School Notes.

The Hon. T. A. H——— of the Junior class received a box labeled "Mustache Wax," at a Christmas entertainment. It is expected that when we go back to school the tender plants will be more conspicuous. It is funny how Santa Claus knew just what was needed.

The members of the high school have appreciated very much the pictures of today's business men, which have been brought before our eyes by the reading in chapel of such good selections upon their ambitions, their application amid such embarrassing circumstances, their steady rise in life, and above all their adherence to to truth and honesty at all times before all people. After we have looked into the life of such men we go at our work feeling that we are wonderfully favored by having so many opportunities much better than they had. We trust that our Superintendent will let us hear more of them.

There was an admirable lot of scolding up at school last Friday among the scholars, because there was school. Some remarked it was lucky that Christmas came on Saturday or we would not have got a holiday then. One would have thought that there was a scolding department in the school and they were practicing their pieces.

The Juniors gave a trolley party at Royal Oak last night.

Cheerfulness banishes all anxious care and discontent, soothes and composes the passions, and keeps the soul in a perpetual calm.

A specialty is the surest bread-winning instrument in these days.

"Once when I was a girl at school," said Kate Roby, "Schoolmaster Crawford had given out the word 'defied,' which had been misspelled several times when it came my turn. Abe Lincoln stood on the opposite side of the room and was watching me. I began 'de-f-' and then I stopped, hesitating whether to proceed with an 'i' or 'y.' Looking up I saw Abe, a grin on his face, pointing with one fore-finger to his eye. I took the hint, spelled the word with an 'i' and it went through all right."

"Who's dead?" enquired a man of the sexton who was digging a grave.

"Old Squire Bumblebee."

"What complaint?"

Sexton (without looking up)—"No complaint. Everybody's satisfied."

A Kalamazoo merchant recently wrote a delinquent debtor as follows:

"Dear Sir:—Will you send amount of your bill and oblige, etc."

To which the delinquent replied: "The amount is $6.55. Yours respectfully."

THE STAGE.

AT THE EMPIRE.

"Under the Red Robe," a dramatization of Stanley Weyman's novel of that name, is to be acted in the Empire theater all this week.

"What is a man's honor?" This is a question that is proposed and answered a dozen times in "Under the Red Robe." The honor in this particular case belongs to a fire eating gambler, who adds to his other claims to distinction by undertaking the work of a spy in which he narrowly escapes the depth of villainy. Nevertheless this honor is ever dear to him. He kills half a dozen men before the play begins and half kills a reckless young Englishman early in the play merely to prove that this honor is prized by himself. At this particular time, the closing of the year 1897, the romatic play is everywhere hailed as a relief from the tedious problem play with its complex questions of virtue and morality. Mr. Frohman has equipped his organization with suitable scenic embellishments and costumes and the cast is excellent. Renee de Cocheforet will be played by Mary Hampton; the hero by William Morris and the cardinal by Giles Shine.

AT THE LYCEUM.

Fanny Rice, a very amusing and agreeable player, is booked for the week at the Lyceum, in her comedy "Nancy at the French Ball." It is a simple story of a woman's discomfort with her lot.

Nancy is the pretty, young wife of an industrious, frugal German shoemaker. Poverty has deprived her of education and pleasures from childhood, and through the unhealthful influences of a designing acquaintance she has become dissatisfied with hen umble little home, and longs for fine clothes and a chance to go about and see something of what her frivolous friend calls "life."

The first act takes Nancy to the home of a wife of a wealthy stock broker; the second act to the boudoir of a haughty and petted prima donna, and the third act to a French mas querade ball, and in each place (although at first fascinated and entranced at the grandeur of these wealthy people) Nancy soon finds beneath the glitter and glamour of wealth, aching hearts with whom she would not care to exchange places.

Finally becoming convinced that this sphere of life, which she had thought all sunshine and roses, is a myth, and that the possession of wealth and fine clothes do not always bring happiness, she returns to her home a contented and wiser little woman.

The play is wholesome, mirthful and delightfully entertaining. The dialogue is alternately witty and pathetic, giving Fanny Rice and her excellent company ample scope to display their talents. Miss Rice introduces her singing and dancing pictures and illustrated songs.

AT WHITNEY'S.

Scott Marble's admirable southern comedy, "Down in Dixie," will be revived at Whitney's this afternoon for a week. It is interesting, amusing and exciting. It appeals from the melodramatic and comic points of view. It is also notable in a pictorial way, the scene painters have done their best in making countenth presentments of southern cotton fields and home steads.

The play is a fascinating picture of southern life as well as a stirring drama of incident. Every act ends with a heart-quickening sensation. An element of gayety is imparted by a band of pickaninnies, who not only play musical instruments in concert, but give dancing exhibitions and engage in sports common to the light-hearted and care-free darkey boys of the south. Ole Mammy Green is one of the group of characters in this play that gives to it an appearance of reality seldom achieved in stage imitations of life.

ONE OF TWO WAYS

The bladder was created for one purpose namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

CHIEF CAUSE.

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if not doctored too much is not liable to weakness or disease, except in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided. To find out correctly, set your urine aside for 24 hours, a sediment or settling indicates kidney or bladder trouble. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney and bladder remedy is soon realized. If you need a medicine you should have the best. At druggists fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet both sent free by mail. Mention THE ECCENTRIC and send your address, to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N.Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

A Concise and Interesting Epistle From Far-Away Syria.

BLUDAN, Syria, Dec. 1, 1897.

Dear Home Friends:—I write from our summer home in the mountains. It seems a long time since we left Michigan. From Mother's letters I conclude things have been moving since we left, now that the trolley runs through to Pontiac and the U. P. church is completed. Birmingham can now claim its old name of Piety Hill, since it can boast of so many churches.

I want to write you about a wonderful spring we have seen recently, called "Ain Figi" pronounced Fee-gee—It is one of the sources of the Abana, and comes gushing out at the base of the mountain in torrents of ice cold water. Mr. Crawford says that the first time he visited the spring the current was so strong that a large stone he threw in did not sink, into the well, where the water comes out. An arch of an old temple has fallen in and choked up the opening. The temple is thought to have been built to the god Pan. Three walls of huge stones are still standing and projections on the top of the parallel lines show that the roof was arched. We lunched here and then started up the valley. We passed four villages before we came to Serk Wady Burada—This is the site of the old Abilene, or Abila mentioned in Luke, 3d chapter, as the tetrarch of Lydanius. Abila is derived from "Abel" and on the opposite hill is the tomb of Nebi Habel; tradition says that here Cain slew his brother. This is the Koran version.

Beyond the town and farther up the mountain are a great many rock tombs, now open and bare. Remains of a wonderful viaduct are seen, and parts of an old road, hewn in the rock, are still visible. There are also inscriptions in Latin saying that this road was built by "Marcus Aurelius and Lucius Verus, Tib. Claud which crosses the Barada, is also of Roman work and nearly as good now as centuries ago. From thence on to Bludan, we don't see many interesting things, excepting the old Baalgroves I told you about long ago. It was a very nice trip on horseback, but I am glad I don't have to do twice a year with the children, as we had to before the railroad was built. By the way, the conductor told us recently that a road is sure to be built from Beirut to Tripoli, by the same company. Who knows but in time it may reach Latakai and thus bring us very near to our old friend in that Mission.

I had a letter recently from Mrs. Dr. Harvey, of Cairo. She writes of much sickness in their Mission; more cases of fever than for ten years previous. Their schools are doing splendidly, though they are not without fear that this prosperity may not continue, as the Copts have opened new schools all over the country. Education is very popular in Egypt. Tradesmen complain that they cannot get boys to stay in their shops, they prefer to go to school.

In Damascus we are expecting to have a new hospital finished by the holidays. Miss Graham, a nurse from Edinburgh, is already here doing good work, though she knows very little of the Arabic. This is where medical work is ahead of ordinary mission work, as one can nurse sick folks without knowing much of the language. Let no one in your highly favored country complain of the expense of hospitals or of medical missions; are we not told to visit the "blind shall receive sight, the lame walk, the deaf hear and the poor have the Gospel preached to them?"

MARY R. CRAWFORD.

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In the matter of the estates of JOHN DAVIDSON, deceased.

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