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EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

In the last issue of the Review a typographical error was made in the sentence "It has now been definitely decided the publish the Review in magazine form." The w in now was changed to t thus giving an entirely new meaning to the sentence. The Review will be published under separate covers towards the end of this school year and work on it has about begun.

How about another debate at one of the Hypatian society meetings?

SCHOOL NOTES.

On account of the late measles scare at the public school, Dr. Loew has been vaccinating all the children who have not been so treated in former years.

Last Wednesday afternoon the Hypatian society held its regular business meeting. The following officers were elected:

President—Daniel Saenz.
Sergeant-at-arms.—Preston Smith and Joseph Grant.

Program Committee Florine Pierce and William Bray.

Thursday afternoon the entire high school visited Holms' studio to have their pictures taken. Cuts of the pictures will be made and used in the Annual.

Friday evening two picked teams from the school played a seven inning game. The score was 10 to 8 against the high school team.

Hypatian Society Meeting.

The Hypatian society with the new officers presiding was called to order at 2.40. Grace Harvey began the program with a very well delivered "High School Prophecy" followed by an essay "The Life of Vergil," by George Williams, that was very well prepared. Ruth Craig then delivered a recitation "Curfew Must Not Ring Tonight" in a pleasing manner, followed by a well given recitation "Texas," by Eudora Hawkins. An essay on the life of Stephen Austin by Emma Webster completed the program and the society adjourned.

Best Essay.

The following essay was selected as the best of those on Friday's program:

Life of Vergil.

By George Williams.

Publius Vergilius Maro was born on October 19, B.C., 70, in the village of Andes, near the modern Pietola. His father is supposed to have been either a potter or a laborer on the farm of a certain Magius, and later a beekeeper. His mother was a daughter of the Magius on whose farm his father had worked.

Vergil's boyhood was spent at Cremona, but in his fifteenth year he went to Rome. Here he studied rhetoric under some of the best masters. Two events of this man's life are noticeably lacking, for he never married and never held a public office. On account of his extremely poor health, much of his life was spent in Sicily and Campania. His estate was lost during the prescriptions for the veteran soldiers in Cisalpine Gaul, but his patrons restored his home.

He soon joined the literary circle around Mæcenas where he met Horace and several other important characters in the literature of that time. In 19 B. C. he went to Greece and Asia Minor where he gathered old legends for the revision of his Aeneid. Augustus persuaded him to return to Italy, but while on the ship he contracted a fever, and died soon after landing at Brundisium on September 21, B. C. 19. He was buried near Naples, but the exact spot of his tomb is not known.

His first important work, the "Eclogues" or "Bucolia" were written about 40 B. C., and show how his mind was always turned toward the scenes of his boyhood days. They were modeled after Theocritus' Idyls, although the work was entirely his own. Eleven years later he wrote the "Georgics," a very interesting book on farming. Among others of his less important works were the

"Culex," Ciris, "Moretum," "Copa," and "Catalepton."

He worked on his "Aeneid," his most important work, for nearly ten years. He freely admits that he used Homer's "Iliad" and "Odyssey," and the Cyclic poetry, but many things show that he used Naevius' "Bellum Punicum," and Ennius' "Annales." On account of many things that he said, it is thought that he had no faith in the gods he introduced. Following the regular rule of epic poetry, he started in the middle of the story and then went back to the beginning. He wrote to Augustus in B. C. 26, saying that he "was mad to attempt it," but he persevered until his death.

Octavius is said to have fainted when Vergil finished reading three of the books at the emperor's request. Later he presented him with a gift of ten thousand sesterces.

He had a great influence on more recent writers, including Dante and Petrarch, and even Spencer and Pope.

Notes XI Grade.

The class that has been studying Caesar, has finished it and took a final examination. Bernice Stell made the highest grade.

We took an examination on Milton's "L'Allegro" and "Il Penseroso." Aniel Rendall, Grace Harvey and Marie Grant each made 100 per cent.

Our class met Tuesday afternoon to elect officers for the new year. There was a good deal of excitement among the members for this was the last election of officers for the class of 1912. The new officers are: Bernice Stell, president, Aniel Rendall, vice-president; William Bray, secretary; Nicolas Cortez sergeant-at-arms.

There has been some trouble about getting the class play to be given this spring. We are all anxious to be in practicing.

We have been having lively times with experiments in our physics class this week. Wednesday we each selected a partner, and under the watchful eye of Miss Lee, performed the experiments in pairs. In this way we covered six experiments in one 40 minute period.

Miss McCaughan, our English teacher, says that we are to read and study, "Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner," "Silas Marner" and "Macbeth" during the next few months of school.

High X Grade Notes.

We distinguished ourselves by making unusual grades in geometry, in the last test.

Having finished Mediaeval history, we have taken up Modern history and find it very interesting.

We are studying literal simultaneous equations in algebra. They are proving far easier than the long name would indicate.

Low X.

We have organized our class. Preston Smith was elected president, Marion Hawkins vice-president, Maria Castaneda secretary, Marlan Hawkins reporter and Preston Smith assistant reporter. We did not choose colors, etc at that meeting, but decided to wait until we shall have thought it over.

Our papers of a history examination were given back Friday.

Miss Lizzie gave us a mid term test in geometry Wednesday or one that will be counted on the mid-term grade. Our papers have not been returned yet.

We have taken up "The First Punic War" in Roman history. Thursday Miss McCaughan read a very interesting comparison between Rome and Carthage, to us.

Friday we had an oral review on fractions in algebra. Monday we will have examination in this subject.

During the last week we have read Poe's "Tell-Tale Heart" in our English class. We must hand in original detective stories Tuesday. We finished reading "The Purloined Letter" last week.

Thursday's and Friday's geometry periods were spent in proving theorems by the analytic method. We will take up the indirect or "reductio ad absurdum" method Monday.

In Latin we have been studying rules for the use of different cases. We will probably spend most of the first part of next week on indirect questions, as it is about the hardest thing we have encountered.

High IX Notes.

We had a written lesson in physical geography Tuesday and the grades were not perfect.

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Low IX Notes.

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Thursday Miss Lee surprised us by a written lesson on "The Ocean," in physical geography. It will count only as a daily lesson, however. We omitted our themes on Tuesday, having grammar instead. We have been having grammar almost all this week instead of the regular English, but we will have very few more lessons in that study.

We had a written review of nouns Wednesday. The highest grades were 99 2-3 per cent and 99 1-3 per cent, made by Rebecca Cohen and Eudora Hawkins respectively.

Mrs. Dickens has given us two sets of questions this week—one on the

Medes and Persians and the other a review of the Oriental nations.

Eighth Grade Notes.

The average in spelling for the week in the high eighth, was 95 3-4 and in the low eighth 95 3-4.

The ones who made an average of 100 in spelling for the week in the High Eighth were Burt Hinkley and in the Low Eighth Nellie Earle.

The High Eighth had a written test in history, arithmetic and algebra Friday, Ruth Vertrees and Louise Putegnat made the highest grades in arithmetic and Isai'el Lopez in algebra.

We hope that Lambert Cain, editor of the Eighth grade who has been absent from school for three weeks on account of illness will take his place among us Monday.

The Eighth grade will start reviewing Monday so as to be ready for examinations.

The Girls' physical culture club held its regular meeting Thursday afternoon, and the new officers were installed.

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Conditions appear to him as quiet as a church at present, and he says that he sees no cause whatever for alarm.

The captain spoke very highly of the commanding officer in charge of the garrison at Matamoros, with whom he has been acquainted personally for some time, and considers him a soldier of enough ability to cope with the existing conditions. The captain is in citizen's dress.

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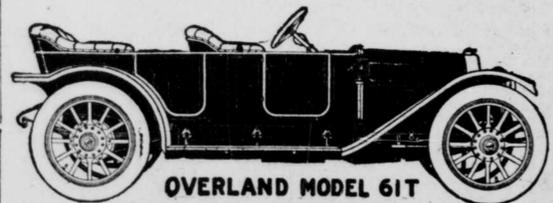
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