

Hope Public Schools

By W. C. SLATER, Superintendent

The High School Department has moved into the auditorium and the students are delighted with their large and commodious quarters. Our facilities this year for efficient work are excellent, and the outlook is good for a large attendance. We have now organized 15 classes in the high school and prospects are good for more.

Miss Larson spent a portion of her vacation at Valley City Normal, studying Philosophy and Physical Culture.

Miss Gilmore taught a summer term in Master's district and spent a week on her claim.

Miss Kasper spent her vacation at her home in Glencoe, Minn., planning her courses of study for this year.

Miss Horner visited in Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul and other points of interest and reports a delightful vacation time.

Miss Carpenter enjoyed her vacation at Sauk Center, Minn., doing advance work in mathematics, science, history and German.

Miss Little spent her vacation at her home in Webster City, Iowa, and brings back glowing accounts of the crops in Iowa.

Miss Sophia A. Mielke, a young lady of broad culture and exceptional educational advantages, a graduate of St. Joseph High School, a student of Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, a student of Valpariso, Ind., and a graduate of The Thomas Normal Training School of Detroit, Mich., one of the largest, finest and most prosperous institutions of its kind in the states, a teacher of five years' successful teaching experience, is in charge of the third grade and will teach music in all grades and the high school department. The schools are fortunate to secure the services of such a competent and well qualified young lady who will inspire in our system a broad and sympathetic appreciation of the language of the immortal soul. We bespeak for her the hearty cooperation of parents and students in her efforts to establish a system of music in our public schools. Miss Mielke had the distinction of being editor-in-chief of the department of music in the "Thomas Normal Training School Chronicle", a fitting recognition of her popularity and ability by her fellow students.

Miss Leucile Hackett, of Arthur, N. Dak., is in charge of the fifth and sixth grades. Miss Hackett is a graduate of the grammar and high school of Three Falls, has had three years work in the University of Mich., has had seven years' experience in grade and high school and holds a first grade certificate in this state.

The Gray school is in charge of Miss Ella Nelson, of Hope, N. D., who is a graduate of Hope State High School classical course and who taught in the same place during the spring of last year. The fact that

she was reelected is evidence of her success. The Gray school house has been painted thruout and many valuable books have been added to the library.

Miss Mary Kelley has charge of the Scott school. Miss Kelley holds a second grade certificate and has taught fourteen months. The Scott school has been newly painted and many books have been added to the library.

All the old members of our faculty are at their posts and the "signs of the times" point to the most prosperous and successful year in our history.

ALUMNI

Miss Ella D. Nelson of '05 class is teaching in the Gray district this year, having taken a summer term in Valley City Normal.

Miss Eunice Jacobson of '05 class will enter Drake University and study music this winter.

L. J. Bowen of the 1905 class is editor of a paper at Tolna.

John G. Baldwin of the class of 1906 will enter the freshman class, classical course, at the University of North Dakota.

Miss Edna Gray of '06 will teach at Sharon, North Dakota. She attended the summer term at Valley City Normal.

Miss Florence Link has gone to Rochester, N. Y., for the winter and will take work in the University of New York.

The Misses Kate Carleton and Emma Slingsby of '06 have taken the teacher's examination and will teach this winter.

Miss Jessie White will spend the winter in Minneapolis and take advanced work in the "U. of Minn."

Our books for supplementary reading in the grades and reference work for the high school have not yet arrived but are expected every day. The teachers and students will rejoice when they arrive as they are badly needed daily for class work.

As school has begun, we urge parents to restrict social engagements to Friday evenings as the best result can not be accomplished when outside attractions are given the preference to home study and daily preparation. We earnestly solicit your assistance in this movement for the betterment of scholarship and efficiency of our schools.

The Board of Education are just in receipt of the report of last May final examinations. The percentage of failures last year was the smallest in the history of our state high school. Of course there are a few failures in every class in every school and nobody can prevent it. The promotion of a student depends entirely upon himself and not upon the teacher as many suppose.