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DISCOURAGEMENT

Discouragement is death to success. Though we cannot avoid occasional periods when our undertakings look dark and seem impossible, yet we can avoid yielding to them. By giving up we are sure to lose. Some of our students will know well enough the feeling of discouragement, and it is just now they need to exert all their powers to resist the feeling. It is true many of you have worked under difficulties and discouraging conditions, and you deserve and do receive sympathy; but to give up without a fierce fight when the critical time approaches will forfeit all you have gained. He is, indeed, a weak, cowardly soldier who in times of peace enjoys the comfort and ease of a quiet barracks life deserts at the approach of a battle. How we despise such a character. Stay with the undertaking until your last effort fails, and if it must be a defeat take it bravely. Then even the loss will be gain in character.

The battles that have meant most in the history of the world have been those which were won under the hardest, most discouraging conditions—battles where the victorious army entered knowing that they were outnumbered and outclassed and knowing that the only hope was in a higher power which would cause the right to prevail, and they trusting that power, fought with unconquerable will. Will and determination, with faith that things must come right even against the greatest odds, is now your hope. You have been sick, you have had to do double duty, your eyes have been weak, you came in late, in some cases your regular classwork has been seriously interrupted, and many other things have come in the way to prevent your advancement. Yes, it does look big. But what a glorious battle it would seem to an old fighter! Why, the very element of the impossible would be just the spur to him. Be the fighter.

One point you probably do not realize. Your feeling of hopeless discouragement not only hinders you, but is a detriment to those who have their own fight to make. One blue, despondent student may hinder the entire class while he or she has the power through bright hopefulness to create the winning spirit, thereby saving the situation in the crisis. Now if you are one of those students facing discouragement, force

that discouraging thought out of the mind and put in its place the hope, the expectation of winning, and grimly fight to the last. In any event you will win in that which counts heavily—strong manhood or womanhood.

LITERARY SOCIETIES

EXCELSIOR

Last Wednesday evening the members of the Excelsior Literary Society met and held a brief, snappy meeting. Each member responded with a quotation. The members on the program showed signs of preparation which indicated they take an interest.

Opening Address	- - - -	John Murray
Recitation	- - - -	Ivan Anderson
Current Events	- - - -	Earl Nuckolls
Sketch	- - - -	Gabriel Anderson
Song	- - - -	Society
Question Box	- - - -	Society
Closing Remarks	- - - -	Reginald Downie

WINONA

The program which was rendered by the Winona Society was prepared by the eight and ninth grades and it was the best, by far, that has been given this year.

Because of illness, the previous president and vice-president were forced to resign. Laura Squiqui was elected president and Rose Simmons vice-president. The society expects to have a very successful winter's work under such able leaders.

Program

Opening Address	- - - -	Marion McClusky
Song—Stars of the Summer Night	- - - -	Twelve Girls
Recitation	- - - -	Nellie Metcalf
Current Events	- - - -	Veltha Frazier
Song	- - - -	Julia Mills, Marie Shaishnikoff, Elizabeth Rainville, Rose Simmon
Reading—Say No	- - - -	Amy Weston
Mandolin and Guitar Duet	- - - -	Marina Nelson, Laura Squiqui
Reading	- - - -	Julia Gromoff
Jokes	- - - -	Sarah Blodgett
Remarks	- - - -	Advisor