

The Juniors.

Class Officers.

STILSON ASHE, President.

EFFIE BRAINERD, Secretary.

GLENN STEPHEN, Treasurer.

FLORENCE PARKER, Vice-President.

Members.

BESSIE SMITH,

LORENA SMITH.

BETSY HUSTED.

GLENN STEPHEN.

HILTON RICHARDSON.

ALICE SKELLEY.

NELLIE GUNNELL.

STILSON ASHE.

LIZZIE KIRK.

FLORENCE PARKER.

RUBY RANDALL.

ISAAC CAREY.

BERTHA GRAVES.

EFFIE BRAINERD.

CLASS COLORS—Light Blue and White.

CLASS FLOWER—White Rose.

CLASS MOTTO—"Room at the Top."



STILSON ASHE, President.



EFFIE BRAINERD, Secretary.

Our Junior Class.

Bertha Graves.

WE, the Juniors, wish to introduce ourselves as the graduates of the Vassar High School for the coming year, and to aid the Seniors in their attempt to make known the gradual improvement of our school.

The class consists of fourteen industrious pupils, walking shoulder to shoulder, breasting the daily tasks assigned, and striving to gain knowledge to aid us in after life. Five of our number commenced school life in the chart class of this institution. The others have joined the course since, four in the ninth grade entered from country schools, and the remaining members have joined us at different periods.

Although we are not an especially noted class, yet we are somewhat proud of these facts: that the grade contains two who are gifted with poetical genius; that one member represented the High School in the District Oratorical Contest held at Flint this year (although she did not win the contest, she certainly did the school great honor); and that another member spelled the High School down last year.

We realize, as all classes must when they reach this point in the school education, that it is not merely the facts gained by per-

sistent study, but the training and expansion of the mind that of such great value to us. During the perusal of the different branches of study we have learned a great deal that was especially pleasing, but it is not these particulars we retain; only the more interesting facts.

We are deeply interested in the English Literature class at the present time on account of gaining an insight into the characters and lives of great authors and trying to find wherein lies their greatness and the source of their power. It also aids in the choice of the best literature to read.

The mathematics we appreciate because it increases our reasoning power, and the language study because it leads to a comparison of them with the native tongue, and thus impresses the origin of the words and the construction of the sentences in the English Language.

When we occupy the position of the present Senior Class we hope to be, in word and deed, the "worthy seniors." May we during the next year, greatly increase our knowledge and gain a thirst for the higher things of this life. It is our desire that more than one of our class may be numbered among the eminent of the day.



THE JUNIOR CLASS.

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The Sophomores.

Class Officers.

FRED BANCROFT, President.

BESSIE WRIGHT, Secretary.

LULU LAFORGE, Treasurer.

HAZEL SPAULDING, Vice President.

HERMAN HEINLEIN, Sentinel.

Members.

LENA LARAMIE.

LULU LAFORGE.

EDNA REID.

BESSIE WRIGHT.

JESSIE MCKENSIE.

GENEVIEVE DEAN.

TILLIE NORRIS.

ALPHA SMITH.

HAZEL SPAULDING.

HERMAN HEINLEIN.

FRANK LOUNSBERRY.

BESSIE GRIFFETH.

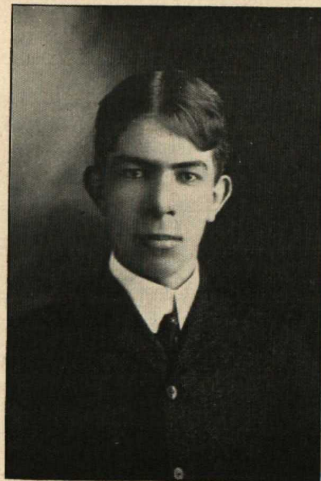
IVA SMITH.

FRED BANCROFT.

CLASS COLORS—Lavendar and White.

CLASS FLOWER—White.

CLASS MOTTO—"Rowing."



Fred Bancroft, President.



Bess'e Wright, Secretary.

“The Sophomores.”

Jessie McKensie.

HERE comes the jolly Sophomore Class, smallest and smartest in Vassar High School. Although the class is composed of only fourteen members, and is the smallest in the school, yet it is not the most insignificant, for we aim as high as any class. We have three boys and eleven girls in our grade. And of the fourteen members, Hazel Spaulding, Genevieve Dean, Fred Bancroft, Lena Laramie, Iva Smith, Bessie Wright, Tillie Norris and Frank Lounsberry are residents of the district; while the remaining six, Altha Smith, Edna Reid, Herman Heinlein, Jessie McKenzie, Bessie Griffith and Lulu La Forge, are foreign students who entered the ninth grade last year. We rank from five to five and one-half feet in height, and differ in many respects. Our class is noted for the different occupations that its members have chosen. We have an embryo artist, poet, doctor, school teacher, and several musicians. But at present our principal work is studying. The work in this grade is very interesting. Perhaps not so difficult as the eleventh and twelfth grades, yet more difficult than the ninth grade. But the second year's work is more interesting because a student is more

used to his surroundings and takes more interest in it. This is especially true of foreign students. There are students in this grade who are taking Latin, and two who are taking German, although German is not generally studied until a student enters the eleventh grade. The principal studies of the tenth grade are: Latin, Algebra, General History, Botany, Rhetoric, and American Literature. This gives a variety of subjects from which a student can choose the required number of studies for the year. Some of these studies prove very difficult, while others are easier. Some studies require very much hard study in order to master them. But, on the whole, the tenth grade is considered the best grades in school. There is not the outside work that there is in this grade that there is in the two higher grades, but soon have that work to do, for we have only two years to “climb the stairs” before we will finish school here. Perhaps, some will go to college, and some will take up in the occupations that they intend to follow. At any rate, the jolly Sophomores are hopeful for the very best future for our members.



THE SOPHOMORE CLASS.

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The Freshman Class.

Class Officers.

SMITH GRAVES, President.

ALTA BLAYLOCK, Secretary.

LUCILE CHAPPELL, Vice President.

MAE DAVISON, Treasurer.

Members.

ORA GAUNT.

ALTA BLAYLOCK.

FLOSSIE SMITH.

DAISY STILLSON.

EARL HAIGHT.

MARY PARKS.

MENTA MORGAN.

JEAN SUTHERLAND.

WILLIE WILSON.

SARAH BERLEIN.

SMITH GRAVES.

MAE DAVISON.

COLLIN DEAN.

MARY LEWIS.

HOWARD SLAFTER.

ANDIS STILLSON.

ELLEN MILLER.

MARY McFAIL.

LEWIS GARNER.

CASS CULLIS.

EDNA STEWART.

EDNA LOCKWOOD.

ALLIE HOBART.

LUCILE CHAPPELL.

ALBERT DECOU.

CHRISTIAN GOODMAN.

EARL COTTRELL.

CLASS COLORS—Silver and Gold.

CLASS FLOWER—Cream Rose.

CLASS MOTTO—"Not Finished but Just Be



Smith Graves, President.



Alta Blaylock, Secretary.

"The Freshmen."

Lucile Chappell.

HURRAH! for the jolly Freshman Class of 1904! Larger than any grade in the High School, both in ability (?) and size. Of its twenty-eight constituents, Flossie Smith, Mary Parks, Albert De Cou, Mae Davison, Willie Wilson, Earl Cottrell, Mary Lewis, Sarah Bierlein, Cass Cullis, Collin Dean, Edna Lockwood, Smith Graves, Christian Goodman and Menta Morgan, entered the grade from the Grammar Department of this school, while Ellen Miller, Mary McFail, Ora Gaunt, Alta Blaylock, Allanson Hobart, Daisy Stilson, Jean Sutherland, Lewis Garner, Edna Stewart, Lucile Chappell, Andis Stilson, Leroy Garner, Howard Slafter and Earl Haight, came from different places.

The average height of our grade is five feet five inches, the tallest one, Miss Mary McFail, being five feet seven inches, and the shortest one, Miss Daisy Stilson, four feet eleven inches tall. There are fifteen students who are taking up the English course, *et tredecim sunt qui Latinam legunt*. As we all believe in the maxim, "You will never hit higher than you aim," we all aim high; one of our members even hoping to attain the height of being an assistant in a shop where sewing machines are repaired, while another expects to run an umbrella factory some day. In

one of our classmates we recognize a second Dante, and in other we see some resemblance to Florence Nightingale.

Though we are so young, our average age being only fifteen years, our minds seem to be fully developed, judging by the work we have done. So thoroughly have we gone over our lessons that one of our young ladies *expects* to eclipse Johnston by the history of the United States, which she will begin in the summer. Our class also claims the honor of having a young lady of marvelous strength that she once threw a fourteen-pound ball two feet and then said that it didn't make her arm ache at all.

I could tell you many other interesting events, but now I can only say that all of those that I have related are positively true, as you would not doubt if you saw us. We have for officers: Smith Graves, President; Lucile Chappell, Vice-President; Alta Blaylock, Secretary; Mae Davison, Treasurer.

If you are awakened some night from a deep dream of glory by something that sounds like this:

Ra! Re! Ri! Ro! Rang! Rung! Rang!
Vassar Freshmen, whole sh'bang!
Freshmen! Freshmen! 1904!
There are plenty but give us more!
you may know that it's

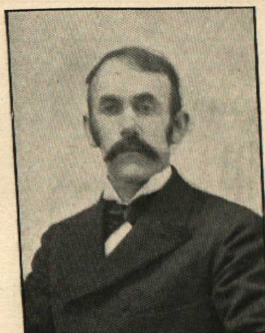
"WE FRESHMEN."



THE FRESHMAN CLASS.

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Our Janitor,



R. R. Ryan.

THE old-time saying "What is home without a mother?" can well be changed into "What is school without a janitor?" No matter how diligent the instructors may be, they cannot develop the minds of the pupils in chaos, and to change order into chaos is the duty of the omnipresent janitor.

The work of the janitor is long and tedious and often unappreciated. Sweeping, picking up bits of paper, which, by the way, is very vexing; dusting, repairing, and building fires is prosaic, but absolutely necessary work in a successful school. Those fires were especially appreciated this winter, when the cold, bleak winds from the west were the most furious.

Mr. Ryan is a very versatile man, and he has performed many duties not mentioned in his contract, such as building a warm house for the little birds from the south, always being

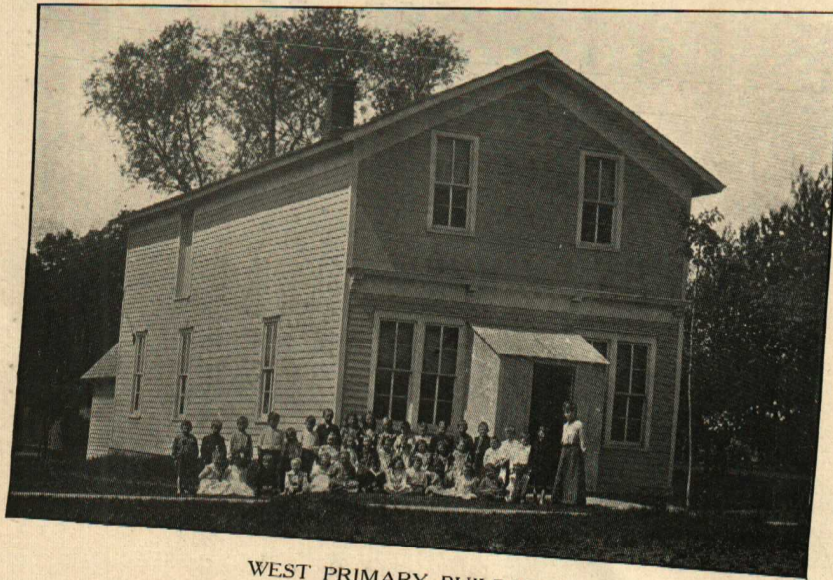
successful in discovering within two minutes the boys who had broken the basement windows, and requiring payment for such delinquency, and even teaching school before a substitute arrived. In fact, our janitor is much more intelligent than the well known janitor who was always called upon to find lost articles. One day this janitor saw upon the blackboard "Find the least common divisor," and when the next day he saw "Find the least common multiple," he gave up in despair, saying: "I have looked high and low for that divisor, and now that multiple is gone, I wouldn't know the thing if I should see it. They'll probably think I've stolen it, so I may as well resign."

Mr. Ryan has acted in his present capacity for two years, and it is the unanimous wish of both teachers and pupils that he should continue to serve for many years to come.

HATTIE GOODMAN



EAST PRIMARY BUILDING.



WEST PRIMARY BUILDING.

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