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High School Editorials.

The members of the class of '03 are all in favor of the addition of another year to the course of study. They are in favor of everything which pertains to the welfare of the Mentone High School.

The members of the class of '03 can answer any question in General History from the time of the migration from the plateau of Iran to the naming of the next President of the United States. For any special information on these lines see S. E. Garrison.

The pupils belonging to the grades of the Mentone Public Schools have manifested the greatest interest in their studies during the past term. The teachers, also, have discharged their duties in a manner which gives the school a very creditable reputation.

During the past school year the different classes comprising the Mentone High School have done work which should reflect credit both upon teacher and pupil. We believe the citizens of Mentone can boast of a school, which for its size, is second to none in the state.

The Mentone High School is founded on the two principles, union and might. Donald Hefley who is seeking admission to the supreme bench believes that if the word liberty be substituted for might, the reputation of the Mentone High School would dazzle the whole earth.

The Alumni of the Mentone High School have been considering the matter of organization. We believe that such an organization may be maintained if those interested

Mentone Alumni.

- Class of 1892:
A. C. Zentz
- Class of 1893:
Mattie Cattell Kinzie Naoma Heighway
Leona Blue Haimbaugh Alice Jennings
Myrtle Zentz Lehman Anna Blue
- Class of 1894 and 1895: None.
- Class of 1896:
Geo. W. Ralston Daisy Baker Horton
Minnie Blue Orville B. Kilmer
Samuel R. Hefley
- Class of 1897:
Alma Abbott Linden A. Blue
Samuel W. Sanders Lorenzo Dorsey
O. Mahlon Mentzer

A. C. Zentz is still a graduate of baseball but says he hasn't got his diploma yet. He is now working on the police force of this city as assistant chief.

We wonder where the boys were in the class of '93. Guess they had to get out of the way of the girls. Looking ahead a little bit we find that they should have graduated in '94 and '95; guess they all had the measles.

The class of '96 has three to two

The following sermon by M. E. church April 26:

Text, John by night, and that thou art a man can do it except God be with us. God call of men, for instrument His eternal both for the life future.

Jesus, who both the worlds, is

This life which present come, and those who present of the acts before, and to them.

"To know of life—eternal."

Knowledge of self interpretation the experience divine revelation individual

A knowledge powers and grace with conception

Comments

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MENTONE PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING.

- Class of 1898:
Maybelle Doddridge Meredith Otto L. Blue
Frank P. Manwaring Conn O. Blue
- Class of 1899:
Eva Vantreesse Severns Elma Cattoll

in favor of the boys. That isn't so bad is it?

The class of '96 has one soldier in it, Orville B. Kilmer, who served in the Spanish American war with

is a great number of Alumni living in Mentone and vicinity who could take charge of this matter and make it a success. We believe that such an organization would be appreciated not only by the Alumni but by the public in general.

The patrons of the Mentone High School should feel proud of those who have graduated since the school was founded. Today they may be found in every state, nearly all holding some honorable position,—some doctors, some lawyers, some merchants, while others have become book-keepers, stenographers, or school teachers, while still others are either occupying the pulpit, or are engaged in the study of the deeper sciences. A very few have become horse traders.

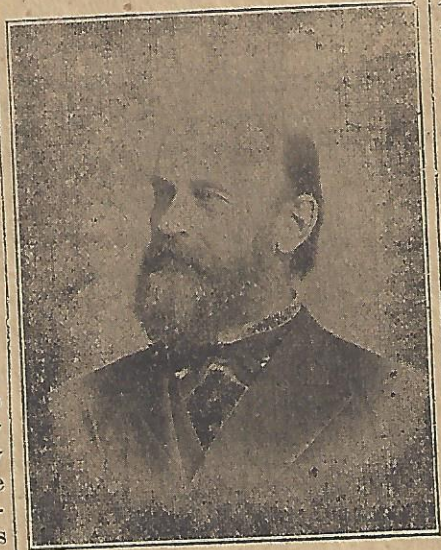
The signs of the times seem to indicate that the time is not far distant when the Mentone High School will hold a commission, which means the adding of another year to the course of study; also the employment of another instructor. Many important changes will be made, the benefits of which are unquestionable. By the addition of another instructor each class will receive much more attention, thus enabling both teacher and pupil to do more thorough work in every branch of study. The necessity and the practicability of this change has been apparent to the school officers for several years. Besides these advantages, we believe the size and importance of our school justifies the change. Many other High Schools of Indiana, of less consequence than ours, possess these advantages. Considering these facts, we believe that our school officials will do all in their power to bring about these most important changes.

Class Address.

Dr. W. T. Stott, of the Department of Philosophy, of Franklin College, will deliver the class address Friday evening. Dr. Stott has been actively engaged in school work for a long number of years and his address on "Full Orbed Education" promises to be one of the most wholesome talks given to the public for a long number of years.

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| George Anderson | William P. Bowman |
| Class of 1900: | |
| Odie Blue | Edna Cretcher |
| Mabel Smith | Albert Baker |
| Class of 1901: | |
| John Bidelman | |
| Bertha Henley | |
| Class of 1902: | |
| Grover Bell | W. Ray Pontius |
| Anna Baker | Penelope Shoup |
| Caddie Griffith | Bess Abbott |
| Bessie Bybee | Lula Jennings |
| Class of 1903: | |
| Mabelle Blue | Samuel Garrison |
| Don C. Henley | Mary Harding |
| Mae Lash | W. Leroy Smith |

We all think that when we get through school that nothing short of a United States Senatorship will do us, but after we are out just a little while we will be willing to take anything that comes along.



W. T. Stott, D. D., L. L. D.

Dr. W. T. Stott who will address the Class of '03, Friday evening, has been at the head of Franklin College for over thirty-years. As professor in the Department of Philosophy he is a mental giant. He graduated from Franklin in '61, to enter the service for his country. He was mustered out in '64, with the rank of captain, after which he spent three years in the Theological Seminary, at Rochester, N. Y. After this he labored one year as a pastor, then became a teacher in the college. In '72, he was elected president and has filled the position ever since.

We would like to say something about each and everyone of the graduates but our space will not permit us. So dear reader if you find your name conspicuous by its absence, believe we have something good to say about you but space will not permit.

The class of '97 has never done anything very great or very small. We suppose they all follow their own inclinations. Its wrong to call up things that are past and gone but there are things dear to the average graduate that they wouldn't have forgotten for anything in the world. This holds good of the class of '97. If we were to forget about the experiments we used to try in old Room No. 5, I don't know whether life would be worth living or not.

The class of '98 has three to one in favor of the boys. That's doing exceedingly well for the boys, isn't it. Just give the boys a chance and they will win out in the end.

We find that eight out of twenty-seven of the sweet girl graduates are married and four out of fifteen of the boys have passed to their reward, but not a single one of the boys has as yet succeeded in landing one of the girls. Come boys this won't do, can it be the girls know you too well already?

The Class of '99 stands seven to one in favor of the girls, but Billy is amply able to take care of the boys' part of the game. In a few short years our classes will be scattered all over the world. We ought, while we can, to organize some sort of an association whereby we can keep in touch with one another. What think you brothers and sisters?

Bert Baker and John Bidelman represent the class of '00 in the west. Bert is collector for the Union Traction Co., of Chicago, and John is connected with a large Rail Road Co., in Dakota. Both will do justice to themselves and class.

The Class of '01 consists of but

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...had spent an enjoyable evening.

...youngsters were surprised by summer appearance of the professor with a hickory paddle. You know what followed.

In 1893 our present school building was built by the architect A. L. Kramer, under the supervision of the Trustees, A. G. Wertenberger, L. P. Jefferies and C. E. Doane. It consists of six rooms, well lighted, heated and ventilated. It also has all of the latest improvements for the comfort of the pupils.

The instructors of the schools since the construction of the new building are as follows: O. H. Bowman, Mrs. Beldon, Miss Esther Martin, W. L. Fish, Miss Mary Otis, Miss Leona Blue, O. E. Goshert, C. E. Hudson, I. A. Meredith, Miss Alice Jennings, Miss R. C. Cretcher and W. H. Davis, our present principal.

While the public has always been back of the school, as a matter of course, the officials to whom have been entrusted the administration of affairs, are largely responsible for the growth or decay of any system of schools.

Among the persons who have served on the Board of Education, and have very materially assisted in the progress of the schools, are the following: C. E. Doane, A. G. Wertenberger, L. P. Jefferies, J. W. Dunlap, Dr. E. Stockberger, M. Heighway, Dr. J. W. Heffley, W. A. Forst, D. W. Lewis and E. M. Eddinger.

As a whole we are very much indebted to the teachers and officers named above, for our schools at the present time, are in an excellent condition,—a condition, that indicates growth in the past and a bright outlook for the future.

Our schools are such as insure good instruction, sanitary surroundings and all that is inviting to persons in pursuit of learning. It is thought, that in the near future, another year will be added to the high school and then our officials can present you with a registered diploma on the completion of the course. With this improvement ours would certainly become a model of public schools.



PROF. W. H. DAVIS.

Sketch of His Life and Work, by One of His Pupils.

...school life of our present al, W. H. Davis, is characterized by rapid advancement and a rapid application of his energy to the attainment of an education. He attended the common schools in Wells, and afterwards entered the school, of Ossian, from which he graduated in 1889.

Afterwards he went to Valparaiso, where he attended school for two terms. Then returning to Wells county, he taught in the district schools. During the vacations between those he completed a course in the Wayne Business College.

After his district school work, he accepted the principalship of the Silver Lake schools, where his abilities were shown by the rapid development of the schools at that place.

After five year's work at Silver Lake, he resigned and accepted the principalship of the Mentone schools in 1899. During the vacations he took a course at the State University and a correspondence school. Also during the school year of '98-'99, he studied at the State Normal.

He has now taught nearly four years in our own schools and we think we are safe in saying, that he has been more successful than any other principal since the schools have been established. Mr. Davis is well liked by both pupils and patrons. In the past four years the pupils of our schools have been greatly influenced both morally and intellectually by the character and teaching of Mr. Davis. With many others, I sincerely hope, that the pupils of the schools in the future, may come under the supervision of the same intelligent and exemplary principal, W. H. Davis.