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EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

The Governor's Message.

What Governor Pattison says about public schools should be read by everyone connected with the school system of the State. The following paragraph with reference to normal schools is copied from message:

The Superintendent of Public Instruction reports that the twelve State Normal Schools have won the confidence and support of the public to a degree that has made their usefulness almost inestimable. There are gathered annually in these institutions about 8,000 of the teachers of the Commonwealth. The moral, social and intellectual influence exerted by them directly and through their pupils and teachers is immeasurable. They have been influential in elevating the character of public instruction. The State Normal Schools have vindicated the wisdom of liberal policy pursued towards them by the Commonwealth.

THE attention of the readers of THE JOURNAL is invited to the accounts of the meetings of two of the "Branches" in this issue. The officers of these associations are anxious to have the names and addresses of all graduates and old students residing within a radius of 50 or 100 miles of the place of meeting of the associations. Each one who sends a new name to the secretary will confer a favor upon the School, the association, and the person whose name is sent.

WE trust that Prof. D. M. Sensenig, who was so long at the head of the mathematical department at the West Chester Normal School, will soon recover his health and re-enter the class-room. He is too young a man, and too good a teacher, to withdraw permanently from his chosen profession.

State Appropriation to Undergraduates.

During the school year ending in 1892, the State appropriation of fifty cents a week to undergraduates assisted nearly 5,000 students of normal schools in their efforts to obtain a professional education. Each student who received the benefit of this appropriation must have been at least seventeen years old and a member of a "methods" class in a normal school at least twelve consecutive weeks; and he was required to sign a paper, declaring his intention to teach in the public schools in Pennsylvania. The number of students that received this aid in each of the twelve normal schools is shown in the following table taken from the State Report, the schools being named in the order of their recognition as State normal schools. The first column gives the number of gentlemen, the second the number of ladies, and the third the total number:

1.	Millersville,	304	418	722
2.	Edinboro,	189	250	439
3.	Mansfield,	164	210	374
4.	Kutztown,	234	108	342
5.	Bloomsburg,	105	181	286
6.	West Chester,	120	293	413
7.	Shippensburg,	not reported.		
8.	California,	78	154	232
9.	Indiana,	57	175	232
10.	Lock Haven,	192	210	403
11.	Clarion,	159	222	381
12.	Slippery Rock,	93	206	299
	Total,	1,695	2,427	4,122

It will be seen from the foregoing table that the normal schools of the State assisted more than 4,000 teachers of the public schools in their efforts to prepare themselves for their work. The influence of these schools is thus seen to be much wider than is indicated by the number graduated from them year after year.

THE annex to the ladies' building is rapidly approaching completion. The furniture for it has been ordered, and we hope to have it entirely furnished and ready for occupancy before the close of the present session.

MILLERSVILLE is ably represented in the Pennsylvania Legislature, a number of her leading graduates and old students being members of the Senate or House of Representatives.

APPLICATIONS for rooms for the summer session should be made as early as possible.

A Teachers' Bureau.

So many applications are made to us for teachers for all grades of schools that it has become necessary for us to conduct this part of our work in a more systematic manner than we have done hitherto. Applications for teachers are frequently made to us at a time when we do not know of any of our graduates who are unemployed or are at liberty to accept a better position than the one they hold, and occasionally one of our graduates applies to us to assist him in securing a situation when we do not know of any suitable vacancy. If it were understood that our Alumni could register with us whenever they were not employed, persons desiring teachers would write to us even more frequently than they now do, and we should probably be better able to serve them. In the next issue of THE JOURNAL, we shall endeavor to present some details of the proposed "new step." It may be stated now that the "Bureau" will be for our graduates only, and will be conducted without any expense to them or to the persons applying to us for teachers. We may add, too, that it will not in any way take the place of the excellent teachers' bureaus and agencies in Pennsylvania and elsewhere.

The object of our "Bureau" will be to aid our graduates to secure good positions and to aid directors and school officials to secure good teachers. This work we have always done. What we now propose is to do more of it, and to do it more systematically.

Valuable Suggestions.

FROM THE REPORTS OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS.

The reports of the county superintendents of the schools of the various counties are worthy of the careful study of all who desire to become acquainted with the most important public institutions of Pennsylvania, her common schools. The suggestions given below show that the cause of public education has able leaders, who understand the real needs of the schools. It is to be regretted that quotations could not have been made from every report, as all contain suggestions of value.

"Directors should pay every teacher according to his qualifications, his successful experience, and proven ability to do efficient work in the school-room."—SUPT. J. W. THOMAN, *Adams County.*

"We believe the advancement of our profession is largely in our own hands."—SUPT. J. G. HILLMAN, *Beaver County.*

"Free text-books are coming."—SUPT. C. J. POTTS, *Bedford County.*

"The schools of large counties ought to have closer supervision."—SUPT. G. W. RYAN, *Bradford County.*"

"The children entrusted to our care should find in school only that which elevates and refines."—SUPT. W. H. SLOTTER, *Bucks County.*

"The law should require all locations and plans and specifications of school houses to be submitted to the county superintendent for final approval."—SUPT. J. W. LEECH, *Cambria County.*

"Books of reference and an unabridged dictionary are a necessity in the schools of to-day."—SUPT. T. S. SNYDER, *Carbon County.*

"The local institute as an institution is coming back."—SUPT. D. O. ETTERS, *Centre Co.*

"Our teachers need a broader knowledge of good literature and a keener appreciation of its beauties and moral tendencies."—SUPT. J. S. WALTON, *Chester County.*

"We hail as a good sign, a manifest and growing opinion among directors that better teachers must be put in charge of the primary schools."—SUPT. B. C. YOUNGMAN, *Clearfield County.*

"The most important factor in the educational problem is the teacher."—SUPT. R. M. MCNEAL, *Dauphin County.*

"The interest in the course of study adopted for the county is increasing more rapidly than was anticipated."—SUPT. A. G. C. SMITH, *Delaware County.*

"Not less knowledge, but more ability to impart, should be the motto of every normal school."—SUPT. C. J. SWIFT, *Elk County.*

"Our teachers are coming to realize more and more the necessity for that thorough preparation so essential to success in teaching."—SUPT. S. G. RUDY, *Huntingdon County.*

"It is to be regretted that so many teachers go into the school-room with little or no preparation for their work."—SUPT. N. S. DAVIS, *Lackawanna County.*

"The sanitary condition for school houses should receive special attention from the State. A law should be passed which would require all new school houses to be built according to certain fundamental principles of school house construction that have been found conducive to the health and the growth of the child." SUPT. M. J. BRECHT, *Lancaster County.*

"Our future welfare depends largely upon the success and prosperity of our public school system."—SUPT. J. W. SNOKE, *Lebanon County.*

"The most expensive apparatus is not always the best."—SUPT. J. O. KNAUSS, *Lehigh County.*

"Good scholarship is the first essential of a good teacher."—SUPT. T. B. HARRISON, *Luzerne County.*

"Directors are seeing the folly of crowding too many children into one division."—SUPT. R. F. HOFFECKER, *Montgomery County.*

"Good, instructive reading for public schools is demanding attention."—SUPT. W. F. HOCH, *Northampton County,*

"When the people desire good schools and give the matter their personal attention, good results follow."—SUPT. W. E. BLOOM, *Northumberland County.*

"The poorest teacher is the indifferent, don't care fellow, who has no sense of his responsibility."—SUPT. E. A. AUMILLER, *Perry County.*

"We believe that an increase in the school term to seven months is needed at this time."—SUPT. J. A. KIPP, *Pike County.*

"The large increase in the State appropriation will afford directors an excellent opportunity of increasing the salaries of teachers, lengthening the school term, and adopting the system of free text-books."—SUPT. G. W. WEISS, *Schuylkill County.*

"The erroneous idea that almost anybody can teach school is still too prevalent."—SUPT. C. W. HERMAN, *Snyder County.*

"The real work and worth of teaching cannot be computed by figures."—SUPT. J. M. BERKEY, *Somerset County.*

"Schools with pleasant surroundings, plus conscientious, courteous pupils, and presided over by earnest, intelligent, painstaking teachers, are centers where passion, prejudice and superstition take wings and fly away."—SUPT. B. R. JOHNSON, *Union County.*

"There is nothing more needed in our schools to-day than dictionaries."—SUPT. J. H. KENNEDY, *Wayne County.*

"The permanent progress of schools may be measured largely by the interest manifested in them by the people."—SUPT. H. C. BRENNEMAN, *York County.*

IF any of our graduates are at liberty to accept a position, they will oblige us by sending us their names and present addresses. Within a week, the Principal has received no fewer than seven applications for teachers from directors and others in charge of schools. Each person applying for a teacher asks us to recommend a graduate of Millersville.

THE summer session of the School will begin on Monday, March 27th, and continue fourteen weeks. Students will be admitted at any time, but it is best for them to enter school at the beginning of the session, and remain until the close.

WE hope to be able to announce in the next number of THE JOURNAL a revision of the normal school course that will tend to fit the graduates better for their work and add dignity to the profession of teaching.

WE shall take pleasure in sending catalogues to all who desire any information concerning our School, and in answering any questions that may be asked about our work, etc.

WE wish to suggest to next session's students that they should come to school as early as possible. Monday, March 27, is "reception day." Classes will have their first recitations on Tuesday, the 28th.

A NUMBER of graduates have registered for next summer. We hope that a large number will return to school and have additional studies placed on their diplomas.

THE present session outnumbers any previous winter session.

"In many districts children pass the country school house on their way to the town to secure advantages they are not able to get in the country school house. I recommend the consolidation of two or more of the rural schools into one strong institution, well equipped and with compensation offered to teachers to secure the talent equal to a town or a city school."—*Governor Pattison.*

ALUMNI NOTES.

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

We head our matrimonial list in this number with a notice which, we feel sure, will interest a very large number of our student readers. Our card reads thus :

MARRIED.—Rev. W. H. Hartzler, South Easton, Pa., to Miss Anna V. Hurst, Talmage, Lancaster County, Pa., Tuesday December 6th, 1892.

An Easton paper of December 7th, in giving an account of the wedding says that it was private, the guests being the members of the families of both parties.

Miss Hurst is a graduate of the West Chester Normal School in the class of '88. Recently she has been taking a post-graduate course in the same school, and held the position of teacher in the Friends' Graded School of West Chester borough. Mr. Hartzler, after graduating here in 1878, taught in the school for eight years. He has charge at present of the First Evangelical Church in South Easton. His pastoral labors there, and his pulpit service are very highly commended by his people. We wish him continued succses, and to him and Mrs. Hartz ler we extend our kindest wishes and heartiest congratulations.

MARRIED.—On Thursday, November 24, 1892, at the residenee of the bride's parents, 619 Massachusetts Avenue, N. E., by the Rev. Green Clay Smith, Mr. William E. Etka, of Mifflintown, Pa., and Miss Clara E. Street, of Washington, D. C. This is Mr. William E. Etka, '85, who has at present a position in the war department at Washington.

MARRIED.—Miss Mary Morgan, '85, to Mr. Edward Pedlow, of Ashland, Pa. The wedding ceremony was performed in St. John's P. E. church, on Tuesday evening, January 10. The Ashland *Evening Telegram*, after describing the ceremony, says :

"At the close of the reception the bridal pair entered a waiting coupe, and were driven to their beautiful furnished home near Ninth and Walnut streets. Here a pretty surprise awaited the bride. The parlor was illumined from the rays of a beautiful onyx tabled standing lamp, upon which was attached a card inscribed "To Mrs. Edward Pedlow, from the teachers corps of the Ashland schools." It was but an evidence of her popularity among those with whom she had been associated fot the past several years. The young couple were also the recipients of many other valuable presents embracing silverware, china, engravings, linens, and other articles."

THE JOURNAL joins with the class of '85 and with other friends in sending congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Etka and Mr. and Mrs. Pedlow.

It is with exceeding sorrow that we insert the account in THE JOURNAL of the sad death of Mrs. Eugenia Jackson Woodward, '74.

We copy here from the Wilkes-Barre *Record :*

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 14, '93.

"Mrs. M. F. Woodward, wife of a prominent attorney of this city, met with a horrible death at Sierra Madre, yesterday afternoon, while cooking a meal. Accidentally she upset an oil stove, setting fire to her clothes. Her husband, who is an invalid, carried his wife into a bed room and covered her with clothing. Her lower limbs were burned badly, and death followed in three hours." After graduating here Miss Jackson taught for several years in the schools of her native city—Wilkes-Barre. Then subsequently spent two years with us as an assistant in English branches. She was a bright woman, friendly in disposition, and seemed to win the interest and love of those about her with great readiness. Her friends will read this account with sincere regret and sorrow.

We regret to learn that D. M. Sensenig, '67, and his wife, of the same class, who have been teaching in the West Chester State Normal School for the last ten years, where Prof. Sensenig had charge of the mathematical department, have both been obliged to withdraw from their duties on account of ill health.

Mr. A. B. Hambright, '79, has recently been

admitted to the practice of law at the Lancaster bar. His address is Duke and Grant streets, Lancaster, Pa.

Miss Gertrude Brosius, '90, is spending the winter in Washington, D. C., with her father and mother. She appears to figure quite prominently in society at the Capital.

Miss Lila A. Beard, '91, is teaching at Brackettville, Texas. She reports the climate as lovely, rain as rather lamentably rare, and says the State, in that part at least, is not in advance in high civilization.

Miss Jenny Forrer, '86, is at school this session, taking a special course of study.

Mr. Joseph H. Landis, '74, is a candidate for county superintendent of Juniata county, Pa.

Mr. Landis has scholarship professional training and experience sufficient to warrant his success in the position if he should be elected.

Ben C. Rich, '68, is the clerk of the Populist House of Representatives in Kansas. He has been in the midst of the conflict between the two Houses in that State.

We received a letter a few days ago from Annie Wetterau, '83, in which she says she and and Annie Lubrecht expect to go to the World's Fair next summer; that it is their intention to come to Millersville to attend the reunion of their class, and start from here for Chicago. She suggests that it would be pleasant for Millersville students to make up parties to go to the Fair. These parties to consist of members of the same class or otherwise, as may be most feasible. We are inclined to think her plan a good one, and take this opportunity to present it to her classmates and to former students.

The following item is copied from the *Langhorne Standard*. Miss Haines is a member of the class of '89:

"Langhorne Friends' Institute opened Sept. 5, with quite a large number in attendance and more being admitted daily. It bids fair for a full school. With Mabell A. Haines, of Lancaster county, as its principal, and four assistants, two of whom are graduates of our colleges, and a free course of lectures the coming winter by prominent professors, combined with several improvements the committee in charge have made, the prospects for our young people securing a thorough education at reasonable rates are very encouraging."

MARRIED.—At St. Louis, January 18, Miss Cecelia Londrosh and Mr. Louis Maurice Hermann. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Hermann will be Flournoy, Neb.

Miss Londrosh was a student with us in '90 and '91. She came from the Indian school at Carlisle, and proved herself a bright, intelligent pupil. During part of the time she was here she was employed in the Principal's office as type writer, and was faithful in the performance of her duties and skillful and accurate in her work. We hope for her many happy days in her new home and her new relation.

MARRIED.—On February 22, in the Bainbridge Baptist church, Manchester, Va., Lelia Carlton Ballowe to James Madison Jewett. Miss Ballowe was a student in '83 and '84.

It is a great pleasure to us to extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jewett.

Those who were students here in '75 and '76, will remember Alex. McClure Lupfer and J. Marshall Lupfer, from Snyder county, Pa. The former subsequently graduated at Lafayette College, making while there a specialty of civil engineering. During the last four years he has been at the head of the engineers' corps that surveyed the route of the St. Paul and Seattle R. R. This was a piece of very difficult and important railroad engineering. We were very glad to have a call from Mr. Lupfer a few days ago.

The brother, J. Marshall, died at Kissimee, Fla., four years ago.

The Western Pennsylvania Branch.

BY THE SECRETARY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The organization of a Western Pennsylvania Branch of the Millersville Alumni Association had been discussed for the past two or three years by graduates of the Normal residing in and near Pittsburg and Allegheny. The first decided action in the matter was taken in November last, when W. M. Leatherman, '78, and J. C. Armstrong, '81, called a meeting of those in the immediate vicinity for the purpose of making arrangements for holding a general meeting and effecting a permanent organization. Superintendent John Morrow, Rev. O. H. Phillips, S. A. Will, Esq., T. F. Newlin, Esq., W. M. Leatherman and J. C. Armstrong were present at this meeting. The committee issued a circular, in which it suggested the holidays as a suitable time for holding the first meeting, but most of the responses favored a later date.

The committee, at a subsequent meeting, decided to hold the first general meeting on Friday evening, February 10, 1893, at Cyclorama Hall, Allegheny, Pa. A second circular was issued, giving notice of the time and place of the meeting, and requesting all to send their names and "quarters" for enrollment. The responses were prompt and numerous, and quite a creditable enrollment was reached. The committee now felt assured of the success of the movement, and made arrangements for a banquet to be held in connection with the first meeting.

The first meeting was held at the appointed time and place, was a decided success, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The meeting was called to order by S. A. Will, Esq. Rev. O. H. Phillips was chosen temporary chairman, J. C. Armstrong, Secretary, and W. M. Leatherman, Treasurer and enroller. The chairman appointed S. A. Will and T. F. Newlin a committee on Constitution, and after a brief absence this committee was ready to report. Their report was received, and after a short discussion, was adopted as the Constitution of the Association. The committee was instructed to have the Constitution printed, and mail a copy to each member. Dr. Lyte kindly offered to have it printed in the next issue of THE NORMAL JOURNAL. His offer was accepted.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Pres., Dr. John M. Batten; Vice Pres., Mrs. E. L. Hum and Supt. John Morrow; Sec., J. C. Armstrong; Treas., W. M. Leatherman; Executive Committee, George H. Quaill, Esq., Prof. E. C. Lavers, Dr. Evans, Mrs. W. M. Leatherman and Mrs. J. C. Armstrong. The newly elected officers assumed their duties, and after the transaction of some business with reference to the next annual meeting, the assembly adjourned to the dining hall, where an elegant supper, prepared by Allegheny's most popular caterer, Mr. George P. Luther, awaited them.

Dr. Lyte, who was the guest of the Association, was chosen toastmaster. Although the responses were somewhat informal, yet they were hearty, and showed that the occasion was one of interest and pleasure to all. Dr. John M. Batten spoke of the Normal in early days. He told of how he and Supt. Morrow had jumped over the maple trees on the campus, and closed by reciting a poem, "When the Normal trees are Grown." [These maple trees now average from 7 to 10 feet in circumference.] Supt. Morrow said, that being young and very modest, he thought he should give way to others. He said, however, that jumping over the maples were not the only "pranks" that he and Dr. Batten had engaged in. Dr. Evans spoke highly of the education he received at the Normal, but teaching was not his forte; he abandoned it and took up medicine. Rev. O. H. Phillips made some excellent remarks on the "Higher Education of Teachers." He thought the Association should take some action favoring the establishing of a University of Pedagogy. Prof. E. C. Lavers discussed "What the Normal Course should be." He thought the course should be extended both ways. John Collier thought the organization of a Western Pennsylvania Branch a wise scheme, and one that would be productive of much good to its members and the Normal. Geo. H. Quaill, Esq., responded to "The Normal and the Law." He paid a glowing tribute to the Normal, and said the course afforded an excellent preparation for the Law. S. A. Will, Esq., described a botanizing expedition in which he took part. His description caused much merriment, and was enjoyed by all. Prof. Espy paid a glowing tribute to Drs. Wickersham, Brooks, and Byerly. Other responses were made by Messrs. Newlin, Hum, Leatherman and Armstrong; also by Mrs. Hum, Mrs. Leatherman, and Mrs. Armstrong.

At the close of the exercises a resolution, congratulating Dr. Lyte and the faculty on the very prosperous condition of the School, expressing entire confidence in their management of its affairs, and pledging them the hearty coöperation and support of the Association, was unanimously adopted.

The committee on primary organization experienced a great deal of difficulty in securing the names and addresses of undergraduates. The secretary requests that all such as receive this report will report to him, and all that know of those who have been students at the Normal at any time to send him their names and addresses. Address J. C. Armstrong, 7 Fourth Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

Constitution of the "Western Pennsylvania Branch."

ARTICLE I.

This organization shall be known as the Western Pennsylvania Branch of the Millersville Alumni and Students' Association.

ARTICLE II.

The object of the organization is to bring together for social purposes the graduates and former students of the Millersville State Normal School.

ARTICLE III.

Any graduate or former student of the Millersville State Normal School may become a member of this organization upon signifying his desire in person or by letter, and the payment of twenty-five cents enrollment fee.

ARTICLE IV.

The annual dues of the members of the Association shall be the sum of two dollars, the same to be paid to the Treasurer at least thirty days before the annual meeting.

ARTICLE V.

The regular meetings of this organization shall be held annually on the Friday following the third Monday in November at 8 o'clock p. m., at which time a banquet shall be given for the entertainment of the members and their friends, to be paid out of the funds of the society.

ARTICLE VI.

Special meetings shall be called by the President and Secretary upon the written request of three members.

ARTICLE VII.

Members of this Association who are married shall have the privilege of bringing to the annual meetings their families, and such as are unmarried shall have the privilege of bringing their friends.

ARTICLE VIII.

The officers of this Association shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and an Executive Committee of five members, to be elected at the annual meeting; said officers shall enter upon their duties at the close of the meeting at which they are elected and shall serve until their successors are elected.

THE SOCIETIES.

The Normal Literary Society.

BY GEO. W. HULL.

(Selected from the Lancaster Intelligencer and Examiner.)

The Thirty-sixth Anniversary of the Normal Literary Society was held in the Normal Chapel on Friday evening, January 27. The chapel was very tastefully decorated with drapings and festoons of red bunting. On the platform were two piano lamps, trimmed with the colors of the society, a monogram wrought in immortelles and roses, together with many palms, exotics, bouquets, baskets of cut flowers and wreaths of smilax, which gave to the hall a very pleasing appearance, and added not a little to the pleas ure of the evening.

The chapel was densely packed with visitors, students and other friends of the society. Promptly at 7:30 o'clock, the hour for beginning the entertainment, a march was played, and the representatives and officers took their places on the platform.

The exercises were opened with a very fine vocal duet, entitled "A Serenade," from Meyer-Helmund, rendered by Miss Emory, the head of the department of music at the Normal School, and Mr. Hambright, of Lancaster.

Mr. Francis A. Lyte, '76, of Kane, Pa., filled the President's chair. He proved a most excellent executive officer, handling the immense crowd with ease and dignity. He was assisted by Miss Laura V. Whitcomb, of Philadelphia, the Secretary of the evening.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The President said: "It is both a privilege and an honor to welcome the trustees, faculty, students and other friends to the thirty-sixth anniversary of the Normal Literary Society. In anticipation of so large an audience the society has prepared a rich treat for all. The influence of this society is far reaching, having representatives in almost every State and Territory in the Union. We are therefore proud of her achievements, proud of the large number of good brave men and true noble hearted women she has sent forth in life." After briefly outlining the work of the society, he concluded his very happy and appropriate address by saying: "Trusting that we have all had more joy than sorrow, that our trials have made us stronger and better men and women, I again extend to all a hearty welcome."

READINGS.

The reciter for the evening was Miss Amanda Landes, teacher of elocution at the Normal School. Miss Landes is such a favorite in the class-room and upon the platform that her appearance was the signal for a most vigorous applause. The audience was delighted with her readings and recalled her time and again. She read four selections, among which were "The Dumb Savior" and "Orlando's Wooing" from Shakespeare. In rendering the latter she assumed the characters with ease and showed how perfect a mastery she has acquired in the expression of thought and delineation of character.

THE NORMAL ORATION.

The Normal oration was delivered by Prof. E. E. McCurdy, of Everett, Pa. His subject was "The Boy of the Nineteenth Century." The speaker took the side of the boy, and made an eloquent plea for justice to him. We often condemn the boy, and yet with all his faults he is continually rising into a beautiful and useful manhood. He is snubbed, kicked and pushed aside; but through it all has been only the more rapidly developed in the knowledge of things, of nature and of men. He frequently knows more of the facts of natural history concerning his neighborhood than his teachers. He interprets the signals along the railroads, reads every man in his community, picks out the stingy and mean, as well as the kind-hearted and true. He is a reader of character. There is nothing the boy hates so much as sham, and nothing he detects sooner. He admires manliness, justice and right, and honors it wherever seen. He tips his hat to the man of strong character, and worries the life out of the weakling. He reads character with the accuracy of a philosopher, and passes sentence on it with the dignity of a judge. He is the product of this busy, inquisitive and inventive age. Self-sacrificing, honest and kind when treated with manly honor, he is properly the pride and boast of the nineteenth century. We should neither magnify his defects nor minify his merits. Treat him as truthful until you have clearly proved the contrary, and you have a fast, firm friend. You may, with justice, sing the praises of the inventions of the nineteenth century, the electric light, the telephone, the telegraph, etc., but do not forget the product of them all, the boy of the nineteenth century. The orator made many telling hits, and was frequently interrupted by applause.

THE HONORARY ORATION.

The honorary oration was delivered by Prof James M. Coughlin, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. The subject was "Character Building." The orator soon had the audience convulsed with laughter and kept them in a happy frame of mind during the entire speech. He was humorous and witty throughout. The principles he stated, and the truths he demonstrated were all illustrated in a happy yet forcible manner. He showed how personal effort was always a requisite to success. Everyone should get a good education This requires effort on the part of the student. There is no inclined plane down which one can slide into a finished education. The student must have a teachable spirit. A proper relation between teacher and pupil can alone make the effort most effective. Thoroughness in whatever undertaken is necessary. Edison does not know everything, but has a thorough knowledge of electricity, and no learned man was more honored by the French than Edison during the great exposition in Paris. Get knowledge and assimilate it. Not knowledge, but available knowledge is power, knowledge that can be used whenever needed. Character is growth. It is a slow product, but when acquired it remains with you forever. It is built up by actions. What we have once done we are likely to do again, hence habit plays an important part in character building, habit perpetuated becomes character. Courtesy, respect for truth and obedience were fully discussed and shown to be necessary elements in forming noble characters. The speaker closed his admirable address by showing how education should contribute to the independence and the strength of the individual. Acquire strength, overcome bad habits and thus form for yourselves good sound bodies, a good education and upright moral character.

The music was in charge of Miss H. May Emory. She was assisted by Miss Fannie Twitmire, assistant teacher of music at the Normal School, and her pupils. Every body spoke enthusiastically of the music. At the close of the exercises, President Francis A. Lyte adjourned what many thought had proved to be the best anniversary exercises held for years.

The Page Literary Society.

BY ANNA LYLE.

What a delightful meeting; it was simply delightful! Such was the enthusiastic remark made the day after the meeting of the Society on January 28th. We could heartily endorse this opinion ourselves, as we were present during almost the entire evening, and felt that the members had done themselves and their society honor in every exereise of the meeting. We cannot commend the Society too strongly for the earnest endeavor they are making to use to the best purpose the talent of the members. Our congratulations must be added to our praises for the great success which has thus far followed their endeavors. These words of ours we are sure will be gratifying to all loyal Pageites, whether they are read by those who have their homes on the shores of the far away Pacific, or by those who have found their work in foreign lands, or by those whose duties are found in homes and places nearer to their Alma Mater or the scenes of their past school days.

The programme of the meeting referred to in this account of the Society was as follows:

Music by the Orchestra.
Referred Questions: *a.* Have the rights of the Indians been trampled upon by the United States?—Miss Annie Hogate. *b.* Will the Democrats follow out in the next administration the "Tariff Plank" of their platform?—Mr. Clarence Phipps.
Music:
1. Piano Solo, Miss Marion Lawson.
2. Ladies' Chorus.
Regular Debate—*Resolved*, That the Civil Service Act of 1883 has signally failed to secure political reform. Affirmative—Miss Mandane Rymer and Mr. Oliver Kern. Negative—Miss Rodgers and Mr. D. Ritchey.

General debate was participated in by Mr. Ritchey and Mr. C. E. Berger, '88. The latter is at present in the Custom House service of the United States at Philadelphia, and knows practically the working of the law.

Quartette,....."Come Where the Lilies Bloom."
Messrs. Munroe, Herr, Saylor and Eshleman.
Recitation,....."An Indian Legend."
Miss Margaret Hum.

As an encore Miss Hum recited "Money Musk."
Oration,....."The Character of St. Paul."
Stehman Herr.
Vocal Solo,....."True to the Last."
Mr. Kant, of Lancaster.

The latter is the leader of the choir of St. James' P. E. church, in Lancaster. He has a superb baritone voice, and his singing was most enthusiastically received by his audience. He is an honorary member of the Society.

The Page Weekly was read by Miss Bertha Gayman. The Censor of the evening was Miss Laura Speck.

The exercises were closed with a piece of music by the Page Glee Club.

Among the referred questions that have been discussed during the January meetings, the following deserve notice:

Is a political union of the American States desirable?—Mr. E. L. Hauser.

Is it more profitable to encourage music or libraries in the public schools?
Miss Stella Robinson.

How should the poor of our cities be cared for?—Mr. Harry Shutt.

Among the resolutions debated are the following:

Resolved, That the Negro should be transported to Africa.

Resolved, That the achievement of the American people in gaining Independence was greater than in putting down the Rebellion.

Those who participated in debating these resolutions were Miss Colvin, Mr. Durbin, Miss Noble, Mr. Shipman, Mr. Hoff, Nr. Nissley, Miss Speck and Miss Gayman,

Orations have recently been delivered by Mr. Edward A. Taylor, Mr. Wm. Worth, Mr. D. G. Eshbach, Mr. J. H. Wolf, Mr. Phipps and Mr. M. F. Stauffer.

The vocal soloists of the Society are Mr. Grebinger, Mr. Curwen Saylor, Mr. Stehman Herr and Miss Emma Herr.

The pianists are Miss Marion Wallace, Miss Marion Lawson, Miss Mae Byerly, Miss Sallie Hill, The Misses Lentz, Miss Mae Griffith and Miss Myra Leland.

Among the reciters are Miss Mary Cooper, Miss Margaret Hum, Miss Edith Williams,

Miss Emma Alker, Miss Anna Fogg, Mr. Davies and Mr. Keever.

In order that those interested may know something of what the Page Juniors are doing we will present to you a few features of some of their recent meetings.

Their order of exercises is similar to that of the Senior society.

Among the referred questions answered were the following:

Should soldiers receive pensions? This was answered by Mr. A. M. Martin.

What do you know of our National Banking System? Answered by Mr. Smyser.

Is Washington deserving of the honor accorded to him? Answered by Mr. Stehman.

Among the resolutions debated during December and January were these:

Resolved, That Secret Societies should be prohibited by Law.

Resolved, That the World's Fair should not be open on Sunday.

Resolved, That the Indian should not be educated in the East. Those who participated in debating these resolutions were Messrs. F. E Eshbach, A. Tobias, E. Eshleman, A. M. Martin, C. Stehman, A. Metzgar, J. F. Biddle.

Orations were delivered by Mr. Brough, Mr. Crumling and others.

Recitations by Messrs. Saylor, Kilgore, Greider, Brough and Koerper.

The Page Orchestra furnished the music of several meetings, and vocal solos and duets by Messrs. Smyser, Saylor and Miller may be noticed as among the musical features of their sessions. The present officers are President, Mr. A. N. Nissley; Secretary, Mr. J. F. Biddle. The officers of the Senior Society are Wm. Worth, President; Miss Anna Brinton, Secretary. Officers-elect, President, Stehman Herr; Secretary, Miss Mandane Rymer. The Society has received its full share of new members during the present winter session.

Preparations are now making for the May anniversary. Mr. Chas. Walton, '70, of Philadelphia, will be president. Mr. O. F. Hershey, '86, of Baltimore, will deliver the Page oration. Hon. Marriott Brosius, a regular member of the society, and at present one of the leading members of the National House of Representatives, will have the honorary oration. We expect to have an excellent programme of music, and think we can promise the audience very fine readings. Our Pageite members and all our friends will be welcome to our entertainment on Friday evening, May 26.

Y. W. C. T. U.

BY AMANDA LANDES.

To white ribbon workers everywhere the Millersville Normal School Y. W. C. T. U. sends greeting and good cheer. It would do you good to see the enthusiasm of the bright girls and boys of our "Y." Good meetings, new recruits, increased interest have marked the work this session. The most delightful meeting of the session was arranged by Miss Taylor assisted by Mrs. Bitner. They called into service some of the pupils of the Model school, among them some wee ones. And the lessons of temperance said and sung by the little ones formed a programme as impressive as it was pleasing. Another meeting was prepared by Miss Alice Bricker and Miss Mary Barr. The most enjoyable features of the programme were recitations by Mr. Carney and Miss Barr, the recitation given by Miss Barr being the same one for which she was awarded the Demorest Grand Gold Medal in a contest at Philadelphia on November 16th. There are only three grand gold medals in Pennsylvania, and Millersville "Y" feels proud to have one of them.

On February 1, the Union had a visit from Mrs. Hammer, of Philadelphia, the State President of the W. C. T. U. She occupied the time of a regular meeting by giving a Bible reading founded on the second chapter of Titus. She is a very interesting and attractive speaker. Another one of our meetings which was a very good one, was arranged by Miss Anna Rodgers and Miss Josephine Martin. By having different members prepare the programmes for the meetings, the work has been divided and a greater number of workers interested. And the meetings being so largely attended it is necessary to make every meeting as interesting and attractive as possible, at the same time never losing sight of the design of making the Union an educator.

The Union is getting ready to hold a "Hatchet Party" on the evening of Washington's birthday, when a pleasant time is anticipated.

Y. W. C. A.

BY THE PRESIDENT.

The work of the Y. W. C. A. still goes on. The Association has organized a weekly prayer meeting, and we hope to have as good results from this as have come from the regular meetings held every Sabbath morning. The devotional committee expect to prepare an interest-programme for the coming season. Some of the topics commented upon during the winter were: "A Perfect Foundation," "The Christian's Armor," "Live in the Light."

Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. is carrying on its work in an interesting and beneficial way. The topics discussed by its different members since the holidays are the following:

How to have a Happy New Year, Prov. iii, 5–7.
The Christian's Armor, Eph. vi, 10–24
The Great Harvest, Matt. ix, 37–38.
Excuses, Luke xiv, 18–20.
Our Father's Book, Josh. i, 8; John v, 39.
Our Privileges, Luke xix, 20–27.
In the World, but not of it, 1 John ii, 15, iii, 1.
How to be like Christ, Luke ix, 28.
Life's Mission.
Promise Meeting, 2 Cor. vii, 1.

The meetings are growing more spiritual as we go on in the work. The Association is looking forward to a time when it shall have its own rooms and library.

P. H. HERSHEY,
Corresponding Secretary.

NORMAL NOTE BOOK.

[Hand items for this column to Miss Gilbert.]

What shall be the class flower of '93? The "potent, grave and reverend Seniors" can not agree about it. The class-colors are yellow and white, and the daisy and the pond-lily have each claims to favor.

The approach of the Lenten season was indicated here not indeed by any extravagances like the Carnival or Mardi Gras, but indicated nevertheless by an observance in the dining room of an interesting old German custom. On Shrove Tuesday, or "Fastnacht Day," the "fastnacht," a sort of doughnut, appeared on the dining room tables.

Dr. Lyte was taken by suprise one morning lately in the Psychology class when Mr. Stehman Herr in behalf of the Republican Seniors presented him a photograph of the "Senior Beards." The picture is handsomely framed and hangs in the Principal's office, a memento of a rash election wager.

A pleasant surprise party was tendered Miss Taylor a few evenings ago by the other teachers of the Model Faculty.

A fine roast turkey and a large iced cake graced Mr. Roddy's dinner table on January 30th to the suprise of all around the board. It transpired that some of the home friends of Mr. I. H. Seitz, one of the students at the table, had taken that acceptable way of reminding him of his birthday.

During the very cold weather in January the lowest point reached here by the mercury was 17 degrees below zero. The building was well warmed and we did not realize the intense cold. It takes about a thousand tons of coal a year to supply the boilers and furnaces. The skating was very generally enjoyed by the lovers of that sport.

The Christmas vacation scattered the members of the Normal family. Miss Taylor went to Ohio, Miss Emory to Chicago, Miss Ver Planck to New York, Miss Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Munroe to Connecticut. A few teachers and students remained, but the greater number took advantage of the holiday to go to their homes or to visit their friends.

The bill for butter for the month of November amounted to $677.52.

The Juniors will hold a reunion on the evening of the 25th inst. The officers are as follows: President, Mr. Neff; Secretary, Miss Cloud; Editor, Miss Sechrist; Critics, Miss Ada Brown and Mr. Ressler. The reciters are Mr. Floyd Keever and Miss Minnie Phillips. The debaters are Mr. Schlauch, Miss May Kauffman, Miss Kefer, and Mr. Nissley.

The Senior Reunion will take place on March 3d. Mr. Durbin has been chosen to preside, and Miss Shaub will act as secretary. The editor will be Mr. Apple, and the critics Miss Gayman and Mr. Griffith. This question will be debated: "*Resolved*, That the World's Fair should be closed on Sunday." The debaters are Miss Rodgers, Miss Rockey, Mr. Carney and Mr. Phipps. Others on the programme are Mr. Bagenstose, orator; Miss Bear, essayist; and Miss Cooper and Miss Kersey, reciters.

Several of the teachers have been attending the lectures of the University Extension course in Lancaster. The next course will be given by Mr. Hudson Shaw of Balliol College, Oxford, England. His subject is "Representative Social Reformers."

That useful article of gymnasium attire for the boys known by the obnoxious name of "sweater" may really be very becoming as part of an athletic or a negligee dress, but when the girls denounce its appearance in the dining-room and class-room, no well-ordered young man will longer have the temerity to wear it there.

New classes in algebra, geology, Latin, German, and manual training have been formed since the holidays.

The Senior Latin classes are reading the Helvetian war. Dr. Byerly has also classes in Latin Composition, Virgil, and Sallust. The Junior Latin classes are in charge of Miss Emma Gilbert and Mr. Brubaker.

Miss Lyle has recently organized a class in Civil Government.

Dr. Bitner has given his German students for translation Ali Baba, und die Vierzig Raüber.

The classes in Methods of Teaching are now in charge of Miss Lyle, Miss Gilbert, Miss Bennett and Mr. Munroe.

The members of Dr. Hull's Calculus class have about completed the subject, and will take up Mechanics.

The Senior classes in Literature have been reading Lowell's essay on Books and Libraries lately. The Preparatory classes have read Scott's Lady of the Lake, Swift's Voyage to Lilliput, and Tennyson's Elaine.

Dr. Lyte is announced as the first speaker in the discussion on "The Scholastic and Professional Preparation of Teachers," which will follow the papers on this subject at the meeting of the Department of Superintendence held in Boston, February 20–23.

There are two French classes this session. The class which began in the fall is spending its time upon grammar and the reading of easy French stories. The advanced class is studying the French classic drama as represented in selected plays of the classic tragedians. Racine's "Andromaque" has just been read and carefully studied, and the class is about to begin "The Cid" of Corneille. Next session the subject for work will be the Romantic School of French literature as typified by the works of Victor Hugo, Alfred de Musset and others of that school.

St. Valentine's Day has been attended with even more than the usual amount of interest at the Normal this year. The mails on that day were conspicuously full of large envelopes whose outward decoration hinted in a tantalizing way at the delightful things within. That the outside sometimes belied the contents was proved by the hasty thrusting back of the missive by the recipient in some cases, and in others by the courageous display of absurd caricatures upon what some one supposed was their besetting weakness. The Faculty mail-box contained a large share of these interesting tokens of sentiment which were for the most part, however, as need hardly be said, the property of the rising generation. It is rumored that one popular young gentleman of the age of six received at least a dozen, and from the appearance of the mail-box there must have been others quite as fortunate.

The interest in the gymnasium continues to grow. Many of the classes are doing beautiful work. Both classes of Seniors march and perform their other exercises with the precision of veterans and the elasticity that belongs only to young men and women of perfect health and active minds.

A recent visitor at the school was Dr. Hervey, President of the New York College for the Training of Teachers. Among other visitors have been Hon. and Mrs. Marriott Brosius, Mr. A. F. Hostetter, Judge Livingston, Capt. Chas. Denues, Messrs. C. A. Heinitsh, A. M. Frantz, J. B. Martin, and O. T. Huebner, of Lancaster; Hon. A. G. Seyfert, of West Earl; Mr. H. M. Mayer, of Rohrerstown; Hon. and Mrs. William Barnhart, of Greensburg, and Mrs. Hires, of Salem, N. J. Among visiting alumni and former students have been Misses Harris, Pardoe, Ethel Brown, Anna Barr, Gamber, McCullough, Brosius, Leech, Whitcomb, Bateman, Opha Williams, Devore, Carrie Bear and Messrs. Piper, Bickel, Noble, Taggart, Binkley, Brunner, Overholser, Ressler, and Stubbs.

He was an old-time graduate,
Whose visits had been few of late;
He looked at this and looked at that;
The stately new library hall,
Gymnasium, science building—all,
And then he gasped, "Where am I at?"

She was a new student and she was looking ruefully at her programme, with the list of recitations each followed by the letter of the classroom. "I don't understand it," she said, "I'm in the A Literature, and B Latin, and D Grammar, and *why* (with a wail) do you suppose they have classed me away down in *L* arithmetic?"

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Normal Students

Once More Eat, Drink and are Very Merry in Pottsville—Millersville Normal Glorified—Third Annual Banquet of the Alumni Students' Association of that Famous and Big Institution of Learning, at Pennsylvania Hall.

[From the Pottsville *Republican*, Jannary 21, 1893.]

At the third annual banquet of the Millersville students of the Anthracite regions, held at the hotel Pennsylvania Hall, last night, fifty-four persons were present from a wide extent of territory. It was a most enjoyable night. The hotel parlor was the scene of jollity until an early hour in the morning. President T. A. Snyder, '77, county superintendent of Carbon, presided at the business meeting and at the table, which was set out in Landlord Knight's best style. Miss Margaret Brosnahan, '90, was elected secretary; Prof. H. D. Gise, '78, and Miss Mima Shaw were continued as vice presidents. W. M. Fausset, '88, of Pottsville, succeeds I. K. Witmer, '78, as treasurer; the latter, on motion of the venerable member, J. A. M. Passmore, being chosen president. After some discussion it was decided to meet again on the third Friday in January next in the same place, though Collector of Internal Revenue T. F. Penman, '77, of Scranton, favored Reading, and several others had Hazleton in view. On motion, it was agreed that the newly-chosen president should appoint his own executive committee for the year. The appointments were as follows: J. A. M. Passmore, '60, chairman; Misses Anna C. Lubrecht, '83, Lizzie W. Flannagan, '88, and Mrs. J. S. McGroarty, '85; Messrs. J. W. Thomas, '87, D. G. Lubold, '83, and Geo. W. Weiss, '70.

It was 8:45 when the Millersvillites took seats in the dining room. The discussion of the menu, which was very attractive, was followed by the regular toasts, as follows: "Normal Schools and Their Standards," Supt. F. A. Miller, '83: "Millersville as viewed by an Outsider," County Treasurer, J. S. McGroarty, Wilkes-Barre; "It is not well for Man to be Alone," Prof. George A. Farrow, '79. President Snyder called on a number of others, responses being made by Miss Brosnahan and Messrs. Lyte, Penman, Williams, Porter, Weiss, Krichbaum, Passmore, Lansinger and others. The question of a change in the standard for normal graduation was touched by a number of speakers, and the opinion unanimously expressed adverse to lowering it. The practice in many normals of building up large graduating classes at the expense of ability and thoroughness was freely and emphatically condemned. There is no doubt that the Millersville standard is on a higher level than most, if not all the other Normal schools in the State, and that the competition in schools has led to a lowering of grades in many of them. It was just midnight when the festivities closed, and the merry-makers went back to the parlor.

Those present were: Dr. E. O. Lyte and Profs. J. G. Krichbaum and J. W. Lansinger, of Millersville; Geo. M. Davies, Sarah E. Davies and J. W. Thomas, of Lansford; Supt. F. S. Miller, Mary H. Haughney, Carrie A. Dipper and Lizzie W. Flannagan, of Mahanoy City; Major T. Frank Penman, Scranton; Anna C. Lubrecht and Annnie M. Wetterau, of Hazelton; J. A. M. Passmore and daughter and Charles E. Berger, of Philadelphia; James Smitham, Nesquehoning; D. G. Lubold, W. M. Fausset; Wm. Wilhelm and wife and Joseph Lineaweaver, Esq., of Pottsville; Hanna C, Taggart, Northumberland; I. K. Witmer and Rev. E. H. Romig, Frackville; W. S. Thomas, J. D. Thomas and C. E. Breckons, Esq., St. Clair; Supt. T. A. Snyder and wife, Lehighton; H. B. Hendel and Mrs. Emma Hendel Spang, Reading; Jonas Zettlemoyer, Tower City; H. H. Spayd, Minersville; Edith L. Cassavant and sister, Cressona; Misses Mima A. Shaw and Corinne Tobies, Donaldson; Harry O. Haag, Tremont; Prof. George A. Farrow, Morris Williams and Miss Jean B. Tinley, Shamokin; Mrs. John T. Deibert, Miss Emma Deibert and County Supt. Weiss and wife, of Schuylkill Haven; Elizabeth R. Beitenman, Bridgeport; T. B. Brosnahan, Branchdale; Phil. J. Connell, Pottsville; W. F. Porter, White Haven; John S. McGroarty and wife, Wilkes-Barre; George W. Gise, Port Clinton.

A number of persons were prevented by sickness from attending, among them Dr. and Mrs. Lenker and Prof. H. D. Gise, of Schuylkill Haven; John E. Lauer, Lansford. The attendance was, however, up to the average, and the enjoyment of the evening was complete. Miss Brosnahan and Mr. Connell entertained the assembly with several recitations. The Millersville Alumni and students have always had an excellent time here at their banquets, as is evidenced by their vote to meet her again.

Growth in Language.

By R. K. Buehrle, Superintendent of Schools, Lancaster City.

Few persons except such as make a special study of the subject are aware of the rapid growth of the English language, and yet nothing is more natural. Thought and speech are most intimately related, and therefore, as the intellectual life among English speaking nations is most varied and intense, forms and means of expression must necessarily keep pace. The new wine cannot safely and conveniently be put into old bottles. Dictionaries, unless revised and enlarged every ten years, at least, cannot adequately meet our wants.

The writer has read three articles in the *Century Magazine* for February, 1892, namely, "The Jews in New York," "Pioneer Days in San Francisco," and "Reffey," a novelette, and has found in them the following thirteen words not given in Webster's latest, "The International:" *aboundingly, capably, conversionism, confirmatorily, bespurred, unmurmuringly, rabbinate, hydrotherapeutic, thisworldliness, sundayness, housekeeperly, worshipingly, gipsyish.*

Abounding as an adjective is also among the missing in the International Webster. and *aboundingly* is not found even in English Philological Society's great dictionary on Historical Principles, while *capably* is there quoted only as late as 1885.

Assuming that the remaining portion of the magazine would average new words in the same proportion, there would be found not less than thirty seven new words in one number of the magazine or upwards of four hundred in the two volumes published annually.

It would be interesting to show the corresponding loss of words and forms which is of course going on at the same time, though not on so large a scale, but this is far more difficult, and must be deferred to some other time.

Among the Teachers.

Addresses at the Allegheny City Institute—Alumni Organization—The Roll of Honor—Gossip Going in Educational Circles.

[From the Pittsburg *Dispatch* of Feb. 12, 1893.]

Superintendent John M. Morrow, of the Allegheny schools, arranged for a quarterly session of the Allegheny Teachers' Institute Friday evening, and yesterday morning at the Allegheny High School. Dr. E. O. Lyte, principal of the Millersville State Normal, was the principal speaker, and choose as his Friday evening's subject, "The Normal and Abnormal Development of Children," and his elucidation of the theme showed him to be an original investigator.

At the Saturday morning programme Dr. Lyte further added to his popularity as a speaker by his talk on "Memory Culture." He has but little faith in the so-called memory system, and advocates the following seven laws of memory: First, the physical and nervous system of the child should be at ease; the vividness of impression aids in the retention of ideas; repetition is valuable in retaining knowledge; the necessity of having chiildren interested to claim attention; association of ideas; clear perception, and a thorough understanding of the subjects.

The Misses Babst, Holt and Martin, of the Fourth ward school, illustrated by class drill the Pollard system of teaching reading.

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THE MILLERSVILLE STATE NORMAL SCHOOL is the pioneer of Normal Schools in Pennsylvania. Established in 1855, two years before the Normal School law was passed, this School determined the general nature of the Normal School system of the State, and became the model for many successful institutions throughout the country. It is a source of pride to its thousands of friends that it maintains its rank among the great training schools of the United States. The support given to its younger graduates by its older students, the regard in which its diploma is held in other States as well as in Pennsylvania, and the almost invariable success of the members of its Alumni in every field of intellectual labor, are recommendations of the School that thinking young men and women who are seeking an education, are not slow to appreciate.

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 1892, the value of the property belonging to the Millersville State Normal School is nearly three hundred thousand dollars—in exact figures, $326,248.03.

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.

Twelve 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 four 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 300,000 gallons or more a day.

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.

A perfect system of sewerage.

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 nearly $70,000. 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 1892–'93 will begin on the last Monday in August, and continue twenty-eight weeks. The Summer Session of 1893 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.

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