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BOOM THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

It is the Athletic Association that Keeps the Ball Rolling at Edinboro—Win or Lose, We are Proud of Our Team, Because Every Player is a Student—Are You a Member of the Association?



William T. McKelvey.

During the year 1910-11 William came and went in his quiet, unobtrusive manner without attracting much attention.

On November 10, 1912, he accidentally found that he possessed great talent as a barber. From that moment his popularity has steadily increased.

McKelvey was elected president of the Athletic Association 1912-13, and has been largely responsible for it's success.

It was due to his originality that "The Birch Rod" was founded, and he has managed the paper this year.

William's favorite study is plane Geometry. His ideal sport is lawn baseball. He has a liking for newspaper work and is fitting himself for that calling. He is employed for the summer as reporter for the "Bingville Bugle."

McKelvey is ambitious to become popular, and declares he will go to the San Francisco Exposition, 1915, on his honeymoon, to seek his fortune. Anyone who can plan so far ahead as that surely has a great future awaiting him.

Carlyn Blakeslee '14, second team football, first team baseball, Philo orchestra, is president of the Athletic Association, 1913-14.

Marian Judd.

Marian is one of our most popular Seniors. She has no enemies and her acquaintance becomes at once platonic friendship, with one exception. She has been secretary of the Athletic Association and Potter society, also vice president of the Senior class. It is pleasantly surprising how willingly and accurately she does the work during the president's absence, just as if they were destined to work together.

Marian enjoyed the work, attending the cabinet meetings regularly, always with a smile.

Let us place her among the world's work for women, where she can use her talents, for she has them in abundance. Marian is little but always in class.



John Krasinski.

Three years ago John enlisted in the ranks of the class of 1913. During his Junior year John "went early, sat close and stayed late." While in his Senior year he came forth in all his glory played the double roll and understood co-education. Friendship with John wears well because he makes "Good Fellowship" his fraternity in the chapter everlasting. Throughout his course he has been a "live wire" in the school organizations. For a long time he kept shy of politics but the lure of the office persuaded him to be nominated while popularity elected him treasurer of the Potter society and the Athletic Association. He fulfilled the offices to the interest of both, maintaining such a standard through his school spirit that words cannot praise it too highly. John has his troubles so his faults will not be mentioned. W. M.

Vincent Hays.

Have you seen him grin? That's Vincent. Very busy with his Y. M. C. A. reports, he is president now. His duties became greater forcing him to buy a large straw hat. He represented us well at Easton, where he acted as a Y. M. C. A. delegate, but,—he went to little old New York on the quiet, returning peacefully to Edinboro, as his football schedule for 1913 awaited him.



Jane Riblet.

The students have conferred the honor of secretary of the Athletic Association, 1913-14, upon Jane Riblet, '14. She comes to us from the Erie High School, and is one of our most popular and enthusiastic students. She played basketball on the Junior class team and is a loyal supporter of tennis. We are sure that the Athletic Association will be well represented in the school paper and receive just support for the coming year.

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Arthur Johnson.

Senior in Normal, 1913. Three years Clarendon High School. President of Middle Year class, 1911-12. President of Senior class, 1912-13. Football, 1911 and 1912. President of Potter society, winter term 1913. Y. M. C. A.

Everyone who knows Arthur likes him. He is one in whom good looks and brains are combined. His opinions are strong but fair. Arthur is full of life and ambition. It has been largely due to the ability of its president that the class of 1913 has been a strong class. By his earnest, sincere efforts Arthur has won the respect and admiration of both faculty and students.



Harold G. Hood.

Harold has had a very unusual career at the Edinboro Normal. Arriving here in the winter term of 1910 he has taken an active part in school activities ever since. He has played on the second baseball team for four years. Also Varsity basketball 1912 and 1913, and football 1912.

He has shown marked ability as coach. The Model school and Junior class under Hood's supervision won every game during the basketball season. Harold has shown the

proper athletic spirit, and has been cheer leader for the past year. In chapel, on the athletic field, at the station, anywhere, Harold is right there leading the cheering. He is a member of the orchestra, and a candidate for the tennis tournament,

The most striking characteristic of Harold's former school days was a peculiar mania for Latin and Algebra. With a strenuous effort of will power, he overcame this serious handicap and is now president of his class.



John Harbaugh.

Here is a man so intelligent and dignified that he is often mistaken for a Senior, but imagine the surprise of the new students upon learning that the Sophomores claim him. In spite of his dignified bearing, he is a jolly good fellow, ever ready for a frolic; his hearty laugh

is often heard across the campus. John seems very quiet and bashful when in the presence of girls, but we have very substantial evidence that he is fast overcoming this unnatural tendency. He is a very active and earnest member of the Y. M. C. A. and an enthusiastic advocate of missions.

He thoroughly believes in athletics and whenever there is anything to be done you may depend upon Harbaugh's help. He is assistant manager of "The Birch Rod," and will be manager next year. Considering his few faults and many virtues, where could the Sophomore class have found a better man for its president or the school a more devoted and loyal student?
E. H.



Hayes Proper.

Regardless of the fact that Hayes is only the president of the Freshman class and of very

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little importance in the eyes of the higher classmen, he still keeps the same cheerful smile. To hear Hayes talk one will never wonder that the Freshmen chose him for class president. He is often heard to remark, "Gee, I wish it was good skating." Surely it cannot be the ice, for after the many serious falls he has taken, it would have no attraction for him. Perhaps it is something else.

He is a great enthusiast at ball games and without Hayes' support the games would be of less interest to the infants in the Freshman class.

With a toast for the Freshman
And good luck for all,
We, the bravest of Seniors
Are awaiting our call.
So here's to the President
And here's to the class
With a hope that you all
May successfully pass.

A. A.



Robert Sabin.

At the beginning of the winter term a jovial young man enrolled in this school, in the Commercial department, who was destined to be one of the leading members of his class. As soon as the class was organized he was chosen class editor. This did not appease Mr. Sabin's literary desire so he entered the oratorical contest for the Lavery prize and won second place over the upper classmen.

He was enthusiastic in athletics and could be seen giving double support at nearly every basket ball game. His affections were soon aroused for the Sophomore class and especially one with whom he spent many of his leisure moments.

If the maxim, "by their works ye shall know them," is true we will expect to hear of Sabin in the legislature or even Congress after he has received his L. L. D. degree.

We were all disappointed when the spring term opened to find that Robert Sabin had not returned. We hope to see him enroll again next fall in dear old E. S. N. S.

H. P.

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This paper is entered as second-class mail matter at the postoffice at Edinboro, Pa.

EDITORIAL STAFF

EDITORS.....	Charles Marsh: Donald Richey
ATHLETIC EDITOR.....	Hubert Bentley
NEWS EDITOR.....	Alice Walker
ALUMNI EDITOR.....	Helen Whiting
MANAGER.....	William T. McKelvey
ASSISTANT MANAGER.....	John Harbaugh



Neff Cass.

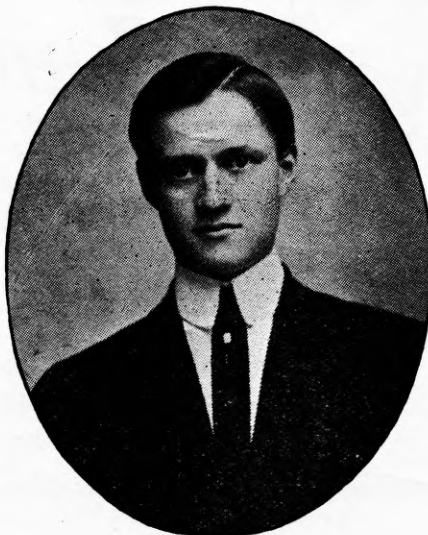
The energetic manager of the 1913 "Vita" came to the Normal from the small town of Harbor Creek. From his appearance one never would have suspected that he was a graduate of the Harbor Creek High School. However two years of Normal life have somewhat remedied this defect and he now appears as wise as a Senior should. But we are sorry to notice that Neff is losing his corpulency through his labors as manager of the "Vita."

Cass is very fond of Robert Burns. He may be heard frequently repeating the line, "I love my Jean." It has even been rumored that he was concerned in a plot to convert the Manual Training room into a match factory.

But Neff's energies are not entirely confined

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to the "Vita" or to poetry, for he has been a most faithful and loyal member of the Philo Literary Society. He is a member of the Philo orchestra and from his cornet sounds, "many a winding bout of linked sweetness long drawn out." R. K.



Hubert Bentley.

Hubert Bentley is a very popular young man at the Edinboro State Normal School. His popularity may partly be attributed to his perfect knowledge and correct use of the English language. But more particularly he is well known for his literary achievements. This is proved by the admirable work he has done as athletic editor for "The Birch Rod." His talent has not been altogether confined to this department. He has also shown himself a very humble and willing servant of his class. For how could anyone show class spirit in a more unselfish way than by denying himself the pleasures of baseball as well as the other social affairs, that the class of nineteen-thirteen might put out the best year book. He is working diligently as editor of the "Vita," and judging from his other literary productions, it will far excel the highest expectations of everyone.

Hubert thinks that after four years at State College he will go back to the farm. He has great teaching ability but vows that he is a natural shepherd and sure enough he is frequently seen strolling on the hillside with a Lamb by his side.

Harry Taylor.

This young Normalite is president of the Commercial course class. He was a Senior at Edinboro, '12.

We do not know why he refused to give his picture for this paper, we dare not say he was ashamed of his class or they would mob him. We can only say that he was too timid to have his picture in the paper although we saw his face in 1912 "Vita."

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Nina Swift.

Senior in Normal, 1913. Two years in Model School. Secretary of class 1911-1912. Vice president of Potter Literary Society, fall term. Secretary of Young Women's Christian Association, spring term 1911-1912. President of Young Women's Christian Association, fall term and winter term. Member of Athletic Association. Member of Bowlock Association.

"We looked into the great space of her heart, and behold, there was music within and a song, and echoes did feed on the sweetness, repeating it long."

The class of 1913 proudly records Miss Nina among its list of honored. Although she is a very unusual type of girl, we would not portray her as a poetical conception of a heroine. We find in her personality vastly more. We would rather say she is a woman monument who understands the delectable things of life, and keeps her heart rich with youthful tenderness. She is loyal to the highest interests of the Normal, and with unflinching integrity sustains the principles of christian philosophy.

We shall never forget her solos. Who has not thought of the "Arrow and the Song" as her voice falls like dew on a sleeping flower, over a listening audience? Such personalities make our lives richer, and the world better.

Esther Averill.

Esther Averill, as president of the Y. W. C. A. for the year 1913-14, is certainly capable of doing her duty. She is a conscientious young lady who tries to help those who have fallen in the hands of Giant Despair or have followed the path of wrong doing. She is an earnest worker in the Y. M. C. A. and does all in her power to make its meetings a success. Her personal appearance and actions are such as have won for her many friends, and make one glad to be in her company

An egg is a chicken—not yet.—Gil.

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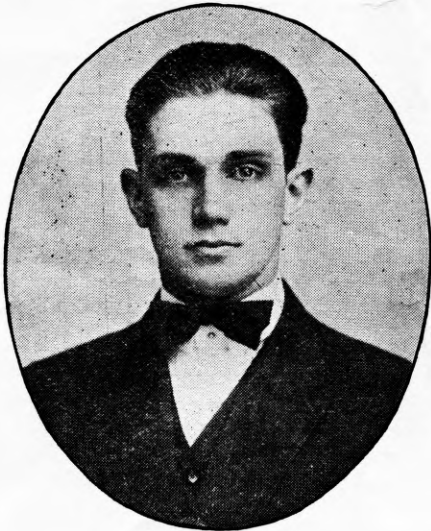
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Charles Scott.

The ability and integrity of this gentleman was recognized in the fall of 1911 when the Middle Year class elected him treasurer. During his Middle Year Scott performed all the duties that devolved upon him with so much credit that the leading literary society of the Normal, the Potter, chose him to the office of president for the fall term of 1912. The Y. M. C. A. was looking for a man to be its president, whom should they choose but our good friend, Scott.

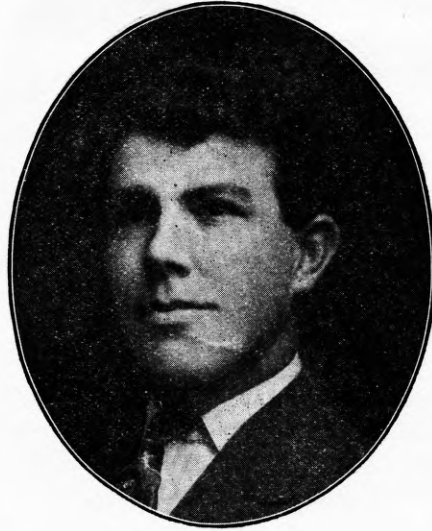
Scott's oratorical ability was manifested when he spoke for William H. Taft in the political contest last November. Scott's administrative ability was shown by the excellent manner in which he managed the basket ball team during the winter term, and as Potter editor he has fought valiantly for the Society's rights.

Excellent as all these qualifications are, Scott's greatest endowment is his pleasing personality and genial disposition. The writer believes as James Whitcomb Riley would express it, that God never did another thing all day after he had made Charles Scott only jest set around and felt good about it.

Q. V.

Brother Carl.

Obert, as you all know, is very fond of athletics. A few evenings ago Carl and a lady friend were out on the campus having a nice respectable little game of ball. The lady wished to gain a little reputation as a prize pitcher, so she let go one of her famous out-curves, and in fact I believe it did curve; I doubt if one of the New York Giants could have stopped it. It proved too much for Obert and had a bad effect on one of the windows in Science Hall. Obert says he was not to blame for he couldn't help it, but I think by the request made yesterday morning in Chapel that it will be necessary for him to report his athletic misfortunes hereafter.



Quincy Vincent.

Among the members of the Senior class there are few that are more prominent, popular and more highly respected by their fellow students and teachers than Quincy Vincent.

One of the most important factors leading to the popularity of Quincy is the fact that he is "The Daddy" of his class. He is a great lover of home and is rightly called "the happiest man" in school. He is an earnest, diligent student and a faithful member of the Y. M. C. A.

Quincy is specially gifted in literary work. He won first prize in the Lavery Oratorical Contest which consisted of a complete volume of Milton's works and five dollars in gold. He is president of Potter society for this term.

When it comes to business, Quincy has proved his efficiency by his satisfactory work as advertising manager of the year book. He has been chosen by the faculty as a Commencement speaker and will take a leading part in the Senior play.

In closing we will say, may his family and happiness increase with passing years.

"There is no pleasure like the pain of being loved and loving."—Proed.

C. S.

"Vita."

The School Annual is ready for the printer. Everybody is anxiously counting the days until it will be ready for the Book-Room. The Senior class is trying to leave a friendly remembrance of 1913 in the "Vita."

1813, Commodore Perry—"We have met the enemy and they are ours."

1913, Editor Bentley—"I have attacked the lion in his den and left him sleeping."

The Soph's, they love to titter,
And gaze on skies above;
Oh, how we'll miss their clatter,
We so their babble love.

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Charles Marsh.

Senior Normal 1913. Treasurer of Senior class, 1912-13. Commencement speaker. Editor of Birch Rod. President of Philo society, Fall Term. Football, 1912. Secretary of Y. M. C. A., 1912-13.

As president of the Philo society, Charles worked very earnestly and it was largely through his efforts that the contest was arranged. The enthusiasm which Charles instilled in our school paper is not only remarkable but it reflects much credit on the editor. A person who can do as much outside of his regular work and still keep a good class record is worthy of note. Since we are perfectly sure that everything Charles undertakes will progress at the speed of "his scared jack-rabbit," we are quite positive that he will make good in everything he attempts. E. W.



Charles L. White.

In the fall of 1910 there came to school a student although rather gooking he was green as grass. He is now our very popular senior, Charles White.

Charles is a good student and one of our best athletes. Having distinguished himself as

football h. b., basketball c., and baseball c. f. It has been said of him:

"Den old Charley White
Was der next fellow up,
He looked ot dat pitcher
Like as he'd eat 'im up.

Den he see'd dat ball comin,
It looked like von streak;
But 'e swatted de cow-'ide
Almost to der creek.

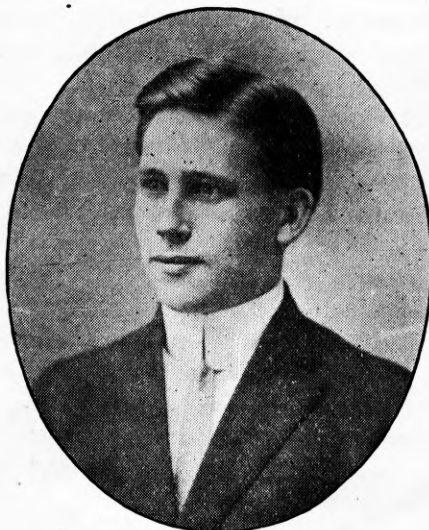
Der bat vas in splinters,
But faht did 'e care?
He brot in four runs
Widout mussin 'is hair."

Charles has great literary talent, as shown by the excellence of his orations. He was chosen by his class as Commencement speaker.

We felt sorry for him when he joined Philo, that he should be so misled. But he made good and was president of the society last term.

I have found Charles to be an amiable companion and schoolmate, he can cure the blues on the darkest day. The absence of his smiling face casts a gloom over the whole class room.

It has been rumored that he is learning to be a Fisher(man), we all hope that he will succeed. N. C.



Donald Richey.

Donald came from Plum High School, and took Junior examinations in the spring of 1911. During the year 1911-12, Donald kept steadily, quietly and conscientiously at work. He maintained a wonderful scholastic record.

During the present year he played on the football team, was vice-president of the Young Men's Christian Association, editor of this paper, and now is president of Philo Society.

The course at the Normal has wonderfully transformed this industrious student. He no longer is the timid, bashful chap that we used to see, but is transformed into a modest young gallant who firmly believes in co-education.

His very misfortune has increased his happiness. Ever since he has been swallowed up by the Wells, he has been able to wear a smile without first adjusting it before the glass—an excellent habit to cultivate.

The pictures for the special student number were chosen on the following basis:

Class Presidents—Arthur Johnson, '13; Harold Hood, '14; John Harbaugh, '15; Hays Proper, '16.

Officers of the Athletic Association for 1912-13—William McKelvey, president; Marion Judd, secretary; John Krasinski, treasurer.

Managers of the Athletic Teams for 1912-13—Charles White, football; Charles Scott, basketball; Fay Daley, baseball.

Presidents of the Literary Societies—Charles Scott, Charles Marsh, fall term; Arthur Johnson, Charles White, winter term; Quincy Vincent, Donald Richey, spring term.

Presidents of the Christian Associations—Nina Swift, Charles Scott.

Winners in the Oratorical Contest—Quincy Vincent, Robert Sabin.

Manager and Editor of the Year Book—Neff Cass, Hubert Bentley.

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Fay Daley.

Always busy and always has lots to do and yet I think that he seems busier than he really is.

Fay entered the Freshman class during the fall term 1911. He was class editor and assistant manager of baseball that year. Fay is very ambitious and has a good start on the road to failure. He is manager of the baseball team, president of the Bowlock association, class editor, exchange editor for the "The Birch Rod," treasurer of Y. M. C. A., member of Potter society, and played on second team football and class basketball. Fay is an expert in manual training, winning first prize last year. He has shown considerable taste in design work, especially for the "Vita." He has genuine school spirit and I think if everyone was as enthusiastic as Fay there would be no more need of Chapel lectures,



Have you ever seen this? If not, keep your eyes open. It is a familiar sight at E. S. N. S.

School Spirit.

There is not much use of constantly harping at the students about school spirit through the school paper. Not over one-half of the students are subscribers, and probably not over one-third of those who do subscribe will have time to read this stuff.

Oh, yes, the students support athletics! That is, some of them do. But not as many as should. We are sure that very few students, and none of the teachers, read the last number, because the paths are still wearing well, and the flag is not up.



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