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A THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

(By the President)

We approach that season of the year when it has been the custom of the American People to give thanks for the good fortune which the bounty of Providence, through the generosity of nature, has visited upon them. It is altogether a good custom. It has the sanction of antiquity and the admiration of our religious convictions. In acknowledging the receipt of Divine favor, in contemplating the blessings which have been bestowed upon us we shall reveal the spiritual strength of the nation.

The nation has been marked by a continuation of peace whereby our country has entered into a relationship of better understanding with all the other nations of the earth. Ways have been revealed to us by which we could perform very great service through the giving of friendly council, through the exercise of a spirit of neighborly kindness to less favored peoples. We should give thanks for the power which has given into our keeping, with which we have been able to render these services to the rest of mankind.

At home we have continually had an improving state of the public health. The production of our industries has been large and our harvests have been bountiful. We have been remarkably free from disorder and remarkably successful in all those pursuits which flourish during a state of domestic peace. An abundant prosperity has overspread the land. We shall do well to accept them to the service of the righteous cause of the Giver of all good and perfect gifts. As the nation has prospered, let all the people show that they are worthy to prosper by rededicating America to the service of God and man.

Therefore I, Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States of America, hereby proclaim and fix Thursday, the 27th day of November, as a day for national thanksgiving. I recommend that the people gather in their places of worship and at the family alters, and offer up their

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"HONORABLE MENTION" ACCORDED ESSAYISTS

The students of Pine City High School will be glad to hear of the fact that Stazie Polivka, '24 and Lambert Beery received "honorable mention" in the National essay contest put on by the W. C. T. U. last year. The contest was open to Juniors and Seniors of the high schools and was put on for the purpose of waging war against smoking and the use of intoxicating liquors. "Smoking and High School Scholarships" and "Total Abstinence and Modern Industrial Organization" were the themes upon which the essayists contended.

ASSEMBLY HAILS ANOTHER VACATION

Another vacation will begin next Thursday, November 27, as it is Thanksgiving, and school will be closed on both Thursday and Friday.

Everyone is day-dreaming, and it is supposed that their thoughts are undoubtedly about the turkey, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie and the rest of the things of which a Thanksgiving dinner consists. Perhaps next Monday some of the students will be sent from school on account of eating too much turkey on Thanksgiving Day.

ASSEMBLY OBSERVES ELECTION DAY

Election day, November 4, was observed in P. C. H. S. by having an election there also. Ballots were cast by each pupil, and the results of the vote indicated that Coolidge was the choice of the student body. The following were found to be the results for each office:

President	Republican—Coolidge—83
Democrat—Davis—11	
Progressive—LaFollette—35	
Senator	
Schall—79	
Johnson—42	
Farrell—7	
Keeffe—1	
Birmingham—1	
Governor	
Christianson—86	
Olson—34	
Avery—8	
Lieutenant-Governor	
Nolan—80	
Holmes—44	
Sch'lpin—6	
Sec'y of State	
Holm—98	
Stageberg—24	
Halverson—6	
State Treasurer	
Rines—88	
Berg—29	..
Rhyndl—9	
Attorney General	
Hilton—77	
Sullivan—37	
Bell—14	
Ware House Commissioner	
Matson—84	
Smith—31	
Lanin—12	
Congress 10th District	
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NEW FURNITURE A H. S. IMPROVEMENT

The high school building has been refitted with furniture during the last two weeks. The old chairs in the language room, which fairly made the pupils groan in misery on beholdng their marring surface, have been removed and replaced with the most comfortable chairs imaginable. These

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JUNIOR BENEFIT SHOW A SUCCESS

As a result of real salesmanship the Juniors succeeded remarkably in swelling the crowds November 13th and 14th at the Family Theatre, where the feature picture "Little Robinson Crusoe," Jackie Coogan's latest production, was being shown.

Oh well—"tis no longer a secret—the Juniors have been burning the midnight oil devising plans whereby their class treasury might be increased.

The Juniors will testify that they are richer by a neat little sum and herewith wish to express their thanks for the splendid patronage of their fellow schoolmates. Many thanks to Mr. Turner.

RAPID PROGRESS MADE IN B. B.

Basket Ball practice started November third, but the coach has just been putting the boys through light drill, as: shooting, pivoting, passing etc. On Monday night, November seventeenth, the boys got down to real work and had a short scrimmage. Most of the boys have their shooting eye back in old form, but in scrimmage, showed that they need good hard workouts to get into form.

The scrimmage, although very short, was also very rough, but before the first game, a very smooth working combination should be worked up. Coach Budzinski made it understood that this is going to be a year of hard work and that if the boys did not want to work hard and cooperate to make this year's team a success, the gym would be no place for them. The fellows are all showing a fine spirit of cooperation, and it is hoped that this spirit will be kept during the whole year.

Now as long as the fellows who are working hard to develop a good team have the spirit, there is no reason why the school should not be behind them 100 per cent.

Howard Buirge will have charge of the pep meetings this year, and also will take charge during the games. He is planning on getting started sometime in the near future, so as to have a wonderful team of "Yellers" by the time the first game comes around—December 5th. If anybody has any new yell to donate, please give them to Howard as soon as possible.

LINDSTROM—DEC. 5TH
LET'S GO!
100 Per Cent STRONG

GIRLS DECIDE FOR BASKET BALL TEAM

Are you going to play basket ball? That is the question now being broadcasted round the assembly. The reason prompting the question is that the girls are going to have a team again this year.

Now as every one knows in order to make a success in any field of

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HALLOWE'EN FEATURED IN SENIOR PARTY

Every Junior who was in the high school on Tuesday evening, October Twenty-eight, was certainly pleasantly entertained by the Seniors at the Hallowe'en party. Although the shrill screams of young women prevailed during the evening, it was quite evident that these outbursts were not unpleasant for when the lights flashed on after a few moments of darkness, everyone was laughing.

Everything was "spooky" from the beginning. At the doorway stood two ghosts to receive the guests. Their handshake was by no means warm, but they greeted everyone as heartily as ghosts are able. The hallway was dark and one had to walk very carefully for fear he might step on some hidden ghost. They all assembled in the assembly-room first, then went down to the library where most of the murders of the evening had been carried out.

"Spike" Therrien gave a speech, in which he stated that several parts of a dissected cat were to be passed about. He ordered everybody to form a large circle; then the light went out. First came the poor kitty's tail, then his foot. Dissected is right! Next came his stomach. This brought a dozen screams and one could never tell what else, for it was dark. Horrors! Even his eyes and his heart. Someone might have fainted, it isn't certain, but when his blood was passer the screams grew louder. Then they passed the cat's kidneys. That was the climax and someone saved the lives of a great many young ladies by turning on the lights.

A number of other games were played and enjoyed. Miss Huff and Miss Bingenheimer told ghost stories to the group gathered in the ghostly lighted room.

After the weird and superstitious feeling had subsided, the "partyers" danced in the hall until supper time.

The sewing room was decorated in Hallowe'en colors and the tables were arranged and decorated for the banquet. Fruit salad, sandwiches, cake and coffee were served, and everyone talked and laughed and enjoyed the lunch immensely.

The banquet over, everyone dispersed, having had a very enjoyable Hallowe'en.

EDUCATIONAL WEEK

OBSERVED IN H. S.

American Education Week was observed this year the week of November seventeenth to twenty-first.

On Monday Hon. J. Adam Bede spoke on the constitution telling us of its importance and greatness. In discussing a summary of the three departments of our government and their powers. Also, Mr. Bede, told of the last proposed amendment. As most of the pupils were not acquainted with it, he stated it, gave its meaning, discussed it and gave his personal view of it.

Tuesday, Patriotism Day, was observed

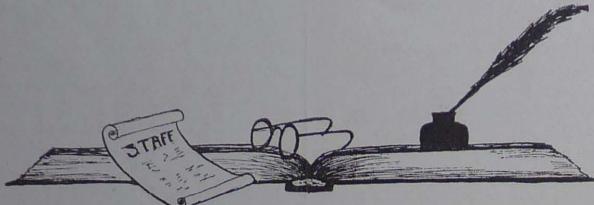
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THANKSGIVING

What a great many things we have to be thankful for in our grand little high school! Most of us forget the practical benefit we are getting out of high school and only think gloomily about the future. But along about Thanksgiving time, when all the people turn their heads and give up a prayer in thanksgiving for the joys and sorrows of the year, then it is time for us also to be thankful that we have such a wonderful high school in our possession and have the best means possible for obtaining a lasting education.

And even if we don't consider the high school as a whole, we can look through and study it more deeply and contrast its individual merits and advantages. Let us consider the feeling of friendship that prevails in our assembly. Isn't that very much to be thankful for? When someone comes up and pats you on the shoulder and calls you "friend" most likely grasping your hand and shaking the very atmosphere of gloom out of your soul, don't you feel so full and bubbling over with pleasure that you could shout with merriment? Can't you feel that voice within your soul that keeps telling you, that if there is nothing else, there is at least that to be thankful for? What could be more desirable to us than that friendly atmosphere?

Did you ever notice in our assem-

bly how common everybody is? Why, there is not the least bit of factionalism, look in whatever direction you may choose. The Seniors do not feel any better than the humblest Freshman and the lower classmen are just as popular as any others, many times, more popular. What could be more inviting to co-operation and union in high school? What could tend more to increase the value of our high school days which are altogether too short? That very fact tends to squeeze into our high school days a vast and almost incomprehensible field of knowledge.

Then we have our teachers to be thankful for; they who are ever willing to help us in our problems, who toil with us hand in hand in our eager pursuit of knowledge. Without them our labors would be in vain and futile would be our efforts to cast off the robe of darkness that surrounds us.

Let us be thankful for these and a thousand other blessings that have so liberally bestowed upon us so that when we wish future blessings we will have paid for the old and will have settled our accounts with our God and Master.

THE PLODDER

How often every one of us has heard some friend or classmate wish that he could be "smart"—that school work would come easy for him—that it would be unnecessary for him to

"dig!" Perhaps neither your friend nor yourself have thought very deeply concerning that future of the "plodder" in relation to that of the person possessing a quick, brilliant, mind.

Ask yourself the question, "Which is most likely to succeed, the plodder, or the genius? Which will do the most for mankind?"

Let us ask history; her pages are filled with the names of the men who have helped the world grow better and better all through the ages. What of Lincoln? Does history tell us that he was child prodigy? No. Of course, he showed sterling traits of character while still young; but that cannot change the picture given by history of the boy Lincoln reading his books by the flickering light of the open fire; studying when he got a chance, and always making the best of his opportunities. On and on he plodded always to higher and better things; until he was hailed as the savior of his country. Yes, the plodder gave thousands of his fellowmen that greatest of all gifts: Freedom.

On the other hand, look at Napoleon, one of the world's greatest geniuses. What did he, with all his wonderful talents and his over-powering personality, contribute to mankind? Ambition made him use his God-given genius for the destruction of Europe, while the author of the distress died a lonely exile in St. Helena.

In citing the instances of Napoleon and Lincoln I do not mean that all men of genius fail as miserably as Napoleon, or succeed so wonderfully as did Lincoln; but every one should know that the steady slow plodder often succeeds in bettering his fellowmen to a more marked degree than his more brilliant and witty friend who does not know what real work means; and hence, skims over the vital things of life!

Student Opinion

A DREAM

If dreams proved true in every case, without doubt, we all would endeavor to dream of the goal found in the expression, "I dreamed I got on the Honor Roll."

But, nine times out of ten, dreams remain unrealized. Don't be entirely discouraged, classmates, if you do not attain the distinction which Honor Roll of any school proclaims.

Every institution, no matter whether it is in the educational line or the business world itself, is divided into two outstanding classes—those who care and those who do not.

Permit me to give a summary in which I shall visualize the reasons why such a large percent of these two classes, as a whole, fail to "get on."

If a pupil, or any one in fact, is indifferent to the progress of the work in which he is engaged, there is no use whatsoever of his wasting time on that occupation—let him pass on to something else.

But the problem which confronts us now is "Why don't a greater majority of this other division obtain the desired recognition?"

A multitude of answers pour into the range of my mental eye. Among

the most important of these are the well worn ones. Suppose I pick these to pieces and see whether one is justified in making any of these statements.

First: "I'm not smart enough." Don't lose confidence in yourself. I know it's extremely discouraging, but it isn't that you haven't a store of brains locked up within. Not always do the "brilliant" retain their knowledge as well as the ones who are "pegging" along at a more thorough pace, perhaps.

Secondly: "A stroke of bad luck." How often that happens! Because of illness, perchance, or by some other disastrous luck.

Third: "They show too much partiality." This happens at times even among the best of teachers.

Fourth: "A little misunderstanding." Often times a slight misconception between teacher and pupil will cause "the great" to fall.

Fifth: "I've been feeling dull." Don't we all frequently lose heart in our work and feel like throwing our books? We are unjustified in this emotion.

Sixth: "Not enough rest." This may be justifiable in some cases, but more often it is not. Wee hours of the morning and good school work do not agree very well for some reason. Why is it?

Seventh: "I can't study where I am." Seldom does a day pass but what I hear this favorite. We get our desks changed—for better and for worse. We are the tormentors at times, and then again we are the tormented. So it stands about six to one and a half a dozen to the other. I will say, however, that environment has a great deal to do with our powers of concentration.

Eighth: "Everything gets on my nerves." Here is one that is exceedingly overwhelming. It would be easy—life would—if we could get along without having those little live wires set on a "strike" every once in a while. What is their object? I'm sure it's beyond me to give an exact explanation. We all have our own particular form and cause of nervousness. It is something that can't be conquered completely—circumstances or our general make-up prevent our doing so.

Do you make any of these expressions or similar ones? Are you justified in doing so? Why don't you succeed in gaining public distinction via the Honor Roll? Some times it seems wrong to be justified, doesn't it? However if deep down within you, you feel that you have honestly done your best and still haven't succeeded, aren't you more thoroughly "thrilled", so to speak; doesn't a deeper satisfaction grasp your mental quietude?

Yes, it is agreed that the Honor Roll is a high goal, a worthy ambition, a product obtained by diligent work. We congratulate those who have succeeded and extend a hand of encouragement and sincere welcome to those who are still struggling bravely to guide their work into the lighter channel.

JUST CONSIDERATION

We appreciate the attitude and spirit of the grade school in matters pertaining to The Pinnacle and here-with show our appreciation by pub-(Continued on Page Four)

SENIOR NOTES

Much interest was created in the English IV class when the class debated on the subject, "Resolved, that Hamlet was Mad." Interesting points were brought up and several excellent arguments carried on. It was a regular puzzle to the end as to which side would be victorious. The affirmatives finally carried off this honor.

The American History studied by this '24-'25 class seems slightly advanced and more up to the present than other classes have been, or on the other hand, the class may have more enlightened ideas. Our instructor was informed the other day that during the Revolutionary War messages were sent between the English generals, by means of the telephone.

If only the number of accidents in Chemistry class would diminish! Only the other day, while our kind instructor, Mr. Budzinski was performing an experiment, the electrolysis of water, for the class, the current became so strong and the action so violent that it caused one of our Senior sisters to leave the class practically bare-foot. We hope another such catastrophe will never occur, as the high cost of living is terrible, and stocking prices will rise like everything else.

The Literary Digest topics taken up by the Senior class prove very interesting as well as instructive. We learn not only of the debatable questions in our own country but we learn also of the policies and conditions of the European countries. Miss Huff announced to the class that Tuesday would be set aside for these topics.

Book reports were written in class Friday, November 21. The next report will be due sometime between now and the Christmas holidays.

The Chemistry class has discussed a problem involving Avogadro's Hypothesis for two days and it is still unsettled so they propose to carry it to the Supreme Court.

ALUMNI NOTES

Myron Allen was home the latter part of October for a few days visit. Catherine Hawley was home over the week end following M. E. A. She is teaching at Rosemount again this year.

Lucille Gottry and Mildred Sobotka who are attending the University of Minnesota, spent the week end of the 5th, visiting with their friends and parents.

Galen Weinberger, who is attending St. Thomas, spent a few days visiting here during the first part of the month.

Stazie Polivka was up from Macalester for a few days visit with friends and parents.

Harry Petschel came home over the week end of the fifteenth. He is working at the Crane Co. in Minneapolis.

Edmund Klicker will remain home this winter.

Catherine Poferl, who is teaching primary at Sandstone was home over the week-end of the 15th.

"Sky" Wilcox, attending Macalester, came home for a visit over the week-end of the 15th, with his parents.

"Ducky" Brandes who is attending the University, visited over the week end of the 15th, at the home of his wife's parents, the J. E. Therriens.

J. J. JUNIORS

The most important item of this column for this month is the appreciation which the Juniors extend to the Seniors for the entertainment they rendered us the evening of Oct-28th.

By the encouraging voice in which Mr. Budzinski called the General History students' attentions to the fact that they would be obliged to take an additional six weeks' test, we gain the impression that red ink will undoubtedly be more expensive for awhile.

The English III class have been studying the growth of American Literature, and are at present striving to grasp the fundamentals of good speaking.

"A little more 'pep' wouldn't do it any harm," eh, Cicero class? But we'll have to admit, I believe, that as a whole we've improved somewhat over the last period.

It is understood that the members of the Physics class relish Six Weeks' Tests by the "ohs" and "ahs" that greeted Mr. Budzinski when he announced the date of the next test.

"Make 'em short and then still more short," will be the theme of the daily work in Shorthand I class from now on.

SOPHOMORE NOTES

The Sophomores are now studying Julius Caesar.

Name	Pet Expression	Weakness
Marie Saxon	Oh Bill	Studying
Melba Wiley	Holy Cow	Pompadours
Mildred Therrien	Oh Moses	Giggling
Libbie Polivka	Jerry	Cesar
Gertrude Cummings	Got your	
	Caesar	Dancing

Geraldine Wiley	Ditto	Her Laugh
Helen Carlson	Oh Buster	Passing
		Notes

Lillian Cherrier	Goin to the	
	dance	Boys

Ben Cummings	The Sheik	
	Freshman Girls	

Katherine Kaim	My John!	Cars
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Myrtle Beverly	Gee, he's cute	
	Dancing	

Sigurd Dyrland	Oh Gladys	His Dimple
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George Wiseman	That Little	
	Girl of Mine	His Feet

Helen Beery	Ya Sure	Piano
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TEACHER TRAINING NOTES

The girls are having practice teaching in the second and fifth grades at present. They observed in these classes Monday.

Monday and Tuesday mornings, we spent at the High School, as talks befitting educational week were given by Hon. J. Adam Bede, and Mr. Hurley.

Mr. Miller, County Superintendent of Schools, visited the department last week. He told the class a very interesting story which everyone enjoyed immensely.

A number of the Teacher Training girls put their knowledge of book mending to good advantage one Saturday, by coming up to the department, and helping a rural teacher mend her library books.

The girls each spent one entire day visiting a rural school, while Miss Huff was at the M. E. A. convention.

The girls are working on gifts which will be appropriate for Christmas, and which the grade children can make. An exhibit of these will be given soon, for the benefit of the rural teachers.

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EXCHANGES

The students of the P. C. H. S. take this opportunity to welcome their old friends, the exchanges from other schools, and to express their appreciation of the value to be received there from. We hope our paper may prove as beneficial to them as their's have to us.

Among our new friends this year we have, "The School Breeze," Ren-ville, Minn., and "The Tattler," Windom Minn. We hope that before the close of the year we may find many more new friends in all parts of the country. Our list now contains papers from Alaska as well as from all corners of the U. S.

The Lake Breeze eekly—

Your "As You Think" column is a very good idea; it brings out the student opinion.

The Needle—

You have an interesting paper, some very clever jokes.

The Magnet—

You have some peppy editorials. It shows there is interest back of your paper. z

A THANKSGIVING**PROCLAMATION**

(Continued from Page One) thanks for the goodness which has been shown to them in such a multitude of ways. Especially I urge them to supplicate the Throne of Grace that they may gather strength from their tribulations, that they may gain humility from their victories, that they may bear without complaining the burdens that shall be placed upon them, and that they may be increasingly worthy in all ways of the blessings that shall come to them.

In witness thereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the great seal of the United States.

Done at the City of Washington, this 5th day of November, in the year of our Lord 1924, and of the independence of the United States 149th.

CALVIN COOLIDGE

By the President.

CHARLES E. HUGES,
Secretary of State.

**GIRLS DECIDE FOR
BASKET BALL TEAM**

(Continued from Page One) athletics it is necessary to have "backing." That doesn't mean just twelve or fifteen girls coming down to practice, nor does it mean support by the girls alone; but it does mean good solid backing by every member of the High School, including students and faculty.

The girls are to be given two nights a week for practice Monday and Wednesday. Miss Van Buskirk, one of the grade teachers, is going to coach. All the girls, whether intending to play basket ball or not, are requested to attend this meeting for the future success of the team depends largely upon the spirit of alliance and cooperation of the girls. The attitude all the girls should show to this enterprise is expressed in the words of one of the girl athletes, "Girls, if you can't play, be present any way and show us that you are interested in the athletics of your school."

**NEW FURNITURE A
H. S. IMPROVEMENT**

(Continued from Page One) have such an effect on the Latin students that instead of fleeing from the room at the end of the period they fain would keep their seats to enjoy, longer, their comfort.

At the front of the assembly in place of the battle scarred and time-worn desk which so long was there, is an expensive desk of very modern type which so much changes the appearance of the assembly that the students can hardly keep their eyes off it long enough to study. This is a gift of the Class of '24. It is hoped that it shall see many a year before it is cast aside.

As one enters the building from the front of the building he notices the most efficient extractor of school spirit that could be contrived. It is a trophy case manufactured by the manual training class of last year and which is crowded with trophy cups. We all hope this fine addition of furniture will last until it burst under the strain of trophy cups won by the boys of Pine City High.

All of the pupils in the school greatly appreciate this new furniture and it is hoped that they will not misuse it but will leave it unmarred for future students to enjoy as well as themselves.

**ASSEMBLY OBSERVES
ELECTION DAY**

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Goodwin—88

Brewer—31

Hicks—8

Judge of District Court

Hurley—108

Stolberg—24

Representative Legislature

Therrien—118

Stein—11

County Commissioner

Wilcox—103

Anderson—21

AN APPRECIATION

(Continued from Page Three) lishing this essay from the fifth grade. We look for more of such contributions.

WHAT THE MOON SAW

The moon shone bright on the earth. It was very still except for joyful cries of children. The moon peered into the window. The room was full of children dressed as ghosts, witches, and brownies.

The room was dark, and lighted only by the light of the Jack-o-lanterns. They were telling tales of old Hallowe'en. The moon saw many dark clouds. She knew that was a sign of a coming storm.

The door of the house opened. The children ran in every direction to play pranks on people.

The children forgot to shut the door. A few Jack-o-lanterns that the children did not need were left in the room. The wind came through the open door and blew the Jack-o-lanterns out.

The children one and all trooped into their houses.

The moon saw in the east the faint glimmer of dawn.

—Margaret Karsky
Fifth Grade

FRESHMEN NOTES

Latin I is hard but General Science is harder—at least rougher—judging from the explosions that are produced there. However, the plucky Freshmen mean to last out the year unless seriously injured.

"Latin is a bumpy subject," said a Freshman, as he picked up the fragments of the record he had broken when he fell down and hit a 14 in a vocabulary test.

"English I is not a healthy subject," said Harold Schmidt. "I swallowed my Literary Digest trying to pronounce the words and it does not improve my digestion, either."

The boys in the Manual Training class keep making lots of sawdust and lots of noise.

**EDUCATIONAL WEEK
OBSERVED IN H. S.**

(Continued from Page One) served by another talk. This was given by Mr. Michael Hurley. He also brought in the constitution in his message, and showed the views of foreigners toward it. By his talk the students were inspired to always be true, patriotic Americans.

The school enjoyed both talks immensely, and is very grateful to these men for giving all the opportunity to hear them.

Friday was visitor's day in our school, when the friends and parents came to visit one of the Nations greatest institutions—THE SCHOOL.

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