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George K. Reed.

THE JOURNAL in this issue conveys the sad information to its readers of the death of Hon. George K. Reed, the President of the Board of Trustees of this Institution. Mr. Reed has been closely identified with this School for a long time. He became a member of the Board of Trustees in 1872, and at the death of the first President of the Board in 1881, he was elected to fill the vacancy, and has presided over the deliberations of the Board ever since. He kept in close touch with the various departments of this great School, and was especially interested in maintaining its financial standing on a firm foundation. Clear headed, conservative, fully acquainted with the fluctuations of business, and recognizing that it is as necessary for the School to have a good name in business affairs as an individual, he was at all times watchful of the expenditures of the School. At the same time, he recognized that in the progress of events, our School could not stand still, and the numerous improvements made in the last few years testify to the broad minded views of the Board over which he presided. He will be greatly missed by the Principal personally, who often went to him for advice and who always received from him kind, courteous treatment and wise counsel.

In another column of THE JOURNAL will be found a brief sketch of his long and busy life, with the resolutions adopted by the Board and the Faculty.

Dr. Schaeffer.

It is well known that Governor Hastings has reappointed Dr. Schaeffer to the position of State Superintendent of Public Instruction. No act of the Governor has met with more general or more hearty approval than this. Dr. Schaeffer is so eminently fitted for the position that he has held for the past four years that the school men of the State were practically unanimous in asking for his reappointment, and it is a source of congratulation that the Governor's judgment agreed with the judgment of the educators of the State.

The Board of Trustees reorganized on Saturday, June 5, by the election of Hon. John B. Warfel, as president, and Hon. Andrew M. Frantz, as secretary. Mr. Warfel will make an efficient presiding officer, and Mr. Frantz has few equals as a secretary.

The State Normal Schools are asking the State for an appropriation for maintenance. As these schools reach the people directly, and are absolutely necessary to the public school system, it is believed that all friends of free education for all classes will aid in securing the passage of the bill. These State schools are very modest in their demands, as compared with other institutions supported in whole or in part by the State.

Directors who desire to secure the services of competent teachers will do well to visit the School or write to the Principal, stating their needs. Our best judgment will be used in selecting teachers for them.

The State Normal Schools of Pennsylvania have property to the value of nearly $3,000,000, upon which the State has a first mortgage for most of the money it has given to these institutions.

Directors of schools have learned that the recommendations given by us to our graduates are written with great care and never overstate facts.

Our new catalogue will contain a number of cuts of the buildings as they now appear after their many additions.

The bitter attacks made upon State Normal Schools have never been replied to in kind by the normal school authorities. Knowing that the experience of all States in all countries bears uniform testimony to the fact that the work the normal schools have to do and are doing can not be done by other institutions, the normal schools have gone on doing the best they can under the circumstances surrounding them. Their work speaks for them.

Write for a catalogue if you think of attending a normal school.

The teachers added to the Faculty for the spring and summer sessions are Miss Golder, teacher of voice culture and piano, Miss Margaret Davis, assistant in elocution, Miss Mansfield, kindergartner, Mr. Carney and Mr. Billett, assistants in English branches.

Not one cent of dividend has ever been paid by any State Normal School in Pennsylvania to its stockholders. This fact should be more widely known than it is. Occasionally the opposite statement is made in the papers, but it is incorrect.

Full information of our School will be sent on application.

The thanks of the authorities of the School are due to our graduates and old students for their unwavering support. The School is proud of its former pupils, who have given it the reputation it bears throughout the country.

Millersville will open for the fall and winter session on Monday, August 30, 1897. Rooms may be engaged at any time. Drop a note to the Principal.

The Perkiomen Seminary *Bulletin* of March 20th published an article written many years ago by Professor W. H. Payne, formerly of Ann Arbor University, on Normal Schools. The State Normal Schools of Pennsylvania should thank the *Bulletin* for bringing this article to light. The features emphasized by Dr. Payne as essential to a good normal school are the

features in which Pennsylvania normal schools excel the normal schools of other States. Dr. Payne condemns the study of a secondary branch of instruction while the mind is preoccupied with the study of method. The normal schools of the State have so balanced the study of the branches of knowledge and the study of methods that the latter helps the former.

Dr. Payne further says: "One should know considerably more than he expects to teach: his grade of scholarship should be considerably higher than that of his pupils." It needs only to be said that the normal school courses are arranged upon this principle, as all unprejudiced persons know.

Pennsylvania is fortunate in having a system of normal schools that have never lost sight of the fact that the preparation of teachers is a preparation in culture and knowledge and a preparation in the principles and methods of teaching.

A very interesting biographical sketch of the late Francis A. Lyte, '76, is published in the transactions of the "Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, A. A. S. R., N. M. J., U. S. A.," for 1896. Mr. Lyte was a mason of high rank.

Pennsylvania is liberal to her public schools. The great appropriation made yearly to the public schools shows the regard in which they are held. This large sum can be properly expended only by having efficient teachers for the public schools. The State should therefore see that everything that money can do to better the Normal Schools should be done. The modest sum asked for by the Normal Schools should be more than doubled. Instead of the Normal Schools being compelled to ask the State for appropriations the State should force them to accept large appropriations and then hold them to a strict accountability for the proper expenditure of the money thus appropriated. This would be the wisest plan the State could adopt. Will it be adopted?

The Normal Schools of the State are emphatically the people's schools. Strike at them, and you strike at the masses of the people. Injure them and you injure the common schools. Help them, and you uplift the whole State.

The leading colleges and universities of the State have learned that the great feeders of these higher institutions are the State Normal Schools. These schools have so raised the standard of public education that high schools can now prepare their pupils for entrance to college.

The *Pennsylvania School Journal* for June is a "bird number." Among the articles in this number is Professor Roddy's interesting and instructive paper on "Bird Study and Bird Day," which was read before the Convention of Superintendents at Harrisburg, March 12, 1897. Every teacher should study this issue of he leading educational journal of Pennsylvania.

N. E. A.

The next annual meeting of the National Educational Association will be held at Milwaukee, July 6-9. The programme indicates that the meeting will be a strong one. The Pennsylvania headquarters during the meeting will be at the Hotel Plankinton. All Pennsylvanians are requested to register at headquarters. Persons desiring information concerning rates, etc., may address Mr. William Dick, Philadelphia, Prof. H. W. Fisher, Pittsburg, or Dr. Lyte, Millersville. Mr. George William Bruce, Milwaukee, Wis., the active and efficient local manager, will take pleasure in giving full information concerning hotel rates, excursions, etc. The railroad rate will be one fare for the round trip, plus $2 membership fee. It is believed that the Keystone State will be largely represented at this great gathering.

The State Association.

The Forty-second Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association will be held at New Castle, Pa., on June 29, 30 and July 1. An interesting programme has been prepared, and the attractive town of New Castle is preparing to take good care of the visiting teachers.

Hon. John Q. Stewart, of the Department of Public Instruction at Harrisburg, is chairman of the Executive Committee, and will take pleasure in sending all who write to him programmes and full directions with respect to tickets, etc. Reduced fare will be granted by the railroads of the State.

A late issue of a paper published in the interest of an academy contains the following sage remark:

"The time is approaching when Normal Schools ought to take a step in advance, raise the requirements for graduation and guard more jealously the good name of the papers issued by them."

What lots of disinterested advice the State Normal Schools get! Suppose the Normal School men should begin to retaliate, and say: "The time is approaching when certain academies should study carefully the remark made long ago about beams and motes?"

Does the writer of the foregoing trite advice to State Normal Schools know what the courses of instruction of these institutions are? We doubt it. Normal School authorities welcome intelligent criticism, and really do not object much to criticism of any kind, because the more these schools are talked about the more their merits become known. At the same time, we suggest that the friend who advises the Normal Schools "to take a step in advance" might read with profit the catalogues of the Normal Schools and study the courses provided by these schools. We suggest also that he might with profit visit the Normal Schools at the time of the "final" examinations and see how "jealously" the certificates issued by them are guarded. Then let him ask himself the question: What academy, seminary or college compels its graduates to submit to the thorough double examination required of candidates for graduation at our State Normal Schools? Dear brother, we cordially invite you to attend the next "final" examination at Millersville in your most critical mood.

The ingenuity of railroad employes must be taxed to the utmost to devise ways by which excursion tickets for teachers' meetings can be made perplexing to the purchaser. They usually succeed.

Obituary.

DEATH OF GEORGE K. REED, OF LANCASTER CITY.

Mr. George K. Reed, one of Lancaster city's best known and most progressive and philanthropic citizens, died in his boarding house in Lancaster city on Sunday morning, May 16, in his seventy-first year. Mr. Reed had been in delicate health for several years suffering from heart trouble, but the fatal attack came upon him only on Saturday.

Mr. Reed obtained his education in the public schools of Lancaster city and started his business career as a clerk in Hager's store and was gradually promoted until he was made head bookkeeper. He was a clerk in the county treasurer's office under Treasurer John F. Shroder from 1847 to 1850. Afterwards he went into partnership with Mr. Shroder in the banking business. In 1858 the banking house of Reed, McGrann, Kelly & Co. was established, of which he was at the head until it quit business in 1891, the Conestoga National bank taking its place, of which he was made a director. He also helped to organize the national banks of Strasburg and New Holland, and was connected with nearly every turnpike company in the county as a director as well as with a large number of business enterprises in the city.

Mr. Reed was also president of the Board of Trustees of the Children's Home, was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Fulton Hall Association, the City Bible Society, the Conestoga Beneficial Association, the Board of Directors of the Young Men's Christian Association, president of the Board of Trustees of the Woodward Hill Cemetery Association, president of the Board of Trustees of the Millersville State Normal School, and a trustee of Linden Hall Seminary at Lititz. He was noted for his general benevolence, and for his desire to advance the interests of the city in which he was born and in which he lived and died.

He was a sincere and earnest Christian, having been a devoted member of the Moravian church from boyhood and for many years an official of the church. He was also a prominent mason.

The deceased is survived by his wife and one son, George Harry Reed, who is at the head of a large tobacco firm in Lancaster.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY BOARD.

The following resolutions were adopted at the meeting of the Board of Trustees held June 5, 1897.

WHEREAS, since the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of the First Pennsylvania State Normal School, the hand of death has stricken down the honored president of the Board, Hon. George K. Reed, therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of George K. Reed this institution has lost one of its leading trustees and most substantial supporters. Mr. Reed's standing in the business world did much to give this school the position which it holds in the community.

Resolved, That as the presiding officer of the Board of Trustees, he was uniformly dignified, courteous and just. As a friend, he was kind, obliging and faithful. As a citizen, he was highly esteemed and respected.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the relatives and friends of the deceased in the great loss which they as well as we have sustained.

Resolved, That these resolutions be made a part of the minutes of this meeting, and a copy of them be sent to the family of the deceased. A copy will also be published in THE NORMAL JOURNAL.

Committee:

ANDREW M. FRANTZ,
A. F. HOSTETTER,
O. T. HEUBENER.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY FACULTY.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Faculty of this School, on Monday, May 17:

WHEREAS, The President of the Board of Trustees, Hon. George K. Reed, has been stricken down by the hand of the remorseless destroyer, Death,

Resolved, That the Faculty of the School recognize that the School has lost one of the wisest of its counselors, the most prominent of its trustees, and the best of its friends.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the family and near friends of Mr. Reed. It is a source of comfort to us, as it must be to them, to know that the deceased lived an upright Christian life, and was ready for the final summons when it came.

Resolved, That as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. Reed, the School will be closed on the afternoon of the funeral, and a committee of the Faculty will attend the funeral.

Resolved, That these resolutions be made a part of the minutes of this meeting, and a copy of them be sent to the family of the deceased.

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, June 30, 1897. 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. A. G. C. Smith, Media, Pa., Class of '76.
2. Essay by Mrs. Lenore Montgomery Lyboard, Philadelphia, Pa., Class of '87.
3. Oration by N. C. Fetter, Esq., Doylestown, Pa., Class of '72.

The history of each class is read every ten years. The histories of three classes will be read this year as follows: Class of '67, Class of '77 and Class of '87.

Miss Anna P. Cozens, Neshaminy, Pa., is historian of the Class of '67. On the day of graduation this class numbered one in the scientific course and nineteen in the elementary course. All are living except one.

Mr. D. B. Detweiler, New York, is historian of the Class of '77. This class originally numbered one in the scientific course and thirty-two in the elementary course. Six members of the class have died.

Prof. John L. Shroy, Philadelphia, Pa., is historian of the Class of '87. On the day of graduation this class numbered three in the scientific course and thirty-one in the elementary course. All are living.

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

The following members of the Alumni have died this year:

Supt. F. S. Miller, '83, Mahanoy City, Pa.
Prof. Geo. A. Farrow, '79, Shamokin, Pa.
Rev. S. F. Custard, '84, Dunellen, N. J.
Mr. John H. Byerly, '85, Millersville, Pa.
Miss Sarah S. Smith, '73, Washington, D. C.
Miss Isabella Johnston, '68, Fair Oaks, Pa.

A register has been provided by the Executive Committee and is placed each year in the public office of the school. 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 are gratified to find that the number who omit to record their name is less each year.

We are anxious to accommodate the Alumni as far as lies within our power. All who expect to attend the meetings of the Alumni should notify Prof. H. Justin Roddy, Millersville, Pa., as early as possible. We will be glad to see as many of the graduates back as can find time in their busy career to return to the scene of their early school days.

All communications relating to the Alumni Association, except requests for rooms, should be addressed to the Secretary, Miss Sarah H. Gilbert, Millersville, Pa.

GEO. W. HULL,
Chairman of Executive Committee.

MARRIAGES.

MARRIED.—On August 26th, '96, Miss Margaret Goodfellow, '92, of Steelton, Pa., to Mr. W. G. Phillips, of Helena, Arkansas.

A letter from her contains good wishes to us. We reciprocate in kind, and send our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, and hope that they will enjoy a large share of happiness in their far away southern home.

MARRIED.—On April 21st, at the home of the bride in Lancaster, Pa., Miss Mary Weill Byrne and Rev. Harry H. Ranck, of Lancaster county, Pa. Mr. Ranck is a graduate of the Reformed Theological Seminary in Lancaster, and has at present a charge at Mechanicsburg, Pa. Mr. Ranck and Miss Byrne were formerly students of ours—the latter is a sister of Miss Alice Byrne, '94.

May these young friends enjoy a large share of earth's greatest blessings and find abundant opportunity for doing great good in their allotted field of labor.

MARRIED.—On May 10th, in the Church of the Messiah, New York, by Rev. J. Minot Savage, Miss Mathilde E. Coffin and Mr. Franklin Ford. Many of our readers very well remember Miss Coffin as the superintendent of our model school during the years '87 and '88. During the last five years she has held the position of assistant superintendent of the Detroit schools. Mr. Ford is a literary man of note. Between the years '80 and '87 he was editor of *Bradstreet's*, and more recently has gained repute as a writer on politics and the science of journalism. Mr. and Mrs. Ford will reside in New York. THE JOURNAL sends hearty congratulations accompanied by abundant good wishes to them.

It gives us pleasure to quote a notice of the success of one of our former graduates, Mr. Joseph K. Ritchey, '92. For the last few years he has been principal of the schools of Roaring Springs, Pa. The following is taken from the *National Recorder*, Washington, D. C., in its issue of February 20th. "All during Mr. Ritchey's scholastic experience he has strongly advocated the physical development of the pupil along with mental and moral training. He saw children becoming deformed by the use of the stooping position while poring over their books, and this led him to conceive of an adjustable table and desk book-holder that will obviate the necessity of an inclination of the pupils' head while studying. This device permits the child to sit in an erect position, which is so beneficial to growing youth. It is needless to say that Mr. Ritchey received a Wedderburn silver medal as a reward for his ingenuity, and this may be taken as an indication of the measure of success that is in store for him."

Mr. Ritchey was married on March 26, 1896, to Miss Ida May Wright, of Alum Bank, Bedford Co., Pa. We congratulate Mr. Ritchey on both of these fortunate events, and wish him the highest happiness that comes to those who win success by deserving it.

DEATHS.

It will be painful intelligence to many readers of THE JOURNAL to learn of the death of Mrs. Corinne Wickersham Crawford, wife of Rev. James Crawford, D.D., of Philadelphia. Mrs. Crawford was the oldest daughter of Dr. James P. Wickersham, the first principal of our school, and was born in our village. It was here in the model school and the Normal School that she received her education. After her father was appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction the family took up their residence in Lancaster. There she met Mr. Crawford, then a student in Franklin and Marshall College, and was married to him in 1872. Mrs. Crawford leaves a husband and two children, Miss Lilian, aged eighteen, and a young son Wickersham, aged fifteen. These will mournfully miss the companionship and devoted care of the wife and mother. Our sympathies go out to them in their sad bereavement.

Miss Isabella Johnston, '68, died at Fair Oaks, Pa., in September, '96. For seven months she had been confined to her bed with general debility, induced probably by constant attention to her sister Margaret, who had been an invalid for some time before her death, which occurred in August. Miss Johnston's death was pronounced by her physician to be due to "complete exhaustion."

A letter from her niece says that during her sickness she talked much of Millersville and of her classmates, and several weeks before her death asked to have the class picture taken at the last reunion and placed where she could see it from her bed. Her kindly thoughts of her old friends in her last hours upon earth must deeply touch their hearts. We sympathize with her classmates who have sustained this loss, with her sister and with her many devoted friends. Her life was one of self-sacrificing work and many times she longed for rest, which came at last—a long, long rest, a blessed one, we feel sure.

The *Christian Advocate* of March 18th, announces the death of Rev. Steward F. Custard, '84. Mr. Custard died at Dunellen, New Jersey, after an illness of five weeks. A wife and two children survive him.

Mr. Custard's first pastoral charge was at Milford, Pike Co., Pa. A press notice refers to his work while there in most commendable terms. His labors both in parish and pulpit seemed to have been highly acceptable. The *Christian Advocate* says that Mr. Custard was beloved by all who knew him, and that the Newark Conference has lost in his death one of its most consecrated young men.

We recall Mr. Custard as one of our most exemplary students, faithful in every duty, earnest in the religious work of the school, industrious, capable and conscientious. We deeply regret that one whose life promised to be one of so much usefulness should be taken from us. To the bereaved family and friends we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

We were pained to learn a few weeks ago of the death of Mrs. Savilla Bowman, wife of Dr. C. A. Bowman, '83. The latter is now president of Albright Collegiate Institution, Myerstown, Pa. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. Bowman in his bereavement.

ITEMS.

Mr. Charles W. Bahn, '91, is associated with Mr. M. H. Diffenbaugh, a student of '87 and '88, in conducting a gentlemen's furnishing busi-

ness in Lancaster city. These young men deserve to be commended for the enterprise they show in the management of their business, for the excellent quality of goods they have, and for their courteous treatment of customers.

Joseph H. Taylor, '78, has recently received a doctor's degree. An interesting notice of his professional success came before us not long ago. We quote from a New York paper: "Dr. Joseph S. Taylor has been giving a series of lectures before the Association of Female Teachers of Grammar Departments at the Normal College. Subject: Child Study Work at Clark University. Dr. Taylor's course of lectures before the Association has added much to his popularity in the educational field of New York"

Mr. Milton C. Cooper, '89, has recently been elected supervising principal of the Asa Packer school, Philadelphia. Another promotion for Mr. Cooper.

Heber McHugh, Esq., '80, receives some high compliments through the *Superior Leader*, a prominent newspaper published in Superior, Wisconsin. "Mr. McHugh has for some years been one of the most conspicuous leaders of the Superior bar. He has been distinguished in many of the leading cases of all kinds tried in this city during the last five years—was one of the attorneys of the famous impeachment trial of Mayor Starkweather. Aside from his professional talent he is notable as a man of whole-souled quality and high honor."

In the annual Freshman oratorical contest of Dickinson College, Mr. M. Mosser Smyser, '95, won the first prize. His subject was "Massachusetts and South Carolina."

Prof. F. B. Lindsey, who had charge of our Department of Literature for two years, and who has been a student in the University of Chicago during the last year, has been awarded a fellowship in the Department of English by the University. He was one of five chosen out of fifty applicants for the place.

Prof. C. A. Peters, '85, who has now charge of the Science Department of the Edinboro State Normal School, has recently received a call to the Ohio State University as Assistant Professor in Biology there, but has refused it. He expects to attend the University of Leipsic in '98 and complete his work for the doctor's Degree.

Mr. Harry O. Haag, '92, will soon be able to put LL.B. after his name. He graduates this summer from the law department of Georgetown University. As politics and law very easily mingle we predict that we shall, in the near future hear of Mr. Haag taking an active part in American politics.

From the Everett *Republican*, August 7.

The Millersville School is the oldest institution of its class in the State, having been established in April, 1855, two years before the passage of the law establishing the Normal Schools of the State. It was recognized by the school authories of the State in December, 1859, as the First Pennsylvania State Normal School, and has maintained that position to date, not only as first in point of years, but first in educational advantages. Hundreds of the best and most successful teachers, professional and otherwise, in the State, and in other professions and occupations, received their intellectual training at Millersville. The catalogue before us is a handsomely printed pamphlet of 104 pages, giving all the information respecting the School—its history, courses of instruction, terms, etc., necessary or important to know, with illustratrations of the buildings, etc. It also gives a complete list of the graduates of the School from its first term, noting those who are deceased and giving the residence and present occupation of those who survive, in which we note many familiar names, including a number from this county.

THE SOCIETIES.

The Page Literary Society.

BY ANNA LYLE.

The most notable event of the Page Society during the summer session is the May anniversary.

We quote the account given of the occasion this year from the Lancaster *Intelligencer*.

AN ENJOYABLE EVENT AT THE STATE NORMAL SCHOOL AT MILLERSVILLE.

MILLERSVILLE, May 29.—An immense crowd gathered last evening in the large chapel of the Normal School buildings to celebrate the forty-second anniversary of the Page Literary Society. The decorations were elaborate and in good taste. The music was of the highest order and the entire programme of exercises was heartily enjoyed and generously applauded by the entire audience.

Prof. Ira L. Bryner, of Shippensburg, Pa., presided. He was assisted by the secretary, Miss Ida Hall, of Lancaster. Mr. Bryner is an excellent presiding officer, and, upon assuming his duties as president for the evening, made an address in which he feelingly referred to the past when he was a student here and complimented the normal upon the apparent advancement made in every department of the school. He attributed the success and growth of the school in large measure to the excellence and devotion of the members of the faculty. He cordially welcomed the members of the Normal society and the public to the entertainment.

James Glisson, of Philadelphia, sang a tenor solo, entitled, "The Letter." Mr. Glisson has a very clear voice. His tones are pure and his singing was very much enjoyed. He was recalled a number of times during the evening. He also sang later in the evening "My Lover Will Come To-day."

The honorary address was delivered by Dr. George S. Fullerton, of the University of Pennsylvania. His subject was "Some Thoughts on the Value of Good Reading." By good reading he did not mean the reading of good books, but he meant reading well. Reading aloud so that the reader himself and those listening would properly understand and fully comprehend the meaning of the words spoken, he showed that a word was not a very simple thing but a very complex thing. That it consisted in a number of complicated movements of mouth, lips, tongue, throat and lungs accompanied by the necessary feeling and nerve excitement; that in another sense a word was the sound produced to convey an intelligent idea to the mind; that certain characters or letters properly combined on paper is also called a word. There are three words—the motor word, the sound word and the sight word. The sight word or written word, is the one that makes the least impression upon the mind. The great majority of students cannot get the full meaning of a word until they speak it for themselves. This accounts for the fact that all children when they study prefer to study aloud.

The orator made a very strong plea for oral reading. With many apt and interesting illustrations he made every point entirely clear and showed that good reading demanded two things: First, the proper understanding of the thought to be read, and second, proper expression. The value of elocutionary training must not be undervalued.

After the address, Miss Lawrie, one of the music teachers of the Normal, and H. C. Saylor, sang very brilliantly a duet, "I Feel Thine Angel Spirit." When recalled they responded by singing "Down Upon the Suwanee River," playing their own accompaniments upon the guitar.

The reader, Miss Luella Conwell, of Philadelphia, was on the programme for two numbers, "A Chapter from Bleak House," and "Our Christmas," but the audience was so pleased that they recalled her again and again, so that she read six selections before the audience was satisfied.

Miss Maud E. Golder, who has charge of the musical department of the School, delighted everybody with her beautiful singing. In her first number, an aria from the Hugenots, she displayed the most perfect control of her voice, and the difficult trills and variations were executed with an ease that showed the finest training and culture. She was twice recalled.

Charles E. Berger, of Pottsville, Pa., delivered the Page oration. His subject was "Socialism and American Politics." The spirit of social unrest is prevalent in our land. The socialist comes forward with a scheme to solve the social problem. He is tolerated because he is animated by a desire to ameliorate the social conditions of our times. Two principles lie at the foundation of our government, liberty and equality. They were the watchwords of the framers of our constitution. Today individualism on the one side and socialism on the other side must be equally well guarded. The capitalist and the corporation who take unearned dividends from the people represent the aggrandizement of the few at the expense of the many, while the socialist who wants to abolish all patents and copyrights and desires an equal distribution of all property represents the other side. The problem will be solved by the public school, the newspapers, by the sturdy middle class of American citizens, who are neither rich nor poor, and by Christianity. The rich, who are endowing the colleges and charitable institutions, are lightening the way. The socialist, with his erroneous theories, is not to be feared. America is still only another name for opportunity, and a stronger American citizenship grows out of the varied and complex elements of which our nation is composed.

A tenor solo by Mr. Glimm, "My Lover Will Come To-day" sung in a most effective manner closed the evening's entertainment which proved to be one of especial merit and excellence.

The Normal Literary Society.

BY H. JUSTIN RODDY.

The spirit with which the literary work of the society is performed, as well as the enthusiastic support given to every measure for securing higher efficiency in the society work elicts our highest praise. Endeavor, honest and earnest, persistent and thorough always attains its ends.

The large number of earnest workers in the society is supported and very much encouraged by the loyalty of the still larger number of absent members who in many ways manifest their devotion to their society. The beautiful Temple Shakespeare is one of the many evidences.

Many of the orations have been excellent in composition as well as effective in delivery. Some of those deserving special mention are: "Pyramids of the Nineteenth Century," Mr. Drumm; "The Twentieth Century," Mr. W. H. White; "Drag that Rake," Mr. Bortee; "An Unconquerable Flame," Mr. Eaby; "Evolution of the Soul," Mr. Langner; "Value of Little Things," Mr. Bassler.

The debate should arouse the greatest interest in the society and merits the most careful preparation. The interest taken is manifested by the subjects of debate. The following are typical:

Resolved, That civilization tends to prolong life.

Resolved, That emulation should be used as an incentive in education.

Resolved, That manual training should be introduced into our common schools.

Resolved, That the invention of printing has been more beneficial to the world than the discovery of America.

Resolved, That silence has produced greater results than noise.

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FACULTY.
Spring and Summer Session, 1897.

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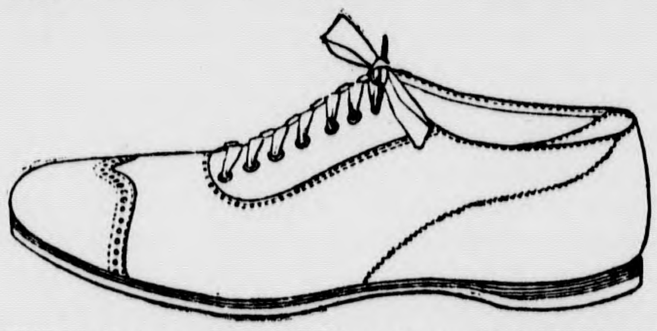
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Literature.

The class in higher literature has studied recently Scott's "Marmion," Burke's "Speech on Conciliation with America," and the play of "Hamlet." Collateral study and reading in the lives and works of authors was also carried on. The scientific students have now completed the required work in English for entrance to college, both in study and in reading.

The Senior class has been studying literature. Coleridge's "Ancient Mariner," Scott's "Ivanhoe," and Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" have been carefully studied, the aim being to make the pupil thoroughly familiar with the books, to gain an appreciation of artistic effects, and to study the author's life in connection with his writings. Special papers have been prepared, each requiring the thorough study of some particular point in the work.

The Juniors have been engaged in the usual fourteen weeks' course, spending the first half of the term on composition work, with a minimum amount of theory. The latter part of the time is given to literature, including selections from Blaisdell's "First Steps," and the careful study of Johnson's "Rasselas" and Shakespeare's "Julius Cæsar." In the methods classes, the theory and practice of English composition has been taught.

Latin and Greek.

Of the Senior Class in the Elementary Course, all are reviewing the prescribed 29 chapters of Cæsar, Book I, one Section has read Book II, another has read Books II and III, and expects to finish reading book IV.

In the Regular Normal Course there are three classes, one of which will complete the work this session. Two Junior Elementary Classes began Latin this session, three are preparing for final examination, and a sixth will require another fourteen weeks after this session to do the work required.

A class commenced Greek this term.

French.

An elementary class in French was started at the beginning of the summer session; this class is now working with verbs of the second conjugation, and translating "Historiettes."

A part of each lesson is devoted to conversation in French.

The advanced class is reading "Peppius," along with their work in composition.

German.

The advanced class in German is reading "Hoffmann's Historishe Erzaehlungen." In connection with this, exercises in composition and German conversation are given.

The beginning class completed the declension of the nouns and the conjugation of the auxiliary verbs and is at present working with the conjugation of the regular verb.

History.

The work done by the classes in United States History during the summer session is of necessity little more than a hasty review of the subject. We try to present the various periods —Colonial, Revolutionary and National in their true relation and in fair and proper proportion, calling attention to the master-ideas that prevailed in colonial development, the growth of the desire for self-government and the forces that worked toward the establishment of a great national government.

The Juniors are studying civil government. This includes as a prominent part of the work an inquiry into the origin of our national constitution, its nature and its purpose. We take some pains to show the State and the national side of our government, the careful adjusting of one to the other. Subjects that came up for special discussion in the classes were the evils of the committee system, the great increase of the power of the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the general encroachment of the legislative upon the other departments.

The seniors are studying History of Education. The aim of the class room work is to present the subject so as to show the development of educational principles and methods. A brief summary of the educational ideas that prevailed in Oriental countries is followed by a consideration of the theories and practices of the Greek and Roman people. The Middle Age period affords opportunity for presenting the influence of chivalry and scholasticism. The new elements introduced by the Renaissance and the Reformation, and the working out of these into the philosophy and practices of our present century we duly emphasize.

Mathematics.

The classes in Mathematics are now ready to sum up their work for the year. The scientific students are reviewing Trigonometry, Surveying and Analytic Geometry; the seniors are being examined in Plane and Solid Geometry; while the juniors are completing Algebra and Arithmetic.

These three classes will present themselves to the State Board of Examiners, on June 21, for their final examination in these branches.

In addition to these sections there are about fifteen other classes studying the different branches of Mathematics.

The students are to be complimented on their success in the various classes.

Department of Geography.

The work of this session has been very pleasant and profitable. Students have apparently enjoyed tracing the relations of man to his environments; of industries to natural resources; of institutions to their physical conditions.

The classes are now studying Europe, its physical geography, its nations, peoples and governments, and especially its four typical governments as exemplified in Russia, Germany, Great Britain and France.

The work in Physical Geography just now consists in the study of winds and their causes and defections, wind zones and their movements, storms and meteorological phenomena generally. Climate and weather in their relations to each other, and in their causes as investigated in the United States by the Weather Bureau will be studied next. The methods employed by the Weather Bureau in foretelling the weather conditions come in for a share of physical geography study. Thus students can intelligently appreciate and interpret the weather maps and daily reports sent out by the government for the information of the people.

The work in methods consists in discussion of plans for teaching some of the more difficult subjects of physical and mathematical geography, simplifying them so as to bring them within the capacity of the child mind.

The higher method classes have as usual studied the elementary geology of this neighborhood and especially in its relation to geographical interpretations.

Natural Sciences.

The Seniors have just finished physics and are ready for the final examinations. The Juniors are finishing their work in botany. The drawing of plants with the proper color of leaf and flower has taken much time and patience. The class is doing good work and their written review of the first half of the text-book work has been very satisfactory. Some of the class have gathered and preserved as many as two hundred different species of plants. A new feature is the making of a seed collection for the school. One hundred different kinds of seeds have been collected and properly named. These seeds are bottled so as to be of easy access to all. The class in chemistry is at present studying the subject of carbon. A few beautiful etchings on glass have lately been made by members of the class.

Penmanship.

The classes in penmanship have just completed the study and practice of all the letters. The remainder of the session will be devoted to sentence, page and blackboard writing.

Students desiring to practice the vertical style have the opportunity to enter any of the five classes and begin with such work as is best suited.

The work in the methods classes consists of outlines, suggestions and discussions bearing upon this subject in the public schools.

Form Study and Drawing.

Students in the Normal department are carrying out the prescribed course in drawing, together with nature study in color, cast drawing and methods for lower grades, with also some work in the history of art.

Children in the model school are finishing the drawing books and are having as much work in nature study in color as possible, with considerable work in standard colors in paper and in clay modelling.

Manual Training.

The Seniors have been busy making cross-lap-joint frames, and corner brackets. Twice a week they have methods in Manual Training.

The 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades are working on silk winders, match strickers, joints and boxes.

The pupils in the third grade have just finished their picture frames which they covered with leatherette.

Physical Culture.

The work done during the present session have been highly satisfactory in all classes. With every one there has seemed to prevail an earnest desire for self-improvement. The classes most deserving of mention are perhaps the Senior and Junior. The work with the Seniors has been with the dumbbells and clubs. The Juniors have taken up marching and manual of arms. The 1st A's have had clubs and short wands. The second A's, clubs and manual of arms. The 1st B, short wands and dumbbells. The 2d B's long and short wands. The 1st and 2d C's, and ninth grade model school boys have been drilled in figure marching and calisthenics.

Library.

The cataloguing of fiction has been completed. The books are arranged on the shelves alphabetically by author, the "Letter author marks" being used.

The books of an author are kept together by marking them with the initial of the author's family name, followed by one or more decimal figures, so that names whose initials are followed by some of the first letters of the alphabet have the first numbers, and those in which the initials are followed by later letters later numbers, *e. g.*, Wallace, W 156; Ward, W 21; Warner, W 244; Weyman, W 545; Whitney, W 612; Wynne, W 99.

From the Millersburg *Herald*, July 24.

We are in receipt of the forty-second annual catalogue of the First Pennsylvania Normal School at Millersville. This popular institution of learning is universally recognized all over the country as one of the best schools for training teachers, and for preparing young ladies and gentlemen for any business or professional calling. In this age of sharp competition and rivalry Millersville keeps steadily abreast with the times and maintains its proud and merited position among the leading educational institutions of the country. The numerous lucrative and responsibie positions so successfully filled in every field of intellectual labor by its alumni are abundant evidence of the thorough training received and of the high character of the school.

the lecture on the "The Bermudas" by Hon. J. A. M. Passmore, on the 19th. Mr. Passmore was here at the school, ready to fulfill his engagement when he was summoned away by a telegram.

Mrs. Eiseman, wife of our Steward, has been confined to a dark room for some time on account of trouble with her eyes.

Miss Mercer, former assistant in the library, visited the school recently.

The newly-painted red garden seats scattered over the campus are ornamental and useful.

School exercises were suspended on the afternoon of the 19th on account of the funeral of Mr. Reed, President of the Board of Trustees.

The young ladies and gentlemen that play tennis enjoy the privilege of playing together after four o'clock in the afternoon on engaging in advance the courts on the west campus.

The social privileges have been extended in other directions. The opportunities for social culture so necessary for all, and especially for young people who are in training, to go out and take positions as leaders in the communities when they teach, have been increased wherever in the liberal policy of the school it has been thought possible without interference with the school-work.

John Lansinger, Jr., was emancipated from the thralldom of skirts on Memorial Day and enjoyed his new knickerbockers and their pockets in a positive way, sufficient to make the most misanthropic looker-on delight in the scene.

"I'm four years old," says our little Normal maiden, Anna Roddy. She and John Lansinger have started toward the steep hill of science this spring through the flowery border lands of the kindergarten.

"O little feet! that through long years
Must wander on through hopes and fears,
I, nearer to the wayside inn
When toil shall cease and rest begin,
Am weary, thinking of your road!"

Though *Senior* means older, and though we can not bring ourselves to apply the adjective even in its positive degree to Mr. Roddy, we are compelled to write his name H. Justin Roddy, Sr., for the Normal baby is named H. Justin Roddy, Jr.

Louis and Gilbert Lyte are indulging in the pleasures of gardening in a little plot on the north border of the campus.

Captain William Holmes, of Pottsville, a Normal student in 1868, visited his daughter, Miss Anna, a Normal student, during Page Anniversary.

Dr. E. O. Sheldon has kindly presented each member of the Senior class with a report of the proceedings of the National Educational Association for the year when he was president.

Dr. Hull will respond to the address of welcome at the meeting of the State Teachers' Association in New Castle, Pa., June 29th.

The click of the camera is heard in the land. The buildings and the campus furnish fine subjects for the numerous amateurs. Mr. Enos W. Strickler, of the Senior class, seems entitled to honorable mention for the specially fine work he does, Miss McCrory and Miss Trowbridge have been very successful in their b.ts of woodland scenery, Miss Coates has taken the prettiest picture of the lake we have ever seen, and Mr. Brubaker, Miss Treverton, Miss Lawrie, Miss Elizabeth Hershey and many others have taken interesting groups and views. Many do their own printing and toning and the talk about "flat" pictures, over-exposure, aristotype paper, and the like is a matter of mystery to the uninitiated.

Mr. Miller, of Mount Joy, an experienced photographer, has started a class here among teachers and students.

"A meeting of the students of York county is called in the chapel after supper." This is a type of many announcements we have heard this summer. In most cases it means that the students of the county named desire to meet to make arrangements for having their photographs taken in a group. There are fifty students here from York county and one member of the faculty, Mr. Billett. They had their pictures taken on the steps of the science building. The Chester county students, with Miss Coates and Miss Davis, had their group taken on the north side of the lake. Bucks county marshaled twenty-three students and one teacher, and as by a remarkable happening, every representative was a member of the Normal Literary Society, had its crimson banner with its "Fight for Truth and Right" held by a member. Huntingdon, Perry, Lebanon, Berks, Dauphin, Mifflin and probably others have grouped themselves before the photographer and his camera.

We had our usual Decoration Day exercises on the morning of the 29th of May. The monument was draped with red, white and blue bunting and had garlands of green about the base and flags at the corners.

The Model School children, with Thomas Landis as drummer and Ralph Bitner and John Lansinger leaders, formed in line at the Model School and marched to the monument carrying flowers which they scattered on the mound. Behind them came the Normal Cadets, marshalled by Mr. Pinkham, assisted by Mr. Paul Byerly and Mr. H. C. Saylor. Rev. Mr. Decker opened the meeting with prayer. Miss Lyle read in her impressive style a beautiful Decoration Day Ode. Mr. Hull delivered a stirring patriotic address which could not have failed to awaken a responsive chord in every listener's heart. The Normal choir, led by Miss Trowbridge, furnished good music and the programme closed with America and the benediction.

Two Orthodox Friends, Joseph Elkinton, of Philadelphia, and Jonathan Rhodes, of Wilmington, Delaware, held a meeting here on the evening of the 30th.

The W. C. T. U., of the village, has been holding gospel meetings at Petersville on Sunday afternoon. The men, largely foreigners, employed on the electric light plant in process of construction, do not go to church, so church services are taken to them.

The most unique advertising that we see in the newspapers and the street cars is that of two old "Normal boys," Diffenbaugh & Bahn, who are successfully conducting a men's furnishing store on North Queen street, Lancaster.

The Normal base-ball team the present term has the following personnel: Isaiah G. Mentzer, catcher and captain; G. L. Winter, pitcher; Elmer E. Rice, first base; Arthur J. Malone; second base; G. Revere Thomas, short stop, Lawrence F. Buehrle, third base; Stanley W. Bortree, right field; William E. Glenn, centre field; E. Bishop, left field; substitutes, Joseph Y. Strohman and Palmer Diehl. The manager is D. W. Geist, and the scorer is Isaac F. Seivering. Especially worthy of mention are the fielding of Malone, the batting of Rice, and the battery-work of Mentzer and Winter.

The games played with other teams have been as given below. The team mentioned first in each instance played at home.

April 10, M. S. N. S., 20, Lancaster High School, 3; April 24, M. S. N. S., 2, Millersville, 5; May 1, Lititz, 3, M. S. N. S., 15; May 8, M. S. N. S., 7, Lancaster Amateurs, 4; May 15, Columbia, 1, M. S. N. S., 4; May 22, Lititz, 11, M. S. N. S., 16; May 29, Middletown, 20, M. S. N. S., 9. On next Saturday, June 5, a game will be played at Columbia.

In the Woman's Edition of *The New Era*, published May 29th, is an interesting sketch of our Principal, Dr. E. O. Lyte, from the pen of the editor-in-chief, Marianna Gibbons. Among the contributors to the edition are Mrs. Byerly, Mrs. Bitner, Miss Myers and Miss Landes. The Y. W. C. T. U. of the school have sold several hundred copies of the paper.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Seal, students of the school when Dr. Wickersham was president, were among the visitors at Page Anniversary on the 28th. Mrs. Seal, who was Miss Emily Fell in her school days here, was the daughter of Joseph Fell, the first superintendent of schools in Bucks county, and a firm friend of Millersville, where three of his children were educated. Mr. and Mrs. Seal conducted for many years the "Bellevue Institute for young ladies," in Langhorne, Bucks county. They now reside in Philadelphia.

Among the visitors at the Page Anniversary were noted the following alumni and former students: Misses Alberta Breneman, Reba Campbell, Jessie Cochran, Mary Dusman, Mercy Fridy, Mary Garber, Clara Gingrich, Florence Hershey, Anna Hoffman, Loretto Hoover, Martha Leaman, Anna Mumma, Caroline Powell, Fannie Rhorer, Addie Runner, Annie Sherich, Ada Schiller, Hannah Shoemaker, Anna Swarr, Katie Stoner and Ella Wickersham; Mrs. Tillie Quillman Harry and Messrs. Mosser Smyser, Quintin Reitzel, Edgar Shertz, Harlan Yohe, S. H. Heller, Curwen Saylor, Harry Greider, Ira Light, Abram Sander, Wm. H. Miller, E. E. Brunner, A. B. Kauffman, Hermann Weidner, B. M. Breneman, Isaac Herr, Joseph Forney and Robert Erb.

DEPARTMENT WORK.

[Prepared by the teachers in charge of the various departments.]

Model School.

Senior methods this year included a series of lectures by Dr. Buehrle, city superintendent of Lancaster, on Graded Schools. The advantages and disadvantages of graded schools were discussed from the standpoint of the superintendent.

The kindergarten children working upon the principle of coöperation are busy studying the families found on the farm.

The seniors have entered upon their last teaching term. Out of a class of one hundred all have taught reading, all but a few have had practice in teaching number, drawing and language, more than three-fourths of the class have taught geography and history and more than half manual training, while several have taught Latin, algebra, and geometry.

Reading.

Eight classes in reading have been working during the summer session to gain power in interpreting the thought of an author, and facility in expression. Besides the practice received in class, one hundred and eighty pupils have been given a special drill in phonics. The method classes in reading have been studying the various methods of teaching the subject with the principles and aims which should guide the teacher in the work. The reciters and orators for the two literary societies have trained in their parts, and some good work has been done on the platform in both society and class. A number of the neighboring churches have received help in their entertainments from the Normal School reciters.

English Grammar.

The Junior classes have been studying the analysis of difficult sentences, elliptical and abridged constructions, the position of the parts of speech, the derivation of technical grammatical terms and a review of the textbook. Occasional exercises have been given in off-hand or sight analysis of sentences. Monday of each week has been devoted to studies in Historical English Grammar, based on the text of Meikeljohn and Morris. The remainder of the term will be given to a study of some classic verse and prose, and a glance at the examinations given to the preceding Junior classes by the State Examiners.

The preparatory classes have had a drill in the analysis of sentences and are now studying the classification and inflections of the parts of speech.

Among the lady debaters we may mention, Misses Edna Albert, Esther Kersey, Anna Bartholomew, Lizzie Eshleman, Anna Bratton, Ella Fry and Norah McCauley.

Some of the gentlemen are Messrs. Barnett, Trude, Fox, Nye, J. D. Brooks, Drumm, Hester, Jones, Everhart, Huey, Erb, Hershey and T. L. Brooks.

The essay may be and has been of a sprightlier character and more pleasing than the more serious debate. Here are some of the subjects: "Flowers," Miss Lavers; "Antique Pottery of America," Miss Dunning; "The New Woman and Her Debts," Miss Taylor; "India Rubber," Miss Barber; "Sociability," Miss Hudson; "Hidden Worth," Miss Bratton.

Many of the reciters have acquitted themselves well. We may mention Misses Minnie Spickler, Eliz. Hamilton, Maude Bitner, Laura Buch, Margaret Davis, Margaret Jordy and Mr. Bortree.

The meeting given after an anniversary occasion always arouses more than ordinary interest and induces special preparation. The meeting therefore assumes somewhat of a special character. The following programme given May 29 is a typical one and may illustrate the best work of the society:

Song.....Lyrian Glee Club.
Oration—"Trim the Ship,".....J. D. Brooks.
Music,.....Clover Club.
Essay—"The Harmonies of Home,".....Miss Young.
Vocal Solo,.....Miss Albert.
Regular Debate—Question:
Resolved, That the housing of the poor should be bettered by our municipal authorities.
Affirmative—Mr. Laugner, Miss Hudson and Mr. Eaby.
Negative—Mr. Fox, Miss Kersey and Mr. Barnett.
Piano Duet,..... .....Misses Hull and Bausman.
Male Quartette..Messrs. Jones, Reist, Kadel and Hartzell.
Recitation—"St. George and the Dragon,"...Miss Jordy.
Normal Orchestra.
Sentiment Roll.
Critic's Remarks.

An orchestra and a mandolin club vary the instrumental music of the society while Misses Kilpatrick, Dunning, Albert, Hershey, Estep and Parry, and Messrs. Hartzell, Jones, Reist and Drumm have contributed to the special vocal music in solos, duets and quartettes.

The officers of the society at present are: President, Mr. Levi B. Nye; Secretary, Miss Ella Fry; Critic, Mr. Willis Esbenshade; Editor, Mr. Leonard Jones; Vice-President, Mr. Harry Girvin.

Y. W. C. T. U.

AMANDA LANDES, PRESIDENT.

The "Y" at the Normal School has had a number of interesting meetings during the session and all of them well attended. Dr. Byerly and Dr. Hull have given us addresses and also Mr. Nye, of the Senior Class. Recitations have been given by Miss Brosnahan, Mr. Strickler, Miss Davis, Miss Osborne and Miss Landes. Music, by Mrs. Bitner, Miss Albert and Miss Lois Shelley. One meeting, which came soon after Neal Dow's birthday, was given to a consideration of his life and works. The subject proved very interesting and made a good meeting. Our Union has been deeply interested in the Woman's Edition of *The New Era*, issued May 29th, and contributed five articles and sold over five hundred copies.

The executive of Lancaster County W. C. T. U. have arranged for a series of temperance conferences to be held at different points in the county. Millersville Normal "Y" will unite with the Millersville W. C. T. U. and with the unions of Lancaster and Columbia to hold a conference on the 12th of June, probably in the Conestoga Park, Lancaster. The officers and members of our Union have had a very busy session, but the temperance cause holds too dear a place in their hearts to be neglected.

Y. W. C. A.

HELEN A. KEISER, PRESIDENT.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts," is our motto, and with this in view we have attempted great things for the Lord. Many of the new students have joined us in our work this session. They are not only helping us in carrying out the plans which God has laid out for us, but they themselves are being lifted up by His Almighty hand.

Our attention is now drawn to the conference of the Y. W. C. A. held every year at Northfield, Mass. Mr. Moody, the mere mention of whom almost inspires a person, has given us this privilege of attending a conference, where we can come in touch with so many hearts and learn to know more of His goodness. The delegates always return with a renewed inspiration to serve Him better than before, to do more for Him in the Association, so we, as a band of workers for Christ always feel the indirect influence of these conventions. It is now our prayer that we may send those girls who will ever be faithful to our interests and will return to school next year with hearts filled with the purpose of doing earnest work for Him.

As our session is now almost at an end many of our girls are going away and will perhaps influence a number of persons. Those who have been members of our Association and have learned to know and trust God fully, can not help but use their power for Him and yet we must remember that they, too, are weak and need our prayers.

Y. M. C. A.

F. L. HAEBERLE, PRESIDENT.

The Young Men's Christian Association is at present very actively engaged in the preparation for the "Northfield Conference" which meets at Northfield, Mass., June 25. The growth and the usefulness of the association depend very largely upon the training which our young men receive at Northfield. Last year the association sent seven delegates and we are making every effort to send at least that many this year.

The first volume of the Student's Hand-Book made its appearance at the beginning of the session. We will be pleased to send a copy to every old member and friend of the Association if they will send their address.

The meetings during the summer session have been well attended and that is perhaps the best evidence of their interest and usefulness to the young men. The usual meeting place of the Association, not being large enough, had to be exchanged for the chapel.

The officers of the association for the year are: F. L. Haeberle, President; D. C. Haverstick, Vice-President; Chas. McCoy, Secretary; P. M. Harbold, Treasurer, and S. B. Landis, Corresponding Secretary.

Mr. Howard Miller, of Reading, Pa., and Mr. Aaron Bear, of New Holland, Pa., were welcome visitors at our meetings. A cordial invitation to our meetings is extended to old and new students.

NORMAL NOTE BOOK.

[Hand items for this column to Miss Gilbert.]

Commencement Day, July 1.

Alumni meetings, private and public, Wednesday afternoon and evening, June 30.

Junior Oratorical contest, Tuesday evening, June 29.

The preliminary contests in the literary Societies, June 4 and 5.

There are just a hundred members in the Senior Class.

An impressive memorial service was held in the chapel on Sunday morning, April 19, for Alfred Longacre, the student whose death is recorded in another column.

Dr. Lyte attended the exercises at the dedication of Grant's tomb, as the guest of the Loyal Legion of New York. He and his family also attended the unveiling of the Washington Monument in Philadelphia.

Dr. A. R. Byerly, our Senior professor, is the one person connected with the Institution that has seen every graduating class bear off their diplomas. He was himself a member of the first class, the class of 1858.

Mr. Chas. E. Overholser, assistant in Latin, takes his degree at Franklin and Marshall College on June 10, and is one of the honor men selected by the Faculty to deliver an oration.

Miss McCrory, our librarian, sails for Europe on June 26 to attend the meetings of the International Library Conference in London. She starts from Boston on the *Cephalonia* of the Cunard line. After the Conference she will travel through England for two months with other librarians of America and Europe and then settle down in some place on the continent, probably Paris or Geneva, for study.

Prof. H. K. Munroe, a former member of the faculty and now at State College, Pa., is going to take a literary trip through England a-wheel this summer.

Miss Grace Brosius, a student of '92 and '93, will graduate at Swarthmore College June 8.

Mr. H. Frysinger Evans paid a hasty visit to the scene of his former labors on the 22d inst. He spent part of the winter in Thomasville, Georgia, and has now returned to his law studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Frederic L. Haeberle, of the faculty, expects to spend the summer in the Fatherland, visiting his parents and sisters who still live there, in and near Stuttgart. Mr. Haeberle came to America twelve years ago and has become a patriotic American citizen. He will carry his naturalization papers, a passport signed by Hon. John Sherman, and loyal allegiance to the United States government.

At the recent commencement exercises of the Theological Seminary connected with Franklin & Marshall College, Mr. Amos O. Rieter, one of the teachers at the Normal last summer, was awarded the Schaff prize in Church History, one hundred dollars. Mr. Reiter delivered an oration entitled "The Social Problem an Ethical Problem," and Mr. James M. Mullen, a Millersville graduate of '91, spoke on the theme, "Our Lord's Doctrine of Sonship."

Mr. Heydrick's table certainly looked beautiful on the evening of the banquet with its trailing smilax, beautiful flowers, and tempting viands. It must have been envy that prompted near-by students to say that the flower-bedecked tennis-rackets suspended above were painfully suggestive of the sword of Damocles.

Did you see a gayer, brighter flower bed than the flaming tulip bed on the south terrace three weeks ago? The tulips and hyacinths have now been replaced by canna plants.

Mr. Haeberle, Mr. Roddy, Mr. Heydrick and a party of students took a pleasant and possibly perilous ride down along the Susquehanna on their bicycles on a late Saturday, riding on the narrow path between the railroad track and the river. Nothing happened worse than punctured tires.

The Young Women's Tennis Association has a membership of about sixty. Miss Elizabeth W. Hershey is President, Miss Helen A. Keiser is Secretary, and Miss Edith J. Alexander is Treasurer.

Mr. Wm. S. Schlauch, for two years a member of the Faculty and now a teacher in the Eastburn Academy, Philadelphia, visited the school over Saturday and Sunday recently and was warmly greeted by many old friends.

Miss May Hull was the victim of a letter surprise on her birthday, May 19th, and was the delighted recipient of over forty letters.

"*Morituri Salutamus*" was the greeting of Mrs. H. E. Monroe to the school when she gave us a delightful address on Friday morning, the 28th. The central thought was the necessity of teaching the children of foreigners the duties of good citizenship.

All the school regretted the postponement of