Locals

Nov. 24th.—Before leaving for our home Thanksgiving the boarding students enjoyed a most delightful turkey dinner with all its appointment. The Cadets demonstrated fully their appreciation of it.

Dec. 22nd—Once more the students were gathered around the festal board. This time to enjoy and perpetuate the Christmas spirit. After dinner we were asked to march across the hall to a vacant room. As we went in the room was dark, then suddenly a beautiful Christmas tree was outlined by a myrad of colored lights. After we had enjoyed with all the enthusiasm of childhood the real Christmas tree, the room was flooded with light and a general distribution of stockings filled with goodies began.

Jan. 1st.—New Year's morning all of the members of our school found a New Year's wish embodied in the heart of a beautiful rose, awaiting them at their door.

April ——.—After a dainty Easter breakfast the boarding students of the Junior Schol enjoyed an egg hunt.

May 21st.—The Academy Beach Party afforded a good time to all who were present. A dainty supper was served and good singing afterwards put every one in good humor. The Girls vs. Boys' baseball game, won by the girls, was thrilling and amusing.

A school orchestra has been formed and work planned for the summer. We shall be quite ready to furnish music for next year's theatricals. (Seniors please note.)

May 27th.—Senior and Junior Dinner. The table decorations were carried out in the class colors, green and gold. Broad ribbons in gold marked the places. Over all fell the softened light from many candles, with their shades of green and gold filigree. And the perfume of the class flower, the White American Beauty rose was faintly visible. About thirty-five were present, including the Faculty, the Senior Class, members of the Junior Class and Alumni. Captain Davis acting as toastmaster, called on the guests to reply to fitting topics which he gave them. This was the second annual banquet given by Captain Davis to the members of the Senior and Junior Classes. We all enjoyed a most pleasant evening and hope to be present at next year's banquet as Alumni.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

The word "home," which is almost synonomous with love, is the keynote of the life and personal influence of the school. The spirit of kindliness, gentleness and that inner courteousness which finds expression in numberless acts of the gentleman, is marked among the boys.

The home life, I believe, equals in value the school life.

The practical working ideals in themselves have meant vital help in establishing a sense of proportion in measuring life values, a liberality in judging—seeking to find what is worth while in another standpoint. Our ideals set the standard that anything to be done is worth a beautiful effort, and results in a refining process in the student's life.

In our social life, we try to teach the value of simplicity and sincerity. Parties, picnics and all home pleasures are planned for students of both the upper and lower schools. The younger members of the family enjoy birthday parties and every night the story-hour with the House-Mother.

The general health of the school is excellent. Careful thought is bestowed upon the subject of foods and also upon the individual need of each student. This care, combined with the proper preventive measures, has kept our boys in excellent health and spirits. We have not had one case of serious illness this year.

Teachers and students live together as one family, which admits of acquaintance and fellowship. Our aim is to have a "House Beautiful," for where there is Faith, there is Love; where there is Love, there is Peace; where there is Peace, there is God; and where there is God, there is no need.

Through the medium of this annual I wish to thank, individually and collectively, all students who have given me such helpful support in sustaining these ideals.

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THE LIBRARY.

This year has marked the opening of a school library. Books of reference, books for literary study, supplementary reading, and books for recreation reading have been placed at the command of the cadets.

Thanks to Captain Davis, an interested Faculty and the hearty co-operation of the student-body we soon had a nucleus of one hundred and fifty books of our own. The 1st of November the city granted us a monthly loan of fifty books. This number was increased three months later to seventy-five. We have put into circulation since the 1st of November (476 books) or between four and five hundred volumes.

The work accomplished by Mrs. Payne in the interest of the library has been greatly appreciated by the members of the student-body. We sincerely hope that it will be carried on next year.

GRADUATION PROGRAM.

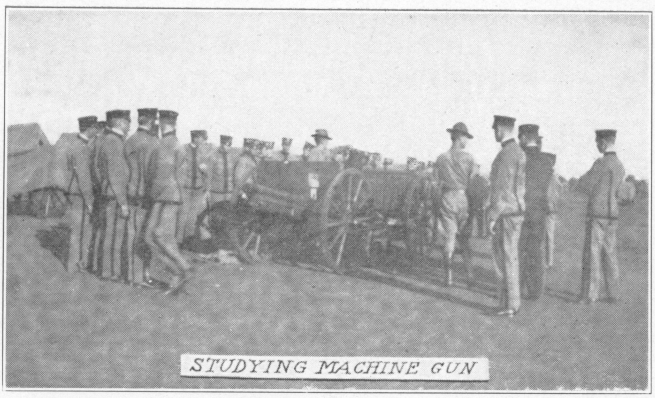
After the military maneuvers on the Academy grounds, the battalion was marched to the clubhouse, where the graduation program was to be carried on. A large assembly of friends and visitors was present.

Captain Davis introduced Dr. Rockwell D. Hunt, the speaker of the afternoon, who delivered a fine address, on "American Political Ideals."

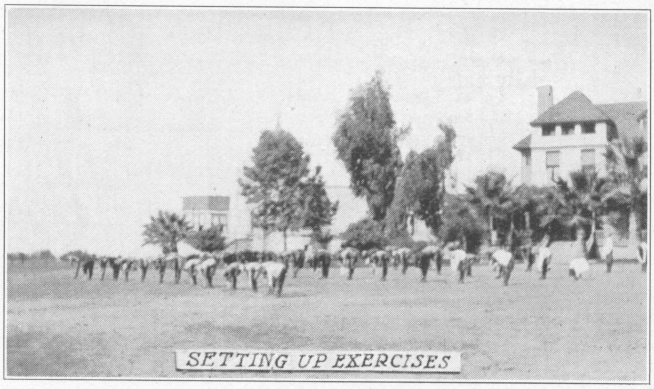
Concluding the address, Capt. Davis called on Captain Purviance and we all enjoyed his talk on "The Outlook for Next Year, As Regards the Military Department."

Next came the most interesting part to those who were Seniors. Naturally, the presentation of diplomas.

After the exercises the graduates were heartily congratulated by the Faculty and friends. Light refreshments were served in the reception room and thus concluded the happiest year of the Academy.



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