

## John Roger Burdick

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**P**ROMINENT among the acquaintances and friendships formed during the high school career of the class of nineteen eight is John Roger Burdick, our artist janitor.

He is so much a part of our high school that a book of memoirs would seem incomplete without some tribute paid to his wit, geniality and artistic talent, all of which

have lightened the toil and cheered the weary hours of the student.

Born in New York in the sunny month of August, eighteen hundred and thirty-four, he was a young man, when our country needed the young and brave to defend her and in him she found a ready response.

Before coming to Howell, he had gained for himself an enviable reputation as a painter and artist of exceptional ability and on entering the school grounds and building, signs of his scrupulous care and artistic taste are everywhere evident.

Always kind and ever ready to aid those in the minority, he is beloved by teachers and pupils alike.

As was said of John Gay, he is

Of manners gentle,  
Of affection mild,  
In unit a man,  
Simplicity a child.