THE HIGH SCHOOL SOCIETIES

A SKETCH OF THEIR HISTORY AND OPERATION.

The Recent Action of the Board of Education—The Effect of This Action—The Future of the Societies.

The rule forbidding the meeting of secret societies or clubs in the High schools went into effect yesterday. The subject has been considered for the last three weeks by the board of education, and the action taken was only after a thorough discussion. The existence of the societies in the school is regarded as an evil which needed consideration, as the effect produced by them tends to make the social life at the school too prominent a factor in the school life. The two societies which are the leading factors are Gamma Delta Psi and Alpha Delta Sigma, both of which are fraternities. Gamma Delta Psi in Hillhouse is the Alpha Chapter, and was established in 1879. It has chapters in the high schools of Brooklyn, Washington, D. C., Grand Rapids, Mich., Suspension Bridge, N. Y., and Naval academy, Md.

Alpha Delta Sigma is the Beta chapter of the fraternity which has chapters in Bridgeport, Meriden, New Britain and New Haven. There are two other secret societies in the school, B. T. and Phi Alpha Phi, the former being the young ladies' club, which was formed in 1885. The other is a new society formed last year.

Each of the first named societies publish papers, the Crescent and the Radiator, respectively. The Crescent was first published in December, 1882, and has continued till now it embraces thirty pages every month. Nine editors are required to manage the publication, its advertisements paying for the issue. The Radiator was started in January, 1893, and has risen from eighteen to thirty pages in two years, and as in the Crescent, nine editors are required to edit it. Both papers are an ornament to the school, and take places with the leading high school journals in the United States.

The intense rivalry between the two societies has been very noticeable the last year, and it is claimed by those who are competent to judge, that this is the reason that Hillhouse has lost both in athletics and football. Those assuming control of the teams have put their society's interests before those of the school, and the result is the success of the team is not to be had. The board of education in Hartford will not allow the existence of a society in the school there, and she seems to be able to compete with the other schools of the state. The idea seems to be prevalent that the Boardman school is entangled in the meshes of secret societies. The fact is, there has not been, and is not now a secret society in the school, as the reports would make out.

Pi Alpha Phi is the only senior society in the high school, and is limited to eight members. It was organized last fall with the object of a social and literary nature.

The societies will continue, no doubt, to exist and rule as before, but the first step has been taken toward reducing their importance as a factor in the high school.

OBITUARY.

The Late Mrs. Eliza A. Roberts.

Mrs. Eliza A. Roberts, who died suddenly Sunday morning was a daughter of the late John H. Phoebus, and widow of the late Almon P. Roberts, both of whom were well known in this city some years ago. Mrs. Phoebus, who died some thirty-five years ago, was well known in musical circles as a leader and director, forty to fifty years ago. He was at one time leader of the Trinity church choir, and of what is still well remembered by old residents as the Old Gents' band, a noted band of its day here. He gave a number of concerts in this city, and among his principal singers were Clara Louise Kellogg and Prof. B. Jepson, who were under his direction.

Mrs. Roberts was also well known in musical circles at that time, and was considered one of his best singers.

Her husband, the late Almon P. Roberts, was a well known contractor here twenty to thirty years ago, and was at one time inspector of sewers.

He was also a member of the Fifteenth regiment, C. V., and served faithfully his term of enlistment.

She leaves two sisters, Mrs. Friend Pitts of New York city, and Mrs. Newell McClure of West Newton, Mass., and Henry C. Phoebus of Brooklyn, N. Y., also two daughters, Mrs. Francis D. Wiley of 192 Spring street, with whom she had made her home for years past; also Mrs. W. G. Smith of Frank street. Mrs. Roberts had been an invalid for some time.

DEATH OF MARINER BEECHER,

A Well Known Employe of the Wheel Company.

Many in this city where the deceased was known and lived his life will be pained to hear of the death of Mariner Beecher, an old and esteemed townsman. The sad news of his death in Ballsville, Va., last Sunday was received yesterday. He died suddenly of apoplexy at the house of A. Gill, a business man there, with whom he was having dealings. He went away from home several weeks ago on a business trip to Virginia to buy lumber for the New Haven Wheel company, in whose employ he had been for about thirty years. He was expected back about New Year's, but was delayed in completing arrangements for shipping the purchases by vessel. He was in fair health when he went south. Mr. Beecher was about fifty-eight years of age, and leaves a wife and three children, one son and two daughters. His son is W. B. Beecher, whose place of business is at the Babb drug store, Meriden. The eldest daughter is Miss M. Grace Beecher a teacher in the Carlisle street school. The younger is a girl, Sadie, of 13. Mr. Beecher leaves also one brother, Henry Beecher, and five sisters, all of this city. His father was Mariner Beecher of this city, who died a few years ago, aged about ninety years. The son, Mr. Beecher, built some years ago the house, No. 220 Davenport avenue, where he resided, and also built a house on Kossuth street, which he leaves with other property. The time of the funeral is not yet fixed.

Very Ill.

Samuel A. Hotchkiss of West Haven is lying seriously ill at the residence of his nephew, Charles E. Hotchkiss, 253 South Eighth street, Newark, N. J.

A DAILY PRAYER MEETING

Decided Upon at the Ministers' Meeting.

At the United Ministers' meeting yesterday morning the report from the pastors' daily prayer meeting, held last week, was discussed. It was found that these meetings had developed sufficient interest to warrant their continuance. It was therefore voted that a daily prayer meeting for pastors and their congregations be held every afternoon of this week at 3 o'clock in the Presbyterian chapel on Elm street, between Orange and State, the first meeting to be held on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. J. H. Mason, leader. Pastors are requested to notice these meetings in the Tuesday evening prayer meeting.

SOUTHINGTON.

Jan. 13.—Some blue sky was observed about 1:15 o'clock on Friday afternoon and the breaking up of the storm may be fixed at about an hour before that. It may be put down as one of the most interesting storms which we have had in a long time, as a winter storm. Two days before the work it had done was in the nature of no particular harm to trees and telegraph and electric light wires, as it simply left on them some light snow, but the next day and a half, in place of sunshine, was cloudy, sleeting and freezing, and Friday morning the result was fallen limbs, which had broken off with the overweight which the storm had placed upon them. On Center street the ice as it broke from twelve telegraph wires fell at times to the sidewalk in quantity enough to fill a quart cup twice full. They were broken pieces of ice, and as they pelted away at the hard-paved sidewalk made a merry sound, and you had to watch and pick your way along. The walk was about covered over its whole width, the little pencil-like pieces giving way under your feet as you moved along. The ice was three times the size of a pencil and looked nice enough. On the streets where the stores are the ice was swept off as soon as could be. It may be that there were a great many large and familiar trees damaged. The largest elm tree in the borough lost a section of two limbs, and this to the damage which the tree suffered back in the blizzard winter takes away from its actual beauty. It is a good thing the storm is over.

The writer helped to get a broken down long covered sleigh wagon on to a long wagon sled Thursday night, drawn by two horses. A party had met with an accident and this was the damage to the covered long sled wagon: It lost a part, or was without a part, of its runners and had to be drawn by another in use, the two horses being on head. Sympathy to all that were hurt by the sudden turn in affairs is given by those who heard of it. In several days from now the result of the hurts to any will be healed, and the incident may be remembered by each as each in their way escaped.

There is no one here who has a pet deer. There are plenty of nice yards for a deer run, and if two or three red deer were kept by some one who could just as well as not, the lesson which all the little children growing up would learn would be something we all would like. There would be some objection, but on the whole if there is any one who will think this over and can give up a part of his premises to a deer park the children will like it. All laughing objection should be set aside, for it is not a serious objection to say that dogs would worry the red deer. A good wire fence and care are needed. A man would have to look up the matter and make the park safe.

The busy hive of industry here is busy each day throughout all the week. For forty years we have manufactured articles here, and for a longer time, and the habit of working is with us even when we are not doing actual hard work and it gets us to do other work aside from our regular business at trades and at our work benches, and so we keep at it and like it and talk about it and make it chief of all our interest, and by it we make something to get our living and to have a good time and be where we can be spoken to once in awhile and find out how our friends are doing and what they have to say.

This should now freeze up and give us some sleighing. A party of thirty sleighs to Farmington would make a trip that you would like. It would be old fashioned and new fashioned.

I haven't seen anyone yet who has thought much about tomato plants for the spring. Set out early and get them ripe, but watch them as they grow.

If there was no postponement a dramatic entertainment was given here Friday evening. Writing beforehand, can only say that all have rehearsed as good as they had time to, and wanted to please was their wish. They liked it, and if all the people who could get room in the hall were there those who took part would try to please all.

There is no newspaper which will say in all the soberness of its happiest and earnestness of way that an almanac is in its place of being side by side with a newspaper other than bright. Every page of an almanac is bright. And an almanac maker does a good deal in getting jokes up and he makes his pages good, beside that.

A SPRINGFIELD MAN

Among Those Talked of for Rector of Trinity Church, This City.

Yesterday's Springfield Republican remarks, as follows, in its local news concerning Trinity P. E. church, this city, and its pastorate:

"Trinity Episcopal church of New Haven, one of the largest, wealthiest and most influential in the Connecticut diocese, is looking for a rector, as Rev. Dr. Edwin Harwood, who has been settled there thirty years, retires soon as rector emeritus. It is understood that the church officials have their eye on Rev. John Cotton Brooks, rector of Christ church, in this city, among others. Mr. Brooks is pretty strongly rooted in this community, and would not be easily drawn away. Not only has he conducted a prosperous church for a dozen years, but he has entered into the life of the city through many interests. The New Haven church has the advantage of location in a college community, which is always an attraction to a scholar. Trinity has a remarkable record for the long terms of its rectors. Dr. Harwood is the successor of the priest who officiated at the historic old church when the battle of Waterloo was fought."

Buried Yesterday.

The funeral of Mrs. Climena Ely of Springfield, Mass., took place yesterday afternoon. She was eighty-one years of age, a native of South Hadley. Her husband, who died some time ago, was Austin Ely. For over forty years the couple had lived in Springfield. Her only daughter was the former wife of H. P. Perry. A sister, Mrs. Clark, lives at South Hadley, and two grandchildren, Mrs. Charles Cowles of Ansonia, and Austin Terry of this city, survive her. She was a member of the Second Baptist church of Springfield, Rev. J. W. T. Booth pastor.

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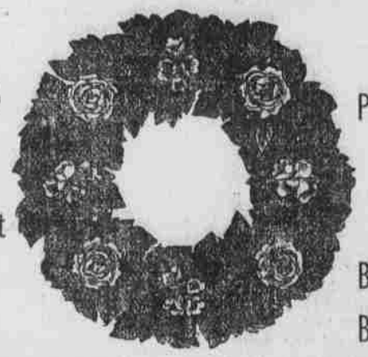

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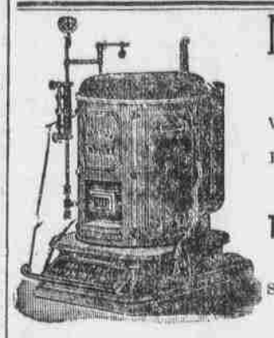

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