

# THE ROBBINS RECORD

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## SIGNS OF SPRING

Birds and flowers altogether  
Go to make up fine spring weather.  
When the violets raise their heads  
Out of their nice soft warm beds  
Then we also see the robins  
Flying to and fro like bobbins.  
Darting swallows on the wing  
Tell us plainly that this is spring.

Daffodils all dressed in yellow  
Herald spring and sunny weather  
Brooks are running very fast  
So they can water the pretty grass.  
Children are getting as bad as can be  
For restless they get when fine  
weather they see.  
With these many signs I'm sure you  
can tell

Spring truly is coming in hill and dell.  
FANNIE PORTER COWLES.

## WEST POINT

On March 16, 1802, the day celebrated by West Point as its birthday was formally opened, with only ten cadets present. The West Point vicinity was first fortified by the colony of New York at the out break of the Revolution. A long time before the end of the Revolution the fortress of West Point had become impregnable to any force the British could assemble in America. It was the citadel of the Continental Army. All the noted men of the Revolutionary times came here and for nine months Washington had his headquarters at West Point. It was about West Point that the most dramatic episode of the Revolution was enacted, the treason of Benedict Arnold.

In 1817 Colonel Thayer, who is

known as the "Father of the Military Academy" became Superintendent of West Point. While he was Superintendent, Edgar Allen Poe entered West Point. He was court martialed and was dismissed March 6, 1831. While Robert E. Lee was Superintendent James Whistler aged 16 entered the Academy. Honesty, obedience and promptness are taught just as much as Math at West Point. The motto of West Point is "Duty, Honor, Country, West Point".

SARA MARCH WALSER.

## MONITOR AND MERRIMAC

On the afternoon of March 8, 1862, just 63 years ago, five vessels of the United States Navy lay at anchor in Hampton Roads. Suddenly a queer object appeared, coming from the direction of Norfolk, Virginia, which was in possession of the Confederate Forces. Men on board the Cumberland, one of the United States vessels, described it as "a long-shore meeting-house adrift." Really it was a reconstructed United States ship, the Merrimac, which had been sunk when the Norfolk navy yard was abandoned at the beginning of the war. The Confederates had raised the vessel, cut off the sides, covered it with iron and renamed it Virginia. The Merrimac had a fight with the Monitor which looked like a cheese-box. Neither one could harm the other, so both withdrew and the fight between the Monitor and the Merrimac was one of the most important naval battles ever fought.

HAL. HICKS.

## ALICE FREEMAN PALMER

Alice Freeman Palmer was born in Colesville, N. Y., February 21, 1855 and graduated in 1876 at the University of Michigan. She taught successfully at Lake Geneva, Ottawa, and East Saginaw, Mich.

She was appointed in 1879 to teach History at Wellesley College and two years later she was made acting president of the institution. In 1882 she was elected President of this college. In 1887 was married to George Her-

bert Palmer, who was Professor of Philosophy at Harvard University.

When the University of Chicago was organized in 1892 she was made non-resident dean of women. The chimes in Mandel Tower at this institution were installed in her honor by her husband. She died in 1902.

LOUISE MOCK.

## THE DAFFODILS

Just to think of you pretty daffodil would make the world place a smile upon its face. With your pretty, bright colors covering the sides of the lake and your dancing heads looking from one place to another. I can not imagine how many I saw as I glanced over them, but I know there were thousands of those beautiful flowers dancing and cheering as I was going by. I did not think at the time what a joyous company I was in, but as I went to bed it was not hard to see those dancing gay daffodils on the side of the lake.

IRVING LEONARD.

## CHAPEL

A very interesting program was rendered in Chapel, March 5. Miss Greenfield directed two songs and the two seventh grades sang "Free Honey". Mr. Brown, Pastor of the Lutheran Church gave us a good talk. Mr. Cowles then gave a short interesting talk.

For the Primary Exercises on March 6, the prayer was given by Louise Aaron. The pupils then sang "Can a Little Child Like Me". The Scripture was read by Virginia Link, after which Mary Martin told the story of "The White Rabbit". The program closed with all singing "It Never Pays to be Bad".

LUCILE PARKER.

Miss Mann—"What makes your feet so wet?"

Miss Burgiss—"I have been wearing pumps".

Miss Burgiss—"Foy, define trickle".  
Foy—"It means to run slowly."

Miss Burgiss—"Now define anecdote".

Foy—"It means a tale".

Miss Burgiss—"Now, make a sentence using both words".

Foy—"A little dog went trickling down the street with a tin can tied to his anecdote".