

that therefore they have no need of a High School education. All other things being equal, the discipline of a High School course must prove a great advantage in filling any position in life. Such a course, by brightening and strengthening the intellect and by fostering a sound literary taste, does much to open up an inexhaustible source of pleasure for the years that are to come.

Besides this, hereafter, on account of the separation of the Town and County, the expenses of the High School must be met mainly by the Town. This is a matter not of choice, but of necessity. Let then the ratepayers see to it that they realize a high dividend from their yearly investment by the superior education which their children are obtaining by attendance at the High School.

PROSPECTS OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

The School in the past has met with encouraging success. The progress has been slow but steady. The attendance is now one hundred and twenty; THREE Masters have been ADDED to the Staff since New Year, making a total of Six Teachers, whilst a spirit of activity and earnestness characterizes the School.

Inspector MARLING reports upon his last official visit, as follows:—

“REMARKS.—Order and discipline admirable; a fine tone pervades this School, and the majority of the pupils appear to be working well. Just now there is a considerable amount of crude material in the classes, which it will take time to work up. The Head Master and his Assistants are indefatigable in their efforts to advance the School. Much has been done, and well done, to foster a literary taste among the pupils. The question of increased accommodation is a pressing one, and cannot, with safety to the interest of the School, be deferred.”

The Board hopes that, through the liberality of Town and County Councils, it will be enabled during the coming summer holidays either to remodel the present building or to erect a new one to meet the growing requirements of the School.

In fine, the public may rest assured that every means will be employed to make Chatham High School a centre of educational influences—physical, moral and intellectual—so as to fit and prepare the youth of Town and County for the sternly practical duties of life.

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