didn't saw."

"What is the difference between an injured woman and a dude in love?"

The woman says "Oh dear me!" and the dude, "Oh me dear!"

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Owing to the illness of Master Broughton, Master Randall kindly consented to take his place in writing for the Athletic column this month.

This is indeed Woman's era. The passage of the bill by the House giving women the right of suffrage in municipal affairs in Massachusetts is an advance for her cause. We wait to see what action the Senate will take in this matter. We have never favored women's suffrage, although we sincerely believe in the ability of woman to hold responsible positions and it may be that, in the management of public affairs, she would show herself equally efficient.

Beverly is jubilant, for at 12.30 P. M. on Friday, March 23, Governor Greenhalge affixed his official signature to the bill granting Beverly her city charter. When the news was received in town, it was published abroad by the ringing of church bells, the firing of guns and other demonstrations. After existing as a town for two hundred and fifty years Beverly will soon be known as a city. May she bear her new honors with becoming dignity.

The Social given by the three classes of the High School on Friday evening, March 23, passed off very pleasantly. The principal feature of the evening was a drama entitled "Pussy wants a corner," the parts being well taken by Misses Millett, Mason and E. Smith and Masters Rich, Randall and Catheron. Through the kindness of Lunt, Rogers & Chase, who loaned the furniture for the drama, the stage was made very attractive. The rest of the programme consisted of a solo by Miss Goodridge, a piano duet by Misses Brown and Black, and a piano solo by Master Rust. Dancing followed and refreshments were served at intermission. The committee in charge of the affair, is to be congratulated on the success of the occasion.

The last meeting of the High School circle will probably be held Friday, March 30. The meetings during the year have been very profitable and varied enough to be interesting. The change in time is certainly an improvement on the old way, as the scholars feel fresher and better prepared to take up the meetings with a vim in the afternoon than during school hours. The seniors, who are soon to leave the school, must surely feel benefitted by the meetings and the Middlers, who have had the experience of one year must feel better prepared to take an active part during the coming year. The management of the society has been left more entirely in the hands of the scholars, the programme being made out by a committee chosen by the society and the critic selected from its members. We have been glad to see so many visitors at the meetings and here we see another advantage in the change of time, as those outside of the school find it more convenient to come in the afternoon than in the morning. To the classes who are to take up the work next year, we wish success and hope that your meetings may prove even more interesting and profitable than those held in the past.

ATHLETICS.

Our readers will, no doubt, miss the usual article from the pen of our genial Athletic Editor, Mr. C. F. Broughton, who is unable to attend to his duties owing to illness. We trust that our patrons will be lenient in their criticisms of the present article in the hope that in our next issue he will be able to resume the Editorship of this column.

Perhaps the subject of the re-organization of the H. S. Cadets can be introduced in no place more appropriately than under the head of Athletics. Several of the Seniors have agitated this matter and considerable interest has been aroused. The matter was brought before the Debating Society for consideration, and although nearly as many spoke in opposition as in favor of the measure, the general sentiment seemed to be that it is expedient to re-organize. The AMATEUR is very averse to taking its stand against this strong feeling and moreover our rule is not to be identified with either

side in matters of this nature. Yet it seems to us that even the most casual observer would see that the lateness of the season is in direct opposition to successful drilling. Only about two months more remain in which it would be expedient to hold drills and in so short space of time we could hardly arrive at satisfactory results. We hope the school will not entertain this idea seriously until next year if they do at all.

Someone has proposed the holding of a tennis tournament and we wish to heartily endorse the plan. While tennis is not a game that is indulged in largely by High School scholars here in Beverly yet we have some very good players and if they can be induced to enter, the affair can be made a decided success. As tennis is a game which the young ladies can enjoy as well as the gentlemen perhaps they would be willing to aid in carrying out this idea. If such is the case the plan is doubly commendable as it is then a matter of interest to the whole school. Let us push the idea as the tennis season is fast approaching.

Another subject which we can see no reason for not supporting is that of holding a Field Day. Certainly we have material in the school fitted for this, as is evidenced by our successes in the Athletic field during past years. Moreover the qualifications of the men who would be likely to enter, are so widely different that we can rest assured that every event will have its full share of contestants. The management of this scheme has been put in the hands of the committee chosen from the three classes, who are all qualified by past experience to make the arrangements. We hope that this committee will find all circumstances in favor of the plan and will soon bring the matter to a head. In our next issue a full schedule of the affair will be given.

Meanwhile the school at large has not been idle. During the past two weeks the boys have practiced continually and with many good results. The smaller element of the school seem to compare favorably with our larger boys.

Only one bad result seems to have arisen from so constant practice and that is that nearly every day someone comes in late at recess. While this is perhaps a trivial matter when compared with the results, physically,

which arise from our school athletics yet it interrupts the arrangements of the school and should be overcome. At this season of the year when so many opportunities for athletic exercises open themselves we must be careful that we do not enter these to the detriment of our school work.

ALUMNI.

"Small contributions thankfully received."

Miss Grace Rosenthal spent a short vacation in Roxbury lately.

If reports—and reporters—are true Miss Parker's friends are unwilling that she should go "numbrella-less" during the month of showers.

Miss Sweetman, '93, took part in a concert given Saturday, March 17.

The Class of '90 held a sociable, Monday, March 20.

We are sorry to hear that Miss Etta Pushee has been suffering from neuralgia lately.

Mr. Albert L. Pletcher, the principal of the Bristol (N. H.) High School was in town, March 11.

The AMATEUR would be glad of contributions from any of the Alumni.

Miss Charlotte Odell has been visiting in Andover recently.

Mr. Lawrence Ford, Holy Cross college, was at home on a vacation a short time ago.

Miss Mabel Hurd took part in the entertainment on the last night of the Hospital Fair.

Mr. John Holden is filling the position of clerk at Marshall & Moulton's express office.

Prof. in Geology—"Can you tell me any mineral that occurs in the liquid form?"

Pupil—"Milk, because it comes in quartz." (Funeral private.) Ex.

A receipt for lemon pie vaguely adds: "Then sit on a hot stove and stir constantly." Just as if anybody could sit on a hot stove without stirring constantly. Ex.

EXCHANGES.

He writeth best who stealth best,
Ideas great and small;
For the great soul who wrote the
first,
From nature stole them all. Ex.

Beside our regular exchanges we are pleased to acknowledge the following: The Seneca, Salamanca, N. Y.; High School Record, Sioux City, Iowa; Free Press, Midland, Fla.; The Livingstone, Salisbury, N. C.; The Argus, Detroit, Mich.; Colby Academy Voice, New London, N. H.; The School Record, Newburyport, Mass.; The Premier, Fall River, Mass.; The High School Calendar, Buffalo, N. Y.; The Pendulum, Barnardston, Mass.; The University School Record, Cleveland, Ohio; High School Opinion, Peoria, Ill.; The Review, Lowell, Mass.

We welcome the Seneca to the list of amateur publications. It is a bright and attractive paper and we wish it long life and prosperity.

The Authentic, Stoneham, Mass., contains much that is instructive as well as entertaining.

The original Samson was once a very successful tragedian. His last act brought down the house. Ex.

Student (translating)—"And er-the-cr-he-er-went-er."

Professor—"Don't laugh gentlemen, to err is human." Ex.

Pompey—"How do you like Caesar?"

Catiline—"Not at all—too much Gaul." Ex.

"Tommy, who was Joan of Arc?"

"Noah's wife," said Tommy, who was good at guessing. Ex.

"Tempus fugit," said the Romans; Yes, alas, 'tis fleeting on;

Ever coming,
Ever going,
Life is short and soon 'tis gone.

But as I think of next vacation,
Pouring o'er these lessons huge.
Ever harder,
Ever longer,

All I say is, "let her fuge." Ex.

LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

How about Miss M—'s adventure with the "horned beast?"

The Seniors have begun the study of Botany with Miss Wilde. The beans and corn kernels have begun to appear and it would not be strange if the janitor started a granary.

The Debating Society did not meet as usual at the High School on March 15. Owing to some misunderstanding the doors were not open, so the society held its meeting at the Y. M. C. A. hall. Three applicants for membership were admitted, Arthur Foster, Frank Guinivan and Ellsworth Lane. This makes the total number of members nineteen.

The Junior boys received a lesson in marching from Mr. Hurd one morning. We have been glad to notice the marked improvement.

Short and sweet—some of our Junior boys.

Where did H—k get that lock of hair in the back of his watch?

T— wants to swap his curling iron for a ticket to the next Senior sociable. Great chance for somebody.

A put up job—Frost's pompadour.

Lady teacher—"I can give this list of kings and I shall require as much of you."

Young miss—"Oh, but you have had it for years and years."

Teacher (explaining a point in English)—"All the good boys may go home." Immediately every boy in the room starts for the door.

There is good prospect of a ball nine in the Junior class. A meeting was held and Frank Josephs was given power to select members for the team.

Mr. Hurd has consented to act as drill master for the Junior boys. Lessons in marching from 8.15 to 8.45 A. M.

We are sorry to see that some of our Seniors are growing so timid that they need a guard while passing to recitation rooms.

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LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

Hurrah for Vacation.

The meeting of the B. H. S. D. S. on Thursday was postponed to Monday, April 9th.

Much illness has been reported among members of the High School the past month.

The end of the school year is approaching and those who owe class dues would do well to pay them.

Friends of the school will be glad to learn that the recent sociable was a success financially as well as artistically.

All those desiring excuses from lessons should call upon M—r '95. He is prepared to furnish them in any desired quantity for any purpose. His past experience in the High School gives him especial facilities in their line.

All members of the High School should avail themselves of the kind invitation of the Farms scholars. The party will go in a barge Tuesday evening, April 3. All those wishing to go should give their names to W. Rae Herrick, '94.

We have noticed that some of the scholars make the use of the reference books merely a pretext for gossiping. Those who do so disturb the scholars who come for real information and circumvent the purpose for which the books were bought.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

It is with pleasure that we announce and give practical proof of the fact that our finances have been so successful that we have found it expedient to add a cover. We hope that the design will meet with favor from the scholars and we feel confident that in our new dress we shall be able to do fuller justice to our advertisers. We thank the business men who have in the past aided us in so substantial a manner and trust that we shall continue to merit their good will and patronage.

B. H. S. LIBRARY.

We have noticed articles in several of our High School Exchanges in relation to the library in their respective schools. Many have complained of the difficulty of obtaining works suitable to their purpose but in no case have we heard of a complaint in relation to the care of the books. In the Beverly High School we rather pride ourselves on our library which though lacking in some volumes that would be of great service, is really a fine library for a school of our size. Yet in the face of all these advantages we are obliged to speak of that subject which has been conspicuous for its absence in other articles and that is the care of our school volumes. It seems to us that it is an evidence of a lack of proper taste in one who will wilfully deface a book whether it is his own or not.* Many people seem to think that what is town or city property belongs to no one and in this spirit feel that they are at liberty to misuse school property in anyway they see fit. Mr. Hurd recently made remarks which bears indirectly on this subject. He spoke of the fact that books were removed from the shelves and even taken from the room without making an entry in the record book. Now of course this is a matter of honor and as such each scholar should see that he or she does not violate this rule. Of course we do not mean to say that any of our scholars would intentionally lose or destroy any book and that it is not the purpose in keeping a record. It is simply to aid in tracing books which have been misplaced. We would suggest to the management of the library that perhaps it would be well to number the books consecutively from one and it could be seen at a glance how many books were missing. We trust that no one will think that this article is an interference to them in their work but rather will take it in the spirit in which it was meant, as a little attempt to protect a piece of school property which should be our pride.

THE MERCURY WENT DOWN.

Little Johnny had a mirror,
But he ate the back all off,
Thinking rashly in his terror
It would cure his whooping cough.

Some days later, Johnny's mother,
Weeping, said to Mrs. Brown,
'Twas a chilly day for Johnny,
When the mercury went down.

SOME REMARKS.

Much difficulty is experienced by the Editors of the Amateur and we believe by Editors of School Papers all over the U. S., to find material which is at once interesting to the school at large and at the same time instructive. In this dilemma we feel that it is the duty of every member of the school to hand to any of the Editors some few items each month. It is impossible for the Board of Editors, small as it is to fill four pages of closely printed matter and at the same time attend to school work. We appeal to every schooler to do his or her part to support this paper, which ought to represent the combined efforts of the scholars at large. Don't feel that any article you write does not possess the requisite merit in composition and thus be deterred from handing it in. Even if the article is unsatisfactory, the idea may be good and any thing however poor in itself will be welcomed for the sake of the ideas which may be derived from it. Next month we hope that many who have before remained silent will aid us in a substantial manner.

Many of our exchanges have mentioned that the spring season has produced many poetical effusions. We really haven't been troubled much in that way but spring certainly has helped us, by again opening the bicycle season and as a result we have been obliged to increase our advertising space. Thanks spring.

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BORROWED WIT.

I thee read see that me
Love is up will I'll have
But that and you have you'll
One and down and you if

Customer (to waiter)—I'd like
some crackers and a bowl of milk.
Waiter (giving order)—One oyster
stew.

Boylbus kissibus,
Sweet girlorum,
Girlibus likeibus
Wanti sumorum.

An Englishman once asked a young
American lady what we did with all
our vegetables here in this country.
She replied, "We eat all we can
and can all we can't."

An apt quotation is as good as an
original remark.



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