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The gathering referred to was only one of many which have been held in the school-house during the summer, among them being the meeting of the young men to organise a football club, and those held to arrange for a reunion in honour of the old school before it should pass away. When the latter celebration was held soon after the opening of the fall term, the teacher seized the opportunity to encourage a school spirit by having her children choose school colours and asking an obliging college student to instruct them in the technique of a school yell. Old and young took part in the preparations for the reunion. The school boys, organized into rival teams, the blues and the whites, formed an enthusias-



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tic messenger service and their good deeds even went so far as cleaning the village sidewalks on the morning of the celebration. A retired sailor who had served in the British navy showed us how to decorate the grounds with lines of pennants such as are used for festive purposes on shipboard, and these, with a banner for the street, were made by the young ladies of the village. One artistic woman decorated the visitor's book, and another mounted a very interesting collection of old school pictures—teachers, pupils and groups—which were hung round the school walls. The church lent its organ, the minister gave his shoulder stone, a farmer met the trains with his automobile, and the college