

ALUMNI OBSERVATION

The look of approval on the faces of old and young alike when Mr. Tiedgen in his remarks said, "The young people of today are just as fine and just as promising as they ever have been." With so much pessimism in the air regarding our young people it does one good to hear the optimistic side. We believe educators are all optimistic regarding young people, because they understand them. If some of our pessimists could only remember when they were young and their grandfathers and grandmothers were deploring the follies of youth. Let's stop knocking and try boosting!

In going over the Alumni roll we find quite a few of the older members whose children are also V. H. S. graduates.

Seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boyd have diplomas from V. H. S. which is a fine and unique record: Alec (deceased) in '16, Jennie '19, Lois '21, Alice '23, Hilda '25, Gertrude '28, Clifford '29.

The presence of Dr. George A. Parmenter '89, his son George Jr. an attorney at St. Johns, and his daughter Helen who has been attending the University of Michigan, was very pleasing to all. The '89 class motto was "Onward to the Goal." Dr. Parmenter delivered their class prophecy predicting where his classmates might be a quarter of a century hence, little thinking he would be present at their fortieth anniversary. He was also the first President of the Alumni association organized in '91, with thirty-six of the thirty-nine members present. They spent from four until eight one fine June day on the spacious lawn of Mr. H. S. Dickinson and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Church with games and a social time followed by a banquet and organization at the Chapel.

Among the guests not mentioned elsewhere were Mrs. Tiedgen and daughter of Detroit, Mrs. Clarence Martin of Cleveland, Mrs. Jonea Martin of Battle Creek, Mrs. L. P. Lamb of Lansing, Edgar Bly of St. Joe, Miss Grieve of Coopersville, Leon Bosworth and daughter of Shaytown, Mrs. Dwight Davis of Jackson, Hale Sackett of Nashville and Mrs. M. Mahar of Hastings.

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The inspiration of an Alumni meeting at the new school building brought together the largest gathering of the association in recent years at least.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Bessie B. Granger, Earl Gehman, secretary read the minutes of the June '28 meeting which were approved, as read.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. Gladys Brown Garlinger.

Vice Pres.—Mrs. Prudence Remalte Dodgson.

Sec'y—Mrs. Ethel Sprague McLaughlin.

Treasurer—Paul Tubbs.

The program in charge of Mrs. Ruth Hallenbeck opened with a piano solo—By the Brookside, Tours, by Wilma Bell Kamlensky. The welcome to the class of '29 was given by Irene Zemke and the response by Martha Zemke.

Mr. Fred A. Tiedgen of Detroit Superintendent of Vermontville schools in 1900 to 1904 was the next speaker of the evening and his "Reminiscences" were very interesting. Mr. Tiedgen said he was especially delighted at being here for the first meeting in the new building. He has tried other lines of work but has been in the school work again for some time and is on the teaching staff at Highland Park, Detroit. His talk was much enjoyed especially by former pupils.

Dr. Garfield A. Inwood of Chicago, who followed Mr. Tiedgen as superintendent, 1904—1908, was the next speaker who gave an interesting review of "Vermontville as he remembered it first." The influence of these two men had much to do with the molding of the characters of our young people in the early 1900's and their presence at Alumni was thoroughly enjoyed.

Douglas Dorman, son of Harley and Emma Powers Dorman, sang two songs: "I Hear You Calling Me" and "The Desert Song."

Dr. George A. Parmenter '89 of Petoskey, the only one of his class present to celebrate their 40th anniversary was the next speaker. He gave reminiscences of his high school days relating some very interesting anecdotes. His attendance at this meeting was much appreciated by all.