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Go to College.

The criticism is sometimes made by those who are not fully acquainted with the work of the State Normal Schools, that these schools do not encourage their students to go to college or to obtain a higher education than is given by them. The criticism is not deserved. While every intelligent person knows that many persons hold diplomas obtained on the "almanac plan," *i. e.*, by staying at a college four years, and that consequently a college diploma is not necessarily undisputed evidence of scholarship on the part of the holder, yet the young man or young woman who takes a college course honestly is better equipped in many respects for the battle of life than one without such a course or its equivalent. The man without a college course may be well educated, and may occupy the highest positions in the educational field, as every one knows; but he has obstacles to overcome at the beginning of his work which the college man does not meet. These obstacles are by no means insurmountable, and frequently become stepping stones to a higher career; but to most men and women the shortest road to the responsible positions in life is by the way of a good college. It is, therefore, a settled policy of this institution to urge its graduates to continue their education whenever possible.

It may be added that much of the real good of a college course is lost for want of a proper preparation in the ground work of an education. The fundamental branches must be well known, in order that one may grasp the higher branches of knowledge. For this reason the graduates of our School, with almost no exceptions, stand remarkably well in their classes at college. Millersville has always had large numbers of boys and girls at our leading colleges, and she is proud of their record there and of their success after graduation.

Dr. N. C. Schaeffer is doing most excellent work in the position so long and ably filled by our late beloved friend and principal, Dr. James P. Wickersham, who was in many respects the most efficient State Superintendent of Public Instruction any State in the Union has ever had.

Students can enter school after the holidays with profit. A number of new classes will be started in a short time.

An Improvement.

Several years ago the State Board of Health visited the Millersville State Normal School, with other public institutions, and made a thorough inspection of the sanitary condition of the School, especially of the sewerage system. The Board pronounced our arrangements complete and made no suggestions for improvement, except that the sewer should be extended some distance farther from the buildings. The suggestion of the State Board was fully complied with, and the change rendered our sewerage system still more satisfactory than before. This fall the Trustees decided to continue the sewer to the Conestoga river, a mile away, in order to prevent the possibility of any future complaint and to secure a system of sewerage satisfactory in all respects to everyone. This great improvement, in connection with our water supply of 300,000 gallons or more daily, gives us a system equal to that of large cities, while we have the benefit of country air. The constant care bestowed upon our sanitary arrangements adds largely to our safety from disease, and gives us a health record for which all friends of the School are devoutly thankful.

Dr. Lyte received applications for teachers during the summer from Nebraska, Oswego, N. Y., California, Mexico, West Chester, Pa., Philadelphia, New York City and a number of other places.

Students may register at any time for the spring and summer session. Register early. A number of names are already on the books.

Have you registered for a room for the coming spring and summer session? The session will begin on Monday, March 29th.

The Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Kane, Pa., at their first meeting after the death of Francis A. Lyte, '76, the first cashier of the bank, passed a series of resolutions, from which the following is a brief abstract:

"We have lost in Mr. Lyte, one whom to know well was to love well, and a close acquaintance with him in business inspired in us the fullest confidence."

"We have lost one, wise in counsel, sound in judgment, fearless in his convictions of the right."

At the close of chapel exercises near the opening of the session, Dr. Lyte read an extract from a daily paper relating to "the intrusion of professional practices and spirit into amateur sport." The article served as a sort of text for some remarks by Dr. Lyte in which he said in substance among other things that it is to be regretted that the spirit of professionalism is so dominant in the athletics of nearly all institutions of learning. The money element enters too largely into all athletic sports. To have enclosed grounds for athletics at schools and colleges is both wrong and absurd. To pick out a dozen football players and make everybody else give way to them is liable to harm both them and the rest of the school, so far as athletics and mental development are concerned. The true objects of athletics at schools are not reached by any system that excludes the masses of students, that does not encourage the many to play, that makes athletics a show to be looked at instead of a sport to be participated in. When the sole motive of playing is to have a club "to represent the school," in contests with other clubs; when it is necessary to have a number of match games with outside organizations to keep the club in practice, professionalism is creeping in and real school athletics are going out. When players demand and get special privileges and are allowed to miss their recitations to play games, professionalism is gaining a foothold. When all the expenses of a player—even to his clothes—are paid, professionalism is in control. And just in proportion as professionalism dominates school and college games, the games themselves are degraded. No one, continued Dr. Lyte, is more in favor of real athletics than I. I was captain and pitcher of the first nine of the baseball club here for a number of seasons a great many years ago, and to-day no sight is more interesting to me than to see the ball field filled at the close of the day's work. Whether we at Millersville can set ourselves in direct opposition to the general tendency is a question, but I trust that we shall not altogether lose sight of the real purpose of athletics in this School. Let us have the many play, instead of the few. Let us play instead of work at our games. Let us remember that it is of more value to students to play for the purpose of recreation than for the purpose of rolling up gate receipts. Not less playing, but more players. We must not make athletics a business, as too many colleges do. We must keep athletics in our School as a means of physical development and a source of pleasure, untarnished by the touch of professionalism.

Miss Emeline H. Partridge has charge of the manual training department. She is a graduate of Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, and taught last year at Hampton Institute, Va.

"*Resolved*, That college-bred men as a class are superior in mental attainments and culture to self-educated men."

"*Resolved*, That women should have the right of suffrage."

Many students participated, but we can name only a few taken at random. We may mention Messrs. Nye, White, Barnett, Jones, Epps, Fritz and Drumm, and Misses Dunning, Keiser, Wilt, Sieling and Fry.

The oration presents a field in which the endeavor is to persuade and to convince audiences, to express in striking and original form the thought of the orator, and to charm by grace and eloquence of diction as well as of expression. In this the Society has kept up its reputation. Some of the suggestive titles are:

"Behind us the irrevocable past, before us the illimitable future," Mr. Nye; "Our Duty to Our Country," Mr. Wm. White; "Life—A Struggle," Mr. Everhart; Work and Wait, Mr. Jay White; William McKinley, Mr. Eaby.

The essay seems to be the medium of expression in which ladies feel most at home. Brightness, ease and grace of diction, and such arrangement as gives a cumulative effect near the close of the essay should characterize it. Here are some of the *Essay* titles and *Essayists:*

"Why We Laugh," Miss Barber; "Golden Threads," Miss Edna Taylor; "A Treat of Nature," Miss Dunning; "Want," Miss Batton; "Charles George Gordon," Miss Georgia Taylor.

The recitation and the music have as always been interesting features of the programme. Some of the effective recitations were given by Miss Lavers, Miss Albert, Miss Confer, Miss Brosnahan and Mr. Bortree.

Special music that was highly appreciated was rendered by Mrs. Bitner, Miss Pretzman, Miss Markley, Miss Dunning, Miss Sieling, Miss Kersey, Miss Keiser and Mr. Schreffler.

As a typical programme we give that of the

Garfield Meeting.

Song.....Lyrian Glee Club.
Oration—James A. Garfield, Mr. Elmer Barnett.
Piano Duet.....Miss Markley, Miss Seiling.
Essay—Military Career of Garfield.....
Miss Cummings.

Regular Debate. Question.

Resolved, That the anniversary of the birth of James A. Garfield should be made a national holiday.

Affirmative—Miss Dunning, Mr. Trude, Mr. Reist. Negative—Miss Hart, Mr. Derstler, Mr. Bortree."

Ladies Trio—"No Evil Shall Befall Thee,"...
Miss Kilpatrick, Miss Albert, Miss Seiling.
Recitation—"A Eulogy on Garfield," Mr. Fox.
Vocal Duet ..... Mrs. Pickel, Dr. Pickel.
Sentiment Roll.
Violin Solo.....Mr. Schreffler.
Critic's Remarks.....Miss Hoffman.

The library of the society has been enriched by a great many beautiful and valuable books, and we take occasion here to express the thanks of the society for generous contributions from members both present and past. Nothing shows better the interest in the society and appreciation of its needs.

The next anniversary of the society will be celebrated on the 29th of January, 1897. The officers for the evening will be Prof. H. W. Fisher, '74, as President, and Miss Carrie Irene Bear, '92, Secretary. The programme is partly made up and promises to form one of the best anniversary meetings we have had.

The officers of the society at the present time are Mr. Wm. White, President; Miss Edna Taylor, Secretary; Mr. Henderson, Vice-President; Miss Hoffman, Critic, and Mr. Langner, Editor.

Y. W. C. T. U.

BY AMANDA LANDES, PRESIDENT.

Once again the Normal School Y. W. C. T. U. sends greeting to its friends and well-wishers in the busy world. We have been quite a busy Union this fall. At the first meeting the following officers were elected for the year: President, Miss Amanda Landes; Vice-President, Miss Erma Shultz; Secretary, Miss Anna Parry; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Georgia Klinefelter; Treasurer, Miss Elizabeth Barnhart; Superintendent of Music, Mrs. Cora Bitner; Superintendent of the Flower Mission Work, Miss Sarah H. Gilbert.

Plans were at once formed for a reception and a lecture. The reception was held in the chapel, October 13th, and was pronounced by every one a grand success. The officers of the Union received the guests. Prof. Thorbahn and his daughter, Misses Trowbridge and Lawrie, Helen Keiser, May Hull and her brother Horace, gave us music during the evening. Refreshments, consisting of cocoa and cake, were served in rooms A and B, which were beautifully decorated. Another feature of the reception was cards containing "Initial Characteristics of Celebrated People," in which the initials of the characteristics were the initials of the people. The consultations over these cards lead to a great deal of lively talk and sociability.

On November 21st the lecture was delivered in the chapel. And when we say we had Col. Bain, every one knows we had a good time. Col. Bain was at his best, genial, witty, enthusiastic and inspiring. His subject, "Our Country's Bill of Fare," brought in three interesting topics, the immigration question, the race problem, and the drink curse. The lecture was free and well attended, and the Union was given a handsome collection.

The regular meetings of the Union have been held bi-weekly in the Model School, as usual, and the room has been well filled each time. The speakers at these meetings have been Mr. Stewart, Mr. Brooks and Mr. Haeberle; the reciters, Miss Osborne and Miss Landes; the musicans, Mrs. Bitner, Miss Albert, Miss Parry, Miss Hull and Miss Bausman. An especially interesting talk was one Miss Barnhart gave us on her trip to Europe. The last regular meeting was held on the eve of Thanksgiving Day, and after a devotional service of praise and prayer a surprise was given the audience in the shape of apples and candied popcorn. New members have joined the Union at every meeting. We hope for many more.

Y. W. C. A.

BY EDNA ALBERT, PRESIDENT.

Greeting to the Y. W. C. A. girls who have passed along the halls of the Old Normal, and dwelt beneath her roof, from the Association girls at Millersville. Since the last message from the girls at school was sent to those who have gone out to add new links to the chain which binds in one the interests of Normal School and people, the Christian life of the School and that of the whole State, two of our Association girls have crossed the seas to carry the Good Tidings to "those that sit in darkness and the shadow of death." Let us ask that God's richest blessing may be theirs.

The Association has prospered since the opening of the Fall Term. Many new members have been received.

On October 8th, the Day of Prayer for College Girls, Dr. Byerly addressed the girls who assembled in the Model Chapel. His message to us was, "Be filled with the Spirit;" and he talked to us earnestly and beautifully of the fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5: 22, 23).

Four of our girls attended the State Convention of the Y. W. C. A., which was held at Harrisburg, October 23, 24, 25. A report of the Convention was given in our prayer meeting on the 28th.

The Bible Classes, meeting on Sunday afternoon, have been studying the life of Paul. The meetings have been very much enjoyed.

We trust that the Association will be a power for good in the School. Each member must do her part. But we know that it is not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit of the Lord, that all is accomplished.

Y. M. C. A.

BY F. E. HAEBERLE, PRESIDENT.

The Young Men's Christian Association of the Millersville State Normal School sends greetings to the old members and to the friends of the Association.

We have many reasons to be thankful for the aid we received from the friends of our Association in enabling us to send such a large delegation to the World Students' Conference at Northfield. But especially are we indebted to the faithful members of last year who labored incessantly in the interest of the Association. The labor and sacrifices have not been in vain. More than 75 per cent. of the young men in school are members of the Association. This increase is largely due to the earnest work and careful preparation of last year.

The Association gave a reception to the new students on September 2d. Our regular meetings on Sunday morning are well attended and full of interest. At our first meeting of this session we had the pleasure of having with us, Mr. H. Beaver, the College Secretary. Dr. Byerly addressed the meeting the second Sunday, and Dr. Hull lead the meeting a short time ago.

A hearty welcome to our meetings is extended to the old students whenever they return to Millersville, be it premanently or only on a visit.

ALUMNI NEWS.

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

Marriages.

We have a fair list of weddings to record in our November number. The one that heads this list will be read with much more than ordinary interest, we feel sure.

MARRIED.—On June 23rd, in New Britain, Conn., Mr. Marcus White and Miss Helen Cowles. Mr. and Mrs. White sailed for Europe on the 24th. The honeymoon was spent in the lovely "lake country" of Old England. Mr. White is at present principal of the New Britain Normal Training School. We remember him kindly and gratefully as the insipiring and efficient teacher of Literature here during the years '91 and '92.

Mrs. White is purely a creature of fancy to us as yet. As such we see:

> "A countenance in which do meet—
> Sweet records—promises as sweet,
> A creature not too bright or good,
> For human nature's daily food."

Wordsworth's ideal. Are we right? At all events we send to both Mr. and Mrs. White the most cordial congratulations and heartiest wishes for a long life of rarest happiness.

MARRIED.—On June 30th, at Bridgeport, Pa., Miss Maggie S. Gotwals, to Mr. Howard M. Dickinson, '90. Mr. Dickinson is principal of the Wyndmoor schools, North Wales, Pa. A good teacher, an efficient superintendent, an upright man. We take pleasure in sending him our congratulations.

MARRIED.—On September 9th, at the residence of the bride, at Adamsburg, Pa., Miss Minnie I. Mattern, '95, to Mr. James T. Wilson.

MARRIED.—On September 11th, at Steelton, Pa., Miss Margaret Lewis to Mr. Clyde H. Updegraff, '96, Lewisberry, Pa. We congratulated Mr. Updegraff on July 3d on his successful graduation, but we take no less pleasure in sending him our best wishes for his future happiness and ever-continued prosperity.

MARRIED.—On September 16th, at Lancaster, Pa., Miss Anna B. McCleary, '91, to Mr. J. M. Graves, of Jermyn, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Graves reside at the latter place, where Mr. Graves is engaged in the drug business.

MARRIED.—On October 14th, at 4 P. M., in the Methodist Episcopal Union Church, Philadelphia, Miss Lenore D. Montgomery, '87, to

Mr. William Mitchell Lybrand. Mr. and Mrs. Lybrand will reside after November 19th, at 139 East Walnut Lane, Germantown, Philadelphia.

We take this occasion to congratulate our young friends and wish them many years of happy life.

MARRIED.—At St. Clair, Pa., on October the 27th, Miss Jennie June Edwards to William Samuel Pugh. Many of our students very pleasantly remember Miss Edwards as a student here in '93 and '94. Mr. and Mrs. Pugh will reside at 402 West Norwegian street, Pottsville, Pa. The JOURNAL sends congratulations.

MARRIED.—On October 28th, at Los Angeles, Cal., Mr. George T. Moore to Miss Winona Barnhart, '93. Mr. and Mrs. Moore will reside at 410 E. 7th street, Los Angeles, Cal. May they find much happiness in their new relation in their far away home on the Pacific shore.

MARRIED.—On November 4th, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Pa., Miss Rosa Charlotte Benkert, to Mr. John S. Greenwalt. Mr. Greenwalt was a student with us for several years. He will be remembered among the absent Normal boys and girls as the violinist of the School during the time that he was here. We know all who have ever heard his beautiful music will readily join with us in extending congratulations to him.

MARRIED.—On November 5th, at Bendersville, Adams county, Pa., the home of the bride, Miss Edith Fickes and Mr. Alvin E. Brough, '96. We send congratulations and kindest wishes to these young friends.

MARRIED.—At the residence of her father, at Donegal Springs, Lancaster county, Pa., Miss Minnie W. Garber to Mr. Harry N. Nissley, of Mount Joy, Pa. Mr. Nissley spent several years with us as a student. He is now one of the successful teachers of the county.

Married—On December 10th, at Oxford, Pa. Miss Annabella Wistar Lawrie to Mr. George Haines Passmore. The latter is a son of our distinguished friend, John A. M. Passmore, Esq., '60, and was a student of ours in 1873–74.

Miss Lawrie is a sister of Miss Margaretta Lawrie, '83, whose death two years after graduation was most deeply lamented by many friends, by her class-mates and by her teachers here, to whom she had greatly endeared herself.

We are interested in these young people and extend to them through these columns our very hearty congratulations.

Deaths.

It is our painful duty to record the deaths of two members of our Alumni: Mr. G. A. Farrow, '79, Shamokin, Pa., and Mr. John H. Byerly, '85, Chester, Pa.

Mr. Farrow died at Clifton Springs, N. Y., on October 1st. To this place he had been taken in the hope that his recovery from a severe illness might be hastened. The hopes of his friends were not realized, and after a stay of two weeks a telegram announcing his death produced a great shock to the whole community in which he lived. After graduating here in '79, Mr. Farrow was employed in teaching in various places, and in every place receiving complimentary notice of his work. In 1885 he was elected principal of the High School in Shamokin, Pa. This position he filled until 1893, when he was made teacher of the natural sciences in the same school. The Shamokin *Times* says of him that his work in the school was always satisfactory and that he enjoyed the esteem and confidence of all who knew him officially and socially. He was devoted to duty, was a most conscientious and industrious worker.

There is a host of mourners for our young friend. Our sympathies are fully with them. We have lost a friend of the School—many of us a personal friend. With the wife to whom he gave his devotion, and the little daughter he so lovingly cherished, we mingle feelings of deep regret and of heartfelt sorrow.

John H. Byerly, '85, died at his father's home in Millersville on October 9th.

His death followed a sickness of a nervous character, which was first manifest about three weeks before he died. Mr. Byerly after graduation taught school in his own neighborhood several years, then went west, where he engaged in business for a time, then took charge of a school at North Platte, Nebraska. About this time he married Miss Ida Mitchener, of Malvern, Iowa. Soon after this he returned to the east. During the last five or six years he held quite a responsible place in the service of the Reading Railroad Company, and lived in Thurlow, Chester and Philadelphia.

His employers speak gratifyingly of his fidelity and efficiency, and express deep regret at the loss they have sustained by his death.

We knew John H. Byerly, the son of our teacher and friend, Prof. A. R. Byerly, as a genial, kind and faithful friend, and an earnest, pleasant pupil. We deeply mourn his early death. We mingle our tears with those of his bereaved parents and sympathize with the dear little children who have lost a devoted father, and with the faithful, loving wife, who has been deprived of the companionship of a devoted husband.

Mr. Byerly was a prominent member of the Page Literary Society. At a recent meeting the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Divine Providence to remove by death one of our members, Mr. John Hershey Byerly.

Resolved, That we, the Page Literary Society of the Millersville State Normal School express our profound sorrow at the loss of one of its valued members; and that through his departure the circle has been broken which binds together those who enlist under the banner whose motto is "Rich in Truth."

Resolved, That although we can feel in part only this great sorrow yet we know that God in His infinite wisdom knows best when to take back those blessings which in His mercy He lent us—and we humbly say, "Thy will be done."

Resolved, That we extend to the wife, children and parents so greatly bereaved by this affliction our most heartfelt sympathy.

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

MARY E. MILLER,
LUCY TREVORTON,
H. VAN WALTERSDORF,
Committee.

Items.

Hon. John V. Vickers, a student of '68 and 69, is now living in Tombstone, Arizona. He is general manager of the Chiricahua Cattle Company and is also County Treasurer of the county in which he resides. He has warm recollections of the "Old Normal" and especially of its literary societies and baseball clubs. THE JOURNAL is glad to know that he is prospering.

Rev. W. Deiffinbach, of South Auburn, Nebraska, writes of the "Old Normal" when Prof. Wickersham was Principal. He quotes the motto of the Normal Literary Society and adds: "that motto has inspired me many a time in my ministerial work." THE JOURNAL hopes that Mr. Deiffinbach will be able in the near future to visit the School of which he has such kindly remembrances.

M. Mosser Smyser, '94, is doing excellent work at Dickinson College, as the following clipping from the Carlisle *Herald* of November 6th shows:

President Reed announced in chapel this morning that, in the examination for the prizes offered annually the students passing the best examination in the studies preparatory to entrance in the classical and Latin scientific courses, the faculty had awarded the Reed prize to M. Mosser Smyser.

In a modest note to the Principal, Mr. Smyser says:

"Accept my thanks for the solid foundation acquired at Millersville, without which my effort to obtain the Reed prize would have been unavailing."

Miss Marion Lawson, '96, writes that the Manhansett House, her home on Shelter Island, was burned during the summer. This necessitates her spending the winter in that place. "I shall be lonesome, but will keep up my music," she writes. If her island home should become too bleak and dreary we purpose she come to Millersville, where a welcome will always be extended to her.

Mr. M. T. Dill writes that he was able to enter the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania, on the recommendation of our principal. This is gratifying indeed.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin W. Brenneman are spending the winter in New York, where both are devoting themselves to the study of music. Mrs. Brenneman was formerly Miss Emory, who will be remembered as the very efficient head of our musical department for five years.

Our readers one and all will be interested to read that our good friend and former teacher, Mr. J. W. Westlake, is a "sound money Democrat." He represented his county in the Florida State convention for the nomination of Congressmen and Presidential Electors. He was a member of the committee on credentials and platform and permanent organization of both the State convention and the Congressional convention. As any good sound money Democrat can easily become a good Republican, we shall not be surprised if in the near future our friend may be found in Republican ranks. May it be so! We want just such men as the recent campaign has shown many Democrats to be—men who put honor before hope of place, and patriotism before party fealty.

A very neat little catalogue came to us a few weeks ago, upon the outside page of which we read, "The Misses Cheyney's school, 331 Courtland street, Atlanta, Georgia." On another page we learned that Miss Margaretta Cheyney, '80, is associate principal of this school. We judge from an examination of the catalogue that the school has a high aim and has provided good and ample facilities to fully realize it.

We take great pleasure in presenting to our readers Master Edward Brooks Keffer, grandson of Dr. Edward Brooks. Master Keffer is just five months old. The little world in which he lives and moves seems to him an altogether funny place, a place for smiles and not for tears. His remarkable good nature evinces this.

We desire also to introduce to you Miss Emilie Frances Munroe, daughter of Prof. Munroe, who taught here several years. Emilie is just about three months old. If we had the data we should be glad to tell you more of her. We feel sure she has sunny curls and a sunny disposition.

Then there is Master Merton Blynn Sanford, son of Prof. Sanford, who formerly taught English here. He is well-nigh a year old. His mother speaks proudly of his golden curls, a great contrast to the dark brown ones of his brother Leigh.

We invoke all the good Fairies to come with their most precious gifts and bestow them unstintingly upon these three dear little ones.

From the Lititz *Express*, August 7.

We refer the reader to a notice of the Millersville Normal School in this issue. We do so with pleasure, as our experience as a student at this institution is one of the periods in our life to revert to with pleasure. Our only regret is that we cannot again be a pupil; the Millersville School of to-day is such a contrast to the one twenty-one years ago as to make us older folks almost envy those who enjoy the wonderful facilities afforded in this year of grace, 1896.

[This notice was evidently written by Mr. John G. Zook, the able editor of one of the best of our county newspapers. Mr. Zook was one of the prominent members of the class of 1875, a class which has made so good a record that it does not seem as if the "Old Normal" could have lacked many essential facilities twenty-one years ago.]

Over one hundred periodicals are regularly received for the reading-room in the library.

A New "Branch."

The JOURNAL takes great pleasure in reprinting the following article from the York *Dispatch* of November 28th, which gives an account of the first meeting of the York County Branch of the Alumni Association of the First Pennsylvania State Normal School:

Thirty-five bright and intelligent ladies and gentlemen sat down to a sumptuous banquet in the elegant dining room of the Colonial Hotel last evening after coming from the entertainment in the opera house. They are graduates and representatives of the Millersville State Normal School, who have just organized what has been denominated the White Rose Branch of the Alumni Association of that famous institution which has done so much for the educational interest of Pennsylvania.

After a permanent organization was effected in the hotel parlors by the election of L. F. Atticks, President; H. M. Yohe and H. C. Atticks, Vice-Presidents; Miss Ella Donohoe, Secretary, and W. E. Gochenauer, Treasurer, they proceeded in the elevator to the dining room on the top story of the stately building overlooking historic Centre Square. They spent an hour partaking of the bounteous repast prepared for the occasion. Then came the intellectual feast interspersed with sparkles of wit, brilliant repartee and flow of soul, for there was talent there as well as culture, grace and beauty.

It seemed but natural for Mr. George R. Prowell, who was chosen toastmaster, to remind the party as he arose from his chair, at the head of the table, that the brilliantly lighted public square upon which they could gaze, was historic ground.

After making some remarks concerning the influence and prestige of the educational institution which they had the honor to represent, h called upon County Superintendent Gardner, who complimented the ladies and gentlemen present for their efficient work in the cause of education in this county, and said this remark applied to the vast majority of all students who received their training at Millersville.

Dr. W. Brose, of York, in well chosen sentences, responded to the toast, "The Alumni," and received the hearty applause of his associates when he took his seat.

Miss Jennie McAllister, in response to the toast, "The Alumnæ," recited a beautiful selection interspersed with sketches of "song."

Mr. D. L. Hartzler was particularly apt in his remarks on "The Undergraduates."

Mr. S. P. Stauffer discoursed quite eloquently on "Our Guests."

Mr. John A. Sheely, in a felicitous manner, with occasional sallies of wit, spoke of "The Normal Student in Active Life."

The last toasts of the evening were happily responded to by Charles E. Grove, as "The Shortest Man," and Mr. Ulmer, as "The Tallest Man." With impromptu sketches at 1.20 a. m. the party dispersed, after an evening of delightful entertainment and pleasure.

The Philadelphia Branch of the First Pennsylvania State Normal School held its annual meeting at Odd Fellows' Hall, Broad Street, above Market, on Friday evening, November 13th. The meeting was well attended. There were no speeches, but some excellent music, the singing of Mrs. Helen Boice-Hunsicker and the playing of Dr. and Mrs. Keffer being specially enjoyable. A well-served banquet, the free mingling of old friends, the renewing of old acquaintances and the forming of new ones, caused the evening to pass all too quickly for the old students and their friends who were present.

NORMAL NOTE BOOK.

[Hand items for this column to Miss Gilbert.]

The Senior Class numbers one hundred.

The '97 colors are apple-green and gold, and the flower is the tea-rose.

The present officers of the Senior organization are: President, Mr. E. W. Strickler; Vice-President, Mr. J. C. Oren; Secretary, Miss Fanny Sieling; Treasurer, Mr. Wm. J. Steward.

The Class has adopted the following class yell:

Rah! Rah! Millersville.
Rah! Rah! Boom!
'97! '97!
Give us Room.

The Seniors are preparing for a sociable on the evening of December 12th.

The Junior Class has effected an organization and elected Mr. J. M. Marsh as President and Miss Naomi Bausman as Secretary.

The Thanksgiving sociable, which was especially enjoyable, was tendered the School by '98. They had prepared a delightful programme of amusement, including marching, music, a scarf drill, recitations, observation tests and the like. Ice cream and cake were served in the east annex of the dining room, whose pillars were tastefully twined with silver and gold, the class colors. In one corner was printed the motto in letters of gold:

We're up to date! We're up to date!
Who are? We are: '98!

A social affair near the beginning of the session was a reception to the Faculty and students by the Y. W. C. T. U. Cards with "initial characteristics" of famous people, whose names were to be guessed, made a pleasant feature of the evening. Cake and chocolate were served.

Miss Landes and Miss Gilbert invited the ladies of the Faculty to a "a cup of tea" early in October. Ghost stories, told with the lights turned down, produced a sensation among the guests.

Misses McCrory, Trowbridge, Lawrie and Wilkinson entertained their friends at "a picture party" recently.

Mrs. Alice Cameron, of the village, gave a dinner in honor of ten ladies of the Faculty on the 27th.

Among the graduates and former students that have visited the Normal lately are: Misses Anna Hogate, Margaret Jordy, Stella Robinson, Annie N. Mumma, Olive Cornman, Lydia Cummings, Amanda Eby, Anna Wilson, Elma M. Snyder, Mary Tshudy, Ray Young, Katharine Myers, Mary Taylor, Katharine Spears, Emily Longenecker, Anna Gherst, Nora Graybill, Maud Huebener, Irene Wirt and Anna Swarr, and Messrs. Stehman Herr, Wm. Moyer, Harry W. Tobias, Harry H. Ranck, George Foerster, James M. Stradling, Harry Good, Ranson Barclay, John H. Myers, Peter H. Hershey, Howard Miller and Milton Stauffer.

Dr. Buehrle, who received a State Diploma in the Scientific Course last summer, visited the School recently and gave an interesting and valuable talk on the importance of drawing.

Dr. Pick, of fame on two sides of the sea as an expert in memory training, spoke on his special topic before the School one morning.

Dr. Kendig, a popular pulpit divine of Brooklyn, conducted our exercises in chapel lately and gave us a rare treat in a fifteen-minute talk.

Dr. Rounds, late Principal of the State Normal School, Plymouth, New Hampshire, has spent a few days with us.

The line up of the football team this year is as follows:

Left-end, Wm. Knapp; left-tackle, J. Y. Strohman; left-guard, C. P. McIlhenny; left-half, D V. Newcomer; quarter, North W. Shetter (captain); centre, M. B. Hutchinson; right-guard, Haldy M. Crist; right-tackle, Robert W. Walton; right-end, J. C. Oren; right-half, J. H. Bursk; full-back, Paul Byerly. The substitutes are: C. D. Charters, J. K. Everhart, Chas. W. Eaby and Palmer Diehl.

The games played with other teams were: Oct. 24, Olympic, Jr., Columbia, score, 6 to 0; Nov. 4, Lancaster Athletics, score, 4 to 32: Nov. 14, Lititz, score, 0 to 56; representing a total of 88 points scored by the team, and 10 points scored against it. Some other games were arranged for, but were not called on account of the weather. There has been more general playing by the boys outside the first team than usual.

The Athletic Association, which has general charge and direction of all the sports, has been organized, with Mr. Stanley Bortree as President and Mr. I. G. Mentzer as Secretary. The directors are Messrs. A. D. Pinkham, E. W. Strickler and E. B. Barnett.

Thanksgiving Day was observed as a holiday, as usual, and many students that live near took advantage of the opportunity to go home. Mr. Eiseman provided thirty-six turkeys for the delectation of the remnant that dined here. The Thanksgiving box, with toothsome delicacies from home, gladdened many a room. In the morning a number attended the Union services in the Methodist church, and some went to Lancaster in the afternoon to see the Bucknell game or the bicycle parade. There was a general attendance at the Junior sociable in the evening.

The health record has been exceptionally good since the School opened in the fall.

The Normal School choir is larger than ever before, and furnishes us with an excellent programme of special music on Sunday mornings. Miss Lawrie and Miss Trowbridge have it under their direction. Miss Albert, Miss Lawrie, Mrs. Bitner and Mr. Saylor are the leading soloists.

The kindergarten has been moved from the Science building to some sunny rooms on the south side of Lincoln Hall for the winter.

About a hundred of our young men took part in the Republican parade in Lancaster the Thursday preceding election. They presented a handsome appearance, all wearing white caps, dark coats, white duck trousers and white gloves. They carried McKinley canes tied with gold ribbon. Mr. Pinkham was captain and was assisted by Lieutenants John D. Brooks, Martin B. Hutchinson and Paul Byerly. They received many compliments all along the line. *The New Era* is responsible for the statement that "the ladies said they looked sweet."

Miss Maude Ver Planck, formerly in charge of the kindergarten, has returned and is filling a position as typewriter for the Principal.

Mr. Lindsey, in charge of the English Literature department here, for the last two years, is enjoying a course of graduate study at the University of Chicago.

Miss Crawford is pleasantly located as teacher of music in Bucknell University.

Mr. Frysinger Evans, who had charge of the Junior Latin classes for several years and is now reading law in the office of Harrity and Beck, Philadelphia, spent a few hours here on his way home to cast a Presidential vote.

Dr. and Mrs. Lyte, Messrs. Hull and Lansinger and Misses Lyle, Gilbert and Landes represented the School at the meeting of the Philadelphia Branch of the Alumni Association on the 16th.

Miss Barnhart brought some beautiful foreign photographs home with her, which she is using advantageously in her school work.

Miss L. J. Coates stopped over for a few hours here in November on her way back from Seattle, where she spent the summer with her sister, Mrs. Evangeline Coates Harper, '75.

Wheeling has still its many devotees among faculty and students. Mrs. Bitner is the latest convert, and Mr. Roddy has joined the ranks since September. Since the advent of snow and extreme cold weather there is use made of the large vacant room in the Science building for riding.

Mr. Haeberle rode over nine hundred miles during the summer vacation and is planning to go a-wheel to his home in Germany next summer, excepting on the trip across the Atlantic.

The goldfish in our pretty lake have multiplied rapidly, and Dr. Lyte, who stocked it in the beginning, has generously offered to give the students as many of the little beauties as they wish to keep in their rooms over winter. As a result, several hundred have been transferred to private aquaria, and we continue to enjoy their beauty and grace. The honor of catching them was bestowed solely on Dr. Bitner and Mr. Roddy, who had many demands for their services.

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