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It is hoped that the next time those poor Sophomores wish to immortalize their names by pasting posters all over the town, they will find another building than our school to use as a bill board. We are well aware of the fact that it is not the handsomest edifice in New Brunswick, but we are sure it in no way improves the looks of the building to have high dodgers posted on its ancient walls.

NOW that the time has fairly begun, the familiar cry of "down" may be heard on the ball field. We hope once more to convince those unruly Freshmen that we are somebody and that we hold some place in the athletic world.

With Professor Cummings as our advance guard, and "Burt" as our leader, we hope to be able to hold our own this year as well as we did last, and if we fail, which we are positive we will not do, it will not be because we have not tried

hard to win. We do not think there is a boy on the team who will not do his level best. Boys, let us see what a name we can leave with the school.

THE Alpha Theta Literary Society is well established this year. Although the membership is not as large as last year it has reached its aim in securing the best talent. The officers for this year are B. Cummings, President; F. Schneider, Vice President; H. G. Cooke, Secretary; F. Walser, Treasurer. We wish success to the orange and green.

The Tau Phi, or Thirteen Club, it seems, has moved its headquarters to the college somewhere as most of its members have left us and entered college. We hope that this society will not die but that the members who remain will build it up.

The Alpha Beta Gamma Delta eating club is rushing the boys lively this season and will soon resume business.

WE are beginning another epoch in our history. A new era has come upon us. At times, much to our surprise, a solemn stillness prevails among our ranks. We see some things which are new and some things which are strange; but the newest and strangest thing of all is the Class of '95. But then, you know, they are Freshmen, a fact exceedingly evident to everyone. They are such quiet little fellows, too, that we hardly realize that they are around. Rumor has it that they are smart; in fact, they are quite intellectual prodigies, but they are too well aware of it themselves for their own good. There is metal there, however, and we predict for them a glorious future. If they bend to their oars like men, we feel sure they will bring credit upon themselves and honor upon Old Rutgers Prep.

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THE JOGGINS.

IT was on a bright sunny morning in August that we left the thriving town of Moncton, in the province of New Brunswick, and started back into Nova Scotia to visit another place on the bay of Fundy, celebrated for its physical features. The sturdy sons and stately daughters of Nova Scotia called the weather warm, but to us it seemed delightful. The atmosphere was unusually clear and exceedingly exhilarating. No better evidence of the healthfulness of the climate could be asked than the fine clear complexions and the erect muscular frames of the inhabitants.

After a ride of a couple of hours on the Inter-Colonial railway we reached a little station called Maccan. We had been informed that we could stop here and go to Joggin Mines, a place which we wished to visit, on foot, on horseback or by stage, a distance which increased, as we continued to seek information, from eight to fifteen miles. On reaching Maccan, however, we were informed by the station agent that we could take a train immediately for Joggin Mines, and that we would have to make a journey of thirteen miles.

The train was made up of empty coal cars, of a few loaded freight cars and a passenger coach. The road can hardly be called a public thoroughfare, as it is owned by the mining company and run for their own benefit and the accommodation of the inhabitants of Joggin Mines. This ride, however, was quite enjoyable. The car was filled with old miners, with middle-aged miners and with young miners and their girls, who seemed to be returning from an excursion. We were entertained by the sweet strains of a harmonica, interspersed with snatches of songs and the hearty good-natured bantering of both young and old. But, sad to relate, the vigorous young harmonica player became interested in an old cow by the roadside, and, in his vain attempts to take in the scenery, draw mellow strains from the would-be musical instrument, and stick his head out the window and talk to the old cow, the harmonica parted company with him and went sliding away in the

grass to keep the ancient cow company and doubtless soothe her declining years with its tender strains. No small part of the entertainment also was the fresh flirtation of the spruce young conductor and his would be best girl. My chum remarked, "What fools these mortals be." He was speaking from experience, I suppose.

Soon we hustled along into Joggin Mines, and had no doubt but that we were at a coal mine. There were the elevators and ventilators clatter, and puffing with business; but where was the town? On every hand we could see nothing but tamarack swamps and pine plains. We began to think we might have to seek in vain for something to brace up the inner man (a very important requisite to a fellow off on a vacation) and a place to rest our weary bones. But on inquiry we found that there was a town on the shore a half a mile away. We were not long in pacing off the distance thither, and, after some delay, succeeded in finding the hotel of the place, a pleasant cottage kept by a retired Acadian sea captain and his estimable wife, with whom our stay was exceedingly pleasant and jolly.

We found ourselves on the eastern arm of the head of the bay of Fundy, on what is known as Cumberland bay. We had come to the place to see the cliff known as the Joggins; and we were not long in finding this place which Dr. Dawson has made so celebrated among geologists.

For more than three miles at this point the shore is perpendicular the most of the way and varies in height from ten to one hundred feet. At high tide the water dashes against the cliff with great force; but when the ocean reaches its lowest ebb a broad beach is exposed to view covered with ridges of rock, loose stone, gravel and sand. You can hardly realize, as you climb down and gaze upon this long stretch of seemingly dry shore that a little while ago the waves were dashing far above where your feet now stand. But when you know that the tide at its highest point reaches sixty feet, the mystery is solved and you wonder why the sun and moon have such a spite against this peaceful shore of Nova Scotia. As you saunter along the beach you pass over several exposed coal seams; and

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everywhere mingled with the pebbles and gravel you see glistening black faces which tell you the history of the past age and serve as the illuminator and reviver of the present

On either side of these coal seams you find freestones, soapstones, clays and sandstones. The carboniferous period is laid out before you like a picture. As you wander along you can pick up the fossil remains of reeds, flags, twigs, immense leaves, pieces of the bark and trunks of trees, and beautifully marked specimens of the cores and roots of the strange trees of that age. If you search carefully also you can find pretty fern impressions and the remains of small animals similar to the lizards of to day. There is a very strange fact connected with these animal fossils. Along the cliff far above your head you frequently see the trunk of a large tree standing at right angles with the strata and extending upward through several of the overlying deposits. It gives you a strange sensation of awe and you feel yourself sinking into insignificance as you stand looking up at those skeletons of mighty monarchs of a forest belonging to a dim and almost unknown age. You realize that this mighty age in which we live and of which we boast is only a moment in the revolving periods of Kronos, and we are only specks floating on the surface of the universe. On breaking up the huge trunks you find in many of them near the roots the fossil remains of a few small animal species known to have lived at a much later date than when the coal measures were formed. How did they get there? In order to answer this question, we must first ask another. Why is it that these large trees stand erect and pierce through the strata of freestone, soapstone and clay overlying the coal measure to which they belong in point of time? There evidently grew on this ridge of land at the time when vegetation was so abundant a forest of these large trees. As the inundations came afterward and the smaller trees and plants were covered up, these large trees stood and were not overthrown. The tops decayed and broke away; and finally the inside of the trunks decayed; and when the layers of mud and sand reached

their tops, there were living in the shallow water and mud lizards and other small animals who occasionally lost their footing and took a somersault to the bottom of one of these hollow stumps. With them, of course, there were also quantities of mud constantly disappearing down these holes, and at length they became filled and stood entirely distinct from the rest of the strata. Thus you see these deposits containing these animal remains were made some distance below the surface of the earth's crust as it then existed and were left as a puzzle for men to sharpen their wits and increase their powers of observation in explaining the phenomenon

The continual movement of the water at high tides is constantly washing away the clay, coal, and soft rock and the cliff is rapidly receding. Fossils are washed out at each season of high tide and strewn upon the beach. Every year new trees are exposed; and the cliff never ceases to be a source of interesting and profitable study. You are always sure to find something surprising, something new, something exceedingly entertaining. It is here, too, that the young men and maidens of the town come at early twilight to listen to the murmur of the waves and look at each other. As it becomes too dark to gather fossils, you may take a seat on the cliff; and instead of studying what a past age has left, study the glowing present as revealed by its living specimens.

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A DAY'S CRABBING ON SHARK RIVER.

WE were a jolly crowd of twelve that started out one bright July morning from an Asbury Park hotel for a day's crabbing on Shark River. Starting early we arrived at the end of our short journey at about ten o'clock, where, after a great deal of talking and nothing much accomplished, we succeeded in getting four boats for the day. The outfit consisted of a number of short lines, five or ten feet long, with fishes' heads tied to the ends for bait, a crab with a box for each boat in which to put the net and a box for each boat in which to put the crabs. After rowing for about two miles over to the other shore, we anchored in what seemed

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a favorable place and got ourselves seated. By a favorable place I mean one where the water is not too deep, and this place happened to be near shore and among the weeds. The water here was slightly brackish and this was another encouraging sign for our day's sport. During the five or ten minutes' waiting that succeeded, looking about us we discovered that only one other boat of the party was in sight, the occupants of which seemed to be employed in much the same manner as ourselves. Here we had a particularly fine view of the mouth of the river, which is really an inlet of the ocean.

The bay here is about three miles wide, a beautiful sheet of water, and was enlivened by the appearance of many sail boats, which were making the most of the fine breeze. The river proper is only a small stream and almost impassable for small boats. But to return to my subject. One of the young ladies leaned over the side of the boat, and, with a very gentle touch, commenced pulling up her line. As it was my duty to handle the scaponet, I took my position on the middle thwart and eagerly watched the line, and, as the victim came nearer and nearer his doom, the scaponet was quickly thrust under him, and thus we scored the first victim.

Each person had two lines to attend to and so we had six lines in our boat, which kept us very busy. As soon as one crab was caught we would go on to the next line and so on going the rounds. We were having fine luck when suddenly our good fortune changed and not another crab could we even see. We had hardly changed our position when the pangs of hunger reminded us that there were other things to be attended to more important than crabbing. So, taking the well filled baskets from under our seats, we made way with that lunch with a consuming ardor that was astonishing.

After resting a short time under some umbrellas which we had brought along that the young ladies might not spoil their complexions, we commenced again with renewed vigor to examine the lines. During the next two hours we had the best of luck, so much so that finding a crab on the line every time grew monotonous,

and as the afternoon was waning we started on our return. This was not as pleasant as it might have been, for the wind was directly against us, and two of the party were more than stout, how much more I would hesitate to say. But at length the oarsman conquered and we reached the landing not far behind the other boats. On comparing notes we found that the combined result of the day's sport numbered about two hundred crabs. After some refreshing soda water, we hailed the appearance of the stage with delight, for we were oh! so tired. We divided up the spoils at the hotel, and bid each other good bye with many happy remembrances of A Day's Outing on Shark River.

THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

For the first time in a number of years, an Athletic Association has been organized in the school. Last year an attempt was made to form an association, but it fell through. All the expenses of the foot-ball and base ball teams have been met by subscription in the previous years, and last year the base ball team was fitted out with uniforms, which, together with the other necessities required for the team, cost in the neighborhood of sixty dollars. All this was raised among the professors and scholars by subscription.

The boys began to complain last year because there was so much money needed, that several subscription lists were started.

This year the old members of the school determined to organize, if possible, an Athletic Association, so that there would be some systematic way of raising money, and so that there should be some regulation in regard to the ball teams and all athletic sports.

Early in the year, that is, the school year, a meeting was called, at which a committee was appointed to write up a constitution. After an unavoidable delay of a little over a week, this was done, and the constitution, after being read before the school, was adopted.

The officers were then elected as follows: President, Enyard, '92; Vice President, Collier,

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'92; Secretary, Martin, '92; Treasurer, Scudder, '93; Business Manager, Prof. Cummings. Collier was elected captain of the foot-ball team.

The entrance fee was fixed at twenty-five cents, with a monthly due of twenty-five cents. There were nearly thirty names placed on the roll at the first regular meeting, which was held on the 6th of October. The regular meetings will be held hereafter on the first Friday of each month at 4 o'clock p. m.

We hope, now that we have this Association well under way, that it may be the means of doing all that we intended it should.

We will always be pleased to receive aid, in any form whatever, from any of our old school-fellows, who may remember the time when they were "Rats" and the many pleasant events which took place during their sojourn in the "Trap," or as we have already learned to call it, the "Home."

Although we may not be as strong in athletics this year as we were last, nevertheless we intend to do our best to keep up the reputation of the school.

As stated above, Collier, '92, has been elected captain of the foot-ball team, and he shows by the way he fills his position that he is the right man in the right place.

We miss several of the old players this year, but we hope to show up admirably for all that. The team plays well together, and they all go in for work. We would be able, no doubt, to do better work if we had a trainer—one who would be able to see where we are weak and in what respects we need training, and also to give us points in the game. All these things can be seen very much better by any one watching and understanding the game than by any one playing, no matter how much the player may be trained himself.

We have a pretty heavy line with "Strawberry" as centre, "Burt" and Corson as guards, "Sip" and "Syd" as tackles, and Conger and Schneider as ends.

We hope we may have the same record as last

year's team, but of course we cannot beat the Freshmen (?), two thirds of whose team are composed of "ex-Rats." We will do our best, however, to show them they are not invincible, and if we should fail, we will not take it too much to heart, remembering that they were with us such a short time ago.

The team from which we expect great things is as follows :

Rush-line, Schneider '92, Siver '92, Collier '92, Johnson '93, Corson '92, Randall '92; quarters, Johnston, '92; halves, Mattson, '92, and Van Orden, '92; full-back, Enyard, '92.

Y. M. C. A.

At a meeting held on Friday, Sept. 5, the following officers were elected : F. Schneider, jr., President ; W. H. Greene, Vice President ; H. G. Cooke, 2nd Vice President ; J. A. Corson, Secretary ; J. Scudder, Treasurer. There were six new members elected. We are happy to see a number of the Freshmen at our meetings and we hope that the "ex-Rats" will not forget us but will come and join us in our work. The leaders of meetings for October are scheduled as follows :

AT THE "HOME."

Wednesday, Sept. 30, F. Schneider, jr.

Oct. 7, F. E. Tilton.

14, J. A. Johnston.

21, J. A. Corson.

28, B. Cummings.

AT THE SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Friday, Sept. 25, F. Schneider, jr.

2, W. H. Greene,

9, B. Cummings.

16, E. T. Randolph.

23, S. K. Siver.

30, F. E. Tilton.

Nov. 6, E. J. Meeker.



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PERSONALS.

W. Conger, High School, '91, is taking the classical course with the class of '92, and has been elected business manager of the ARGO in place of English.

Gulick, '91, has been elected president pro tem of the Freshmen class, R. R. Painter vice-president and George Ludlow captain of the foot-ball team.

Eleven new boys are up at the "Trap" this year—Johnson, Elting, Carson, Meeker, J. Bache, C. Bache, Mesky, Martin, Knapp, B. Johnson, and Ball.

Ball met with a slight accident on Wednesday last, Sept. 30. One of our Hamilton street "Arabs," thinking he would create a little excitement, threw a stick into his wheel and succeeded in damaging it considerably.

J. H. Seeburger, '92, has entered Rutgers College as a special.

R. B. Littell, '90, is back in New Brunswick, having entered the class of '95, Rutgers.

F. W. Johanknecht and G. H. English, having passed their examinations in the subjects which they had not taken in the preparatory course, have entered the class of '95 at Rutgers.

The following members of the class of '91 have entered the class of '95. Rutgers College: W. W. Ballagh, J. G. Blackwell, G. H. Cowey, A. M. Clark, A. S. Clark, G. R. Deshler, C. W. Gulick, I. W. Howell, G. J. Janeway, S. W. Jones, Gabriel Ludlow, G. S. Ludlow, R. K. Painter, Clarkson Runyon, jr., D. Sagara, R. E. Soare, W. H. Stilson, J. P. Stout, W. V. B. Van Dyck, T. W. R. Van Het Loo, W. C. Van Slyke and John Wills.



GLEE CLUB.

The Glee Club were organized on Sept. 25th, the officers elected being: President and Business Manager, Enyard, '92; Secretary and Treas-

urer, Schneider, '92; Musical Director, Prof. Newton.

There are two new members on the club this year, Johnston and Meeker, both '92 men.

The regular practice days have been changed from every morning before school to Thursday and Friday afternoons, at 4 and 2.30 o'clock re-

spectively.

This year's Club will undoubtedly be the best the School has sent out. The members come to the rehearsals to sing, and not to fool away the time, as some of last year's Club were in the habit of doing.

A new collection of music, mostly humorous, has been added to our former collection, which is a feature that was greatly needed.

Mrs. Newton has signified her willingness to be the accompanist at the regular afternoon rehearsals, for which we all should and do thank her heartily.

We hope that we may, some time this year, be able to welcome the patrons and friends of our School to a musical performance given by us, when they may judge for themselves concerning our good and bad qualities as a Club.

Any body wishing to consult with the Club concerning dates or expenses, will have their offers immediately brought before the Club, by addressing either the Business Manager or Musical Director.

We must congratulate Jones, of '91, upon his appointment as First Tenor on the College Club. We are glad also to mention Willard Totten's name as having obtained the post of honor as the low base of the same Club. In "Stanley" and "Brick," we have two first-class representatives of our former club.

The members of this year's Club are as follows: First Tenors, Meeker, '92, and Van Orden, '92; Second Tenors, R. Totten, '92, and Enyard, '92; First Base, Prof. Newton, Green, '92, and Schneider, '92; Low bass, Johnston, '92, Craig, '92, and Tilton, '92.



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SQUEAKS.

"Wheat Cakes" may be looked upon as luxuries now.

Prof.—"Give me the principle parts of the verb flee."

Bright Scholar of Graduating Class.—"Flee, fleeing, flown."

Prof.—"Then I am fleeing, yesterday I flew, and, up to this time, I have flown."

Prof.—"The boys when going from their seats will please rise 'a la Barbour.'

Prof. of Elocution—"What are some of the organs of articulation?"

Mr. A.—"Lungs, larynx, teeth and cheeks."

Money which is "coming to you" does not always arrive.

"The shades of night are falling fast," sang Mr. R. as he went to pull down the shade and jerked it off the roller.

A Long Island farmer recently threshed 1,200 bushels of wheat and two tramps in one day.

Prof.—"Call at my office at 2.30."

Mr. K.—"All right, sir."

Prof.—"I do not know whether it will be all right or not."

Student—"What kind of meat is this; is it ham?"

Waitress—"No, mutton"

Prof.—"Give me a word in the English language derived from the Latin word species."

Student—"Spices."

Who tried to carve the mutton, alias ham, and couldn't?

How do you like the new Prof., boys?

"Caesar's Ghost!" Can't you see that?



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BY "ALRIC."

WAIT! Please give me your attention for a moment. I am not going to write a composition beginning "Spring is the most beautiful season of the year. It is the season when the grass begins to turn green, the birds—" etc. No, I am not going to write on the season of Spring, at, for I think it is a dangerous subject. "Spring is the season when the flowers have pistils, and the young trees shoot." No. My essay will not be on Spring; it will be on springs.

It is not without serious thought that I have decided to manufacture my essay on springs. It is well known to what use springs are put. They are used to make things easier. What would a sofa or lounge be without springs?

N. B.—It might be well to state at this point, that it is my opinion that the seats at school might be improved by means of springs, but perhaps I ought not to remark this or I might be compared to the one who, leaning over the steamer's rail in mid-ocean, calmly stated that "He wanted the earth." But to return.

I have reasoned that it would make it easier for both teacher and pupil to put a composition on springs

Webster gives as a definition of springs:

"An elastic body, as a steel rod or coil; a mass or strip of India rubber, etc.—used for mechanical purposes. 2d That which causes one to spring."

If we take the latter definition into consideration, some interesting results may be obtained. For instance: a pin is not generally considered elastic, yet I have seen one so bent and so placed "that it caused one to spring."

Perhaps the springs which we see oftenest are the spiral, the elliptical, and the coil. The two former are used on the trucks of railroad cars, while the latter is used principally in

Probably the smallest spring made is the tiny hair spring used in a lady's watch, while the

longest, if not the largest, is the three-yard spring used in a Waterbury.

Springs are most useful and comfortable on our beds, altho' they are also convenient on a hot day, when you become thirsty, in the woods. This sort of spring is a useful contrivance any way, as the water is always cool, and if you know of the spring before going on a picnic it will save the trouble of carting along a lot of buckets of water.

Yes, take it all in all, springs are a pretty good thing, and if useful for nothing else, may give quite a good deal of amusement. In this connection I take the liberty of borrowing the "Bard's reminiscence of his school-days."

Air: The Old Oaken Bucket.

"How well I remember the school I attended,
In the days of my childhood, so distant and
dim,

The red headed Bill, and the pin that I bended,
And carefully placed on the bench under him.
And how I recall all the surprise of the master,
When Bill gave a yell and sprang up from the
pin

So high that his bullet head smashed up the
plaster above,

And the teacher and scholars all set up a din.
The high-springing Billy, the loud-shouting
Billy,

The active boy Billy, that sat on a pin"



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