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EDITORIAL

Greetings Friends! What do you think of us now? After working so laboriously for the past two years, we feel as though we have accomplished a great deal—do you? Certainly we realize there is ample room for improvement, and our aim is to have each copy excel the previous one in every way possible.

Do you wonder we feel proud of our achievements when you think how our paper was started, and how terribly hard the different staffs and classes have worked for the past two years to attain these results?

If you remember, the Johnson Journal is the outcome of the "Coo-Coo," which was started, only as a joke, by "Bob" Burnham and several of his friends, two of whom were "Micky" Metcalf, and Leslie Clark, better known as "Clarkie," all of the class of 1923.

The "Coo-Coo" started such enthusiasm among the pupils of Johnson High, that the boys decided to attempt a school paper.

The inspiration and Miss Wills as faculty advisor were sufficient; the school paper was started.

"Bob" was chosen as editor-in-chief, and an editorial staff and reporters were elected. First the name, "Coo-Coo" was

abolished, as inappropriate as the name for Johnson's school paper, and "The Johnson Journal" was decided upon.

The paper was well supported by the students, and by means of a mimeograph the Johnson Journal was printed. Remember the inky hours in the lab.

The next year met with as great success, "Ed" Murphy of the class 1924, acting as editor-in-chief. Interest did not diminish but rather seemed to increase. How the staff would have liked to have had the paper printed, but the way was a little foggy, so they contented themselves with having the neostyle repaired and rolling out the pages by the hour.

It is to these two classes, 1923 and 1924, we owe what we have today. May they be proud of the "Johnson Journal."

As new classes enter the school, each larger than the preceding one, we wish to enlarge our paper, so that when the class of 1928 is graduated we shall have a paper twice its present size, and well worthy of the name "Johnson".

The staff wishes to extend to their schoolmates, faculty, and loyal supporters a very merry Christmas, and a happy and prosperous New Year.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

Come schoolmates, Old Father Time is about to turn over the keys to 1925; so we, too, must turn over a new leaf and begin the New Year right. How about it?

Are there not a great many things we can do this coming year to make the wheels run more smoothly at Johnson High? Let's think over a few together.

Don't you think Miss Sargent would be pleased to find we had resolved to stop incessant talking in the assembly hall corridors, and during study periods? Wouldn't we have more respect for ourselves also?

Wouldn't "Pat" appreciate it a great deal if chalk, potato chips, and peanuts were not left on the floors for him to sweep up, if the black boards were not left for him to clean, and the chairs in Rooms 11, 13 and 15 left for him to straighten? He's so good to us; let us show him how much we appreciate him.

Running through the corridors during passing bells, and standing in the corridors during classes is most annoying to the teachers, and a worthless habit to cultivate—Don't abuse privileges!

Miss Sargent complains of too many tardinesses. Can't we remedy this? Let us try to boost Johnson's record, not pull it down.

These are only a few of the many resolutions we should make. Let us strive to do our best, and that is all anyone asks of us.

SCHOOL SPIRIT

School spirit seems to be more lax this term than in previous years. When the call came for everybody to join the Athletic Association about seventy-six out of two hundred and sixty pupils joined. This is an exceedingly low percentage compared with last year's numbers.

When the football schedules were placed on sale, everyone should have bought one and also tried to sell others, so that the association treasury might be increased, thereby allowing the different teams to draw upon it for their necessary expenses. However only half of the number of schedules printed were sold and it required two successive calls upon the pupils in order that even that small number could be sold. The cause of this may be that, as business has been at a standstill this summer the parents can not be as liberal as usual; or what is

more probable, the students as a whole are absolutely uninterested.

RUSSELL DIMERY, '26.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Come children gather, a story to hear,
Of Christmas and all its good will,
How the Wise Men of old, by the angels
were told,
Of the birth of our Saviour, so dear.

How they welcomed the sight, of that
brilliant light,
That shone down on them from above,
How they traveled afar, by the light of
the star,
Till they came to the place where He lay.

When they came to the manger where
Jesus was born,
With their off'rings so rich and so rare,
How they worshiped the sight of the
babe, in dim light,
And watched o'er His bed-side with care.

How King Herod the great, inflamed
with his hate,
Tried to kill Him by treachery base,
How Joseph was warned, and quick to
respond,
Fled with mother and Child from the
place.

So, my children, your joys should not all
be in toys
When Christmas comes 'round every
year,—
Think of the wise men, who traveled so
far,
And of Jesus, our Saviour so dear.

R. E. P., '25.

AN EMBARRASSING MOMENT.

It was a very busy time of day in the city as I waited for a street car. I had just finished purchasing some groceries for mother and had among my many bundles a very bulky bag of sugar.

After an impatient wait of more than five minutes, the car I desired approached and halted at my signal.

As I passed the conductor, the occupants of the car began to laugh as that individual bellowed in a deep bass voice, "Fare, fare." I quickly realized my omission and nervously proceeded to place my numerous bundles on an empty seat to relieve my tired arms while I searched for the necessary change.

When I put the bag of sugar on the seat, it slipped from my nervous fingers

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JOHNSON VS. HOWE.

Hurrah for Johnson! The final game of the season was won on Grogan's field Friday afternoon, from Howe High School of Billerica by the close score of 6-0. After a late arrival of the visitors the opening whistle blew and Howe kicked off to Johnson. The locals by line plunges of the backs pushed the ball to the Howe five yard line but lacked the necessary punch to go over. The quarter ended. Howe kicked out of danger. An end run by J. Armstrong netted 20 yards and a line plunge by Moody brought the ball to Howe's five-yard line. A cross tackle buck by Knightly pushed the ball over for the only score of the game. Fred Armstrong failed to kick the goal. In the third and fourth periods the ball see-sawed back and forth, neither team being able to stay in their opponent's territory.

Captain McAllister was the most effective ground gainer for the visitors while all the Johnson backs were able to gain considerable ground for the "Red and Black."

Johnson as well as Howe was represented by a fine cheering section.

JOHNSON.

L. E., Berwick, May
 L. T., Westbrooke
 L. G., Elliott
 C., Bradstreet
 R. G., Pfeiffer
 R. T., Gagne, Smith
 R. E., F. Armstrong
 Q. B., Boyle, Wooley.
 L. H. B., Knightly.
 R. H. B., J. Armstrong
 F. B., Moody, Hargreaves

OPPONENTS	JOHNSON	JOHNSON
Danvers	0	0
Belmont	18	0
Exeter	21	0
Manchester	13	0
Gloucester	21	7
Mitchell	0	20
Howe	13	12
Hampton	0	33
Manning	2	7
Sanborn	46	0
Sanborn	31	0
Howe	0	6
Mitchell	0	33
Totals	165	118

ALUMNI NOTES

Where You Will Find Them:

Josephine Kelly, Ideal Furniture Store.
 Rena A. Higton, Mt. Holyoke College.
 Patricia M. Gillespie, Salem Normal School.
 George Cassidy, Yale University.
 Marguerite Donovan, Jackson College.
 Alice Mason, Jackson College.
 Helen Altham, Emerson School of Oratory.
 Helen Wilde, Boston University.
 Sylvia Mason, Simmons College.
 Edward Murphy, University of New Hampshire.
 Elizabeth McCarthy, Salem Normal.
 Julia Collins, Salem Normal.
 Mary Mylott, Lowell Normal.
 Evangeline Donovan, Lowell Normal.
 Jack Stott, Longbottom's Store.
 Frances Dawson, Tuft's Medical School
 Gertrude Abbott, Cannon's Commercial College.
 Jeanette Auger, Miss MacDowell's School.
 Lillienne Auger, Cannon's Commercial College.
 Edward Collins, Dartmouth College.
 Dorothy Currier, Secretary to Mr. Leonard.

Eve'yn Driver, Posse Physical Culture School.
 Marion Hamilton, Brightwood Mill Office.
 Eileen McAloon, Trinity College.
 Henrietta Stephen, Syracuse University.
 Leslie Thomson, Cannon's Commercial College.
 Clara Tooey, Stenographer.

Did You Know:

That Howard Michelmore and Norman Richardson of last year's class have returned for a post-graduate course?
 That David Wallwork, a Junior at Harvard, has been honored with the Phi Beta Kappa Key?
 That Ruth Wilkinson, a Sophomore, at Jackson College, has the highest ranking of any girl below the Senior class.

EXCHANGES

"The Alpha" Wilmington High School, Wilmington, Mass.
 "The Punchard" Punchard High School, Andover, Mass.
 "The Sanborn Echo" Sanborn Seminary, Kingston, New Hampshire.
 "The Hermiad," Hingham High School Hingham, Mass.

IN OUR EYES.

"The Alpha" Wilmington High School,
Wilmington, Mass.

We think that jokes would improve
your paper.

"The Puncharder" Punichard High
School, Andover Mass.

We think that the article on "Moral
Support from the Grandstand," and the
story "Jealousy Ruins a Friendship" are
very well written.

"The Sanborn Echo" Sanborn Semi-
nary, Kingston, New Hampshire.

We like your article on "School Spirit".

"The Hermiad" Hingham High School,
Hingham, Mass.

Your literary work is interesting.

EXCHANGE JOKES

Our father slipped on the ice
Because he couldn't stand.
He saw the glorious stars and stripes
We saw our father land.

Teacher: "Have you done your outside
reading?"

Pupil: "No, its too cold".

THE STORK'S UNDERSTANDING

Soph: "Why does a stork stand on one
foot?"

Fresh: "I'll bite; why does he?"

Soph: "If he'd lift the other foot, he'd
fall down."

Teacher: "What three Latin verbs are
the standby of the present day pupil?"

Pupil: "Fecit, Gessit, and misit."

Every feller can't be wealthy;
Lots of folks must sti'l be poor,
Just one President is needed
At a time, you may be sure,

All the folks can't boss the railroads,
Or be in a Senate fight;
But each man can still be faithful
To his duty—and do it right.

L. Crites.

Vanity cannot Mold a True Lady.

REPRINTED FROM "THE PIECE
BAG" OF J. H. S. 1875.

Dear me! I do believe I have more
trials and tribulations than any one else
in existence. The grown-up folks are
continually saying, "I don't think I

should ever grumble about my lessons
or ever get any marks off if I only
had the chance of going to school
once more." But if the truth were known
I think our parents had their fun at
school as well as the present generation.

Ah well, I suppose it would be better
for me to look into my lessons before
school time. Algebra. Let X equal the
unknown quantity. I'm sure I'm willing
to do that. $X=2a+b$. $X=10$.

Well, there's one example done any-
way. I shan't have time to do any more.
Next comes this stupid old History. I sup-
pose it is all well enough to know who
discovered America and the date of
the Revolution and a few such things,
but when it comes to the reigns of
Sheshonk I and Shishak II, who ruled
before the flood, I don't see much sense
in it. Geography is rather interesting
when we don't have too long lessons,
but we generally do.

I don't believe I shall have time to get
this Geometry, for I have got quite a
number of notes to write in school. Ge-
ometry is outlandish any way. You have
all the trouble of trying to prove that
a line two inches long is equal to a line
three inches long and then you say,
"The less to the greater which is ab-
surd," and therefore something else.
Anything to bother the brains of school
girls.

I used to like Arithmetic better than I
do Geometry. But what a head Eaton
must have had to contain all his rules
and definitions. I wonder if he ate and
drank and slept like other people. I
dread the next examination for I must
make up my rank this month or go down.
I declare it's really provoking to see
some of the model scholars, perfect
paragons of excellence. When examina-
tion comes, they sit down as calm as a
basket of chips, and write off their an-
swers as nice as you please, while I have
to dig and rake and scrape my brains
to get a single idea.

There's the school bell and I have for-
gotten my excuse for yesterday's absence.
Five marks off for that, I suppose. Just
let me once graduate and I'll never look
into a school book again.

A FRIEND.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. Butterworth opens a singing
school this evening in the vestry of the
Methodist church to be held two evenings
in the week, Mondays and Fridays.
Terms one dollar.

