

School Notes.

By Prof. W. C. Slater

Miss Edna L. Little has tendered her resignation to the Board of Education to take effect March 1, 1907. Miss Little will enter the faculty of the Thomas Normal Training School of Detroit, Mich., of which she is a graduate and in which she made a brilliant record as a student. As a member of our faculty, she has distinguished herself for her scholarship, congeniality, loyalty to every duty, and her relations with the Board of Education, teachers, parents and students have been pleasant and professional and the school as well as the community will deeply feel her loss.

Besides the responsibility of drawing in all departments, she has had charge of the fourth grade doing double work in trying to bring them up to grade by Christmas time and then recovering the year's plans. In this she has succeeded in a great measure.

The Senior class has undertaken the responsibility to raise money for their commencement exercises by giving two entertainments and those who suggested a subscription paper for that purpose will now have the opportunity to take the equivalent in tickets, thereby getting value received.

Dr. Montgomery will deliver the Baccalaureate Address and it is for this event that the money is to be raised as such talent comes rather high, and the Board does not feel justified in securing such a distinguished speaker. The first number will be Prof. F. H. Koch of the State University and will be given early in March. Watch for posters and announcements!

Dr. Philip and Mr. Hitchcock dissected a heart for the eighth grade Monday of last week and from all reports the operation was successful and the organ is still doing good work.

Valentine day was observed in all departments last Thursday and teachers and students received their share of kind remembrances and otherwise. Many parents visited their children on this occasion. We suggest that you come when work is in full swing!

Diplomas for the present graduating class have been ordered and will be engraved in old English by the W. M. Welch Company of Chicago. These diplomas are genuine parchment, and will be greatly appreciated by the class. We trust they will get here by June 1, 1907.

The Scott school has again opened after an intermission of several weeks during the severe winter weather.

The High School department enjoyed a song service Monday morning, being so anxious to sing that they began twenty minutes of nine and sang for thirty minutes.

Friday is Washington's birthday and will be observed universally. The State department has sent out a neat booklet containing an order of fitting exercises and appropriate poems and is a valuable guide in the celebration of these two distinguished American citizens.

Miss Carpenter now has a "Knight" class in German Language and Literature.

Miss Hackett will spend her vacation at home, Arthur, N. D.

Senate Bill No. 129 which carries with it an annual appropriation of \$45,000 for high school aid is a friendly measure to all small high schools. But this bill is meeting some opposition by the larger schools which desire apparently to kill the smaller schools. The opposition, led by Mr. Kelly of Grand Forks, wishes the high school aid apportioned according to the number of students in the high school and that in towns of 2,000 inhabitants. This means suicide to all institutions in the small country towns and the small towns are protesting vigorously against such a condition of affairs. The outcome of the issue is being watched with great interest by those who are friendly to our small high school and those who know that a good school in a community means growth for the town. We take this opportunity to thank our influential citizens who so kindly interceded in behalf of Senate Bill No. 129 and feel that much weight was thereby added to our cause. Telegrams were sent to all our representatives and Senator, last Friday to "Stand pat" for our measure. Senator Crane sends word that he is heartily in accord with any legislation which is supported by Supt. Stockwell and will throw all his influence in that direction. We felt reasonably assured that the Senator would be with the smaller towns.

Miss Little has formed a class in water colors among the high school girls.

The Glee Club girls have begun the study of the Love Poets. The Club meets each Tuesday night at the several homes and after the songs are practiced the evening is spent in studying the lives of the great masters. We hope these hours thus spent

will not only be interesting but profitable as well.

PERFECT SPELLING LESSONS

1st Grade—Viola Olson, Tommy Roney, Frank Dorrance, Adah Ehred, Mary Cassell, Lydia Brendemuehl, Sydney Kraabel, Lillie McKay.

2nd Grade—Ralph Clutter, Edward Couron, Charlie Curfman, Claude Dawling, Leslie Dorrance, Francis Fullmer, Albert Lockwood, Willard McKay, Lloyd Sussex, Rozella Beck-erjeck, Eunice Iseminger.

3rd Grade—Percy Olson, Ralph McKay, Zelma Moores, Frances Lockwood, Hazel Bailey, William Hanley, Grace Lunding, Willie Bowen, Adam Roney, Frank Curfman, Hazel Clutter, Ivan Bailey, Doris Tillotson, Blake Warner.

4th Grade—Ralph Klovstad, Esther Dowling, Frank Gallup, Della Dorrance, Lyle Bowen, Francis Newhouse, George Couron, Esther Donahue, Floy Wells, Paul Roney, Alma Anderson, Joe McCollough, Oscar Twilight.

5th Grade—Helen Baken, Ethel Couron.

6th Grade—John Carpenter, Frank Sussex, Blanche VanDusen.

The Great Dakotas

The greatness of the Dakotas can not be appreciated until one comes in actual contact with what they are doing, producing and contributing to the wealth of the world. The three great states of Minnesota and the Dakotas, together, comprise an empire whose magnitude and possibilities are not comprehended by many of its own people—much less by outsiders—until brought in close touch with the irresistible current of its enormous traffic and enterprise.

Judge Harlan, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, certainly a man of great perception and knowledge of business affairs, seems, if anything, more impressed with the magnitude of our business, than with the importance of the cases, he, with others of the commission, are now investigating. At the close of one of the car shortage sessions at Minneapolis the other night, Mr. Harlan is reported to have said:

"So vast, diverse and multitudinous have been the issues raised in this investigation and so wide-spreading and comprehending the information gathered, that it is difficult to say in a word just what impression I have received. To my mind, however, the one thing that has appealed most, and still stands as predominant thought is the wonderful power and importance of this country north and west of Minneapolis, considered commercially with reference to the United States as a whole.

This is the country, it seems to me, that is going to do things from now on. The investigation has presented a panoramic view of its resources, its people, its wealth and possibilities, that has made deep impression upon my mind. I shall carry away conviction that this part of the country must be looked to for great things in the future.

"The investigation on the whole has been beyond all expectations in developing facts of importance. It would have been unfortunate indeed, had we not come here when we did, in view not only of the pressing need for inquiry, but also in view of the material gathered that must be of great value to the commission and the country as well, relative to conditions in transportation, and causes and effects of anything that interferes with normal traffic conditions."

"Going to do things from now on." That is just it. We have been doing things for some time, only much of the world, like Mr. Harlan, does not know it; and we have been doing some of these things wrong; but, from now on, we are not only going to keep on doing things but many of them we are going to do better.

One thing, a very great many of us are going to stop taking more out of our soil than we are putting back. We are also going to stop growing so much of one crop; and above all, growing so many weeds with it. We, too, are going largely to stop putting foul and weak seed into the ground when with good mills and intelligent work, we can just as well plant only strong, vigorous, well selected and clean seed.

Instead of great ranches of cattle and sheep with no grain, and great grain farms with no cattle or sheep, we are going to have neither, but mix the grain and the stock till both stock and grain and the land they grow on are better for it.

If this country has astonished the world with its haphazard and early day methods, when we turn our attention in earnest to building up soil and seed, and blending our great productive interests so that each may bring out the very best that is in the other "what," our admiring friends may well ask, "what will the harvest be?"—Dakota Farmer.