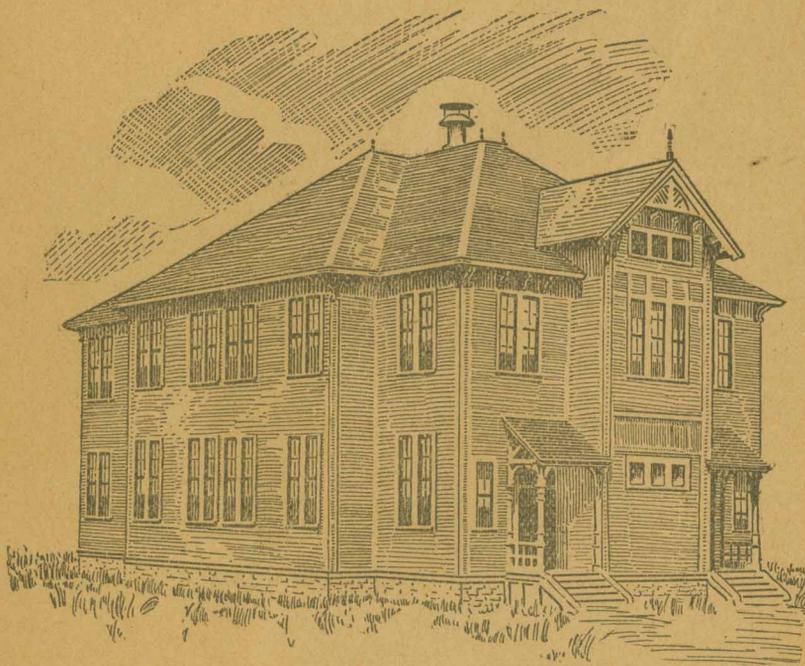


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### Editorial

For the last few years we have had some difficulty in sufficiently heating the high school building during the cold winter months, and, as a result, the school work has been broken up considerably. During our last summer vacation, a new heating and ventilating plant was installed. Air shafts, too, which take up considerable room, were put in and the old furnaces replaced by more modern ones. A furnace was also installed to heat the corridors. Thus far the new apparatus has proven a success, and we trust that school work will not be broken up in the future by the scarcity of heat.

At the present time our school yard is in very poor condition and should be greatly improved. It should be graded and grassed, and flower beds of various designs planted. A smooth lawn and pretty flowers would add greatly to the beauty of our school building. Let us hope that in the near future, especially after the Pilgrim monument is completed, the cinders in our school yard will be replaced by a beautiful green lawn.

Great improvement has been made in recitation room No. 2, by putting rubbers on the chair legs, thus rendering the seats

noiseless. Now let the pupils see that these rubbers are not split by leaning back in the chairs, or torn by placing their heels against them.

Every pupil who enters the public schools should graduate from the high school. Do n't be satisfied with anything short of a high school education, and, if possible to go further, do so by all means. If you are unfortunate and have to stay back one year, don't be discouraged and leave school, but make up your mind to succeed the next year, and undoubtedly you will. Do n't leave school to work for small wages, which probably will never be greatly increased, because of your lack of proper education. Do n't waste your time in school. Study your lessons. If you can't get the whole lesson, get what you can; but do n't let it go altogether, for this may be your only chance to receive an education, which will be of great aid to you in later life.

Now that athletics has taken such a strong hold on this high school, it is time to consider an athletic meet between the high schools of Cape Cod. This high school has shown in our last athletic meet that we have the material to build up a strong track team.

Perhaps we might arrange this meet in such a way that whatever school won would secure the championship of Cape Cod. The townspeople would be interested in such a meet. But such a meet would incur a great expense, especially if it was held in this town. We would have to pay one-half the expenses of the various teams contesting. This brings up again the necessity of an athletic fund. If we wish to have such a meet, we must have money to do it. Perhaps the best situated place for a meet would be the town of Orleans. It is centrally located and well adapted. If we could secure five or six high schools to enter, the interest would be widespread, extending all through the Cape district.

Let us wake up to the fact that athletics is a great benefit to any school. We trust that in the near future an athletic meet between the high schools of Cape Cod will be possible.



Pride goeth forth on horseback grand and gay,  
But cometh back on foot and begs its way.

—Longfellow.

## Mind Your Own Business

Terse, laconic and apparently rude, but wait:—One smothering, sultry afternoon in August, I chanced to pass a residence, where, tied fast to a tree in the yard, I observed a cow. Knowing that the owner of the place kept no cow, I made inquiries and learned she had been tied there since early morning. Without food or drink, that dumb beast had been there all that warm day. I then notified the owner of the cow, who immediately saw that she was led home and properly cared for. Was it *my* business?

Standing on the corner of one of the busiest streets of a city where there were a great number of teams, my attention was attracted to one in particular. The horse was drawing a very heavy load, and, as something was blocking the way, he could not get by. The driver was urging him on and beating him with a heavy whip. As the horse did not move, he dismounted and started kicking him. I hurried over and told him to stop abusing the horse immediately. He gave me an impudent look, but he stopped. I did not know that horse. I had no special reason to care whether he kicked him in the stomach, or yanked him by the mouth, or twisted him by the tail. It would have been much easier for me to pass quietly along, thinking only of my own comfort. So it would be much easier, all through life, for us to pay no attention to the poor to care nothing for the distressed, and, under no circumstances, to put ourselves out in any way to help others.

What would numbers of poor people in the slums of the cities do, if it were not for a few unselfish persons, who do not think simply of their own comfort, but are willing to devote some of their time in doing good to others? Let us put ourselves in the place of one who is poor, sick, has no friends and no money. What would he do, if everybody minded his own business and allowed others to get along the best way they knew how? It is plainly seen what the result would be, if all were so selfish. I think that one who aids the poor and comforts the distressed *is* minding his own business.

Of course it is none of our business to interfere with the private life of another, and it would be an ideal plan if we all took special care to avoid meddling with the affairs of others.

So many times we hear some one make the remark, "Oh, I wish she would mind her own business!" I think it would be a very good plan if we all did, especially those who have nothing else to do, except to talk about others.

But in all matters affecting the welfare of the community and, therefore, the welfare of the individuals of the community, "mind your own business" becomes a motto for the safe guidance of every individual, whether man, woman or child. Our business is, to a certain extent, the care of those who need our thought. It is our business and the business of every person to elevate the lowly, to teach the ignorant, to aid the poor, to comfort the distressed. It is just as much our fault to neglect these, as it is a fault for us, impertinently, to interfere with the rights of another, to do him injustice and to evade our lawful obligations. H. L. ROGERS, '08.

## Exchange Notes

We should be glad to enlarge our exchange department, but it will be impossible to do so, unless we receive more exchanges. Since our last issue we have received three school papers, *The Advance*, *The Ægis*, and *The Mirror*.

*The Advance* has a very appropriate cover design for December. Some of the class notes seem rather meaningless. *Advance*, we hope your printer will improve his typography. Either his type or ink is poor.

"A Peep at the Circus," in *The Ægis*, is an interesting and well-written story. The "themes" give variety.

"Christmas in Bernburg," in *The Mirror*, is a very interesting story of the Christmas customs of Germany.

Give us a chance by putting us on your exchange list.

A condensed novel:

Chapter I.

Maid one.

Chapter II.

Maid won.

Chapter III.

Maid one.

## New Year Resolutions

As New Year's day is the first day of the year, it is customary to observe the day in some way. Many spend the day calling on their acquaintances, and social gatherings are held on that day. It is also common to form good resolutions for the coming year. Every one knows what these are like. Here is a fair example of a small boy's new year's resolution:

"I resolve: To bring in mother's wood; to bring father's shoes in to him at night when he is tired; to carry the water; to be a good boy; to mind my mother; to come right home from school; not to 'hook jack' in the spring to go fishing; not to cheat in any way with the boys in any game; always to go to church Sundays; to study well; and so on and so on." Grown-ups' new year resolutions resemble the small boy's in number.

We are apt to try to form our resolutions without careful reflection. We should not be content merely to hold our own from year to year, but to grow, not only mentally and bodily, but morally. If this is so, it would profit us to take a short time in considering the past year and noting the things which have helped us most. One or two resolutions carefully chosen and lived up to will accomplish what we want, and we shall usually find that, when we look out for one or two large things, the smaller things will take care of themselves, and we shall find that we have, indeed, progressed. C. NICKERSON, '10.

Truth is not always the best thing to show its face; silence is often the wisest thing for man to observe.—Pindar.

Education and good morals will be found to be almost the whole that goes to make a good man.—Aristotle.

The character of man is known from his conversation.—Menander.

Rich honesty dwells like a miser in a poor house; as your pearl in a foul oyster.—Shakespeare.

A light heart lives long.—Shakespeare.

Hello, Freshie! Did you get all the questions?" "Oh, dear, yes, sir! It is the answers I did n't get."

A student was recently heard to murmur that he wished the professor would put a little yeast in the reports, so as to raise the marks.

## Music

Music is the only study in our high school curriculum that furnishes recreation at the same time the lessons are recited. Therefore it is important as it rests and pleases the student and also gives him valuable training. Hence, we should make the music hours the most pleasant of the week. The results of the study of music may be seen by comparing the singing in the high school now, with that of five years ago. The singing five years hence may be improved in a far greater proportion than in the past; but it can only be attained by constant drill along the lines of exercise work and the study of music that has the style of the old masters, and not the light trivial passing style of rag-time melodies, learned one day and forgotten the next. Let it be said of our graduates, in the future as it has been said of them in the past, who enter colleges and normal schools, that the pupils of the Provincetown high school compare, along this line, most favorably with the average high schools.

HELEN M. DAGGETT, '08.

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## The Character and Customs of The Japanese

The Japanese are an interesting people to us and of course we are the same to them. They are short, slim and strong; have dark skin, hair, and eyes that are almond shape. The women and girls wear their hair done up on top of their heads, and the men and boys wear theirs cut short. Young girls powder the face, paint the cheeks and lips and whiten the teeth, while married women and those who are twenty-four or over, and who are considered too old to marry, blacken their teeth with a stain made of iron juice and powdered fruit. The toothbrushes they use are made of wood, the size of a lead pencil, sharpened at one end for a tooth pick, while on the other end is a piece of cloth.

Both men and women wear long flowing gowns, extending from their necks to their feet. The women wear sashes made of fine silk, more than half a yard wide, and so long that the women can tie them in a great bow at the back. The sleeves are long and full, sewed at the wrists to form the pockets. The colors of the clothes are usually dark blue, gray, or some other dark color. Their shoes are made of wood or straw. During wet weather they wear sandals with blocks or legs on the bottom about three inches long. Almost every one carries an umbrella made of oiled paper. Some of the owners have their names written on the umbrella. Sometimes inns loan umbrellas to their patrons with the name of the inn on them. Most of the natives of Japan wear large smoked glass spectacles to protect their eyes from the sun. The glasses are about two inches in diameter, and perfectly round, giving the wearer a very peculiar appearance.

The tea throughout Japan is served very weak and without sugar or milk. The principal food of the natives is boiled rice, raw eggs, raw or cooked fish, pickles, and sake, a Japanese whiskey distilled from rice. They eat very little meat or butter. The Japanese eat with chopsticks. At all inns chopsticks are furnished with the meal. You will find upon the tray holding the meal a nice new pair enclosed in a paper napkin. They are cut in such a manner that the tops are still

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joined together, and when broken apart a toothpick is found between them. The table they eat on is about a foot in height, shaped somewhat like a box. When a family eats, each member has a table by himself.

A Japanese bed is made in the following way: First of all, flea powder is sprinkled over the straw mat which covers the floor. Upon this a four-inch mattress is laid; sheets are spread over the mattress and two or three quilts, then a mosquito netting is hung over it, and an oil-lighted paper lantern is placed beside it. For a pillow they have a piece of wood about the size of a brick.

The Japanese are a very hospitable, generous and kind people.

I. F. S., '09.

## High School Lyceum

Nov. 28, at the regular meeting of the lyceum a village improvement society was organized, and as the time was limited the rest of the program was left for a special meeting, which was held Dec. 7. In addition to the good derived from the organization of such a society, several questions were discussed, such as, "Laying out a Park," "A Steamer Line to Plymouth," "Widening Commercial Street" and "Increase of Police Force." The arguments given on both sides were very good. The members took great interest both in the organization of the society, and in the discussion of the questions.

A vocal solo by Miss Freeman, a violin solo by Brown, '07, and a character song by Burch, '09, enlivened the meetings.

At the regular meeting, Dec. 14, the election of officers occurred, the following being chosen:

President—Hollis D. Mayo, '07.

Vice president—Annie A. Perry, '07.

Secretary—Corine T. Gifford, '07.

Treasurer—Wm. M. Paine, '07.

"Jim, kin you tell me the dif'rence between a rotten head of cabbage and a watermelon?" "No, sah." "Well, for de land sake! You's de last nigger dat I'd send out after a watermelon for me."

French Prof.—"What is the French for 'Do you skate?'"  
Student—"Skatez-vous."

## Athletics

The athletic association of the high school has secured from the school committee the use of the Johnson street school house for a gymnasium. We hope to have the building properly fitted and ready for use by the last of January. We have never before had a gymnasium for the special use of the high school boys; but its need has been often felt. There has never been a desirable place where proper exercise could be secured through the winter months. Hence this gymnasium will be a great advantage both physically and morally to the young men. Let us hope that this new enterprise will prove a great success.

Athletics has met with such great success in our high school this year that basket-ball is now being introduced by both the boys and girls. Several teams have been organized by the girls and three by the boys. Basket-ball apparatus has been purchased by the different teams and practise begun. This is a very exciting game and has met with great success in all schools and colleges where it has been introduced. The new gymnasium is a little small for a game, but it will do for practise. There are a number of buildings which could be hired for a matched game. Admission could be charged and the game should draw a large crowd, as basket-ball has never been played in our town. In this way money could be raised to furnish the gymnasium.

## Alumni Department

### PERSONALS.

Miss Jessie B. Allen, class of 1890, has completed a course in stenography and type-writing, and has now secured a position as stenographer in New York.

Miss Jennie Y. Freeman, class of 1896, for four years a successful teacher in our high school, has resigned from her position here and is now studying for the degree of A. M. at Columbia university, New York.

Members of the Provincetown high school alumni association seem very lax about sending in notes for the alumni department of the Argosy. All such notes will be very gladly received by the editor of this department.

## January Locals

Miss Cahoon, '10, in history, "Herodotus wrote 'The World's Animals'" (World's Annals.)

Master Peters, '09, has been greatly affected by a Paine.

One of our waste baskets is frequently used as a postoffice by a senior and a freshman.

"Sweet William" is blooming around the "Delight Cottage."

Skating was welcomed by all high school pupils.

Coffin, '09, does not believe in working per day. He prefers Per-shake, '09.

Ventura, '07, pronounces coronation, Carrie-nation.

We read in the last issue that Mayo, '07, was dealing in "Silver," but we think it should have been lead by the way he walks down the stairs.

A. P.—— intends to serve as a helpmate to a hairdresser.

We wish to extend our thanks to Master Burch, '09, for the solo so effectively rendered at the meeting of the Lyceum Dec. 13. We think that the hero of his song, Solomon Levi, would have been flattered by his make-up.

Hannum, referee at a game of basket ball, "Hold on, boys, till I roll a cigarette."

We notice Baker is raising another crop of hair.

Why does Miss Jenkins blush when she is told to quit Coffin(g)?

Blowing up the leaky basket-ball, just purchased by the girls, is good exercise for their lungs. Miss Small is about the only one who can keep it blown up.

Mayo is known even in the land of spirits. He walked up to the horn of a phonograph and looked in. Just then it squealed the words, "Hello, Hiram."

At Miss Fisher's party the doughnuts donated were excellent.

Emery has taken lately to singing "Forsaken." Very appropriate, Emery.

We wish the Sophomore class would brace up in geometry.

Private lessons in skating. For information apply to Prof. Brown, plain and fancy skater.

Mirabile dictu! A pupil after one day's vacation wished himself back in school! Reason: "Nothing doing."

Questions of importance: Who will be the captains of the girls' basket ball teams? Will the girls have gymnasium outfits? How many teams will there be? Why are so many boys hoarse after a party? How are the new resolutions holding out?

A Card of Thanks.—Miss F. acknowledges the kindness which prompted the afternoon classes to make her the happy possessor of "Literary By-paths in Old England," one of the few books she has wished to own. Such reward was not in her mind.

The school has colors. Now for a motto, and an emblem.

Who knows anything about slips this season? It has been very slippery about the high school. We hope for a change.

Some of the favorite songs of the pupils are as follows:

Ventura,—“Good Morning, Carrie.”

Burch,—“Rocked in the Cradle.”

Mayo,—“Silva Heels.”

Lewis,—“Sweet Peggy.”

Adams,—“The Campbells Are Coming.”

Bickers,—“My Own Elize.”

Emery,—“Way Down East.”

Miss Daggett,—“Waltz Me Around Again, Willie.”

Brown,—“Forsaken.”

On the evening of Dec. 6, 1906, a party was given by Miss Freeman and Miss Berry, at the home of the former, in honor of the senior class. The rooms were artistically decorated. Crepe paper in class colors was to be seen in great abundance and, here and there, a class flag. The fun of the evening was commenced by an auction, the boys being given imitation money with which they bought the girls. As the girls were disguised, considerable fun ensued. Other games followed and the evening passed very quickly, much to the regret of the guests. The party broke up about twelve o'clock and it was the general opinion that they had passed a very pleasant evening.

### BRIEFS OF THE PARTY.

Everybody was happy, even though there was no stick in the punch.

Adams and Ventura sprang a great surprise by their wonderful mind reading.

Miss Bragg and Mr. Ventura were very clever in the obstacle race. Miss Bragg won by one lap.

Ventura is a fine singer. Why not have him sing a solo in the lyceum?

Adams must have played in the barnyard before.

Mr. Jenkins imitated the cat to great perfection.

Where were the boys when the party broke up?



