

**THE UNWILLING STUDENT**

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you that they are not good ones. Perhaps they are for the convenience of many others.

Don't think that the management of the school can cater to about 650 individual tastes and wishes. Things are ordered for the good of the majority concerned.

Don't forget that the way to be cheerful is to pass a cheerful word along to your companions. With each one thus radiating good cheer what a happy school we shall have.

Don't think that because you have heard all this before it is not necessary to repeat it. These subjects are so important that they bear repetition many times.

Don't forget these things.

**TO SAVE SHOES**

It is not merely the "cobbler" that the working women miss, but the father who used to mend the children's boots, by way of a pastime, in their spare time in the evenings, says the London Chronicle. The women are now being taught to cobble, and a certain amount of cobbling must still be done. But why should the children not run barefoot in summer?

Eve was reputedly barefoot, and Nausicaa played ball all the better because she went unshod. Helen of Troy at the most wore sandals, and the sandal is the compromise between the shoeless and the shod. It is easier to make sandals than to make boots. In Ireland and Scotland the children have run barefoot for many a day, and the wit of the one and the enterprise of the others show that there is nothing really demoralizing in going without shoes and stockings.

**THANKSGIVING**

Tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day. To the American-born citizen who is loyal to this nation the day annually set aside for the giving of thanks means much. It is dear to all for the memories it awakens. It takes all of us through some, at least, of life's phases and emotions, all the way from early recollections when pumpkin pies made the day one never to be forgotten to the later tragedies of life.

But this year the day becomes one of even greater significance than ever. We are practically through with the war—with the slaughter of our fellow-beings by the thousands. For this we are devoutly thankful. We are soon, comparatively soon, to see our boys return home from foreign shores whither they had gone to combat the enemy common to all democracies—autocracies. We are all very thankful for the triumph of right.

The war has taught us all lessons of sacrifice, of thrift, of equality among men, and we are thankful it

is so. Through suffering and death we have all been drawn closer to each other, and we are dearer one to another than before, and for this we are grateful and thankful. The brotherhood of man is just next door.

We have enjoyed many blessings during the past year even though engaged in war. We have had fine crops with which to feed our own people and to succor millions who lived in the war-ridden lands. This was certainly cause for gratitude and thanksgiving. Let us not be unmindful of our blessings. Let us be thankful for them.

**LITERARY SOCIETIES**

## Winona

The Winona Literary Society, as usual, held their snappy meeting in Room 9 on Friday evening, Nov. 15. The house was called to order by the president. The roll was called and the minutes of the last meeting read by the secretary. We then followed with the program which was to have been given on Columbus Day, but which on account of illness was postponed until this meeting. The program was as follows:

Song—"America," by the Society; recitation, "Columbus," Ruth Jones; "What Mr. Columbus Did for Me," Veltha Frazier; mandolin and guitar duet, Marina Nelson and Mary Unge; "What are We Doing for Miss Columbia?" Maybelle Heay; Flag Salute, led by the Yell Leader; Winona Warwhop, by Bertha Grimes.

The program as rendered showed careful study and much thought. Business was then brought before the house, concerning both the coming Spelling Match and the open session of the Winona Society on December 6th. We then installed new members, after which we sang our society songs and adjourned.—Reporter.

## Excelsior

The Excelsior Literary Society met on Friday evening, December 15th. The secretary called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting. The society passed a motion whereby a special meeting is to be called as soon as the spelling books are received, that spellers may be chosen to represent the society in the annual spelling contest which will be held before many weeks.

Francis Davis rendered a selection on the violin. Mr. Hobucket and our advisory member, Miss Hendrix, each made some encouraging remarks and suggestions, and a society song was sung. It was then moved, seconded and passed that we adjourn.—Duane Kimball, Reporter.