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NO. 2

## WISDOM, TRUE RICHES.

In vain do men  
The heavens of their fortune's fault accuse,  
Sith they know best what is the best for them;  
For they to each such fortune do diffuse  
As they do know each can most aptly use,  
For not that which men covet most is best,  
Nor that thing worst which men do most refuse;  
But fittest is, that all contented rest  
With what they hold: each hath his fortune in  
his breast.

It is the mind that maketh good or ill,  
That maketh wretch or happy, rich or poor;  
For some that hath abundance at his ill,  
Hath not enough, wants in greater store;  
And other, that hath little, asks no more,  
But in that little is both rich and wise;  
For wisdom is most riches; fools therefore  
They are which fortune do by voys devise,  
Sith each unto himself his life may fortunize.

Sel.

## THE LIFE OF THE COMMON PEOPLE IN CHINA.

China extends from 18 deg. 20 min.—56 deg. N. L., and from 70 deg.—143 deg. E. L. through nearly as many degrees as the United States. It is estimated that there are over 404,000,000 inhabitants. And it is one struggle from childhood to old age to get enough to eat and wear.

Missionaries from China tell us that of all places, China takes the lead for uncleanness. They never take a bath, unless caught in a shower, and when they fall into the river. They seem to have a dread of water. A very angry mob will immediately separate if a shower commences.

The people have suffered much from famine. For miles the trees have been stripped of their bark, and from this they make little cakes. Of course, there can be no nourishment in these, and very many people die.

Their officials are very dishonest. Much money was sent to the sufferers in Southern China, but it never reached them, it only went into the pockets of those officials. A mayor of a certain city received six hundred dollars a year, and paid all of his servants from this. Then he paid ten thousand for the privilege of being mayor. At the close of two or three years he retired worth one hundred thousand. How had he obtained this? By taking the money from the common people.

The emperor is entitled, "Son of Heaven," and all others are nowhere when compared with him. This is one reason they find it so hard to understand the gospel of Christ, for they do not believe in a religion free to all.

One commandment, however they obey, "Honour thy father and thy mother," but in a queer way. After the death of a parent, they will mortgage their family and their relations to obtain a large funeral procession. A comparatively poor family by mortgaging their relatives obtained a funeral procession five miles long.

They bury the coffins in a mound, and a man's influence rises as this pile grows larger and larger.

One father says to another father, "I'd like to find a wife for my son." He replies, "My daughter will make a splendid wife for him."

Then he will tell how beautiful she is, and although his hearer knows that every father tells the same thing about his daughter, yet he seems to credit the whole story. The couple do not see each other until brought together to be married, and sometimes, if not always, he fails to see her wonderful beauty.

The music at a marriage seems like a dirge, indeed one cannot distinguish between festal and funeral music.

The Chinese have a god for every day in the year, and some gods left over. On their walls are pictures of their gods and they worship these. One of their gods makes journeys to heaven, so they think, to report the wrong the family has done. So they stick paper over the god's eyes, and put taffy on his lips, that he won't see their evil doing, and will give a good report of their conduct.

Let us look at the home of a common villager. We see a mud house surrounded by a mud wall. This wall is formed by twisting tall cornstalks together, standing them up, and keeping them there by means of posts, and then covering all with a thick plaiting of mud.

One room answers for many purposes, chamber, sitting-room, parlor and library. In the kitchen is a great pan used for cooking, dish-washing, and many other purposes. In the other room are beds, made of brick, and in winter these are kept warm. A part of these rooms is used for storing away a kind of vegetable called cabbage which looks like celery, and tastes like lettuce.

The most cruel thing is the binding of the little ones feet. It gives them great pain and suffering, and makes it very difficult for them to walk. Often they have to pause to rub their poor deformed feet to alleviate the terrible pain.

The water is simply dreadful, for China is an immense burial ground. It is very dangerous to drink it unless it is boiled. The water is obtained from the river, and is heated and condensed, and then corked up in bottles.

There punishment is severe and cruel. The minute a man is found guilty he is killed or otherwise cruelly treated. But if a joke is turned against them, they will laugh heartily and not feel the least resentment.

We all know how jealous the Chinese are of strangers. They call them "Foreign Devils," and, while smiling and seeming to receive them very graciously, they will be saying the most terrible things about them. They think, "That

the foreigner can cut off the queues of the Chinese without knife or scissors, and without being near his victim. He drops a pinch of powder into a village well, and all who drink the water becomes slaves to his will. He digs out the eyes of infants, and with them makes a compound that enables him to fly through space without effort, and in an instant of time."

The half has not been told of their low moral condition, and it will take one hundred years, at the least, to make China anything like a Christian country. We should therefore, as a Christian nation, and as Christian people, do all that is in our power to lift the Chinese to a higher position, that they may enjoy the blessings of a civilized land. C. L. M., '95.

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#### ALUMNI.

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Class '86, Fred Stoford was at home recently for a short visit.

Class '88, Miss Kate Davis has been dangerously ill.

Class 89, Miss Majorie Gordon has been substituting at the Briscoe School.

Class '91, Lawrence Ford has returned to Holy Cross College, at Worcester. He is editor-in-chief of their college paper, the Purple.

Class '92, Alpheus G. and George W. Woodman have returned to Tech. where they recently won competitive scholarships.

Class of '93, thinks of holding a reunion soon. Clarence Morgan is taking the place of Mr. Holbroke on the lunch cart.

Class '94, Miss Mary Mayo is staying at Orleans, on Cape Cod, where she will remain for some weeks.

Some of the Alumni, together with some of the members of the High School, held a dance in Red Men's Hall, on the last of Oct.

The Amateur would be very glad of contributions from any of the Alumni.

Clarence Lunt is singing with an operatic company in Salem.

Our Friday afternoon rhetorical has now begun, and we should be glad to have any of the Alumni attend.

## PUZZLEDOM.

## ANSWERS TO OCT.

1. Essex.
  2. Because he changes from Wales to America. (a merry key.)
  3. Because he is blinded.
  4. Prisoners.
  5. Because the old ones are used to it.
  6. Because they are minors (miners.)
- Riddle. Chair.

## PUZZLE NO. 1.

He died amid a stranger band,  
 Though in his native clime;  
 The fever smote him and he fell  
 In his fresh morning prime.

Puzzle No. 2. 15873.

Puzzle No. 3. (Two)lve Twe(nty.)

## NOVEMBER CONNUNDRUMS.

1. If two certain letters be removed from the alphabet, why would it last forever?
2. When are two apples not two apples?
3. None seems to mean no one, what two pronouns taken together, seem to mean less?
4. Why was Aeneas carrying his father, Anchises, from Troy, like a minor?
5. Why are sailors in a leaky ship like dancing masters.

## PUZZLE NO. 1.

Fruo tewih setsirs meca ot nowt;  
 Tyhe lal reew kabel, tye noe si nowrb;  
 Oen ragy, neotewih, het throu si neger:  
 A ratsgren hgsti si somedl enes.

## PUZZLE NO. 2.

Said Lucy when she saw a b  
 Suck honey from a clover,  
 A b, l c u r a b;

u

I've view'd & over.

## LOCALS.

The first meeting of the B. H. S. D. S. was held Thursday, Oct. 19, and considering that it was the first of the season was a decided success. The most ably discussed question was that concerning the A. P. A.

Did you see that small Junior trying to lift one of those heavy guns?

Who fired that cartridge in the hall?

Current topics will be a pleasing change in the rhetorical.

Prof. Wilson is re-arranging the "Ladies' Quartette" for '94 and '95.

Frank Josephs has left school and is working at Southwick's provision store.

Ask B—kf—d and C—h—y about those hidden guns.

What puzzling greetings that erratic Senior R—nd—ll is in the habit of using, such as "H—ly G—g and H—wd—d—y.

With what trembling forms and anxious faces do the Middlers stagger up to the new programs to ascertain whether or not they have been selected to take part.

For voice culture and all elements of music please apply to Prof. J—s B—kf—d '95. Special care will be given to a profundo voice as the Professor belongs to this class.

There was a bad explosion in the laboratory the other day caused by either carelessness or ignorance on the part of Meinheer M—d—i, who forgot that steam was stronger than a thin glass retort. The result was that W—d who was looking on, as is always the way with the innocent, was slightly burned about the face and neck. Whether or not this was a fiendish attempt on the part of M—d—i to take off some of W—d's football hair we cannot say, but certain it is that hereafter W—d will be careful whose work he watches.

Heard in the Greek Class:—"This is a second Aorist Future."

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## EDITORIAL.

We notice that there are some young men who were graduated from this institution but a few years ago, who still retain a lively interest in the debates of the B. H. S. D. S. This is a spirit to be commended and we hope that more graduates will be seen in our meetings and will take part in our debates. The work of publishing this paper would also be much easier if the Alumni manifested a greater interest in contributing.

A typographical error will be noticed on the title page of our October number in "Knowledge Progressive." The correct rendering of the verse as our readers doubtless remember, is "Fired at first sight, with what the Muse imparts." This mistake should be placed on record in that long list of printers' errors. We suppose that it was one of the office devil's demoniacal practical jokes.

We notice with regret that the Alumni Association seems to be gradually disbanding. There can be no doubt of the service of such an organization to a school. In recognition of this fact we find them connected with most of the preparatory schools and colleges of the country. If the interest in the Beverly Association can be revived in any way we hope that it will be done. The columns of the Amateur will be open for contributions on this subject from any of the members.

Before another issue of the Amateur reaches its readers they will have enjoyed their usual Thanksgiving vacation. Little need be said on the origin and object of the day itself as nearly all are familiar with it. We hope that in counting your blessings and privileges you will remember that of contributing to the Amateur and that when you return refreshed by your days of rest you will court the poetical Muse with renewed vigor.

Friday, Nov. 2, the reports were given out and many were the looks of dismay. Mr. Hurd then made known to the scholars a plan which he had formed the previous evening while copying the list of those who had failed to reach 70 per cent. the mark required for promotion. In the future, a list of honor pupils will be posted on the bulletin board in the main room, and also published in the Amateur. This list will include all those who have "A" in department, and 90 per cent. or above in one or more studies. Any student receiving above 90 per cent. in all studies will have "honores magna cum laude." We hope that this roll of honor will be a large one as it will reflect great credit not only upon the school but also upon the scholars themselves.

The meetings of the Beverly High School Literary Society, now no longer the B. H. S. C., have been a decided success. The debates and music have been improved while the pupils seem to be gaining greater confidence in speaking before an audience. The attendance has been excellent. The discussion of current topics has become an interesting number of the program. On Nov. 6, the society adopted a constitution, the most noticeable feature of which is the adoption of the rules of Cushing's Manual. We trust that this will be found a benefit to the members by giving them a clear understanding of the main points of parliamentary usage.

On Tuesday evening, Oct. 30, we had the pleasure of listening to Mr. Charles N. Thomas in his illustrated lecture on "Heroes and Battlefields of the Civil War." The speaker in the course of his remarks brought out very clearly the critical points in that great struggle and by means of his stereopticon views he presented vividly both the land and naval battles of the war. Portraits of Lincoln, John Brown, Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, McPherson, Farragut, Butler and many other men of note were flashed upon the canvas and were enthusiastically cheered by the audience. The lecture closed with the recitation of "Sheridan's Ride" by Mr. Thomas, who seemed to give new meaning

to this thrilling poem. The second lecture was delivered Nov. 14. The subject was "The Battle of Gettysburg." The lecturer demonstrated the plan of the campaign very clearly. Part of the proceeds of this lecture are to be devoted to the improvement of the High School Library.

### JUNIOR LOCALS.

Something every one can put on (Ayers).

What means of transportation has the B. H. S. Ans. (Carr.)

An old story.—Teacher.—Where is your excuse.

Scholar.—I forgot it.

Two of the members of the Junior Class have left since last month, and some have changed from Classical to English Course.

How many dozen in Miss W's room.

Ans.—Twelve dozen or one gross (Groe).

Some of the Juniors looked downcast when the marks in English were given out.

Why cannot the boys hold the highest average?

Is it because they can't work or because they won't work?

Ancient History is being taken up two days in the week, which brings long faces on some, but will this help the low marks? Probably not.

What two presidents are represented in the main room.

Ans. (Grant and Monroe).

Latin is prospering finally in Miss Hilman's room.

When is a cricket ball like snow? When it is driven.

Teacher—Were you whispering?

Scholar.—No.

Teacher—What were you doing?

Scholar—Trying to.

The Juniors have but one part to take at Rhetoricals. That is, to be seen but not heard. It is sometimes a very difficult part.

What Senior was interrupted in the act of passing a pink to one of our Junior girls?

To have your sweetheart far away

It makes existence dark and drear

But it is worse—alackaday—

To have her distant when she's near.

—Ex.

### SALLY POTTERS.

Sally Potters was a spinster,  
No earthly friend had she,  
She simply lived to please herself,  
As selfish as could be.

Now it seemed to her quite funny,  
That no one ever thought  
"Perhaps Aunt Sally would like this,"  
Or ere her pleasure sought.

She never thought that in herself  
One half the trouble lay,  
She fretted, grumbled and was cross  
Throughout the livelong day.

If the children saw her coming  
They ran another way,—  
For they trembled lest Aunt Sally  
Some unkind word should say.

She went to all of the meetings,  
With face long drawn and sad,  
With many tears did she complain  
Of all the sins she had.

But one day, while she was praying,  
She heard the preacher say  
"What good does all this praying do  
If you never find the Way?"

"Do unto others as you would  
Have others do to you,—  
You've always thought for No. 1,  
Fow think for others too."

Aunt Sally went from church that day,  
A new light in her eye,  
"I've always lived to please myself;  
To please others now I'll try."

And henceforth from that very hour,  
She was much changed they say,  
Her life was full of loving deeds,  
Some good was done each day.

Now the children run to meet her,  
They strive to gain her side,  
They tell her their joys and sorrows,  
And all their cares confide.

So kind and thoughtful and loving,  
And equally good to all,—  
She is held in highest honor,  
By persons great and small.

For she now has found the secret,  
Of perfect happiness,  
To live for another's comfort  
Is of all things far the best.

—C. L. M., '95.

## SENIOR LOCALS.

We advise W— and M— to keep their desk in order in Chemistry and save their teacher the trouble of cleaning it.

"Yours words are but idle and empty chatter. Ideas are eternally joined to matter."

—B—f—d.

"— to his duty prompt at every call,  
He watched and wept, and felt, and pray'd  
for all.

—R—dy.

"With every symptom of a knave complete  
If he be honest he's a devilish cheat."

—Mc N—l.

"None of your pale faced girls for me!  
None of your damsels of her degree!"

—R—d—ll.

"A walk for star gazing has pleasure I own  
But it is n't quite safe to do walking alone;  
So I take a lad's arm just for safety you know,—  
But mamma sternly tells me I must n't do so."

The Senior's declamation, have already become a taking feature in the singing periods.

The middle girls have taken hold of the Friday afternoon debates with a will, if the Senior don't "hurry up" the Middlers will be ahead of them. There is probably no immediate danger for as the old adage says:—A new broom sweeps clean.

There is some talk among the Seniors of re-organizing the girls cadets.

The class '94 contemplate holding a social some time during December.

"Vanity is so tenacious of life that it survives death."

Isaacstein.—I sells you dot coat, mine frent, for elfen tollars. You take him along?

Customer.—I thought you didn't do business on Saturday, Issacstein.

Issacstein—(in low, reverent tones.) Mine frent, to sell you dot coat for elfen tollars was not peeness; dot vos sharity.—Ex.

## MIDDLE LOCALS.

The officers of the Middle Class are:—

Wm. H. Parker, Pres.  
Nora Kilham, Vice Pres.  
Ella C. McLaren, Sec.  
Roy M. Haskell, Treas.

The book-keeping class finished their first example in actual business, Oct. 18.

The book-keeping boys are very often seen kneeling at the feet of the girls—wiping up ink. "Beans" seem to be in great demand in the Middle Class.

The plaintive cry of the book-keepers, "I can't make my trial balance come out even."

A few faithful ones of the Middle class have paid their dues.

If T— is not five feet two inches, he says he can carry a gun as well as anybody.

The Geometry class can't possibly get out of a recitation.

We would advise Miss W— to buy ink erasers and chain them to her desk. This would do away with many false accusations.

How about the banditt girls of the Middle class.

Miss W— fully realizes the advantage of being quick.

Business talent seems a rare gift in the Middle class if the books for the past month are a sample.

The old habit of gossiping at the reference table is being revived.

Red eyes were in order when the test papers in Geometry were handed back.

The North Beverly scholars were tired waiting for the completion of the promised flying machine, so they decided to content themselves for the present with a special car mornings. But some times they have to walk home after school. Some of the girls prefer any mode of locomotion to that of walking, even riding on the tail board of an ice team.



## ATHLETICS.

We are very sorry to hear that Sewall H. Newman, a member of the Middle Class, received a serious injury during a practice game of football, Wednesday, Oct. 24, having his leg broken above the ankle in a scrimmage. Mr. Newman has always taken a great interest in athletics especially in football. He was captain of the B. H. S. second eleven last year which in its first game tied a Lynn eleven, but during the game he injured his leg so that he was unable to play any more during the rest of the season. He has not played much this season, as his leg had not wholly recovered from the injury received last year. It will be at least two months before he will be able to return to school and he will be greatly missed by his numerous friends and the Editorial board, as he is one of the Editors of the Alumni Department.

A meeting was held Tuesday, Oct. 16, to see what was the sentiment of the school in regard to reorganizing the Beverly High School Cadets this year. There was about fifty boys present and all seemed in favor of the proposition. A committee of three, Messrs. Lunt, Beckford and Foster were elected to attend to the various things necessary for the reorganization of the Cadets such as putting up enrollment lists and looking up the missing accoutrements. There was quite a little dispute about the size the boys should be to enlist. A motion that the boys should have to be five feet, two inches, in order to join, was made but was defeated by the smaller boys and it was finally decided that the atorenamed executive committee should consult with Col. Dodge as to the proper height. After the meeting an enrollment list was put up on the posting board in the large room and any scholars who would like to join will please sign. Graduates who are desirous of joining will please notify the committee. At the time of going to press, there were about thirty names enrolled, but we need at least thirty more members to make a good sized company. Some of the scholars are hesitating about joining because of the expense, which will be slight compared with the benefit received. All that the Cadets will be required to buy will be a blouse and a cadet cap. A few of the guns and quite a number of the belts and bayonets are missing and all ex cadets having these accoutrements at home, will oblige, by either returning them or giving notice of their possession.

This year no football eleven has been formed in the B. H. S., owing to the lack of interest

manifested by the scholars. However, we are pleased to notice that Beverly has ranked well in football circles even though circumstances have prevented the High School as a body from taking part. Through the efforts of several gentlemen an association has been organized and two teams put in the field which have creditably maintained the honor of old Beverly in several games. Both the first and second elevens are composed largely of High School graduates, we therefore feel no small interest in their success. At present winter seems to have put a stop to football, but we hope against hope that some opportunity will be given to continue the work so well begun and that the Beverly Football Association will not soon become a thing of the past. Beverly possesses many good athletes as is evidenced by her success on the field in past years and we should not allow ourselves to be outclassed and defeated by our sister cities.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOONS.

## I

Oh its up at the High School they have the big  
time  
With speakin' and singin' galore,  
And the scholars gets up, and they argues so  
fine,  
And that they call "having the floor."  
On me word its the wonder how some of them  
talks!  
They'll convince you of anything from  
"Current Topics" discussions on tariff or stocks,  
To whatever debate there may come.

## II

Sure the speakin' and readin' is fine, and you'll  
find  
That the music's not run to the ground.  
But the two minute speeches are rather a  
grind,  
And volunteers hard to be found.  
Then the critic gets up, to his audience tells  
Every fault, and each note out of tune  
Next, adjournment (done better than any-  
thin' else)  
Ends the program for that afternoon.

E. W. '95.

"The practical workings of anarchy stimulate  
the demand for arnica."

## EXCHANGES.

We are glad to acknowledge the receipt of Pathfinder (5), Washington, D. C.; Student's News, Orange, Mass.; Stray Thoughts, North East, Pa.; Weekly Bulletin, Washington, D. C. Volante, (2) Vermillion, S. D.; D. H. S. Item, (2) Dorchester, Mass.; Classic, Orange City, Iowa; Krumps, Aarwood, Mich.; Advance, Salem, Mass.; Monthly Visitor, Haverhill, Mass.; University School Record, Cleveland, O.; Oak Lilly and Ivy, Milford, Mass.; Student's Pen, Pittsfield, Mass.; Princeville Academy, Princeville, Ill.; Drury Howler, North Adams, Mass.; H. S. Calendar, Buffalo, N. Y.; Monthly Banner, Danville, N. C.; Youth's Bell, Boston, Mass., and others mentioned later.

The Student's News is very interesting from first to last. We would advise all who can, to read "Your Own Country," in October number.

We think it would be profitable to all to read "The News Paper as an educator" in the Sept. number of the "College Forum."

We are glad to see that our friend Mr. Lawrence Ford, '91, is the Editor in Chief of the "Purple," Worcester, Mass.

The Record, Sioux City, Iowa, is an excellent paper this month: the cut on the back makes a fine showing.

The Phi Rhonian makes a very pretty appearance this month.

The Distaff, Boston, is a fine piece of feminine ingenuity.

The Beacon does credit to its Editors.

We are glad that the Pathfinder, of Washington, will exchange with us. It is one of the best papers of which we know.

The following of our Exchanges have cuts of the school, which enhance the looks of any paper.

Beacon, Chelsea, Mass.; D. H. S. Item, Dorchester, Mass.; H. S. Record, Newburyport, Mass.; Phi Rhonian, Bath, Me.; Record, Sioux City, Iowa; Rocorder, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Skirmisher, Bordentown, N. J.; Premier, Fall River, Mass.

## EXCHANGES.

We wish all to whom we send copies of our paper to consider it a cordial invitation to exchange.

Professor—"Does dat queshon bodder you?"

Boy—"Not in de leas! Hits de answer what boddres me."—D. H. S. Item.

Bright Sopohmore—"What Geometrical figure implies a command to pick flowers?"

Senior—"I don't know."

Bright Sopohmore—"Circle." (Sir cull.)

Immediate death of Senior.—H. S. Record.

"Now Jones; you may tell me what Egotism is."

"Egotism is an optical disease, Sir."

"How so! Explain yourself."

"Because it is a disease of the I's."

—D. H. S. Item.

"What sort of a condition is this?"

"Future Condition in Past time."

—H. S. Calendar.

"A fly crawled into a syrup jug,  
He emerged a sadder and wiser bug;  
And cried in a voice that was shrill and loud,  
Though I'm stuck up, I am not proud."

## THE SNEEZE.

A pause:

A smile:

A scowl erstwhile.

A gasp:

A roar:

And all, is o'er.

—Record.

A two foot rule: Keep off the grass.

—Phi Rhonian.

## HIS ROAD THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY.

Went to College,

Rode the goat;

Made the crew,

Rowed the boat.

—Beacon.

Teacher—"Take your seats!"

Smart boy—"Can't; they're screwed to the floor."

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