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Contributors' Election.

At the annual meeting of the Contributors of the School, Andrew M. Frantz, Esq., Jacob M. Frantz, Esq., Dr. P. W. Hiestand and A. F. Hostetter, Esq., were unanimously reëlected members of the Board of Trustees for the ensuing three years. Hon. John B. Warfel and Hon. D. McMullen were reappointed State Trustees by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Mr. Jacob H. Landis, who has served the School faithfully as a Trustee since 1882, tendered his resignation on account of failing health, and his son, Hon. John H. Landis, was elected to fill his unexpired term of two years.

The members of the Board of Trustees are earnest in their efforts to keep Millersville where it belongs in the educational ranks. The present high standing of the School is due in no small measure to their broad-minded management of its affairs.

The present graduating class contains a large number of well-qualified teachers. The Principal will take pleasure in aiding Boards of Directors to secure good teachers for their schools.

Our graduates should not lose sight of the fact that the new high-school law requires a standard of scholarship equal to that represented by the "regular normal course." Township high schools will soon be established in many parts of Pennsylvania, and teachers should prepare themselves to take charge of them when they are established.

The State Association.

The next annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association will be held at Bloomsburg, July 14–16. The date has been placed after that of the National Educational Association in order that Pennsylvania teachers may attend both meetings. Supt. A. G. C. Smith, of Delaware county, is the efficient president of the meeting. A good programme has been prepared, and the meeting promises to be an interesting one.

Dr. Schaeffer's address on Governor Wolf is a valuable contribution to the history of education in Pennsylyania.

The Free Scholarship.

The Wickersham Free Scholarship will be assigned by the Faculty and the State Board of Examiners at the time of the Final Examinations in June. Every year a Junior has the opportunity of completing his Senior year free of all expense. The holder of the Free Scholarship this year is Charles C. Grove, of Hanover, York county. Who will win this desirable prize for next year?

Do you know of any persons who wish to attend a normal school? Say a good word for Millersville to them and send us their names and addresses.

Two Rights and Two Duties.

The State has a right to demand that the graduates of this School be well fitted to fill the various positions in the public schools of the State, and it is the duty of this School to make every effort to meet this demand.

This School has a right to demand that its model school and school of practice be provided with a suitable building in which its graduates can be well fitted to fill the various positions in the public schools of the State, and it is the duty of the State to make every effort to meet this demand.

The May number of *The Pennsylvania School Journal* is one of the most interesting issues of that interesting and instructive educational magazine.

Two Requests.

A short time ago a gentleman asked the Principal for a teacher of the following description: A lady, not too young, with considerable experience in public school work, some physical strength, a good deal of determination and grit, who can take her own part in a fault-finding community, who is not fond of dancing and is not over-anxious about attending evening parties, and who is willing to do a little missionary work without much hope of reward in the shape of dollars and cents.

The second applicant for a teacher wanted a girl who is about to graduate, with a good model school record as a teacher, but with no other experience; one "who doesn't think she knows all there is to learn;" a teachable girl; one who can adjust herself to her surroundings, who will take part in the social pleasures and amusements of the neighborhood, who is neat and tidy, and who knows how to look well and wants to look well, and who is fond of children.

Both persons were accommodated, and each one secured a good teacher.

The educational addresses delivered this session to the faculty and students of the School by Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, Supt. Henry Houck, Supt. Joseph J. Walton and Dr. George L. Maris were able, interesting and of great practical benefit.

Visitors to the School are delighted with the evidences of improvement on every hand.

Apply early for rooms for the fall and winter session, which begins August 31st.

N. E. A.

The next meeting of the National Educational Association will be held in Buffalo, N. Y., July 6–10. The National Council of Education meets in the same city, July 3–7. The meetings held by the N. E. A., the Council, and the Departments of the Association easily eclipse all other educational meetings in the value of the papers and discussions which make up the programmes. Every teacher in Pennsylvania, of whatever grade of school, from the university to the kindergarten,

may hear much at Buffalo that will benefit him in his work. Dr. N. C. Dougherty, Superintendent of Schools, Peoria, Illinois, and an old student of Millersville, is President of the Association.

There are many points of interest near Buffalo. Niagara Falls, Chautauqua, Grand Island, Fort Erie, are all within easy access, while the city itself is full of attractions to the tourist.

The railroad rates to Buffalo have been fixed at one fare for the round trip, to which is added the sum of two dollars, membership fee. Tickets will be sold July 5 and 6, good for return not later than July 15 (or July 31, in "Trunk Line" territory, by having the time extended in Buffalo). They can be obtained at any ticket office. Further information of the meeting can be obtained from Prof. Watson Cornell, 1605 North 10th St., Philadelphia; Prof. H. W. Fisher, 350 Lehigh Ave., Pittsburgh, or Dr. Lyte, Millersville. Messrs. Cornell and Fisher are organizing parties to attend the meeting and will be glad to have persons join these parties at any point in Pennsylvania most convenient for them.

Let the Keystone State have the largest representation at the Buffalo meeting of any State except the one in which the meeting is held.

Let every friend of public education read the article on "Genesis of Our State Normal School System," by Hon. H. C. Hickok, ex-State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in the May number of *The Pennsylvania School Journal.* It is a fine tribute to Dr. Thomas H. Burrows and to other educational leaders of nearly half a century ago, and it shows how close to the hearts of all real lovers of the public schools was the system of normal schools planned by the great man just mentioned. How wisely they built, the normal schools and the common schools tell to-day in no uncertain words.

Much is being written concerning the origin of our State Normal School system. It is a source of just pride to remember that the experiment made at Millersville, beginning April 17, 1855, when this, the pioneer normal school of the State first opened its doors, had much to do with determining the nature of the Normal School Law which passed the Legislature in 1857.

The new catalogue will be issued in June. If you think of attending a normal school, send for a copy.

Wanted: Good, earnest students. A desire to learn is prized more highly than mere ability to acquire knowledge.

Not wanted: Worthless students. Boys who are sent to school because they can not be controlled at home.

Why is our School so large? Because we try to do the best work we can, and because our graduates and old students advertise the School—indirectly, by their success, and directly, by what they say about the School.

Among the persons needed to fill positions is an expert typewriter and stenographer. Any of our old students or graduates who desire a position of this kind may possibly be aided by writing to the Principal.

Much is said about an over-supply of teachers, and yet our experience shows us that good teachers are always in demand. There are more places to be filled than qualified teachers to fill them.

Applications for masters' diplomas should be sent to the Principal at once.

The best way for academies and colleges to aid themselves would be to make no attempt to do the work which legitimately belongs to normal schools, and to demand of normal schools that they make no attempt to do the work which belongs to academies and colleges. Each class of these educational institutions should be liberally supported—academies and colleges by private endowment, and normal schools by State appropriations. The better the State normal schools, the better the State public schools; the better the public schools, the larger and better the colleges. This is abundantly proved by the educational history of the States of the Union.

Wanted: A fuller recognition of the fact that the State normal schools of Pennsylvania are as necessary to the public school system as are medical colleges to the profession of medicine.

Let no graduate of any State normal school feel that he should stop studying because he has graduated. We hope our graduates have acquired a "method of working" while with us, and a desire to put the method into practice in higher institutions of learning. Continue your studies. If possible, add a college education to your normal-school education.

York County at Millersville.

From the Delta (York Co.) *Herald*, April 24.

York county continues to be well represented at the Millersville State Normal School. Among those now in attendance, so far as we can recall, there are six former pupils of the Delta schools, viz.: Misses Mabel B. Arnold, Ella A. Donohoe, and Messrs. Elmer B. Barnett, Latimer Brooks, S. J. Finley, Wm. J. Stewart.

This, the First Pennsylvania State Normal School, has steadily kept in the lead, and now, under the leadership of Dr. E. O. Lyte, surpasses anything in its previous history. A recent visit revealed more clearly than ever before the vast improvement since we were a student there 22 years ago. The building and grounds have been remodeled, beautified and enlarged, and several new buildings erected, notable among which are the gymnasium, the library and the scientific buildings, all of them of unique architecture and furnished in exquisite taste. If the young ladies and gentlemen attending the School do not profit by the advantages afforded, it is their own fault. The School now numbers nearly 1,000.

ALUMNI NEWS.

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

Alumni Meeting.

The regular meeting of the Alumni Association of the First Pennsylvania State Normal School will be held at Millersville, on Wednesday, July 1, 1896. 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.

The programme for the public meeting is as follows:

1. Address by the President, Prof. John W. Bechtel, Philadelphia, Pa., Class of '65.
2. Essay by Mrs. Frances Richardson Rauch, Lebanon, Pa., Class of '86.
3. Oration by Dr. A. R. Byerly, Millersville, Pa., Class of '58.

The exercises will be interspersed with music.

The history of each class is read every ten years. The histories of three classes will be read this year as follows: Class of '66, Class of '76 and Class of '86.

Miss Mary M. Martin, Lancaster, Pa., is historian of the Class of '66. On the day of graduation this Class numbered one in the classical course, two in the scientific course, and seventeen in the elementary course, all of whom are living except one.

Mr. W. W. Griest, Lancaster, Pa., is historian of the Class of '76. This class originally numbered one in the scientific course and thirty-one in the elementary course. All are living except two.

Miss A. Elizabeth Barnhart, Millersville, Pa., is historian of the Class of '86. This class numbered two in the scientific course and forty in the elementary course, all of whom are living.

The members of all classes having histories on the programme should notify their historian early in June; giving their address, history, etc.

The following members of the Alumni have died this year: A. D. Hower, Muncy, Pa., died December 16, 1895, Class of '71. Miss Emeline Passmore, Kinzer, Pa., Class of '92. Miss Caroline D. Michner, Parkesburg, Pa., Class of '79.

A register has been provided by the Executive Committee and is placed each year in the public office. We hope that the first thing each alumnus will do after arriving at his *Alma Mater* will be to record his name in the register. We were gratified last year to find that few, if any, had failed to register.

We are anxious to accommodate the Alumni as far as lies within our power. All who expect to attend should notify Prof. H. J. Roddy, Millersville, Pa.

GEO. W. HULL,
Chairman of Executive Committee.

Dr. E. K. Lefevre, '89, writes that he is pleasantly situated at Boiling Springs, Pa., where he has a good practice.

MARRIAGES.

A letter from Bradford, Pa., tells us of the marriage of Jennie S. Renninger, '81. Miss Renninger was married on December 6th, 1893, to Mr. E. M. Cody, of Bradford. In her letter she sends her best wishes to the "Old Normal." The Normal in return sends her the kindest wishes and warmest congratulations.

MARRIED.—On March 4th, at Quinton, N. J., Miss Anna Frances Fogg and Charles Royal Hires. Miss Fogg was with us as a student in '92 and '93. THE JOURNAL wishes that the fullest measure of happiness may be the portion of our young friends.

MARRIED.—On April 22d, at Altoona, Pa., Miss Ophelia Salome Williams, '86, to Mr. D. Howard Crawford. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford have the heartiest congratulations of THE JOURNAL, and with these we send our kindest wishes for a long and happy life.

MARRIED.—On Wednesday, April 29th, at Syracuse, N. Y., Miss Jane Landon Graves to Dr. William Brown Noble, '91. Miss Graves was our popular teacher of drawing during '89, '90 and '91. Of Dr. Noble and his professional success we spoke in the last number of THE JOURNAL. Dr. and Mrs. Noble reside at 1956 North Eighth street, Philadelphia, Pa. We feel a deep interest in our young friends, which is but feebly expressed by the best wishes we send to them through THE JOURNAL. Our hopes are with them, and our hearts as well.

MARRIED.—On Thursday, May 14th, at New Providence, Pa., Miss E. Blanche Helm and Dr. Frank E. Wentz. Both were students here a few years ago, and are pleasantly remembered. We extend congratulations and good wishes to them.

MARRIED.—On June 1st, at her home at Chestnut Level, Pa., Miss Laura L. Hess, '85, to Dr. J. S. McComb, '85, formerly of Drumore, Pa., now of Philadelphia. Miss Hess has recently been teaching at Ashbourne, Pa. For several years she was assistant in English branches here. THE JOURNAL sends cordial greetings and congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. McComb.

DEATHS.

It greatly saddens us to record in THE JOURNAL the death of Caroline Dongal Michener, '79. Miss Michener died at the home of her mother in Parkesburg, Pa., March 26th. A little sketch of her has been handed to us by one of her friends, which we give our readers. "In 1880 Miss Michener taught in the Academy at Parkesburg, of which school she afterward became principal in 1881. Later she took charge of the Friend's School at Mt. Holly, New Jersey. For three years she was connected with the Reading schools, where she taught Latin and English literature in the Girls' High School. Her health failing at the time, she was advised to go to a milder climate and she became associate principal of the Atlanta Institute and College of Music. In this school she taught literature, Latin, German and history of art. During the summer of '92 she visited England, France, Germany and Italy. Owing to her previous careful study of history and art, the trip was a most interesting and profitable one. Since that time she has had a school at her home, which was closed the past winter on account of her failing health."

Miss Michener was a close student, a thorough scholar, a noble woman. Her pupils and the friends associated with her in recent years mourn for her most deeply; we here at the Normal most sincerely deplore her taking away, and sympathize with them in their great sorrow.

We learned with deep regret a few days ago of the death of Miss Mary E. Martin, who spent the years '91 and '92 with us as a student. She died at Olyphant, Pa., on May 6th, of a complication of diseases, the result of overwork in the school room.

Miss Martin was a bright intelligent girl and had many graces of character. Her quaint winsome manner won for her many friends while here among teachers and pupils, who mourn her death most sincerely, and sympathize with her sister, her relatives and many friends very deeply.

When the Senior Class organized for work last September it numbered ninety-six. Soon after the holiday vacation there was a vacant chair daily in one of the sections. Up to that time—the beginning of February—it had been occupied by Miss Lelia Heidelbaugh, of Lancaster. A few days ago the class saw Miss Heidelbaugh laid in her grave. It is sad, very sad, to think of one so young, so promising, being taken from earth. Miss Heidelbaugh was in her nineteenth year at the time of her death. The disease of which she died was tuberculosis of the stomach. We all miss her pleasant, happy face. There linger with us memories of her kindly disposition, her sweet and gentle manners. These we will ever cherish most fondly. Her friends here were every one who knew her—teacher and pupil—and these all mourn her death most deeply and sincerely sympathize with her bereaved family in their sad affliction.

The following resolutions were adopted by her class as expressive of their high esteem and affection for her:

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in his wisdom to remove by death one of our beloved classmates, Miss M Lelia Heidelbaugh.

Resolved, That we, the class of '96 of the Millersville State Normal School, feel deeply the loss which we have sustained. That in consequence of her death the ties of friendship which have bound us together as a class have been severed, and we are filled with sadness.

Resolved, That God's ways, though often veiled in mystery, have their beginning in infinite love and mercy and their end in man's highest good. We bow in humble submission to His will and by the faith that can see and know are led to say, "It is well."

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family in their great affliction.

Resolved, That we as a class attend the funeral in a body.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased classmate and that they be published in THE NORMAL JOURNAL and the Lancaster papers.

CARRIE L. FOREMAN,
E. MAE BAKER,
M. ALICE KEISER,
DAISY S. MILLER,
CHAS. A. HOFF,
AARON A. BEAR.
Committee.

ITEMS.

Mr. S. P. McDivitt, '69, is laid aside from active work by reason of nervous prostration, and is now living quietly at Asheville, North Carolina. He and Mrs. McDivitt would be glad to see any old Normal friends who may be visiting this famous health resort. Mr. McDivitt writes that THE JOURNAL is always a welcome visitor.

A letter signed: Lewis C. Paxson, Stockton, New Jersey, was received not long ago. We quote from it that part which we think will interest many of our readers: "After leaving the Normal I taught school in Hunterdon county, N. J. Then spent some time at Lewisburg University. Then taught in Center and Mifflin counties. Afterward at Lake City, Minnesota. I was in the Indian war there in '62 and '63. Then went south, meeting Hood's army in Tennessee and Joe Johnston's in North Carolina. Served as private, sergeant major and adjutant of Eighth Minnesota Infantry. Returned to Philadelphia and engaged in "dry goods jobbing" as a partner with my brother, now Paxson, Comfort & Co., 5th and Arch streets, Philadelphia. In '72 I returned to Bucks county, Pa., taught there and in Hunterdon, N. J., 11 years. Since then I have been running a small dairy farm of my own near Stockton, N. J. I have never lost my interest in the Normal School and its literary societies."

Nellie T. Martin, '93, is teaching at Marshwood, Lackawanna county, Pa. She says the place is on the highest part of the Moosic Mountains, and is so breezy that it seems possible that all the winds of the earth may start from there. A letter from her tells us that Mrs. Cecelia Londrosh Hermann is living on a ranche near Homer, Nebraska. Her family numbers two, a little girl named Mary and a little boy named Louis Bernard. Nellie is a proxy God-mother of the latter.

Many of our readers will remember pleasantly their schoolmate and friend of some years ago, Miss Elizabeth Trout. She is now in Springfield, Ohio, where she is connected with the publishing house of Mast, Crowell and Kirkpatrick. Her position is a very responsible one, being that of assistant manager in the Circulation Department, and having in charge the publisher's work.

Cards are out announcing the engagement of Miss Jennie June Edwards, of St. Clair, Schuylkill county, Pa., to Mr. W. S. Pugh, of Pottsville, Pa. Mr. Pugh is highway commissioner and engineer of the city of Pottsvile. Miss Edwards, who was a student here several years ago, will accept the congratulations of THE JOURNAL.

Prof. C. A. Peters, '85, has just been elected to take charge of the department of physical science in the Edinboro' State Normal School. Prof. Peters taught successfully here for four years and subsequently graduated at Michigan University, Ann Arbor. He is well fitted for the responsible position to which he has been elected.

"Dr. Victor Manual Roman." Thus reads a card recently received. Dr. Roman graduated at Hahnemann Medical College in April. He is kindly remembered here as a student of '92 and '93. We sincerely hope and confidently look for Dr. Roman's success.

"Dr. F. O. Bryant." This, after June 11th, will be the way to address our former student of '92. Dr. Bryant takes his diploma from the University of Pennsylvania. We hope for a successful professional career for him.

Easter Sunday at the Normal.

From the Lancaster *New Era*, April 6.

Yesterday, the first Sunday of the new session at the Millersville Normal, the occupants of the ladies' dormitories were awakened by the sound of music. Instead of the usual loud and harsh clangor of the rising gong, a small choir of the girls, headed by Miss Crawford, paced slowly through the halls, singing "Christ, the Lord, is Risen To-day." It was a beautiful

awakening. As the sweet sounds came faintly from the distance, swelled out and died away, sweet and holy thoughts connected with the day were born in the mind, and made a fitting beginning for Easter Sunday. After breakfast nearly all the students attended a brief prayer meeting of the Christian Associations, Mr. Charles Grove being President of the Y. M. C. A. and Miss Edna Albert of the Y. W. C. A. At a quarter of nine the bell summoned all the students to the usual Sunday morning devotional exercises, of which, on this day, the music formed a special feature. There was a quartette from Schilling, "He Is Risen," sung by Mrs. Bitner, Miss Albert, Mr. Davis and Mr. Hartzell; a solo from Faure, "Palm Branches," by Mr. Saylor, and an anthem from Shelley, "Christ, the Lord, Is Risen," by the choir, with solo by Miss Lawrie.

These exercises closed in time to allow the teachers and students to go to church. Many went to the village churches and quite a number came to Lancaster. After dinner came reading, resting or strolling about the campus, which is already becoming green and beautiful. The day was closed with a well attended prayer meeting in the evening in the chapel, which was led and conducted by Dr. Hull. The day was very beautiful and all too short, and there was no time nor inclination for even the youngest and newest students to indulge in homesickness.

THE SOCIETIES.

The Page Literary Society.

BY ANNA LYLE.

The regular work of the Page Society has been of unusual excellence this summer. We should like to give our readers a full and detailed account of at least two of these meetings.

One devoted to James Russell Lowell, the other to Napoleon Bonaparte, but our space must be devoted to a notice of the 41st Anniversary of the Society, which occurred on Friday evening, May 29th. The following is taken from the Saturday issue of the Lancaster daily papers.

"Page Society's Anniversary, an admirable Literary and Musical program rendered at the Normal School on Friday evening:

The chapel was packed to its doors a half hour before the exercises began. The stage was handsomely decorated with potted plants, numerous cut flowers and several pyramids of palms. Amid these more than one large banquet lamp shed its soft light and the Society's color, blue, over the scene. Conspicuous on the platform was the banner of the Society, also blue, with the Society's motto, "Rich in Truth," upon it, while throughout the audience ribbons of blue, like tiny flowers, bloomed everywhere. In fact, it was a gala night for the members and friends of the Page Society—for them the supreme event of the School year.

The opening march accompanied to the platform the presiding officers and several of the speakers of the evening. Rev. Wm. H. Hartzler, '68, of Sunbury, presided, while Miss Lillie M. Kready, '89, of Lancaster, occupied the Secretary's chair. The President's address was happy in its humor and in its allusions to former years.

Following the President's address was a solo, "O Salutarus," by Ion A. Jackson, of Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Jackson has a rich tenor voice of remarkable power and sweetness. His singing was greeted with the most enthusiastic applause.

The Page oration was delivered by Mr. Charles E. Zeigler, '91, now in the Senior Class of Dickinson College. The subject was "Milton, the Patriot." The orator presented a picture not often drawn of this prince of scholars.

The man Milton was followed through the studious years of the maturing poet and patriot, to his Continental tour, where Athens, with the undiminished glories of the Parthenon, was waiting to receive him. In these delightful circumstances the summons came, and at once, deeming the call as the voice of God, he threw himself on the side of the cause of liberty, and for six long, weary years he allowed poetic utterances to give way to prose polemics of church and state, and worked himself to blindness in the cause of freedom.

It is refreshing in this age of political action, when trickery and personality are everything, and parties are ruled by expediency rather than principle, to take a view of the large-minded conceptions and the lofty principles of Milton. It took a century before his country had risen to the position of granting freedom to the press, as plead for in "Areopagitica." It took until the present century to work out the principles embodied in his conception of a commonwealth. And throughout we find him actuated by the thought that it is man's right to be free and his duty to be just. This oration was replete with excellent suggestions, and received close attention from the audience.

This was followed by a violin solo, "Military Fantasie," Leonard, of great beauty and marvelous execution by Miss Alice Greims, of Philadelphia.

Probably the most amusing character created by Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, "Topsy," was presented to the life by Miss Alice Bennett. The facial expression of the reader was remarkable, and altogether, the personality of the dusky product who simply "growed" was very well taken off. As an encore, "Cupid's Alley" was recited.

"The Fountains of Good Taste" afforded a theme for reflections of a profound nature, and yet the thought was put in so charming a style that it was easily grasped. Talcott Williams, Esq., of Philadelphia, proved conclusively that he has "lived near to the great heart of humanity, throbbing with the life blood of genius, which circulates to all the members of the human family." If you would become the possessor of that knowledge and discernment in literature by which your own soul may know what is worthy to love; if you would enter the kingdom of letters, you need only to live daily with these gods of our tongue—the English Bible and Shakespeare.

The thought of the oration, couched in elegant expression, was that in order to attune the soul to heavenly harmonies we must live with such men as Homer, Plato, Virgil, Marcus Aurelius and Dante, whose works will always be standards of good taste, because they are broadly human.

Seldom has an anniversary orator at Millersville succeeded more fully in delighting and inspiring his audience. The address came so spontaneously from the heart, was so free and picturesque, yet so cultivated in phrase and style, and was delivered in so unhackneyed a manner, that those present agreed in pronouncing it masterly.

Miss Crawford, of the School, then sang a soprano solo, "Romance from Mignon," Thomas, with most pleasing effect. The enthusiastic audience demanded an encore, to which she graciously responded.

The second reading of Miss Alice Bennett was "The Minuet," by Guy de Maupassant. Here Miss Bennett showed her full power as a reader. Her rendition was most artistic. Indeed, her reading throughout was highly pleasing—satisfying, showing mental gift of a high order and careful training. Miss Bennett is a graduate of the School of Elocution and Oratory, conducted by Miss Frances Boice, '67, in Philadelphia.

Another solo by Mr. Ion A. Jackson, "Time and Tide," was produced with fine effect and enthusiastically encored.

The final exercise of the evening was a violin solo by Miss Alice Greims, selections from Sarasate and Wienraivski. Miss Greims' playing is most skillful and charming, and elicited not only rounds of applause from her audience, but the highest compliments in the comments of those who heard her.

The pianist of the evening who accompanied Miss Greims and Mr. Jackson was Miss Mary Bowman, of Millersville. She is a very accomplished musician, and by her skill contributed not a little to the fine effect of the music of the evening.

The anniversary exercises throughout were of exceptional excellence and interest, and altogether high-toned and inspiring.

The Normal Literary Society.

BY W. S. SCHLAUCH.

In all that goes to make a strong literary programme the Normal Literary Society has been better this season than perhaps ever before. The debates have been characterized by a certain keenness of analysis and finish of expression that show the effect of an intelligent use of our new literary facilities. The musical part of the programmes was never better. Messrs. Wentzel and Davis among the gentlemen are soloists always heard with great pleasure. Mr. Schreffler with the violin, and Mr. Rex with the banjo, have contributed not a little to the musical numbers. An orchestra and a mandolin club have been organized and render excellent music.

Among the ladies who frequently appear on the musical programme are Misses Dunning, Weidler, Bausman, Hawthorne, Stape, Bitner and Albert.

The orations as a general thing have been carefully thought out. Some were patriotic; a larger number dealt with phases of the problem of life, and a few were somewhat philosophical. Among those delivered were: "The Future of Naval Warfare," Mr. Buehrle; "The Value of Opportunity," Mr. Wolfersberger; "American Ideals," Mr. Stuckert; "The Ethical Element in the Intellectual," Mr. J. Barr Stauffer. Several orations have been delivered by the ladies also; the fact that the majority of the debaters are ladies seems to indicate that the power of persuasion in speech, the orator's true function, is being cultivated by all the members of the Society.

What is being done in debate will be fairly indicated by giving a few of the questions discussed, and the disputants.

"*Resolved*, That the District High School System Should be introduced in Pennsylvaia." Discussed by Miss Starliper, Messrs. Parsons and Trude; Miss Cornman, Messrs. J. White and Tudor.

"*Resolved*, That the Associations of the Country are better than the Associations of the City for the Stability of the Nation." Misses Young and Longenecker, Mr. Hoff. Misses Hamilton and Lavers, Mr. Hartzell.

"*Resolved*, That any attempt by a European power to acquire territory in the Western Hemisphere should be regarded by the United States as an unfriendly act, justifying war." Miss Spears, Messrs. White and Buehrle. Miss Dunning, Messrs. Stohler and Bear.

"*Resolved*, That great cities, in themselves and in their influence, are a greater good than evil," Misses Brown and Swarr, and Mr. Rex; Missss Geisey and Keiser, and Mr. Epps.

The wider range of subjects allowed the essayist permits that production to be witty, learned, poetical, practical or profound. In the treatment of subjects this session a variety of effects have been presented from pen pictures to general reflections on every interesting subject. We note the following: "To-day and To-morrow," Miss Beitzel; "The Home and its Fireside," Miss Greby; "A Source of Pleasure," Miss Jordy; "Flowers," Miss Stein.

One of the honorary members of the Society, Robert J. Burdette, presented a book entitled "The Modern Temple and Templars," of which he is the author. Among the honorary members elected this spring are Hon. John Sherman, Pres. Harper, University of Chicago, Dr. Geo. S. Fullerton, Philadelphia, Pa., Dr. E. D. Warfield, President Lafayette College, Thos. A. Edison, Orange, N. J., Prof. C. C. Harrison, University of Pennsylvania, Samuel Hamilton, Supt. of Alleghany County, and J. Sterling Morton, Secretary of Agriculture.

The programme of the evening of May 30th, Memorial Day, was as follows:

Music—Lyrian Glee Club.

Oration—"Our Nation's Heroes," Mr. Bassler.

Essay—"Women of the War," Miss Cummings.

Music—Clover Club.

Regular Debate.

"*Resolved*, That the warrior has been of more benefit to civilization than the statesman."

Affirmative—Mr. Woomer, Miss Albert, Mr. Carney.

Negative—Miss Cornman, Miss Starliper, Mr. Tudor.

Vocal Duet—Misses Kersey and Dunning.

Piano Duet—Miss Keiser and Mr. Hoff.

Recitation—"The Drummer Boy," Miss Jordy.

Quartette—Messrs. Reist, Davis, Hartzell, Wentzell.

Sentiment Roll.

Adjournment.

Y. W. C. T. U.

AMANDA LANDES, PRESIDENT.

Crowded with work and filled with enthusiasm for the various studies, the summer session at the Normal School is a hard time of the year for anything outside of the regular School work. In spite of this, the Normal School "Y" has been an active and successful organization during the session. The meetings have been interesting and well attended. Addresses have been given by Miss Landes, Mr. H. F. Eshleman and Mr. Schlauch. Recitations have been rendered by Misses Coates, Myers, Brosnahan and Quail, and Mr. Carney. The musicians have been Mrs. Bitner, Misses Lawrie, Albert, Confer and Weidler, Mr. Saylor and the Normal Orchestra. A very interesting meeting was one held on the campus at which Dr. Geo. L. Maris, Principal of the George School, was a visitor, and in response to an invitation from the President, he made a brief but most earnest address filled with encouragement to the Union in their work.

Y. W. C. A.

BY EDNA ALBERT, PRESIDENT.

Greeting to the members and friends of the Association from the Normal girls. The Association is doing good work here in the old Normal. Our meetings have been well attended from the beginning of the session and have been a blessing to us all.

Since the beginning of the year 1896 six of the Normal girls have enlisted for the first time under His leadership whose "banner over us is love."

We are endeavoring to raise enough money to send three girls to Northfield. We feel that so large a school as Millersville should not be represented by a smaller number.

Why cannot the Y. W. C. A. have an alumni association composed of all members of the Association who do not expect to return to School? We feel sure that such an association would be helpful to all. It would encourage us to know that the girls away from School still remembered the Association and the Association girls.

We look forward to the opening of the next session with much hope. We feel that our work then will meet with even greater success than it has this session. (2 Cor. 9: 8.)

Y. M. C. A.

F. E. HAEBERLE, PRESIDENT.

If large and enthusiastic meetings, an increased membership list and a personal interest manifested by every member, are indications of a prosperous Y. M. C. A, our Association can justly lay claim to prosperity.

We have much to be thankful for, as we review the work of the session and of the past year. The meetings, without exception, are well attended and are characterized by that Christian spirit which brings man closer to man and closer to Him in whose name we assemble.

Realizing the importance of sending a large delegation to the Northfield Conference, which meets June 26, 1896, special efforts were made to collect the funds and to select the delegation. We were more successful in this than we had anticipated. In a short time the necessary funds for sending eight delegates were subscribed, and it is a pleasure to say that it was given willingly and cheerfully. The results of this investment cannot be estimated by dollars and cents, but the influence upon the Association and School will abide for time and eternity.

NORMAL NOTE BOOK.

[Hand items for this column to Miss Gilbert.]

The Senior Class in the Elementary course has ninety-five members. Their motto is *Semper ad profectum*, their colors are gold and white, and their flower the daisy. The President of the class is Mr. Chas. C. Grove, and the Secretary Miss Anna Swarr.

The date of the Final Examination by the State Board has been set for June 24th. There are about a hundred and twenty-five Juniors and the same number of Preparatory students to be presented. The examining board consists of: State Superintendent Schaeffer, Principal Davis, of the Clarion State Normal School; Supt. Morrow, of Allegheny; Supt. Bryner, of Cumberland Co.; Supt. Hoffman, of Columbia; Supt. Eckels, of Mercer Co., and Supt. Twitmyer, of Bethlehem.

We have a strong baseball team this summer. Victory has perched on their banners from the beginning of the season till they met their Waterloo in a game on the 30th, played against a team composed wholly of professionals. The record of the games, dates and scores stands as follows:

April 25, Normal vs. Millersville, at Millersville, 7 to 4.

May 2, Normal vs. Millersville, at Millersville, 14 to 4.

May 9, Normal vs. Ephrata, at Millersville, 9 to 6.

May 16, Normal vs. Coatesville, at Coatesville, 7 to 2.

May 23, Normal vs. Ephrata, at Ephrata, 7 to 4.

May 30 (morning), Normal vs. Hanover, at Hanover, 3 to 12.

May 30 (afternoon), Normal vs. Hanover, at Hanover, 5 to 7.

The members ef the team are: Quintin O. Reitzel, captain and 2b.; W. Hayes Brady, ss.; Robert Burns, 3b.; I. G. Mentzer, c.; J. M. Batten, 1b.; Lawrence Buehrle, cf.; Monroe Schreffler, lf.; Stanley Bortree, p. and rf.; E. F. Melvin, p.; Thomas Dill, substitute; manager, H. Edgar Shertz.

Mr. Theodore Knauff, of the Sound Money League of Philadelphia, recently gave us a very interesting lecture on Sound Money in the Normal chapel. It was illustrated with stereopticon views.

Millersville is naturally a congenial place to people of the name of Miller. There are twenty-one on the Normal rolls having that name, four of them in the Senior class. The Smiths are relegated to the rear in comparison.

The kindergarten pupils have taken much delight in a tiny plot of ground set aside for them in which they have planted and grown a few vegetables. When little Alice Cameron celebrated her birthday recently, they had a little lunch in her honor and ate radishes of their own cultivation.

Every evening the wheels go around the lake in merry pageant as the riders gather in from their various rides through the country side. Some one tells me that there are sixty bicycles in the School. Dr. Lyte rides, and Dr. Bitner, Mr. Lansinger, Mr. Brubaker, Mr. Haeberle and Mr. Bortree from the faculty; while Messrs. Good, Henning, Rex, Moyer, Everhart Derstler, Whitson and Engle are a few of the many students. Among the ladies that ride are Misses Cameron, Treichler, Williams, Thomas, Confer and Martin.

The money cleared by a gymnasium entertainment given by the girls some time ago has been applied to the purchase of two new rowboats for the lake.

Mr. Bortree, who spent a successful school year at Ephrata, will remain here till the Normal session closes. He has charge of the fourth floor and is studying under Dr. Bitner.

Miss Barnhart sails for Europe on June 6th, on the City of Rome, bound for Glasgow. She and her father will attend a Church convention there to which he is sent as a delegate, and will afterwards travel through England and on the Continent.

Mr. Lindsey will spend part of his summer at Chautauqua.

Miss Coates will go to Seattle, Wash., during the summer vacation, to visit a sister there.

Dr. Lyte will attend the meeting of the National Educational Association at Buffalo the second week in July. He is one of the directors of the National Council—the senate of that honorable body.

Miss Landes and Miss Trowbridge will be on the faculty of the Pennsylvania Summer School of Methods, which meets in Huntingdon for two weeks in July.

Mr. Harvey Newcomer, who has been studying at Johns Hopkins during the winter, resumed his place on the School faculty for the summer session.

Mr. Morris W. Metzger was obliged to give up his duties, on account of ill health, and seek in a change of climate relief from the pulmonary trouble that threatened him. His departure was much regretted by teachers and students.

Mr. Lansinger has built a stable on his lot south of the campus and has his driving horse, Pet, domiciled there.

Dr. Lyte has a handsome new carriage and takes his family for pleasant drives when he can escape from his many school duties.

We were favored in April with a visit from Prof. Harry K. Munroe and wife, of State College, Pa., who called Millersville their home in '92 and '93, when Mr. Munroe held the chair of English literature here.

Prof. Marcus White, another incumbent of that same chair and now President of the New Britain (Conn.) Normal School, also paid us a hasty visit in April.

Among alumni and former students that were visitors at the School during Page Anniversary, we noticed Misses Alberta Brenneman, Mary E. Smith, Nan Geiger, Mary Newcomer, Mercie Fridy, Mary Buchanan, Anna Andrews, Emma Cassel, Nora Graybill, Elizabeth Eshleman, Marie Portner, Nellie Montgomery, Sylvia Adams, Annie Sherrick, Mabel Musser, and Messrs. C. L. Hauser, J. D. Hershey, Harvey Hershey, Tillman Garber, Harry Shutt, Milton Stauffer, Aaron Long, A. L. Yoder, John M. Groff, H. W. Glatfelter, Alvin Nissley, Martin Nissley, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Landis, Mrs. Anna Garretson Knox and Mrs. Ella Shelley

Landis. The Normal mother delights to gather around her her girls and boys.

Mr. Benjamin H. Eshleman, of Creswell, a member of the Junior Class last winter, was married early in May to Miss Annie B. Kendig, also of Creswell.

We have some amateur photographers among us that do work that would not discredit professionals. Miss McCrory has taken some pretty pictures of the buildings, and Mr. Strickler on Decoration Day secured a good picture of the Normal cadets. The snap-shot nuisance is not unknown, but the perpetrators lie low to escape the wrath of their victims.

Messrs. Roddy, Gochenour, Lindsey, Reiter and Haeberle spent a pleasant Saturday at the Susquehanna lately, in accordance with their yearly custom.

The spirit of the new woman reaches down to the youngest Normal maiden of all. Little John Lansinger fell into the spring, and Anna Roddy, his wee playmate, wasted no time in tears, but set about to help him out and accomplished it.

The goldfish in the lake are very numerous and beautiful.

In response to a general demand two spelling classes have been organized for a few weeks. Mr. Bortree will have them in charge.

The curious lines on the floor in the large room in the Science building that is to be used for a museum only record the various struggles of different members of the School in taming that curiously refractory steed, the bicycle.

The rhododendron blossoms with their vivid coloring have lighted up the terrace as a flame this spring.

The birds, especially the robins, have been building on the campus in unusual numbers this year.

A beautiful specimen of the orchid family was found by one of the students on the border of the campus.

There are about half a dozen new tennis courts, three devoted to the use of the young women and three to the young men. There is a tennis association on each side of the house. Miss Annie N. Mumma is President of the Ladies' Club.

It was a privilege to be present at the reunion, on Decoration Day, of Captain Byerly's old Company of the 122d Regiment of Pennsylvania. One of the members, Mr. K. Allen Lovell, of Huntingdon, delivered the memorial oration at the monument. The Model children scattered flowers on the mound; there was appropriate music by the Normal School choir, and Miss Landes recited in her usual pleasing style.

Ten of our former Normal boys are at the University of Pennsylvania. Among the medical students are Q. D. Arner, J. L. Ressler, Giles Hess, J. D. Hershey, S. H. Heller and Wm. North. Mr. North is on the Varsity Football team. Messrs. Roberts, Charles Trout and Curwen Saylor are studying dentistry, and Jos. B. Noble is instructor in the gymnasium.

The baseball diamond has been moved to the southeast corner of the field and a new cinder track has been laid.

We all enjoy the singing in the Chapel during the morning exercises. It is a delightful experience to hear so many hundreds of young voices lifted up in singing some grand old hymn. Miss Crawford and the members of her choir treat us to some special music every Sunday.

Programme for musicale to be given on the evening of June 19th:

Oh Skylark for Thy Wing,.....*Smart.*
CHORUS.
Soli,
MISSES PRETZMAN, BOYER and MERCER.
Il Bacio Valse,.....*Streabbog.*
MISSES ANNA LANDIS and AMANDA BAUSMAN.
Happy Three,.....*Roeckel.*
MR. GOOD.
Husarenritt,.....*Spindler.*
MISSES HULL, ROBINSON, BAUSMAN and RIEGGER.
Violin Solo,
MASTER HAROLD LANSINGER.
Polonaise, in A, ...*Chopin.*
MISS LAWSON.
Recitation,
MISS LANDES.
For You and Me,.....*Pinsuti.*
MISS PRETZMAN.
Marche for two Pianos.....*Behr.*
MISSES HATTON, HILDEBRAND, and BEAM.
MASTERS HULL, LANSINGER and BENNETT.
Estudiantina,.....*Lacome.*
MISSES SHELLEY and MERCER.
Dear Heart,.....*Matter.*
MR. SAYLOR.
Overture, Figaro's Hochzeit,.....*Mozart.*
MISSES WEAVER, OVERHOLSER, KIRK and GROVE.
The Maiden and the Rose,.....*De Koven.*
MISS ALBERT.
Valse Brillante,.....*Lange.*
MISSES OVERHOLSER and GROVE.
The Last Song,.....*Goetze.*
MISS LAWSON and MR. SAYLOR.
Recitation,
MISS LANDES.
Mazurka,.....*Leschetizky.*
MISS PUSEY.
Bright Star of Love,.....*Robandi.*
MISS SHELLEY.
Violin Oligato,
PROF. THORBAHN.
Garotte for two Pianos,.....*Pirani.*
MISSES PRETZMAN and BONES.
The Reapers,.....*Chapisson.*
CHORUS.
Solo, MISS ALBERT.

Millersville Reunion.

From the Pottsville *Republican*, Feb. 1.

The following abstract of the report of the last meeting of the Anthracite Branch of the Millersville Alumni and Students' Association appeared too late to be published in the February number of THE NORMAL JOURNAL:

That was a happy reunion of the members of the Anthracite Branch of the Alumni and Students' Association of the First State Normal School, of Millersville, Pa. And why should it not be? For is not the fellowship of the Alumni and students of Millersville equal to kinship? Such a conclusion one is compelled to reach who has the good fortune to be present at an annual reunion of any of the branches of the association of that Alma Mater, and especially so of the annual gatherings of the Anthracite Branch. It was a very harmonious, and therefore happy company which gathered in the parlors of the Pennsylvania Hall last evening. Almost a hundred of the members of the Anthracite Branch met to transact the business of their branch, and they and a number of invited guests to participate in t' eir sixth reunion and banquet.

As early as 7:30 o'clock the members began to arrive and were met by the members of the executive committee, who cordially received them and at once made them "at home." Introductions made and hearty handshakings through, the company collected in knots in the several communicating parlors, and engaged in merry chatting, interrupted now and then by a chorus of laughter by the company, occasioned by some witty sally or bright or humorous remark by one or other of the members. Many reminiscences of that old institution of learning were narrated by the older graduates to the younger. The early struggles of the First State Normal School against the opposition of prejudice, now completely dissipated by the winds of popular education, were also related. References were made to the great and good work accomplishad by their Alma Mater in the preparation of her sons to go out into the lanes and by-ways of ignorance and aid the other educators of the State, and Nation too, to elevate the standard of our much-boasted free school system. Millersville has been a power in this great Commonwealth in the field of learning. It is with pardonable pride that her alumni, students and faculty remind others of the good she has done.

DEPARTMENT WORK.

Natural Sciences.

The Seniors and Juniors are studying Botany this session. This accounts for the large number, two hundred and nineteen, who are almost daily out on the hills and in the woods and meadows hunting for flowers. The class has gathered about thirteen thousand specimens and placed them in their herbaria. Over five thousand five hundred written analyses have been made, and the same number of complete drawings of the entire plants have been prepared and arranged for the final committee.

Excursions have been made to many different parts of the county. Through the kindness of Dr. Seiling, a number of rare and valuable plants have been secured from the hills north of Manheim.

Miss Frances Stauffer, of Hazleton, of the Class of '95, very kindly remembered us by sending us two fine pitcher plants. A number of rare orchids were also received from other members of the alumni. Plants received in this way are thrice welcome. We prize them for their own worth, for the place they fill in our School herbarium, but more especially for the reason that they indicate that the School has not been forgotten and that our graduates are still pursuing the studies they began here at the Normal.

The class in Chemistry is studying the compounds of carbon. They have made a number of etchings on glass, using fluorspar and sulphuric acid. They have been quite successful.

Penmanship.

The six classes in Penmanship are receiving daily drills in the practice of movement exercises, letters, words and sentences. The theory of penmanship is given in connection with the daily practice. A knowledge of the theoretical part of Penmanship is necessary to every public school teacher.

At present the work in the six classes is similar. Preparations are being made to grade penmanship and have some of the classes do more advanced work. This will be an efficient aid in giving to this subject the prominence it should have in our schools.

Blackboard writing, which is an important part of a teacher's preparation, is not only recommended but insisted upon. Every student is required to practice part of the time on the blackboard until he is as skillful in this as in other useful arts.

Special work, consisting of shaded script, is given to those who are ready for it and wish to pay more than ordinary attention to penmanship.

The Languages.

A class of Juniors is reviewing the Helvetian War in Cæsar, and will complete it this session. Another class began Cæsar and will read about twelve chapters.

One division of the Seniors has read all of the first book of Cæsar, and is now reviewing it preparatory to examination. The other divisions are reviewing the Helvetian War.

The class in the Regular Normal Course has passed the first two books of Virgil's Æneid and expects to finish the third book, thus completing in the year all the Latin of this course.

In the Scientific Course there are two classes. One of these has taken the two years' course this year, and the other has spent the full two years on their Latin.

The junior classes in Latin are now beginning to review Jones' Lessons, and are at the same time reading certain fables in Latin.

The less advanced courses are carefully learning the declensions of nouns and adjectives, and the conjugations of verbs. Reading lessons, illustrating rules of syntax and furnishing a vocabulary, are given every day.

At the opening of the summer session a beginning class in French was formed; this class is now working on elementary grammar, with short stories in French for supplementary reading.

The more advanced pupils are reading Peppino La Mare au Diable, etc., and mastering the difficulties of Subjunctive Mood.

This session there are five classes in Greek and two classes in German.

Drawing.

The advanced classes are working in Construction the work being both free-handed and instrumental, and including working drawings of joints, objects in sections and patterns. A few simple geometric problems, such as are necessary in mechanical work, are used in the instrumental drawings.

The beginning classes have done some work in construction, making simple working drawings and patterns, and are now working in representation. Leaves and sprays from different plants have been studied and drawn.

Sloyd.

The Senior Classes are preparing a number of models. They have also taken a course in cardboard of especial value to public school teachers.

Physical Culture.

The rearrangement of the gymnasium classes at the beginning of the summer session somewhat divided the classes that met together during the winter, and in a measure retarded the proficiency in drill that was hoped for. However, the work in all the divisions has been well and enthusiastically performed, and many good results have been experienced. The class drills have been as follows: Seniors, short wands; Juniors and 1st and 2d C's, dumb-bells; 1st and 2d B's, clubs; 1st and 2d A's, manual of arms.

Reading.

The classes in Reading and Elocution have gone through a course of general reading from standard authors for strength and versatility in expression. A strong effort was made to establish, in the pupils, the habit of logical analysis of thought, and the power of vivid imagery. Much attention has been paid to the study of phonics and pronunciation. Vocal drill and drill in gesture formed part of the course for the advanced classes; much interest has been manifested in the platform work required from all the advanced pupils. The higher classes have had a four weeks course in the study of the principles of expression, illustrated by varied practice.

The Society orators and reciters have received help from the teachers of expression. The department has given a great many special lessons and furnished help to a number of church and school entertainments.

In the classes in methods a critical study has been made of the various methods, so-called, of teaching reading to primary classes and a course outlined as a suggestion for teachers beginning the work.

Literature.

The Junior Classes in literature and composition are at work in the usual fourteen weeks' course. The course includes seven weeks practice in composing and in correcting ill-written compositions, and seven weeks of study in "Julius Cæsar" and in Whittier's "Snow Bound" and "Among the Hills." In the latter seven weeks, too, Scott's "Lady of the Lake" and Irving's "Knickbocker's History of New York" have been read outside the class room.

The work of the summer session for the three Senior Classes has been as follows: the careful study of Webster's First Bunker Oration, Arnold's "Sohrab and Rustum," and Milton's "L'Allegro" and "Il Penseroso." Scott's "Ivanhoe," in suitably condensed form was also studied, the plot being carefully traced. The "Comus and Lycidas" of Milton were read, but not studied. In addition to this literary study, Stafford Brooke's Primer of English Literature was employed to enable the classes to get a cursory view of English literature as a whole.

The Higher Literature Class, having studied the lesser poems of Milton gave the first part of the session to the "Paradise Lost." The first two books were studied in detail; the others were merely read, though questions of structure and of poetic values were discussed in class. "Hamlet," in plot and characters, is now the subject of study, and "The Winter's Tale" will end the work of the session. Meanwhile the following outside reading, on which papers have been prepared and read before the class by each student, has been done: George Eliot's "Silas Warner," Scott's "Woodstock," "Midsummer Night's Dream" and Irving's "Tales of a Traveller." This class, it may be said, in the course of the past year, has done, both in study and outside reading, the full work required for college entrance in the Middle States.

Geography.

The classes in Political Geography have just finished a study of the states of Europe, in which special attention was given to the description of the people, to their descent and relationship by language, to their physical appearance and mental traits, and to their habits and customs. The governments of England, Russia, Germany and France, as typical of European governments, were quite fully studied. Standard works in the libraries on these subjects were referred to, and certain portions required to be read.

The Physical Geography classes, having carefully studied tides and currents, are now devoting themselves to the meteorological side of the subject. Isotherms, winds and wind zones, the cause of winds at any place, their alternation at that place in that they may be northwest today and exactly opposite to-morrow, and the application or the laws of winds and storms, form the foundation for the study of weather prediction.

Model School.

The Seniors have entered upon their sixth and last term of teaching. Of a class of ninety-five, all have had one term's practice in teaching reading; all but five have taught language a term; nine have not taught geography, and about twenty have not taught history nor drawing. They have been equally well distributed among grades. Some have volunteered to teach two periods a day in order to have the benefit of supervision.

Glancing at the drawing classes the other day, we found the ninth and eighth grades drawing flowers from the natural object; the seventh, angular perspective; the sixth, foreshortened surfaces; the fifth, leaves; the fourth, cylindrical objects; the second, color work, and the first, drawing from models. Under the careful and efficient supervision of Miss Bennett, the Seniors have secured very good results in all grades, and their training should enable them to do good work in this line. The sprays of dogwood and magnolias drawn by the ninth and eighth grades were especially well done.

The history work is at present centered around Memorial Day. The life of the soldier in its various phases has been studied with the poems and stories commemorative of his deeds.

Commemoration Ode has been used in the ninth grade, Lincoln's Gettysburg oration in the eighth, and Longfellow's Decoration Day in the lower grades.

On account of the increased number of children in the Model School, the Kindergarten has been moved from Lincoln Hall to the Science Building. The room now occupied is bright, airy and heartily enjoyed by twenty-three little ones. The roll is larger this spring than during any previous session.

A lively interest has been taken in the garden planted and cared for by the children.

Grammar.

The preparatory classes have followed the development of the subject as found in "Lyte's Grammar and Composition," the text-book in use. Additional exercises have been given for work outside of class. At the end of the session the A classes will be examined and will drop the subject until they take up the Junior grammar work next summer. The Junior course has included a brief history of the grammar of English through the successive periods since 449. This work has been given on Mondays through the session, that there might be time between consecutive lessons for reading the references given. Rip Van Winkle, as a specimen of prose, has been analyzed in part, and a selection of classic verse will be studied. Lastly, a review of the text-book has been taken up in preparation for the final examination. In connection with this there has been an opportunity to compare the grammar of the present period with earlier periods, and to work out a few laws of linguistic development, and of the general philosophical principles of language. There are thirteen grammar classes in the School.

History.

The studies included in the department of history during the summer session are the following: History of the United States, Civil Government of the United States, History of Education and English History. At present there are seven classes studying United States history. Out of the four advanced classes many will be presented to the State board in June for examination. The summer work is necessarily merely a brief and rapid review of the subject. Accuracy in reference to persons and places and important dates are insisted upon, and effort is made in the recitation to inspire patriotic sentiment as well as to give the pupil as full and large a grasp of the subject as the time will allow.

The Juniors are studying Civics. In connection with "McCleary's Studies in Civics" we are using the "Pennsylvania Citizen," a neat as well as complete little book by L. S. Shimmell, Esq.; the latter affording an opportunity to know something of local government. The former as the basis of class-room work, is used to give an exposition of the principles of the constitution and a knowledge of the practical operations of our government under it.

The Seniors are doing work in History of Education. The subject is outlined so as to throw into strong relief the progress of educational thought from time to time, and the various experiments in method made by the leading educators who represent the great historical epochs.

The scientific students, together with some post-graduates, are having a short course in English History.

The endeavor is to show to some extent the essential factors that make up the English nation, the transformation from absolutism to liberalism in government, and the parallel progress in other institutions.

The Library.

The dictionary catalogue has been started; that is, a few hundred volumes have been catalogued, so perhaps an explanation of how to use it may not be untimely.

Authors, subjects and titles are arranged in alphabetical order, so if you wish to find all the books in the library by John Burroughs, look for Burroughs, John, and you will find them under his name, also arranged alphabetically.

Then, if you want a particular book, but do not know the author, look for it under the title.

If you wish all the library contains on a certain subject, for example birds, under that word you will find not only all the books about birds, but all the essays and short articles, with the title of the book which contains them and the pages on which they may be found, with references to other subjects which may help to a better understanding of the one desired. In the upper left-hand corner of the cards is the "call number" of the book, a combination of class and book numbers, and just below one or more of the three letters S, N, P, showing to which library the book belongs.

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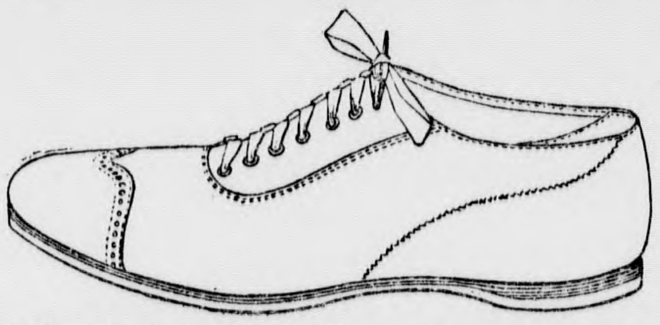
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