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The following resolution was passed by the Library Board, February twenty seventh, nineteen hundred and three, and the accompanying historical sketch was prepared and accepted in accordance therewith.

“Resolved, That there be, and there hereby is made to the senior classes of the High Schools of Manitowoc city and the Training School of Manitowoc county, the following proposition:

1. Written presentations are invited upon subjects of local history, including local biography; each paper must be neatly prepared in typewriting in readiness for the printer, and contain not less than 10,000 nor more than 15,000 words; no name and no designation of the author shall be upon or appended to the manuscript, but upon a separate accompanying slip shall be given the name of the author and the school of whose senior class he or she is a member. Such manuscript shall be delivered by the principal of the

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school to the president of the Library Board not later than the 20th of May in each year.

2. Such papers shall be placed in the hands of three judges to be selected by this board who shall report in writing, ranking them first, second, third, etc., according to their respective merits, and file such report with the chairman of the Library Board not later than the 15th day of June each year. The student who has first place according to the markings of the majority of judges shall be declared the winner. In case no such decision be reached the sum of the ranks shall be taken and the lowest sum shall win. The subjects for the papers of each year will be announced by this board on or before the first day of October.

3. The paper that shall by the judges be awarded first place will be printed by this board and neatly bound in book form, together with any maps or illustrations that may accompany the same as integral parts thereof, and shall be distributed as follows: One or more copies shall be preserved in the library to aid in forming a special set of books: one copy shall be delivered to the State Historical Society, and twenty-five copies delivered to the author.

4. This board shall announce its award ac-

ording to the decision of the judges giving the names of those winning first and second places and communicate such award to the principals of said schools as soon as practicable and before commencement day of the same year.

5. All manuscripts submitted will be considered the property of the Library and kept for future use either by students or by the Library Board.

"Resolved further, that freehand drawings are also invited, the subject of which shall not be limited to local persons or objects and may be presented by any pupil of any public school in the city who has attended during the year of presentation not less than six months. Such drawings must be presented by the principal of the School to which the author belongs, accompanied by the name of the author upon a separate slip containing a designation of the school and the grade thereof to which the author belongs.

"Such drawings must be presented not later than the 20th of May each year, shall be submitted to judges who shall report thereon in the same manner as provided in the case of written manuscripts.

"The freehand drawing that shall be awarded first place will be each year, neatly framed by this Board."

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The essays for this year were submitted to a committee consisting of Mrs. Oscar A. Alter, Rev. D. C. Jones, and Rev. J. T. O'Leary, who kindly consented to undertake the labor of judging the manuscripts. Their decision awarded the prize to Caroline Hubbard. Her manuscript is published herewith.

The first prize was awarded in 1903 to Otto Gass of the North Side High school, class of 1903.