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EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

The Death of Dr. Wickersham.

The State was startled on Wednesday, March 25th, 1891, by the announcement of the death of Dr. J. P. Wickersham early in the morning of that date. He had been somewhat ill for several days, but nothing serious was apprehended until a short time before his death, when he was seized with heart failure and died very suddenly.

Dr. Wickersham was one of the most prominent educators of the United States. As the first Principal of this State Normal School, he laid the foundation for a system of Normal Schools for the State which are an honor to the country. During his career as State Superintendent, the public schools of the State made more rapid progress then at any other time in their history. He was emphatically a leader in whatever he undertook.

Dr. Wickersham was always deeply interested in this school, and was one of the present Principal's most trusted advisers. His counsel was frequently sought, and always freely given. He was a frequent visitor to this place, where he spent so many years and where much of his best work was done. He will always be remembered here.

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees following his death, the resolutions given below were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Death, with his remorseless hand, has stricken down the Hon. J. P. Wickersham, the first Principal of this State Normal School and Ex-State Superintendent of Public Instruction; therefore

Resolved, In the death of Dr. J. P. Wickersham, the State has lost one of its foremost educators and one of its leading citizens. As County Superintendent of Schools, as Principal of the Pennsylvania State Normal School, and as State Superintendent, he was progressive, enthusiastic and practical. Under his principalship this School became the first State Normal School in Pennsylvania, and to a great extent determined the policy of the State with respect to Normal Schools.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees express their sincerest sympathy with the family and friends of the deceased. Their intimate association with him during many years taught them to respect and admire him as a man and honor him as a scholar and educator.

Resolved, That we recommend that appropriate memorial services be held in the Chapel at an early day, and that a portrait of Dr. Wickersham, suitably framed, be hung in a conspicuous place in the School.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and be published in the next number of THE NORMAL JOURNAL, and that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

At the last meeting of the Alumni Association, a committee was appointed to make arrangements for a general re-union of students who attended the school during Dr. Wickersham's principalship. The re-union was to have been held at the School on July 1st and 2nd. A number of the following circulars had already been sent to old students:

"It will be 25 years next summer since Dr. J. P. Wickersham resigned the principalship of the State Normal School at Millersville, to become the Superintendent of Public Instruction in Pennsylvania, thus entering upon that broad career of usefulness which crowned him with honor and made the public schools of his native State equal to the best in the Union.

"At the last Alumni meeting it was decided to celebrate the anniversary of his promotion by holding a general re-union of those who were students at Millersville during Dr. Wickersham's administration. The Committee of Arrangements will do all in their power to make this occasion a golden milestone in the lives of those who are present to enjoy it.

"You are cordially invited to attend the re-union to be held at the time of the Commencement Exercises, July 1st and 2d, 1891, and you are earnestly requested to send at once to Elizabeth Lloyd, Newtown Square, Delaware county, Pa., the names and addresses of all those who were students of the School prior to 1867, of whose whereabouts you are cognizant; so that circulars may be sent to them also."

But before this circular could be mailed to all the students to whom it refers, the man in whose honor the meeting was to be called, who was bound by ties of friendship and love to all those whom he delighted in later years to call *his* "boys and girls," was dead. His busy life was ended, and he had gone to reap the reward of those who perform every duty well, who devote their lives to the upbuilding of mankind.

It is confidently believed that a large number of those who would have come with grateful hearts to meet Dr. Wickersham at the old school, will attend the meeting called in the circular, to do honor to his memory and pay a tribute of affection to him to whom all the students of 1855–1866 are indebted for counsel, advice, instruction and inspiration.

Philadelphia's New Superintendent.

The schools of Philadelphia are to be congratulated on the fact that Dr. Edward Brooks has been elected city superintendent. Dr. Brooks is a fine scholar, an able thinker, a superior teacher, and a cultivated gentleman. His ideal of teaching is a lofty one, and he possesses the rare gift of inspiring teachers to put forth their best efforts in their work. No better selection could have been made for the high office to which our friend and former teacher has been called, than the one that was made by the practically unanimous voice of the Board of Control of the first city of the Commonwealth.

At a late meeting of the Board of Trustees of this School, Hon. Andrew M. Frantz presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees congratulate Dr. Edward Brooks, formerly Principal of this State Normal School, upon his election to the Superintendency of the schools of Philadelphia, and express the conviction that under his wise and scholarly direction, the schools of Philadelphia will be second to none in the country in efficiency.

Additional Improvements.

It is with great pleasure that THE JOURNAL announces to its readers that the authorities of the School will at once begin to make arrangements for the erection of two additional buildings for school purposes. One of these buildings will be devoted to library purposes. It will contain the libraries of the societies, the reference library of the School, (to which large additions will be made,) a large reading room, a study hall, etc. This building will be a handsome, commodious structure. It will be an ornament to the grounds, and a great convenience to all connected with the School.

The other building will be used for the natural sciences and manual training. We have long felt that our chemical laboratory should be out of our main building,

and that we should have better accommodations for manual training. This building will supply both these needs, and furnish also a large room for natural philosophy, botany, etc. It will be a building of which the School may well be proud.

Further descriptions of these two buildings will be given in future numbers of THE JOURNAL. The fact that they will be erected as soon as possible may be taken as an evidence that the authorities of this, the first Normal School in the State, intend to keep it in the front of educational institutions of this character in the country.

Other improvements are also in contemplation, but as we have not definitely determined when they will be made, announcement of them is deferred for the present. Suffice it to say, that the management takes a broad view of the demands made by the educational public upon this Institution, and will spare no pains nor expense to meet these views.

The State Teachers' Association.

The next meeting of the Penn. State Teachers' Association will be held in Bedford on July 7, 8 and 9. The Executive Committee consists of Prof. W. H. Fisher, Pittsburgh, Chairman; Prof. M. G. Brumbaugh, Huntingdon, Secretary; Miss Elizabeth Lloyd, Newtown Square; Dr. George W. Hull, Millersville; Supt. Jos. S. Walton, Ercildoun. The President of the Association is Dr. G. M. Philips, West Chester. These names are a guarantee that nothing will be left undone to make the meeting one of the most interesting in the history of the Association.

A strong programme has been prepared, efficient local committees have been appointed, and ample hotel accommodations have been secured.

Bedford is a historic town, full of places of surpassing interest to the teacher. Its fame as a beautiful and popular resort is world-wide. All railroads in Pennsylvania that are connected with the P. R. R. sell season excursion tickets to Bedford, at the same rates—it is announced—as the usual excursion rates to members of the Association. No order is necessary to secure excursion tickets on these roads. Persons traveling over the P. & R. R. R. should obtain orders for excursion tickets from Mr. J. Fletcher Sickel, Germantown, Pa.

THE National Educational Association will meet this year in Toronto, Canada, on July 14 to 16. Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, Kutztown, Berks county, Pa., is the director of the Association for Pennsylvania. He will take pleasure in giving information concerning the meeting to all who think of attending it.

IS N'T it time that Normal Schools should drop the misnomer "Elementary course," and adopt some name more in keeping with the studies of the course? Why not "English Course" for the first course? It is appropriate and means something.

A State School.

It is not so generally known as it should be, that Millersville is in reality a State Normal School. *There is no stock.* All the stock issued was purchased by the School or contributed to the School by the former holders several years ago. No dividends have ever been paid by the School, and *no dividends can be declared*, as there is no stock upon which to declare dividends. The financial affairs of the School are managed by a Board of Trustees, part of whom are elected by the contributors, and part are appointed by the State. All the profits of the School—when there are any—are expended, and must be expended, in improvements; and its main object is to prepare skilled teachers for the public schools of the State.

The Post-Graduate Course.

The Post-Graduate Course of one year, adopted by the Board of Principals, is here given, with the addition of higher algebra and analytical trigonometry. These studies our graduates can add to the course. We trust that a number of graduates of normal schools will find it to their advantage to take this course next year. We have arranged the studies of the scientific course so that the Post-Graduate year will include the first year of the scientific course. Graduates can pass any of the studies of this course and have them placed on their diplomas.

POST-GRADUATE COURSE.

Winter Session.—Advanced psychology, moral philosophy, a careful reading of Quick's "Educational Reformer" and Fitch's "Lectures on Teaching," Practice of Teaching, Three Books of Cæsar, Two Books of Virgil's Æneid, Plane and Analytical Trigonometry, Higher Algebra, Chemistry, Zoölogy, General History, English and American Literature, with a careful study of four classics.

Summer Session.—Logic, a careful reading of Payne's "Contributions to the Science of Education," One Book of Virgil's Æneid, Solid Geometry, Surveying, Astronomy, Literature.

ALTHOUGH our present class numbers seventy-one—the largest by far in the history of the School,—a large proportion of the members have already secured good positions, and some have had two or three situations offered to them. It is getting to be more and more widely known that the work done at Millersville makes students good scholars to the extent of the course pursued, and skilled teachers as well. Directors who desire to employ teachers from the present class should make early application either in person or by letter.

Notes.

An interesting biography of Dr. Wickersham, written by Dr. A. R. Byerly, was published in THE NORMAL JOURNAL for February, 1890.

The Winter Session of the School will begin on Monday, August 31st. Numbers of applications for rooms have already been received, and it is suggested that those who expect to attend school here next session should write early, that they may be registered.

The Senior class numbers seventy-one and the Junior class has probably a few more than this number.

Persons who are thinking of attending a Normal School should write to us for a catalogue. Catalogues are sent free on application.

Will those of our graduates who have not returned the circular letter sent to them a short time ago, please do so without delay?

Our friends will confer a favor upon us by sending the names and addresses of any persons who are thinking of attending a Normal School.

Three Normal Schools are represented in the Junior Class of the Scientific Course this year.

Write early for room for the Winter Session. The session will begin August 31.

THE many special advantages afforded to students here are causing the attendance to increase rapidly year by year. The educational public is learning that we care more for thorough work than mere numbers, more for well prepared classes than big classes, more for scholarship and skill in teaching than long lists of names. And yet this fact is the main reason why we have numbers as well as good scholars. Millersville has already had this session a total of 770 students, a number unequaled in the history of this or any other Normal School in the State, and yet we greatly prefer to be measured by the standing of the 71 members of the Senior class, rather than by the fact that 770 students are now on our rolls.

Probably it should be added that no student is held back in his work who is ready to go ahead. We always bear in mind that many of our students have only limited means, and can not remain with us longer than is necessary; and we advance every one as rapidly as possible. But we expect a good knowledge of the branches before they are "passed." This we conceive to be the true attitude of our School to its students. Our graduates have become prominent in every line of educational work, chiefly because while here they acquired a method of study which could be acquired only by learning the various branches thoroughly. We would say to all those contemplating a normal school course that "it pays" in dollars and cents, as well as in every other way, to do thorough work "all along the line."

THE different State Normal Schools are generally named from the town in which they are located, as the Millersville State Normal School, West Chester State Normal School, Kutztown State Normal School, etc. Many of these schools have other names, however. For example, the School located at Millersville, the first School to be organized, is known as the Pennsylvania State Normal School; the one at Kutztown was named by its founders the Keystone State Normal School; California is called the South-Western; Shippensburg, the Cumberland Valley; Lock Haven, the Central, and so on.

IT was a real pleasure to meet Dr. John M. Batten, '64, who dropped in to see the "Old Normal" a short time ago. Dr. Batten served with distinction in the navy during the late war, and has since been eminently successful as a physician. It is to be hoped that he will frequently visit his *Alma Mater*.

The thanks of all loyal Millersvillians should be extended to the legislature for the liberal appropriation made to the Millersville Normal School, and to Governor Pattison for approving the bill making the appropriation. If it were possible, we should like to mention the names of all the men who were most active in securing the passage of the bill. It can safely be said that no money appropriated by the legislature will be put to better use or extend to a larger part of the State than this. With 40 or 50 counties now represented in our School, nearly every portion of the State will be directly benefited by this act of the Legislature. One point our readers may remember: Even with this special appropriation—the first ever given to Millersville—this School will have received a less amount from the State than some of the other normal schools, although from the fact that it is the oldest school and has had more than twice as many students as any other, its just share of appropriation would entitle it to a much larger sum than any other school.

We are glad, too, to see that other schools have been liberally dealt with. The normal schools of the State are essential to the public school system, and there is no way in which the public schools can be reached so quickly and so well as through the normal schools.

The Faculty of the School has been unusually strong this session. In addition to the regular members, who are among the foremost teachers in their various departments in the State, several able teachers were employed for the summer's work. Miss Bertha I. Collins, a graduate of this School and also of the National School of Elocution and Oratory, is assisting in reading and literature; Miss Emma L. Gilbert, of Cornell University, teaches French and Greek; Mr. M. W. Metzger, a Scientific Graduate of '86, is teaching history, arithmetic, and school economy; Mr. H. M. Herr is assisting in arithmetic; Mrs. Cora M. Bitner teaches vocal music in the model school and assists in the kindergarten; and Dr. J. Harry Pickel instructs in physiology.

Mr. Albert D. Pinkham, of Bates' College, Maine, has charge of the physical training department for the gentlemen, and Miss A. Belle Fleming the same department for the ladies. These two teachers are thoroughly competent, and their work has already been productive of excellent results, with the promise of still better results next year. Mr. Pinkham is fully acquainted with Dr. Sargent's system of physical training, as used at Harvard. Miss Fleming is a pupil of Dr. Anderson of the Adelphi Academy Gymnasium of Brooklyn. Dr. Anderson and Dr. Seaver of Yale use the same system.

THE following interesting item of news is from the *Florida Agriculturist* of April 29:

Prof. J. Willis Westlake, of Lake Helen, has been appointed by the governor a member of the Volusia county school board, to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of W. A. Cook from De Land to Enterprise (the law providing that no two members of the board shall reside in the same commissioner's district). No better appointment than Prof. Westlake could possibly have been made, as he is one of the progressive, go-ahead citizens of the county, and has been identified with educational matters for many years. He occupied a chair in one of the noted schools of the North for a long time, which he finally resigned on account of failing health. He is also a literary scholar of some renown, having written several books, one of them being a standard authority on letter writing. The people of the county are to be congratulated upon the appointment of a man so well qualified to direct the educational matters of the county.

PERSONAL ITEMS.

[Items for this column should be sent to Miss Lyle.]

MARRIED.—On Thursday, April 16th, at Strasburg, Lancaster co., Pa., Mr. Clarence E. Spayd and Miss Edith A. Mooney. Mr. Spayd was with us as a student during several sessions of the years '86, '87, and '88, and lately was a teacher in the Manheim High School. We send very hearty congratulations to our young friends.

The following item from the Harrisburg *Telegraph* informs us that Mr. Spayd has taken up a new line of work. His energy and activity will win success for him in the editorial chair.

"Mr. Clarence E. Spayd, of 45 North Thirteenth street, Harrisburg, has accepted the position of city editor of the Harrisburg daily and weekly *Independent*, Mr. Spayd was late teacher of the High School of Manheim and has taught several terms in this county. The *Independent* is one of the largest and most reliable papers in the State and Mr. Spayd's friends wish him much success in his new work."

MARRIED.—At Cambridge, New York, on Thursday, April 30th, Mr. Clarence W. Scott and Miss Mary Mattoon Shiland. Every one who was at Millersville during the years '78 and '79 will remember Miss Shiland as the popular teacher of music during those years. Since she left us, Miss Shiland has spent most of her time in Helena, Montana, where she did excellent work, and made an enviable reputation as teacher of music.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott will reside at Swarthmore, Pa. We join with those who will read this notice, in kind remembrance and hearty congratulations to them.

MARRIED.—On Sept. 2, '90, Mr. Eli G. Foster, '86, and Miss Alice R. Mitchell. The marriage took place at Millerstown, Pa. Miss Mitchell was a student at the Normal during the years '85 and '86. We shall tell you something more of Mr. Foster. He is one of our successful young men. Last summer he was elected principal of the Quincy School, Topeka, Kansas, a responsible and lucrative position. He employs eight assistants, and has the supervision of four hundred pupils. We thank Mr. Foster for his kind expressions about the Normal, and THE NORMAL JOURNAL, and send him and Mrs. Foster kind remembrances and congratulations.

MARRIED.—Prof. H. C. Brenneman,'80, Supt. of York county, Pa., to Miss Ida I. Sanks, daughter of Rev. James Sanks. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. B. C. Conner, pastor of the First Methodist Church of York, Pa. The wedding was a very pretty one, and the reception which followed it was attended by a throng of friends and acquaintances who came to tender their congratulations to the happy couple. THE JOURNAL joins with these in best wishes for a happy future for our young friends.

Mr. John Rider, who was with us as a student in '76, is now lecturer on Embryology in the University of Pennsylvania. Besides doing work in this line, he interests himself in many other departments of science, and is working in them all with success.

Mr. S. M. Yutzy, '80, who has been for two years a student in the medical department at Ann Arbor, Mich., has been invited to take charge of the department of Physiology in that institution for a year, during the absence of the regular professor in Europe. He receives his degree of M. D. this summer.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward Brooks are visiting Europe this summer. They sailed on the 19th of May in the Trave, of the North German Lloyd line. Dr. Brooks will spend a large part of his three months' absence in visiting the schools of London, Paris and Berlin. By way of sight-seeing the Scottish Lakes, Switzerland, Munich, Brussels and other places of interest will be taken in. We wish them "bon voyage." We know they will have a happy time, and we hope for their safe return.

Mr. B. F. Sharp, '84, has been appointed a railway clerk on the Pennsylvania railroad between Pittsburg and New York. We wish Mr. Sharp abundant success in his new vocation.

From the Philadelphia *Press*: "Claude G. Whetstone, who is to be the editor of the new Scranton *Tribune*, expects to issue the first number of the paper the middle of May. It will be a stalwart Republican daily, with ample capital, excellent talent, and abundant facilities for giving all the news." This item tells you what Mr. Whetstone is doing. We know the Scranton *Tribune* will take high rank under his management. Mr. Whetstone was with us as a pupil in '82 and '83.

They are doctors now. John S. Niles, '86, graduated at Jefferson College, Philadelphia, in March. William M. Mierly, of the same class, took his degree at the Chirurgical Medical College, Philadelphia, about the same time, and J. Harry Pickel, '83, together with Frank I. Bieminsderfer, '86, now hold diplomas from the University of Pennsylvania. We are confident that these young men will do honor to their responsible and useful calling.

Elmer H. Frantz, '86, of Millersville, completes the Junior year at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., this summer. Next September he will enter the junior class of Harvard University. We commend Mr. Frantz for his ambition to become a scholar, and feel fully assured that he will make the best use of his ability and attainments.

Edwina Cunningham, '86, will sail for China in the Oceanic, August 22. She is sent by the American Presbyterian Mission to teach in a ladies' boarding school. Her residence will be Ningpo, China.

The class of '86 is well represented in the missionary field—Agnes Schade in India, Emma Huber in Alaska, Edwina Cunningham in China.

Mr. R. H. Van Horn is president of the Citizens' National Bank, of Seattle, Washington. Mr. Van Horn was a student at Millersville, in '72 and '73. He subsequently attended Washington and Lee University, Virginia—spent some time at Heidelberg, Germany—then studied law. For the past several years he has been engaged in handling western securities and real estate. He is represented as being an unusually successful financier.

Our readers will be greatly pained to learn of the sad death of Etta G. Anderson, who was a student of the School last year. After having held a position of governess in Philadelphia for several months last fall, Miss Anderson became a student of the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital, in that city. Finding that she would have a better oportunity for professional training as nurse in the Lying-in Hospital, she entered that about four weeks ago. It was here that, on the 25th of May, she met a most shocking death. The account of it says that she attempted to jump from an elevator in the building after it had gone above the level of the floor, and in doing so she struck her forehead, lost her balance and fell down under the elevator. Her death was instantaneous.

Miss Gertrude Brosius, '89, who is taking a post-graduate course at Swarthmore College, was one of the successful competitors for a prize for oratory a few weeks ago. The subject of her oration was, "The Empress Josephine."

We have the pleasure of informing our readers that Miss Carrie M. Van Dyke, of '85, is now Mrs. Walter W. Hess. Our readers will remember the reference to Mr. Hess in our last issue. He is the editor of "The Car," a paper published in Philadelphia, in the interest of street railways. Mr. Hess belongs to '85.

James M. Smith, '83, is connected with the Reading Railroad Co., in the general store-keeper's office. His position is a good one. He is pleased with it, and [illegible] with a little cne he [illegible] girl out."

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BIOGRAPHY.

Edward Brooks, A. M., Ph. D.

[The basis of this biographical sketch is taken from Dr. Hart's "American Literature."]

Dr. Edward Brooks was born at Stony Point, on the Hudson, in 1831, and lived there until he was fifteen, when he removed with his father to Sullivan county, N. Y. He received his early education in the public school at Stony Point. While in Sullivan county, having no opportunity to attend school, he learned a trade, but soon abandoned it for more congenial employment. During all this time, spurred on by his ambition and by an insatiable desire for knowledge, he read and studied incessantly, making for himself a school-room of field and forest, of shop and fireside,—of every place to which duty or pleasure called him. Thus he not only obtained a mastery of the branches he had begun in the common school, but he pushed on to higher attainments, while he also improved his taste and formed his style by an acquaintance with music and with the standard English authors. He wrote with considerable facility both prose and poetry; and one of his poems, published anonymously in 1857, has ever since been floating hither and thither on the tide of popular favor, even crossing the ocean. It is entitled "Be a Woman," and the last stanza is as follows:

"Be a woman! on to duty!
Raise the world from all that's low;
Place high in the social heaven
Virtue's fair and radiant bow;
Lend thy influence to each effort
That shall raise our nature human;
Be not fashion's gilded lady,—
Be a brave, whole-souled, true woman!"

Dr. Brooks's career as a teacher began with a singing school, held in a barn. He afterwards taught a common school at Cuddebackville, N. Y., for six months; then, after an interval of more than a year, in which he attended a Normal Institution, he accompanied Prof. John F. Stoddard to Bethany, Pa., where he taught for three years; then he taught a year in an academy at Monticello, N. Y., and in 1855, he accepted the professorship of mathematics in the Millersville Normal School, continuing at the head of this department until 1866, and winning fame as a mathematician of superior ability and a teacher of the righest rank.

In 1866, on the resignation of Dr. J. P. Wickersham, Prof. Brooks was elected Principal of the institution in which he had taught since 1855, and for which he had done so much; and in this position he displayed administrative and business abilities of a high order, combined with broad and comprehensive views of the work of education and of the relation of normal schools to the public schools of the State. During his principalship the success of the School was marked. Various additions were made to the buildings to accommodate the increasing number of students. The handsome chapel of the School is a noble monument to his achievements and his success as the head of the Institution.

While at M[illersv]ille he prepared his series of mathematical [text]. These works were soon widely intro[duced] of them it may truthfully be sa[id] revolutionized the teaching in many schools and furnished [a] frequent mathematical [text] he also wrote two [books] *of Teaching* and [others] which have a high [reputation]. He also delivered a large number of lectures and addresses upon educational subjects before bodies of teachers, wrote numerous articles for educational journals, and in many other ways contributed to the work of education in Pennsylvania.

In 1883 he resigned the principalship of the School, and in the spring of the following year he accepted the presidency of the National School of Elocution and Oratory in Philadelphia. He aided the trustees in reorganizing the school, resigning the place as soon as that was accomplished. He has resided in Philadelphia since 1883. His latest contributions to education and literature are a "Plane and Solid Geometry, a Complete Course in the Elements of the Science," and "The Story of the Iliad; or The Siege of Troy, for Boys and Girls." He has constant calls for lectures and addresses upon educational subjects. He is prominently mentioned for the superintendency of the Philadelphia schools made vacant by the resignation of Dr. MacAlister, though it is doubtful whether he could be induced to accept the position.

(Since this brief sketch was written, Dr. Brooks was selected by the almost unanimous voice of the Board of Control of Philadelphia, to be Dr. MacAllister's successor. He has consented to assume the duties of the office in September.)

In 1868, Prof. Brooks was elected president of the Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association, and in 1876 he was chairman of the normal department of the National Educational Association. He is also a member of the National Council of Education. He has been connected with summer schools at Saratoga, Round Lake and Glens Falls, and had charge of the normal department of the Florida Chautauqua Assembly for two years. The *Chautauquan*, referring to his work, said:

"What Dr. Brooks said to the teachers seemed to be aglow with the fire of enthusiasm that was in his own heart. Though often referring to common place duties and apparent trifles, yet in the hands of this master, they become, matters of importance, and the teacher could look along the line of influence and see these little thing expand into mighty forces."

Dr. Brooks's characteristics, as shown in his writings and lectures, are a refined taste, a vivid imagination, great logical acuteness, and a style which is clear, strong and eminently attractive. As a teacher he is preëminent. In the power to present a subject in the clearest manner, to lead students to correct results along logical paths, to inspire them to put forth their best efforts, he has few equals. As a scholar, he is broad and thorough, particularly in philosophical subjects. He possesses a keen power of apprehending facts and bringing them at once into relationship with others already known and collating them so as to derive or illustrate the principles which underlie them.

In private life he is a refined, courteous gentleman, and a brilliant conversationalist; and his hosts of friends always find his latch-string out. May he long be spared to continue his labors in his chosen lines of work, and to enjoy the fruits of a life which has been devoted to the great cause of popular education.

NORMAL NOTE BOOK.

[Items for this column should be given to Miss Gilbert.]

The School now numbers 770, 384 of one sex and 386 of the other. The slight majority is on the gentlemen's side.

There are twenty-nine teachers in the Faculty.

Two fine new Albrecht pianos have been added to the musical equipment of the School.

The Webster-Hayne Association is a new debating society composed of twelve of the leading debaters of the School. The meetings, which are private, are held on Saturday morning. A fine public meeting was held on the evening of May 9th.

Dr. Lyte has given us some lawn sociables this summer. They transform the campus into a "thing of beauty and a joy forever."

The class of '91 have adopted "I Serve" a[s] their class motto.

Most of the Seniors have been visiting th[e] photographer to have their class-pictures taken. Who was the popular man that ordered si[x] dozen?

The work done by the botany class is wort[hy] more than a passing notice. Some of the [her]baria are artistically beautiful as well as s[cien]tifically valuable.

The new gymnasium is a popular featu[re] the School. The classes of girls, under [Miss] Fleming's care, have had interesting and v[ery] helpful exercises with wands, dumb-bells, clubs, chest-weights, etc. Some of Mr. Pinkham's boys, that do especially fine work on the bar and rings, are Joseph Noble, Arthur Williams, and George Emig.

Appropriate exercises were held on Decoration Day around the monument, which had been decorated with evergreen, flowers and flags. Miss Collins recited and Rev. J. W. Meminger made an address. Music was furnished by the society glee clubs.

Base ball, tennis, rowing, and bowling all claim their share of the leisure hours of teacher and student.

Final examination begins this year on June 23d. The examining Board consists of State Supt. Waller, Prof. Eldon of the Lock Haven Normal School, Supt. Brenneman of York co., and Supt. Hoffman of Columbia.

We have had the measles—that is, about twenty of us. They came in a very mild form, and only a few at a time, so that the school work was not retarded.

Miss Ver Planck and her nineteen little tots in the Kindergarten form a very interesting feature of the School. The training class in Kindergarten work is especially helpful to primary teachers.

There is a Normal School Orchestra this summer which has discoursed some very acceptable music. There are thirteen pieces, with Mr. F. O. Bryant as leader.

The Y. M. C. A. of the School has been holding regular meetings during the session and great interest prevails. They have held a number of delightful "Song Services" on Sunday afternoon.

The county examinations attract the attention of our undergraduates that expect to teach the coming winter. "Did you get a certificate?" is the oft-repeated question. There have been very few failures to "pass."

The Commencement appointments are as follows: Valedictory Address, Jacob A. Ressler, Ronks; Salutatory, E. Mae Bickham, Honeybrook; Normal Oration, George W. Billett, Andersontown; Wickersham Oration, Euphan W. Macrae, Delaplane, Va.; Orations, Messrs. Piper, Landis, Weidner, Bickel, Wiles, Mullen and Stauffer, and Misses Scofield, Beard, Tem, plin, Oppenheim, Barr, Hunter, and Frendenberger.

The unusually large number of students on the ladies' side of the building necessitated the construction of a number of new rooms on the upper story. The music rooms on Minerva Hall were also occupied, the instruments being moved down to Lincoln Hall.

A number of the tables in the Normal dining-room have a rule by which a fine of five cents is imposed on any one guilty of making a pun. The accumulated capital is spent on a treat for the table. Several "spreads" have been the result.

A healthy, hearty family is the one at the Normal. Some idea of their appetites may be gained from the following: seventy-five shad or one hundred and forty pounds of beef-steak for breakfast; three hundred and fifty pounds of roast beef for dinner; two hundred boxes of strawberries for tea; eighty-five large loaves of bread a day.

Parlez-vous Francais? Room D, at 2:45. *Sprechen sie Deutsch?* Room J, at 2:00.

THE SOCIETIES.

The Alumni Meeting.

The regular meeting of the Alumni Association of the State Normal School will be held at Millersville, on Wednesday, July 1, 1891. The first private session will be held in the Model School Chapel at 2 p. m. The public exercises will be held in the Normal Chapel, at 8 p. m.

At the last regular meeting of the Association, held July 2, 1890, it was determined to hold a grand re-union of the old students who attended the Millersville Normal School under Dr. J. P. Wickersham, it being just twenty-five years since he was called from the principalship of this institution to assume charge of the Department of Public Instruction of Pennsylvania. Since that time, in the providence of God, Dr. Wickersham was called from his labor here to his reward above. This sad circumstance has made it necessary to change the nature of the exercises for that occasion. The Alumni will therefore hold Memorial Exercises on the evening of July 1. The following is the programme:

1. Address by the President, Mr. Charles H. Harding, '66, Philadelphia, Pa.
2. Essay—Dr. James P. Wickersham as a Teacher, by Miss Mary Martin, '66, Lancaster, Pa.
3. Oration—Dr. James P. Wickersham's Public Life, by Mr. John A. M. Passmore, '60, Philadelphia, Pa.
4. Short Addresses, by Hon. J. B. Warfel, Dr. E. O. Lyte, Dr. A. R. Byerly, Miss Elizabeth Lloyd, Mrs. Sara L. (Vickers) Oberholtzer (Poem), Hon. Marriott Brosius.

Mr. John G. Weinberger, Spinnerstown, Pa., will read the history of the class of 1861; Mrs. Sarah M. (Beatty) Green, Media, Pa., will read the history of the class of 1871, and A. L. Williams, Esq., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., will read the history of the class of 1881.

A special effort is being made to have as many as possible of the old students of the institution, who attended prior to 1866, return for the memorial exercises. We also hope that many of the members of the classes of '61, '71 and '81 will return to hear their class history read and renew old friendships. We will be glad to see as many other members of the Alumni present as can find it convenient to be here. The regular attendance at the Normal School this session is very large and our accommodations are therefore limited, but we will provide for as many as possible in the school and village. There is easy access to Lancaster, where accommodations can be obtained by all who attend the Association. Arrangements will be made with the Electric Car Company to have cars go to Lancaster after the evening meeting.

The President of the class of 1876, Mr. F. A. Lyte, calls for a meeting of the class on Wednesday, July 1st, at the School.

GEO. W. HULL,
Chairman of the Executive Committee.

The Page Literary Society.

BY ANNA LYLE.

The Page Society has abundant reason to record the year that is just reaching its end as "one of the most prosperous in its history."

The meeting of Friday evening, June 28, will be the last one of the series of thirty-eight meetings that have been held during the year, almost every one of which has been unexampled in excellence. So much, without any detail as to the character of its meetings.

The Society has had most gratifying expressions of loyalty from a number of its members, some of whom have long since ceased to take active part in its deliberations. One of the most notable of these was a gift of a handsome set of platform furniture, consisting of three chairs and a reading stand. These are made of old English oak, the chairs upholstered in leather of a light tan shade. The ladies of the Society presented a beautiful blue silk shade for the piano lamp, and the gentlemen a floral decoration, on the occasion of the first meeting of the session. These were generous gifts, and attest commendable degree of interest in the Society. The resolutions drawn up by a committee, appointed for the purpose, on the death of Hon. James P. Wickersham, who was a member of the Society, have been beautifully written out by Mr. Rayner, our teacher of penmanship; put in a neat frame, and occupy a place on the walls of the library.

The central event of interest in the year is the anniversary. The following account is taken from the Lancaster *New Era* of May 30th:

A large crowd assembled in the Normal School Chapel, at Millersville, on Friday evening, May 29th, to celebrate the thirty-sixth anniversary of the Page Literary Society. The chapel was crowded to its utmost capacity, the aisles being filled with patient and attentive listeners. The platform was decorated with ferns, palms and flowers, and was occupied by the officers and representatives of the evening. Dr. Tarleton H. Bean, of Washington, D. C., who was to be President for the evening, came as far as Lancaster, and here became quite ill and could not fill his office. Hon. Marriott Brosius, another loyal Pageite, took his place. The programme in full was as follows:

President's Address,
Hon. Marriott Brosius ..... Lancaster, Pa.
Music—Chorus, "Triumphal March ..... Costa.
Page Oration—"Relation of Life to the Unseen,"
Mr. Henry K. Denlinger, Princeton, N. J.
Music—Harp Solo, "Il Trovatore," ..... Verdi.
Signor Giovanni Setaro.
Reading—*a* "Scene from Dickens."
b "The Judgment Day."
—Elizabeth Stuart Phelps.
Miss Ada Seebeth Williams, Philadelphia, Pa.
Music—Sextette—"Dance Song." ..... Weinzierel.
Honorary Oration—"The Rise of the Commons,"
John M. Reynolds, Esq., '67, Bedford, Pa.
Music—Harp Solo, "Traviata," ..... Verdi.
Signor Giovanni Setaro.
Reading—*a* "Henry V's Courtship. ....Shakespeare.
b "The Spinning-Wheel Song," .... Waller.
Miss Ida Seebeth Williams, Philadelphia, Pa.
Music—Vocal Quartette, "Boating Song, . . Kucker.
Miss Monies, Miss Lentz, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Noble.
Adjournment.

Mr. Brosius made an excellent presiding officer. The order was excellent and was maintained throughout the evening by the dignity and firmness of the president. Miss Bertha I. Collins, of Millersville, made a handsome secretary.

The "Page Oration" by Mr. Denlinger was very entertaining, abounding in humorous stories and beautiful quotations. The variety in the composition and the vigor of the delivery held the close attention of the audience. The subject of the oration was "Relation of Life to the Unseen." "To begin with," said the speaker, "I have no quarrel with the seen. It is necessary. But back of the seen is the ever-living, ever-present unseen. It finds its expression in the yearnings that come to us all for something better than we have known. To the one who catches the intense meaning of the unseen, life is transformed. The material and the sensual tend to smother the germ of the divine in us. The material intrudes even into our meditations of Heaven. To develop the unseen is to win one's way to Heaven."

The recitations by Miss Williams were very highly appreciated. She is a very attractive reader and wins her audience at first sight and the conquest is completed by her grace and animation. She responded to three encores.

The harp playing of Signor Setaro was certainly a treat. The audience sat breathless to catch the softest note of his beautiful music. His numbers on the programme were doubled.

The "Honorary Oration" was not delivered by an honorary member at all, but by one of the Normal's own sons, John M. Reynolds, Esq., of the class of '67.

It was an inspiring and eloquent production, and any extract will fail to give an adequate idea of it. The speaker began by recalling happy memories of former days at Millersville and fond and reverent memories of Dr. Wickersham, who was then the principal. In the discussion of his subject the speaker answered the question, "Who Have Been the Common People?" by saying: "They are that mighty throng who have felt oppression's rod; and who have by virtue of their inherent merit, and their Heaven-born right to equal protection, declared themselves the princes of the earth; and who reign, not by virtue of the influences of inherited power, or wealth, or rank, or historical lineage, but, standing on their own matchless merit, are a living, moving and irresistible force in the world, for the good of man and the glory of God."

Mr. Reynolds then told briefly the "story of freedom" through the evolutions of time in English history, showing that "the essential principles of representative government find their germs in the successive charters which unwilling kings granted to rebellious subjects, to those customs, laws and usages which favored localities established and preserved. It has seemed that it was ordained in the providence of Almighty God, that here, in this land of America, was to be wrought out the highest possibilities of the human race; that here the Scotch, the Irish, the German, and English speaking blood were to become the tributary rills of a mighty stream on whose majestic bosom were to float the most precious treasures of the ages; that here in the perfection of human reason and in the midst of the most enlightened civilization the world has ever seen, was to be inscribed the law of human liberty high on the eternal pillars of that structure of government designed to protect the social and political rights of all men."

The speaker paid a gallant tribute to woman and spoke brave, kind words in her defense. He closed with a direct appeal to the students, urging devotion to duty and courage as essentials of high character. Such good words coming from a successful and prominent alumnus of the school to those who are waiting to take their places in the world must be an inspiration to a nobler conception of life.

The Normal Literary Society.

BY GEO. W. HULL.

The summer session is always a period of great interest to the Normal Society. First, because a large number of old students, who have been drilled in debate and the other exercises of the Society, return and are ready to take hold of the work with new zeal and enthusiasm. Their experience in life has taught them the value of the culture acquired here, and they are loath to let any opportunity pass by unimproved. In the second place a large accession of new members is made to the Society, many of whom are experienced teachers and know full well the power that comes from being able to express their thoughts, with clearness, accuracy and force. The summer session, therefore, is a period of revival and great intellectual activity and growth in the Society.

Among the improvements made in the Society since the last issue of THE JOURNAL we would notice, first, the new and improved method of holding elections. The whole system has been carefully and greatly improved. Printed ballots, issued by the authority of the Society, are now used at every election.

At the first meeting of the Society this session a very elegant and much needed chandelier was

presented to the Society by its members. New covers and other articles of necessity have been added. All these presents have been very acceptable, for which the Society is very thankful.

In addition to these improvements an unusually large and very carefully selected list of new books has been added to the library. Every department has been replenished by the very best books the market will afford. Our space will not permit even a brief enumeration, much less a description of them. Suffice it to say that we have added between forty and fifty new books.

It is needless to add that the meetings have all been good, for the whole institution seems to be growing not only in numbers but power and efficiency, and the Normal Society is keeping pace with the quality of her meetings.

On Saturday evening, May 30, the night after the Page Anniversary, the Normal Society gave one of the most interesting meetings held this session.

The following is the programme :

READING OF MINUTES.
PRESIDENT'S EXAUGURAL ADDRESS.
INAUGURATION OF OFFICERS.
ORATION....."The Elder Brother of the Republic."
Mr. Henry P. Miller.
PIANO DUET....."Fanfare des Dragons."
Misses Martin and Westlake.
ESSAY....."A Crank."
Miss Cecilia Londrosh.
VOCAL SOLO....."A Winter Lullaby."
Mrs. Gill.
REGULAR DEBATE—"Resolved, That American Patriotism is on the Decline."
Affirmative.—Mr. Geo. W. Bickel, Miss Carrie Bear, Mr. Harry N. Herr.
Negative.—Mr. Jno. R. Buchanan, Mr. J. B. Wolfgang, Dr. G. W. Hull.
GENERAL DEBATE.
MUSIC....."Bridal Chorus."
Lyrian Glee Club.
RECITATION....."Tobe's Monument."
Miss Landes.
VOCAL SOLO....."Gaily Chant the Summer Birds."
Miss Mayer.
NORMAL REVIEW.....
Miss E. Mae Bickham.
VOCAL QUARTETTE.....
Miss Mayer,
Messrs. Overholser, Williams and Sigel.
SENTIMENT ROLL.
REMARKS BY THE CRITIC.

Y. W. C. T. U.

BY AMANDA LANDES.

In the multiplication of alphabetical societies at the Normal, such as the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., etc., the Y. W. C. T. U. still holds its own place as an organization for work in all lines of moral and social reform, and especially along the line of temperance reform. The regular bi-weekly meetings have been very interesting. The most interesting talks have been by Miss Anna Barr on "Fermentation and Distillation," illustrated by experiments; Miss Euphan Macrae, on "Temperance in the South," and Mr. J. B. Wolfang, on "Alcohol as a Medicine." There is a "News Committee," whose duty it is to report interesting items of temperance news at the meetings. A large amount of literature was distributed during the last session and several public meetings held. The most interesting meeting was a reception given to the school by the "Y." on Saturday evening, May 23d. The officers of the Union, Miss Landes, Miss Barnhart, Miss Hunter, Miss Wike, Miss Macrae and Miss Barr, received the guests in the chapel. Refreshments, presided over by Miss Gilbert, were served in the two rooms back of the chapel. The rooms were decorated with flags, flowers, plants and fancy lamps. The Normal School Orchestra added much to the festivity by their music. Everybody came to the reception, and had the occasion not been such a pleasant one, the officers must have grown weary of shaking hands. The members of the Union felt much pleased with the success of their reception. The Union was represented by Miss S. Ethel Brown at the County Convention held in Lancaster, May 21st and 22d. The Union sends remembrance and best wishes to distant members and friends who read this report.

Y. W. C. A.

BY EUPHAN W. MACRAE.

Early in April Miss Hattie E. Dyer, State Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., met the ladies for the purpose of organizing an association in the School. As a result of the meeting, thirty enlisted as active charter members and ten as associate members. The following officers were elected for the term: Miss Macrae, President; Miss Gayman, Vice-President; Miss Hollinger, Recording Secretary; Miss Ellmaker, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Davies, Treasurer. Nineteen members have joined since the organization.

The regular devotional and gospel exercises held every Sunday morning have been well attended. Seven Bible training classes, having an average membership of seven girls each, have been organized; and many feel that they would not like to give up the privilege thus afforded of studying God's word.

Y. M. C. A.

BY J. B. WOLFGANG.

A Young Men's Christian Association was organized March 3, 1891, by 20 of the gentlemen students. Ever since its organization it has been going forward on the path of progress. In number it has increased to 69 and in spirit it has been growing stronger each week. Its benefits to the young men who are members and to all who have attended its meetings, are perceptibly felt in giving them a stronger moral and spiritual standing.

The regular devotional meetings are held every Sunday morning at 7:45, and are attended by a large number of the students. The services consist of Scripture reading, speaking, singing and prayer.

Several public song meetings have been held in the chapel, which have proved to be interesting and profitable to all who attended.

In connection with the association, there is a Young Men's Bible Training Class. In this the students meet to study the word of God with special reference to using it in bringing other young men to Christ.

SELECTED.

In His Memory.

From the Lancaster Examiner of May 11.

The Normal School, founded by the late Dr. Wickersham, at Millersville, held a service in his memory Sunday afternoon, which will be long remembered by all who were present. It was attended by many persons from this city, including the family of the deceased, Posts 84 and 405, G. A. R., the local trustees of the school, ex-Principal Brooks, Messrs. McComsey and Griest, of the School Board; Prof. McCaskey, of the High School; Congressman Brosius, Cashier Fon Dersmith, a number of the heads of departments in the Wickersham printing house, and many others.

The entire service was well arranged and conducted, the specially prepared music being a marked feature. The chief point was the memorial address. President Stahr, of Franklin and Marshall, made the opening prayer, after which Dr. D. J. Waller, Jr., State Superintendent of Public Instruction, delivered the Memorial Discourse. Taking for his text Philippians iv. 8, the Doctor said the turning-points of history were marked by lives of great men, whose biographies might be so arranged as to give all that is worth knowing in human history. The value of this instruction is not the less because the character making the history is recent. No unimportant part of the history of public instruction in Pennsylvania clusters about the name of James P. Wickersham; and it is eminently fitting that his Memorial Service should be held in the great school which he founded.

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Memorial Day at the Normal.

From the Lancaster *New Era*, June 2.

Memorial Day at the Normal is not allowed to pass by without enforcing its lesson of reverence and patriotism on the minds of the students. A beautiful service was held there on Saturday on the campus at six o'clock, p. m. The soldier's monument served as a background to the service and was wreathed with laurel and decorated with flowers and flags. Dr. Hull presided over the meeting and the Rev. Mr. Krichbaum offered prayer. The combined clubs of the school, under the leadership of Mr. Bailey, led the audience in patriotic songs. Miss Collins read a touching "Legend of Gettysburg." Rev. J. W. Meminger, of Lancaster, delivered a most eloquent address. His fine voice and earnest and impressive delivery were much enjoyed by his audience, and gave power to the patriotic thoughts he uttered. The students and many people from the village gathered under the trees made a very picturesque audience.

Alumni Banquet.

From the Pottsville *Miners' Journal* of March 28.

The large and intelligent body of ladies and gentlemen who last evening permanently organized the Anthracite Branch of the Millersville Normal School Alumni Association, gave ample evidence of the great utility of their alma mater and its similar institutions. Among them were men who have achieved success in all its branches of business and professional life, and the women have all been distinguished for intelligence and the higher qualities of character. An association possessed of such material in its membership, cannot fail to have a successful career and a highly beneficial effect upon those connected with it, as well as upon the cause of education generally.

Resolutions Adopted.

We, the members of the Anthracite Branch of the M. S. N. S. Alumni, take occasion to congratulate the old Normal upon the organization formed this evening to perpetuate the name and fame of the institution; we hereby express our allegiance to the School, remembering with kindness the splendid work done by its competent and earnest teachers; and we rejoice that it is now in the hands of an able and tried corps of workers, led by the able and indefatigable Principal, E. Oram Lyte.

Resolved, That this organization has learned with feelings of the deepest sorrow of the death of that pioneer of education, Dr. James Pyle Wickersham. We recognize in him the ablest and best exponent of the Pennsylvania public school system. As an educator he had no superior; as a man, was a leader among men, and the foremost in every good work tending to advance humanity. To him is due, more than to any other man, the legislation which laid broad and deep the foundations of the school system of which this great State is so justly proud.

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure of the selection of Dr. Edward Brooks as superintendent of the schools of Philadelphia. His connection for so long with the Millersville S. N. S., his devotion to the welfare of his pupils, and genial disposition endeared him to thousands, who learn with pleasure of his new honor. His fame as an educator ranks with the highest, and the city of Philadelphia is to be congratulated upon securing the services of so broad and progressive a teacher, under whose guidance the continual progress of the schools is assured.

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In an article on Normal Schools, Dr. Wickersham writes: "Soon after the passage of the Normal School law of 1857, preparation was begun at Millersville to bring the school up to its requirements, * * * * and on the second day of December, 1859, amid great rejoicing, it became the first State Normal School in Pennsylvania, and the model after which all the others were patterned."—*History of Education in Pennsylvania.*

SCHOLASTIC DEPARTMENTS.

The financial standing of the School enables the management to place the various departments in charge of *experienced instructors*, with special aptitude for their work and in full sympathy with the most approved methods of teaching. The advantages of pursuing a course of study under specialists are obvious. Every department is fully supplied with apparatus, and is well equipped in every respect.

PROFESSIONAL DEPARTMENT.—Theory.

The crowning work of this Institution is its *professional department.* Every effort is put forth to make our students skilled teachers. In the Intermediate and Junior years, the students are organized into "Methods" classes, to study the mind, the principles and methods of teaching, and the best ways of managing schools. In the Senior year psychology and pedagogics are among the most prominent studies.

PROFESSIONAL DEPARTMENT.—Practice.

The *Model School* is one of the leading schools of the kind in the United States. It is in charge of skilled teachers of wide experience, who have made the science and art of teaching a specialty. Here the principles of education are daily put into actual practice in the best and most approved methods of teaching. The members of the Senior class teach in the Model School daily under close and constant supervision. The Junior classes visit the Model School regularly and observe the work done by the teachers in charge and the Senior class.

KINDERGARTEN.

A Kindergarten is established in connection with the Model School. It is under the direction of a skilled kindergartner, who also has charge of a training class in this department. Our students derive great benefit from this new feature of Normal School work.

THE BUILDINGS.

The Normal School buildings are the *largest and most convenient buildings* of the kind in the State. The chapel will seat 1,200 persons; the recitation rooms are large and commodious; and the students' rooms are neatly furnished and well heated and lighted.

According to the State Report for 1890, the value of the property belonging to the Millersville State Normal School is over a quarter of a million of dollars—in exact figures, $265,190.27.

THE GROUNDS.

The grounds surrounding the Normal School are *large, beautiful, and attractive,* affording abundant shade and good opportunities for recreation and exercise. They have been in charge of a landscape gardener for some time, and for beauty are equalled by few school or college grounds in the country. The base ball ground is excelled only by the grounds of professional clubs.

A lady visitor thus describes the campus to a friend: "Fountains playing, flowers blooming, birds singing, trees waving their leafy branches to the breeze, a velvety carpet of nature's richest green covering the whole lawn—what more beautiful picture can be found than the Millersville Normal School? I was charmed, and could not help envying the groups of busy students who are spending the happiest years of their lives in the shadow of that great school."—THE NORMAL JOURNAL (May, 1888).

LATE IMPROVEMENTS.

Among the *late additions and improvements* made in the buildings and surroundings are—

Enlarging and supplying the Model School with every appliance that is needed in that department: furniture, apparatus, supplementary reading, material for manual training, kindergarten supplies, etc.

A new gymnasium, supplied with the most approved apparatus. Free to students.

A large microscope.

Ten new pianos.

Furnishing a room with work-benches and tools for a course in manual training.

A large collection of ornithological specimens.

Complete refurnishing of the dining-room including new silver-ware, tables, chairs, etc.

Large boiler-house, containing two new steam fifty-horse-power boilers, etc.

Steam-cooking apparatus.

Large reservoir, supplied with a stream of water flowing upwards into the reservoir at the rate of 200 gallons or more a minute.

Standpipe, 80 feet high, with a capacity of 50,000 gallons.

New bath-rooms, with hot and cold water.

Hot water in the ladies' and the gentlemen's buildings.

New water closets, supplied with running water.

Running water on every floor in both buildings.

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Apparatus for extinguishing fires, fire escapes, etc.

Telephone connection with Lancaster. (For the free use of students and others connected with the School.)

Large additions to the reading room and reference-library, unabridged dictionaries and clocks in the class-rooms, etc.

Papering and recarpeting the rooms in the ladies' building, and furnishing them with handsome ash furniture, spring mattresses, etc.

Papering and carpeting the rooms in the gentlemen's building, and refurnishing them with solid oak furniture, spring mattresses, etc.

Refurnishing the class-rooms with cherry and maple furniture of the most approved kind.

Painting the entire building, inside and outside, papering all the halls, etc.

Improving the campus by the addition of fountains and flower-beds, and in many other ways, thus making the large lawn surrounding the buildings one of the most beautiful in the country.

New barn and other outbuildings.

These improvements cost about $60,000. They will be followed by others, whenever and wherever needed, the authorities of the School being determined to do all that can be done to promote the ends for which it was established, and to add to the comfort and convenience of all connected with it.

VISITORS.

Large numbers of school superintendents, teachers, and friends of education, come to inspect our work in all its departments. *Visitors are always welcome.* As we never do anything simply for exhibition, *every school day is visitors' day.* Come to see us.

SESSIONS, TERMS, Etc.

The Winter Session of 1890–'91 will begin on the first Monday in September, and continue twenty-eight weeks. The Summer Session of 1891 will begin on the last Monday in March, and continue fourteen weeks.

Tuition and boarding, including heat, light, washing, and school privileges, for the Winter Session of twenty-eight weeks, $140.00; for the Summer Session of fourteen weeks, $70.00. Tuition and privileges, without boarding, for the Winter Session, $40.00; for the Summer Session, $20.00.

The State appropriation of fifty cents a week is deducted from the bills of students who are preparing to teach, thus making the total cost for tuition and boarding for the winter session, $126.00; for the summer session, $63.00; tuition for the winter session, $26.00; for the summer session, $13.00.

Fifty dollars appropriation to graduates.

RAILROAD NOTICE TO STUDENTS.

Purchase tickets to Lancaster.

On the Reading railroad, leave the cars at King Street station.

The electric cars for Millersville leave the Pennsylvania railroad station every hour, or oftener, and pass the Reading station. These cars carry baggage, as well as passengers.

FURTHER INFORMATION.

Full information concerning the School can be obtained from the Principal. Persons desiring to engage rooms for the coming session should apply early. *Catalogues sent free on application.*

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