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A Great Need.

One of the greatest needs of our institution is a separate building for model school purposes. It is no longer a secret that our trustees, with their usual far-sightedness and their willingness to take large financial risks when the School can be made better by so doing, are actively debating the ways and means by which our "plant" will be perfected by the needed addition of a building to be used exclusively as a model school and school of practice. Such a building should be erected by the State, and probably in the near future there will be a fuller appreciation of the fact that the best possible investment of public money is to put it into schools to prepare teachers. We believe that the real sentiment of the people is largely in favor of a proper support of these schools by the State, however much this sentiment be shadowed over by an opposite feeling entertained by a few persons more or less prominent in the State. At the same time, our needs cannot wait for State aid. Too much praise cannot be given to the trustees of this institution, who are conservative and careful when they should be, and are liberal and broad-minded when the needs of the School demand it. As a result, it is believed that before long ground will be broken for a large and commodious, "up-to-date" model school building.

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

Our New Teachers.

The music department is in charge of Miss Nellie Cameron, who has taken a full course in voice culture and piano in London, Paris and Berlin. She is an excellent musician and teacher. She is assisted by Miss Marie S. Gareissen, a graduate of the conservatory of music at Ypsilanti, Mich.

Miss Josephine M. Closs, of Rose, N. Y., is at the head of the department of drawing. She was educated for her special work at the Art Students' League, in New York city, and in Paris.

Miss Janet Bird has charge of the library. She is a graduate of Pratt Institute, and is specially fitted for her work.

Miss Anna Frohlich, '82, is one of the teachers of the English branches.

Mr. E. A. Armstrong, of Hellam, York county, has taken Professor Krichbaum's place. Mr. Armstrong is a graduate of Millersville and also of Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg.

Mr. Augustus Ahrens, a graduate of Pratt Institute, has charge of the manual training department.

Rooms for the spring session should be engaged early. It is a question whether we desire more students than will comfortably fill our buildings. It is not our aim to boast of the number of students that attend Millersville. While our numbers are larger than those of any other normal school in the State, this fact is not a source of special pride, for the worth of a school is not always measured by its size. We have not yet determined upon a limit to our numbers beyond which we shall not go. At the same time, it is advisable to register early if you desire the choice of accommodations.

The October number of the *Pennsylvania School Journal* is worth more than the price of this excellent magazine for an entire year. Every article in it should be studied by all interested in the training of the youth of our State and Nation. Especially does THE JOURNAL desire to emphasize the value to the teacher of the articles on the training of memory by Prof. J. P. McCaskey, the editor, whose experience in memory work has made him an authority upon this subject.

What We Want and Don't Want.

We want industrious students, who are willing to work and anxious to learn. If you desire to be thoroughly grounded in the fundamental branches of a good education and are willing to work for this knowledge, you will find the doors of Millersville open.

We don't want lazy students. We have no short-cut to graduation.

We want students who recognize that in this world of ours it is only the very young, immature child that does as it pleases, but that all others must adjust themselves to their surroundings and submit to restraint. Such students usually willingly obey the few rules that experience has shown it is necessary for us to have.

We don't want boys who have been spoiled at home, boys whose parents or guardians send them away to school because they can not be controlled at home. There are schools for such boys, but Millersville is not one of them. This school is not, and will not be made, a reformatory. Persons having children to send away are earnestly requested not to send us anyone whose habits are bad. We don't need students badly enough to take such students if we know what they are, nor to keep them after we know what they are.

At the meeting of Normal School Principals held in November it was decided that after the summer of 1898 the final examination in the six preparatory branches would be discontinued. This was a wise action to take, as the testimony of Examining Boards was practically unanimous in opposition to this examination. It is believed that the standard of of scholarship in normal schools will be raised by this action of the Board of Principals.

At the same meeting, a resolution was adopted to the effect that the minimum length of the normal school year shall hereafter be forty weeks. Whether this school will shorten its school year has not been considered.

The Spring and Summer session of 14 weeks will begin on Monday, March 28th.

Science Hall, so long in an unfinished condition, is at last completed, and its interior harmonizes with its exterior. The chemical and physical labratory has been fully equipped with tables of the most approved pattern, and it affords an opportunity for students to pursue chemistry and physics by the laboratory method that is not given in many normal schools. As a result the classes in chemistry are exceptionally large.

Have you seen Dr. McCaskey's "Lincoln Literary Collection?" It is one of the most valuable collections of poems and prose articles that have been published in many years, and merits a place in every school. Teachers who desire selections from the most eminent authors to read to their pupils will find this book of great value.

Mr. Clarence E. Spayd, editor of the Harrisburg *Star-Independent*, the leading daily paper of the State capital, has been secured by the publishers of the *Popular Educator*, Boston, to take charge of the Pennsylvania supplement of that valuable school paper. Mr. Spayd belonged to the teachers' profession before entering journalism and is, therefore, in sympathy with school work, while his experience on a daily newspaper especially fits him to assume the editorial work of the Pennsylvania supplement and enables him to give the teachers of Pennsylvania just what they have been looking for for some time. Mr. Spayd is a Millersville boy and the First Pennsylvania State Normal School is proud to watch his rapidly rising career in his chosen profession, journalism. He was a bright student and skilful teacher. He is the author of a valuable work on penmanship, and in his position as editor of a prominent daily newspaper his influence is felt throughout the State. He has a promising future.

The following sentences are selected at random from a description of a football game published in a Philadelphia paper not long ago.

"Talk of stone walls! ——'s line was a Harveyized armor-plate wall." "The mighty R—— at guard fell distinctly short of his usual brilliant record." "Niagaras of cheers rolled down the heights of benches." "In the second half came the slaughter. It was forty-four waterloos rolled into one." "It was as game a fight to the death as ever was seen. Up to the last ditch. But away above them all the giant R—— towered. For the first ten minutes that horrible, death-dealing catapult was hurled at him. Time and again he was knocked out, but he was superhuman and outlived it."

And so on through many long columns. We wonder what these youngsters would have said if they had been called upon to write up a real battle of '61–'65 instead of a rough-and-tumble game of ball between two handfuls of boys.

Will you kindly send us the names and addresses of any of your acquaintances who think of going away to school?

DEPARTMENT WORK.

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

Literature.

The Junior class is just completing its work in composition and literature. The first seven weeks of the term were spent upon the theory and practice of composition. Twelve themes were written. The remaining half of the term was given to the study of literature. Johnson's "Rasselas," Shakespere's "Julius Cæsar," and Lowell's "Vision of Sir Launfal" were carefully studied, and some collateral reading required.

The Senior class has been pursuing the usual course in rhetoric and composition. Kellogg's Rhetoric has been nearly completed, and a number of themes have been written.

In the regular Normal course the students have been engaged upon the books required for the entrance examinations in English. The class has completed "Macbeth," Burke's "Speech on Conciliation" and De Quincey's "Flight of a Tartar Tribe."

Library.

The Normal and Page Societies have added to their libraries about 250 volumes of history, travel, literature, fiction, etc.

The School has purchased Craik's English Prose in five volumes, Scribner's History of the United States, and a number of other books.

The Normal library has been presented with several volumes; as has also the Page library; the latter having received a complete edition of Dickens.

A bulletin of current events is made each week for the benefit of the students.

The cataloguing of philosophy and religion has been completed in the three libraries and sociology is about finished in the Normal library.

There is a marked increase of attendance in the reading and reference rooms, and the interest taken by the students in the reference work is very gratifying.

Physical Culture.

The work in the gymnasium has thus far been all that could be desired. At the beginning of the session more physical examinations were taken than at any previous fall opening, consequently the appliances for special development have been more extensively used. The classes are well graded and seem to take an interest in doing conscientious work. Especially worthy of mention are the second A and Senior classes. The work in the different classes will be as follows until the holiday vacation: 1st A, Indian clubs, 1st and 2nd C and 9th grade model, figure marching and calisthenics. 2nd A, dumb-bells. The Juniors are taking special developing exercises with the chest weights. 1st B, short wands. Seniors, step positions in marching, dumb-bells, and Indian clubs. Visitors at the school are always welcome at the gymnasium.

Model School.

When School opened in September we found it necessary to add another grade. We now have a Tenth Grade numbering eighteen. This enables us to give our children the advantage of high school work before entering the Normal, and to prepare our Seniors for teaching the same.

Ths new text books used this year are Stepping stones to Literature, the Pennsylvania Reader and the Natural Elementary Geography.

Manuel Training has been put into all grades from the First to the Tenth, and the Elements of Geometry added to the Ninth and Tenth Grades.

The Seniors are having instruction in methods of teaching Manual Training, History and Geography.

With the approach of winter, the Kindergarten children are busy studying the various ways by which animal and plant life are protected.

The work of the History and Language classes indicates that Thanksgiving is near.

Penmanship.

The classes in Penmanship will complete the slant writing in a few days. Under the "Simplified System," which is meeting with great favor wherever it is introduced, the students made excellent progress. The classes will continue with vertical writing.

For beginners, classes in the usual slant writing will be maintained.

Manual Training.

The scheme of work which is being carried out this year in the Model School is as follows:

1st grade. Paper-folding and cutting.

2d grade. Paper-folding and cutting, with mounting and arranging of designs.

3d grade. Cardboard work.

4th grade. Bent-iron work. In this grade ribbon wire is bent in the form of geometrical figures and their application in useful articles, such as mats, pen racks, card trays, etc. The tools used are the square and round pliers.

5th grade. Whittling in thin wood forms the work of this grade. The equipment consists of a tray, rule, pencils, compasses, tee-square triangles and whittling knife. An instrumental drawing is made of the object, which is carefully analyzed, with the class step by step developing such facts as are necessary to a clear understanding of it. From the drawing they go to the work of construction. The function of the model is to touch as many sides of the pupil's life as possible.

6th grade. Construction work in thin wood, with the addition of chip carving.

7th grade. Whittling in thick wood or whittling to three dimensions. In this grade different kinds of wood are used and their properties and uses explained.

8th grade. Light joinery. No branch of shop work affords so great an opportunity for inculcating habits of carefulness, neatness and patience as does work in wood. In this grade the light joinery tools are taken up. The nature of the work is preliminary exercises, joints and their application in useful articles.

The work of the 9th and 10th grades is a continuation of the 8th. Mechanical drawing is also taken up in these grades. In connection with the bench work, frequent talks are given on the wood-working tools, properties of lumber and the distribution of forests in the United States.

The Senior work is mechanical drawing; this includes geometry as applied to mechanical drawing, developments, working drawings, drawing to scale, lettering and methods, Primary and Grammar Grade manual training, philosophy of manual training, its history and development, relation of drawing to manual training, Sloyd and Russian systems, and methods of presentation.

The wood-working room has been newly equipped with tools of the best quality. The tops of the benches have been planed down and new bench stops inserted. A bench book for each bench has been made, and racks to hold all the necessary common tools have been placed on the backs of the benches.

Geography.

The work of Political Geography has more than ever taken the direction of tracing the effect of man's environment on his institutions. In order to reach conclusions it was necessary first to learn clearly the structure of the land, the distribution of mountain masses and enclosed valleys, and the predominant features of

the great continental areas. Knowing these, we may trace their effects upon climatic soil drainage and industrial conditions, and thus clearly see and appreciate man's physical environment.

The simplicity of America's structure will then be seen to be favorable to the establishment of a great nation, or a small number of nations, stretching east and west, and to the unification of social, industrial and political institutions. The ease with which communication may be established tends to unify the people physically, mentally, morally.

In Europe diversity of structure has produced diversities of peoples, languages, customs, and here the great questions of government have been worked out; for in small communities democracy is bound to prevail. Of course, in modern times man, by his conquest of nature, has tended to centralization of power, and thus we see the reason for the apparent governmental retrogression of some countries in Europe.

Asia, with its boundless deserts, its immense plateaus, its snow-capped and cloud-enveloped mountain peaks, its cloudless skies, has taught man reverence for nature and thus developed great religions springing from nature or based on it. Geographical studies thus become a source of inspiration—a means of self initiative.

The work in Physical Geography has taken the usual lines, a little more attention being paid, however, to winds and weather, cyclones and anticyclones. The classes are now studying the laws and causes of precipitations, and we shall in a day or two begin the study of glaciers and icebergs.

The Methods Class is now studying the geology of this locality. The work is made concrete enough so that the students may get power and knowledge enough to interpret the geology of their own neighborhood.

Drawing.

The classes in Drawing are doing free-hand work from objects. and have had some lessons in the elements of design. The pupils have designed rosettes and borders, deriving units from leaf and flower forms.

In the advanced classes work has been done in water colors also.

In the Model School the work is entirely from objects. The children have been busy modeling, drawing and painting the vegetables, fruits, leaves and nuts that are so plentiful during autumn.

German.

The two classes in German completed Part I. and three chapters in Part II. of "Ruenzler's German Manual." This includes the declension of the noun, conjugation of the auxiliary and regular verbs, and the acquiring of a vocabulary of from four hundred to five hundred words.

The classes are reading "Märchen und Erzählungen," by H. A. Guerber. For practice in composition the classes write reviews of every chapter they read.

Greek.

The beginning class have been studying the forms of the language and the elements of syntax as they are presented in Boise and Pattingill's "First Lessons in Greek." This class will soon take up "Anabasis."

The class in Anabasis are studying the latter part of the first book. Special attention is paid to the principal parts of words and the principles of syntax.

Latin.

Three Orations of Cicero—the 4th against Catiline, the Poet Archias and the Manilian Law—have been read by the class in the Scientific course, and the 1st, 2d and 3d Orations against Catiline by the class in the Regular Normal course. Some of the latter class had previously to the present session read one or more books of Cæsar. The Seniors and Juniors in the Elementary course are well on with their work; two sections of the Seniors have commenced advanced work in Cæsar, having finished the minimum amount required of them.

French.

The advanced class is taking a course of composition and paraphrasing, in connection with Racine's tragedy Athalie.

An elementary class was begun in September. This division has completed the four regular conjugations as well as the elements of grammar, and is now beginning conversations as taught in the Berlitz method.

Reading.

Six classes in Reading and Elocution have had daily recitations during the session. A great many selections from good literature have been read, the constant aim being to develop comprehension, taste and sympathy with that freedom which leads to good expression. The advanced classes have had a drill in articulation and pronunciation, a brief course in vocal physiology, with vocal drill for purity, power, flexibility, and projection of tone, and a study of the principles of expression, with a drill on the elements of Pitch, Force, Time and Gesture. Each of the advanced pupils has been required to read and recite before the class. The lower classes are making special efforts to acquire a vocabulary and better command of English.

English Grammar.

The classes in English Grammar have been doing careful work in a study of the text-book with numerous illustrations drawn from all sources. Frequent, and in some classes daily, exercises in illustration, review or research have been prepared outside of class and passed to the teacher. Logical outlines of subjects whose development and treatment favored such a scheme have been required on their completion. There has been an attempt made to keep earlier lessons in constant review in the daily recitations, and at the end of each period of four weeks a written review of the work covered has been given. There are seven classes in grammar in the school numbering two hundred and thirteen pupils.

Music.

A large number of students have this year taken advantage of the special courses in music. Good work is being done in all branches.

The children in the Model School learned their Thanksgiving songs. Two grades are working together and the results are satisfactory. The required amount of theory has been completed by the Sight singing Class. Special attention is being paid to individual singing from the chart and Music Reader.

History.

The advanced classes in United States History are just taking up the period of national development. This period easily divides into two important parts. The first, representing our struggle for commercial independence; the second, the development of the internal resources of the country. The class instruction is directed to giving such contents to the included events as to show the pupil how this country of ours has come to reach the commanding position it holds to-day. The Senior Class is studying that part of Myers's General History included under 'Roman History'—How Rome attained her territorial greatness, how she developed her masterly civil and legal polity indicate the general trend of the classroom work.

There is a class consisting largely of postgraduates making a special study of Grecian history. The outline of Myers's text-book is followed. Some of the members have presented a great deal of interesting material gathered from other sources—such as Plutarch's Lives, Church's Classics, Dr. Lord's series of Beacon Lights of History, Terriayeni's History of Greece, Walter Pater, Mahaffey's Rambles in Greece, etc.

Natural Science Department.

The completion and proper furnishing of the Science building has given quite an impetus to the work in the classes studying Science. There are not many normal schools, or other schools of equal grade, that have a general laboratory that is so well lighted, so well arranged or so attractive as the one just finished in the Science building. A second class numbering twenty students has been formed in Chemistry. It is now possible for each student to get a good knowledge of elementary chemistry before he graduates. This seems to be necessary. The demand for teachers who have some knowledge of chemical reactions is increasing with each year. The advanced class in Chemistry will soon be ready to take up qualitative analysis.

There are five classes studying Physics. For the first time in many years a class of Juniors are studying this subject. All of these classes are doing good, honest, faithful work.

The Scientific students are renewing Zoölogy, preparatory to an examination in this branch of science.

A class in Astronomy will be organized at the end of the fourteenth week of the present session.

Mathematics.

Students who are thinking of attending the Millersville State Normal School can save time in completing the course by observing the following suggestions:

1. In Mental Arithmetic, Written Arithmetic and Algebra, all of which are Junior studies, the student is expected to be familiar with both the *art* and *science* of these branches, or, in other words, the *practice* and the *theory* of arithmetic and algebra. Time will be saved, therefore, if the student makes thorough preparation in the *practice*. The *theory* of these branches will then be readily mastered.

2. In Geometry, which is a Senior study, students can save time by familiarizing themselves with the *ideas* of extension, and a good course in Concrete Geometry. In other words, by learning the definitions of the subject and proving concretely the elementary truths of the science.

During the present term several classes have completed Mental Arithmetic, while other classes are reviewing Trigonometry, Higher Algebra, etc.

The Senior Class is finishing the first three books of Geometry. The Junior Class has nearly covered the subject of Arithmetic and are now working in quadratics in Algebra.

The preparatory classes are studying Mental and Written Arithmetic and the elements of Algebra.

Students will have the opportunity during the coming summer term of pursuing any branch of Mathematics from Mental Arithmetic to Mechanics.

Mr. Harvey Newcomer has the place of assistant instructor in physics in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Newcomer was a student here in '87 and '88. Subsequently he graduated at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa. Afterward he taught here for several years; leaving us, to take a special course in scientific work at Johns Hopkins. Mr. Newcomer's rise in his profession is well assured. He is a student and scholar, eminently well equipped for his vocation.

ALUMNI NEWS.

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

MARRIAGES.

MARRIED.—On June 16th, at Darby, Pa., Miss Ella Catharine McCaskey, '92, to Mr. Parson J. Myers. We make THE JOURNAL the medium of conveying to Mr. and Mrs. Myers our best wishes for a long and happy life.

MARRIED.—On Wednesday, June 30th, at her home in Lancaster, Miss Mary Blanche Heidelbaugh, '93, to Rev. William B. Anderson. The latter was a student with us for several sessions during the years '86 and '87, and later a graduate of the Allegheny Theological Seminary. On October 22d Mr. and Mrs. Anderson sailed for Sealcot, India, to engage in missionary work in the interests of the U. P. Presbyterian Church. THE JOURNAL follows them with congratulations and with most ardent wishes for their success in the cause to which they are consecrating their lives. Mrs. Anderson is a daughter of Hon. Milton Heidelbaugh, who has for several years ably represented Lancaster County in the Legislature at Harrisburg.

MARRIED.—On Wednesday, June 30th, at Madeira, Pa., Miss Katherine Lee Wertz, '92, to Mr. Harry S. Fleck. The latter has charge of the schools at Tyrone, Pa., and here is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fleck. We wish them many years of happy connubial life and professional success.

MARRIED—On July 24th, at Mt. Joy, Pa., Miss Bertha M. Donovan, '87, to Mr. Jacob F. Snyder. As our good wishes are inexhaustible, we send many of them to our young friends. May their lives be long, happy, prosperous.

MARRIED.—On August 4th, at New Bloomfield, Pa., Miss Eleanor Lupfer Seager, '93, to Mr. I. K. Witmer, '78. On the same day, at Millersville, Pa., Mr. Isaac N. Witmer, '92, brother of Mr. I. K. Witmer, was married to Miss Cora Howard—a curious matrimonial coincidence. Mr. I. K. Witmer is principal of the schools of Lansford, Pa., and Mr. I. M. Witmer is principal of the schools of Falsington, Bucks County, Pa. Both these young men are making very creditable records in their chosen profession. We wish them continued, nay, increased success, if that is possible, and send congratulations to all.

MARRIED.—On August 23d, at Scranton, Pa., Miss Emily Evans, '92, to Mr. E. E. Rowbotham, of the same place. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. James Hughes, of Kimberley, South Africa, an uncle of the bride. Mr. Rowbotham is prominent in literary and political circles and is a member of the city council. 156 South Parke avenue, Scranton, is the home of our young friends. We send our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Rowbotham and with these our warmest wishes for a long and happy married life.

MARRIED.—On Wednesday, September 1st, at Branch Dale, Pa., Mr. William S. Schlauch, '94, and Miss Margaret Brosnahan, '90. Mr. and Mrs. Schlauch are both graduates of the scientific class of '96, and both taught here very acceptably and successfully for several years. We miss them both socially and professionally, but rejoice to hear that they are happy in their home, 1815 Cayuga street, Philadelphia. Mr. Schlauch is at present connected with the Eastburn School, Philadelphia. We venture the prophecy that he will become distinguished as a teacher in Philadelphia.

MARRIED.—On Thursday, September 23d, at Ft. London, Pa., Rev. James M. Mullan, '91, and Miss Annie E. Ault. After leaving here Mr. Mullen graduated at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., then entered the Theological Seminary there, graduating from that in June, '97. He is now pastor of the Reformed Church at Newport, Pa. Mr. Mullan's student life here was so exemplary in every way that we have the fullest assurance of his success in his noble and useful field of labor. THE JOURNAL takes pleasure in sending congratulations and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Mullan.

MARRIED.—On September 28th, Mr. Sylvester J. Finley, '96, to Miss Elizabeth Hershey. Mr. and Mrs. Finley will please accept the congratulations of THE JOURNAL.

MARRIED—On Thursday, October 28th, at Sellersville, Pa., Mr. Albert Curtis Rutter, '91, to Miss Mary F. Cressman. Mr. Rutter is assistant principal of the Sellersville schools. We send our best and kindest wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Rutter.

MARRIED—On November 10th, at Columbia, Pa , Mr. Gideon C. Miller, '89, and Mary E. Garber, '89, of Mt. Joy, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Miller will reside in Columbia. Mr. Miller is employed in the railway postal service. We wish our friends a happy home and many years of happy life.

MARRIED.—On Tuesday, November 23d, at the Church of the Saviour, Philadelphia, Pa., Miss Anna Brinton Passmore to Mr. Elmer E. Michener, '87. Miss Passmore is the daughter of John A. M. Passmore, Esq., '60. No member of the Millersville Alumni is so popularly known among the Alumni as is Mr. Passmore, hence this announcement will be read with special interest by hundreds who will receive it. Mr. and Mrs. Michener will accept, we hope, the best wishes of THE JOURNAL, and with these the congratulations of their Millersville friends.

MARRIED.—On November 25th at Mt. Joy, Pa., Mr. Harvey B. Brubaker, '91, to Miss Anna L. Hoffman. Mr. Brubaker is principal of the schools of Florin, Pa., in which village Mr. and Mrs. Brubaker went to housekeeping immediately after their marriage. To this happy household of two THE JOURNAL sends greetings and good wishes.

MARRIED.—Miss Ida Carey Deaver, '96, is now Mrs. Wesley Willingham Lawton. When this important event, which is indicated here, took place we do not know. Mr. Lawton is a fellow missionary engaged in the work at Chinkiang, where Miss Deaver has been since the autumn of '96.

DEATHS.

The announcement ofthe death of Mrs. Mary Frantz Shartle will bring pain to the hearts of many of the readers of THE JOURNAL. Mrs. Shartle was the daughter of Mr. Jacob M. Frantz, one of the most prominent members of our Board of Trustees. She was one of our pupils from her early girlhood, when she entered the Model School, until she completed her education in '86. A little more than three years ago she married Dr. Shartle, a practicing physician of our village. Her merry, genial presence made his home a happy one. How great his bereavement! But in her death we are all bereaved. She was our kind, warm-hearted, loving friend. We shall sadly miss her, and we feel deep regret that one whose desire to be useful and whose opportunities of usefulness were so great should be taken away. Everywhere there are hearts to sympathize with her bereaved parents and husband, with "Little Harold," her only son, the sister and the brothers, who all feel their loss most keenly. Among these there are none whose sympathies are stronger than those of her Normal friends. Joining with these all, we breathe a "benison on her sleeping dust," and hope for a happy reunion in a better land.

It is with profound regret that we announce in THE JOURNAL the very sad death of William T. Rounsley, '95. Mr. Rounsley's death was the result of accident. He had left his home to visit an uncle. To reach the home of the latter it was necessary to cross a railroad track. In doing this he was struck by a train, just how, no one knows. His body was found mangled and bleeding, along the track. Death ensued in a few hours. Mr. Rounsley had been re-elected Principal of the public schools of Millerstown, and was just about to begin his second year of work in that capacity when the mournful accident occurred. Mr. Rounsley's pupils and patrons seemed to hold him in the highest esteem. Every one that knew his worth shared in this feeling and we all sincerely mourn his sad death.

It is with profound regret that we announce the death of Miss Louise O. Nields, '93.

Miss Nields died on Wednesday morning, December 1st, after an illness of three weeks.

Since her graduation here in '93 she has been teaching in the public schools of Shamokin, where she was recognized as a very efficient teacher. Miss Nields made many friends while with us. She was genial and amiable in disposition, bright intellectually and gracious in manner. We mourn her death and extend our warmest sympathies to her friends.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Page Literary Society, of which she was a valued member:

WHEREAS, We, the members of the Page Literary Society, have learned of the death of Miss Louise O. Nields, be it

Resolved, That we deeply feel the loss of one who, while with us, was always a faithful and active worker in our Society and who, by her kind and genial disposition, endeared herself to all.

Resolved, That while we regret the early death of one whose life held so much of promise, we recognize the power of "Him who doeth all things well," and humbly say, "Thy will be done."

Resolved, That we extend to the friends of the deceased our heartfelt sympathy.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the mother and that they be published in THE NORMAL JOURNAL.

CARRIE E. MYERS,
ANNA J. CROWELL,
E. A. ARMSTRONG.

ITEMS.

Williamsbridge, East Second street, New York City, is the present address of Irving A. Heikes, '81. Mr. Heikes is teaching in the "Mixed High School" in what will be known as Bronx Borough, after January 1st, according to the charter of Greater New York. His work is teaching algebra. He refers to his principal and associates as a body of very capable teachers. Mr. Heikes will prove him self to be, we feel sure, one of the most competent and efficient of the teachers' corps of the great city in the not distant future.

Mr. H. G. Saylor, a student of '71, '72 and '73, writes that he is now manager of Cheney Bros.' silk manufactories, Chicago, Ill.

Mr. S. M. Yutzy, '80, seems to be one of our very successful young men. He has recently been promoted to the position of demonstrator of anatomy and instructor in osteology in the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor.

A letter from Mrs. Sue R. Dana, Long Green, Baltimore county, Md., says that although it is twenty-nine years since she was a student at Millersville, her interest in the place has in no way abated. This is very gratifying to us, indeed. We wish Mrs. Dana could see how we have kept pace with the world in making improvements.

A letter informs us that Dr. J. Harvey Miller, '83, is Assistant Surgeon in the Hospital of the National Military Home in Ohio.

Mr. Harry W. Tobias, '95, has been appointed to a position in the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, D. C. He has also entered the Columbian University to take an evening course of lectures in medicine.

A copy of the *Daily American*, of Mahanoy City, contains interesting notes on Rev. I. M. Gable, '68. Taylor University, Upland, Indiana, has recently conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. The notice of his having received the degree was accompanied by a letter saying that his examinations were altogether

meritorious. We quote briefly: "Taking your abstracts all in all, care in preparation, complete presentation of the subject, and taste in arrangement, the manuscripts are the best we have ever had on the texts, and we should like to preserve them to exhibit to our pupils, who may be stimulated by looking them over." The friends of Mr. Gable realize that these kind words are not over praise, but are his true desert.

Dr. William T. Worth, '93, is practicing medicine near his home in Colerain, Lancaster county, Pa. If Fate decrees that there should be sick in his vicinity we trust he will be given the opportunity to illustrate his professional skill.

Mr. Salvo Bravo, a student from Nicaragua, who was with us two years ago, writes that he has successfully passed the first year's work in the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania.

NORMAL NOTE BOOK.

[Hand items for this column to Miss Gilbert.]

The Senior class numbers 116, the largest in the history of the School.

The colors of 1898 are purple, white and gold. Their motto is *Esse quam videre*. Their class flower is the white carnation. An organization of the class was effected early in the session. The following are the officers for the current term: President, Mr. P. Monroe Harbold; Vice-President, Mr. George L. Herr; Secretary, Miss Eva Martin; Treasurer, Mr. Joseph Lawrence.

Mr. Edward J. Henninger, of Berrysburg, Dauphin county, holds the Wickersham scholarship this year. The appointment is made by vote of the Faculty and of the State Board of Examiners, who make the selection on the basis of scholarship and moral character. The Wickersham scholar receives free tuition, free boarding and free text-books.

The graduate students of the Normal Society, with the aid of other alumni, purpose holding a special literary meeting of the Society on December 10th.

Many of the Seniors and their friends visited Washington on October 14th, and spent part of three days in sight-seeing at the National capital. They had the most delightful weather throughout. Dr. and Mrs. Lyte, with Louis and Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. Lansinger and Oram Lansinger, Miss Cameron, Miss Gareissen and Mr. Ahrens accompanied the party, which numbered 104. Besides the Capitol, the other public buildings and the monument, they visited Mount Vernon. They also took time to pay a friendly call at the White House, where they were very cordially received by President McKinley. They made the Hotel Elsmere their headquarters.

Dr. Lyte attended an important meeting of the Board of Principals on Novemper 4th. It was decided that the preparatory examinations should be abolished after 1898 and that the minimum length of term for the State Normal Schools in Pennsylvania should be forty weeks.

The fishermen who were deputed to catch and distribute the gold-fish that were wanted by the students have had many demands made upon them and have transferred hundreds from the lake to private aquaria. The graceful creatures seem to thrive well in their new quarters, despite the superfluous attention and feeding that they receive. Notwithstanding that numbers were washed out of the lake during the overflows in the summer and the autumn, and that so many have been taken out since in nets, the number left does not seem to be diminished when a bright day brings them to the top. On cold days they bury themselves deep in the mud at the bottom.

About six hundred teachers and students attended the lecture given by Col. R. C. French, of Massachusetts, in the Normal chapel on October 27th. It was on Alaska and the Klondike, and was beautifully illustrated with four hundred views. A musician, Mr. Rozell, assisted Mr. French and played on a variety of instruments.

Miss Landes gave an elocutionary entertainment at Lititz on Saturday evening, the 23d of October, for the W. C. T. U. of that place.

Miss Cameron sang in the First Methodist Church of Lancaster on Sunday morning, October 24th.

Mr. James Young, a young tragedian of increasing reputation, visited the school on Friday afternoon, October 29th, and gave a short Shaksperian recital. He devotes himself to the interpretation of Shakspeare on the lecture platform and the stage.

Major Milton A. Gherst, of Lebanon, a member of General Gobin's staff, accompanied by Mrs. Gherst, visited his children, Lillian and Emmett, at the school on October 31st.

Since the dark room has been fitted up in the science building the members of the class in photography have unsurpassed facilities for work. Dr. Bitner, Mr. Brubaker and Miss Fröhlich have new Premo cameras.

Probably tennis was enjoyed by more students during the autumn than ever before, and the courts presented animated and happy scenes every evening.

The Athletic Association has the following officers: President, Stanley W. Bortree; Secretary, Frank Albert, Jr.; Treasurer, J. W. Lansinger; Committee on Raising Funds, A. D. Pinkham, J. W. Lansinger and S. W. Bortree.

Miss Elizabeth Taylor and Miss Carrie Myers, Superintendents of the Model School, made a pedagogical trip the second week in October, visiting the schools of Buffalo and Toronto. They had a pleasant and profitable visit.

Mrs. Bitner, with Harry and Lawrence, attended the wedding of her brother, Christopher Hoffer Murray, on Wednesday, November 3d. He married Miss Evelyn Bard, of Reading. Mr. Murray was a student at Franklin and Marshall College a few years ago, and was a frequent visitor at the Normal.

The Juniors have effected an organization with the following officers: President, Mr. Robert Crist; Secretary, Miss Katharine Newcomer; Treasurer, Mr. Keboch; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Albert and Gherst. Their colors are gold and white.

The Thanksgiving sociable given by the Juniors was a very pleasant affair. The grand march with which it opened was led by Messrs. Carroll Davis, Harold Lyte, F. Keboch and M. W. Turner, and Misses Abbie Heald, Katherine Newcomer, Laura Mumma and Nellie Schrom. There were devices for general amusement, as supplying the names of the eminent men and women whose portraits were placed about the hall, and vocal solos, recitations and impromptu speeches. A graceful fan-drill was given by ten young ladies: Misses Black, Getzinger, Grosh, Foster, Houser, Hull, Lee, Mumma, Newcomer and Schrom. The reciters were Miss Anna Baker and Miss Alberta Oberholser. The decorations in gold and white were effective and beautiful.

Mr. W. B. Brubaker was absent on Thanksgiving attending the wedding of his brother, Harvey, a graduate of '91.

Mr. Haeberle recently gave the Y. W. C. T. U. an account of his ocean trip last summer. He paid an extended visit to his father and sisters, living in and near his old home in Germany. He enjoyed it all very much, as it was his first visit to the Fatherland since he came to America. In comparing his old and his new impressions he noticed the greater poverty of the lower classes and the stronger impress of military despotism everywhere.

Dr. Lyte has attended a great many institutes through the State this year, being engaged daily sometimes for a week at a time.

Mr. Hull has spoken at Mauch Chunk, Easton and other institutes.

Mr. Roddy has given his talks on "Nature" at Doylestown, Lebanon, York and Lancaster.

Mr. Heydrick has talked on literature at Schuylkill and Lebanon county institutes.

Miss Cameron entertained the ladies of the Faculty in her room on November 25th. She shows her loyalty to her native land in the prominent position she gives the Union Jack in her decorations.

Miss Lyle, Miss Gilbert and Mr. Lansinger attended the banquet of the Philadelphia branch of the Millersville Alumni Association held in Philadelphia on November 18th. Dr. Lyte, who had never missed a meeting before, was detained at home by illness.

Thanksgiving Day passed quietly at the School. Many students living near went home to enjoy a family reunion. Those that remained had the customary Thanksgiving dinner, thirty-six turkeys gracing the festal tables. In the afternoon some teachers and students witnessed the football game in Lancaster between Swarthmore and Franklin and Marshall. The score stood 6–6. The Thanksgiving box was in evidence, but perhaps less notably than in former years. The evening was given over to the Junior sociable.

Mrs. Amy Sprague Mattern, of the class of '90, accompanied by her husband, a rising young attorney of Huntingdon, stopped at the Normal on October 25th, on their way home from a two weeks' trip through Eastern cities.

Miss Lavinia J. Coates visited the Normal on October 30th, running out from Lancaster, where she was visiting her sister, Mrs. Marriott Brosius. Miss Coates is spending the winter at her home in Chester county, and is as much devoted to photography as she was last summer.

The Lancaster Cycle Club took a ride to Millersville on a pleasant evening in October, and made a brilliant showing as they rode around our fine paths on their lighted and decorated wheels.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Peters paid Millersville a hasty visit on November 18th. After a leave of absence on account of sickness Mr. Peters was on his way back to Edinboro to resume his work as science teacher in the State Normal School. He is a graduate of 1885, and was a teacher here for a number of years.

Mr. Harry Weber, of West Earl, a former student, paid us a visit with his three months' bride on November 10th.

Miss Cameron and a double quartette of students furnished music at one of the Tracy temperance meetings held recently in Lancaster.

We shall have another campfire at the School on December 4th. The Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the United States, General Gobin, and the Commander-in-Chief for Pennsylvania, Captain W. D. Stauffer, have announced their intention of coming. The gathering together of these brave veterans who risked their lives in defense of our country must be a most valuable object lesson in patriotism to us all.

A lecture course is in progress at the School under the management of the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations. It includes five lectures and entertainments. The initial lecture was given on November 20th by Hon. Wallace Bruce on "The Philosophy of Wit and Humor." The other dates are as follows: December 11th, lecture by George R. Wendling, of Chicago, on "Saul of Tarsus;" January 15th, lecture by M. G. Brumbaugh, on "Historic Pennsylvania;" February 11th, concert by Franklin and Marshall Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Clubs; March 4th, dramatic reading, "The Rivals," by Chas. F. Underhill. The number of course tickets sold and the patronage given the first lecture would seem to make certain the success of the enterprise.

Ross Hull was seriously ill during part of September and October, and threatened with meningitis, but he has happily recovered.

It is not a new horse that Mr. Lansinger

drives, though you might think so. Pet has been clipped.

Harold Lansinger is the first one of our campus children to lay aside knickerbockers and assume the garments of manhood.

Ralph Bitner's sunny curls make a bright spot in the kindergarten, wherein he has just started his formal education.

Gilbert Lyte has started out on his musical career and diligently practices his fingers on the ivory keys. Louis started last year with lessons on the violin.

Sometimes H. Justin Roddy, Jr., is pleased to come to the dining-room when we eat, but he does not seem to approve of silent grace and occasionally vocalizes his thanks.

Ethel Byerly rides a wheel and is the most expert and graceful rider of her age and sex that we have seen in Millersville.

Institute week always brings many visitors, and this year was no exception. Some of those we noticed were Misses Anna Kraybill, Ada Moyer, Margaret Jordy, Geneva Johnson, Lydia Worth, Mary Erb, Florence Keisey, Erma Shultz, Ella Fry, Elizabeth Montgomery and Clara Spotts, and Messrs. Amos Kraybill, D. V. Newcomer, Latimer Brooks, J. K. Everhart, C. W. Eaby, E. B. Barnett, Horace Stehman, A. V. Heeter, Walter Espenshade, Simon B. Landis, J. C. Oren, Isaac Seiverling, Isaac Mentzer, Irving L. Reist and W. J. Steward. Other old students that have been our guests are Misses Margaret Martin, Nora Crouse, Clara Baldwin, Lavinia Boyer, Edith A. Smith, and Messrs Fred. Daniel, Frank M. Leaman and Robert Simes.

How much coal do you think it takes to supply the Normal School for a year? Through the courtesy of the steward, Mr. Eiseman, we can give you the exact figures, 1,592½ tons. Here are some figures, too, of our table supplies. We bought over seven tons of butter, or, more accurately, 14,778 pounds. The number of eggs used was 55,068; oysters, 30,050; bananas, 15,065. We bought 1,236½ bushels of white potatoes and 183 bushels of sweet potatoes. The amount of lard used was 3,147 pounds; flour, 279 barrels; sugar, 86 barrels; coffee, 2,697½ pounds; chocolate, 175 pounds; tea, 220½ pounds; cheese, 1,284 pounds; crackers, 2,764½ pounds; milk, 35,272 quarts.

The number of pounds of fresh meat used on the table in the year was 104,679. This includes beef, mutton, veal and pork. In addition to that were purchased the following: Dried beef, 3,648½ pounds; ham, 8,090 pounds; bologna sausage, 913 pounds; fish, 5,867 pounds, (besides 1,217 shad), chickens, 2,986.

Of canned goods the amount bought was as follows: Corn, 2,880 cans; beans, 1,176 cans; tomatoes, 1,272 cans; peaches, 3,984 cans; cherries, 452 cans; apricots, 744 cans; peas, 3,456 cans; blackberries, 288 cans.

This definition of a measure given by a boy in a paperon arithmetic recently is respectfully recommended to the consideration of mathematicians: "A measure is a unit by which continuous quantity or magnanimous quantity is estimated in America."

Dr. Lyte, Messrs. Lansinger, Armstrong and Brooks represented their Alma Mater at the second annual banquet of the York County Branch Millersville Alumni Association held at the Colonial, York, November 24, 1897.

THE SOCIETIES.

The Page Literary Society.

ANNA LYLE.

The excellent character of the first meeting of the Page Society, on September 3d, augured well for the meetings of the present term. It made patent the fact that there was quite an unusual supply of literary, oratorical and musical talent among the old members of the Society and that they were ready and willing to use painstaking effort in preparing their programmes. Later evidences of prosperity are exhibited in the large increase of membership, and in the addition to the library of over one hundred new books. A brief schedule of the work of the Society is as follows:

Among the referred questions answered are the following:

1. "What is the character of the city waif?" Answered by Miss Rosa Krause.
2. "What is the true art of conversation?" By Mr. Steinruck.
3. "How shall we travel in the future?" By Miss Edith Murray.
4. "Is fashion a folly?" Miss Anna Krout.
5. "Are bicycles beneficial or injurious?" Miss Dimm.
6. "What are the possibilities of the Klondike?" Miss Devilbiss.
7. "In what fields of labor should woman work?" Miss Haas.
8. "What is success?" Mr. Deibler.

Among the resolutions discussed we present the following:

1. *Resolved*, That the subversion of the Turkish Empire would be a gain to Europe. Affirmative, Miss Knisely, Mr. Tanger; negative, Miss Meister, Mr. Lawrence.
2. *Rssolved*, That the benefits of party government are greater than the evils. Affirmative, Miss Sweeny, Mr. McCoy; negative, Miss Slaymaker, Mr. Vogel.
3. *Resolved*, That the State should organize and conduct manufactures and commerce. Affirmative, Miss Bonine, Mr. Kready; negative, Miss Hoover, Mr. Paul Byerly.
4. *Resolved*, That labor organization promotes the best interests or the workingman. Affirmative, Miss Whitson, Mr. Cassell; negative, Miss Bowman, Mr. Deihl.
5. *Resolved*, That international exhibitions do not benefit the country in which they are held. Affirmative, Miss Brenner, Mr. Falch; negative, Miss Hourigan, Mr. Strickler.

Among the orations we note the following:

1. "The Sick Man of the East," Mr. Henninger.
2. "A Reputation." Mr. Haffly.
3. "Patriotism," Mr. Harbold.
4. "National Growth," Mr. Brumbaugh.
5. "The Power of Influence," Mr. Deibler.
6. "The Mainspring of Success," Mr. Simon Miller.

Among the notable recitations are the following:

1. "Bridge's Version of the Flood," Miss Nettie Witmer.
2. "The Swan's Song," Miss Marion Clark.
3. "The Happy Family," Miss Anna Crowell.
4. "Rivermouth Rocks," Miss Rosa Krause.
5. "Now," Miss Mabel Fridy.
6. "Lighthouse May," Miss Katharine Newcomer.

On October 16th, when the Senior Class was visiting Washington City, the Page Junior Society, which holds private weekly meetings, took charge of the public meeting on Friday evening and rendered an excellent programme. We present it here:

1. Referred questions:
1. "What Are the Climatic Influences of Mountains?" Mr. Harley.
2. "What Are Four Elements of Good Teaching?" Mr. Bush.

The resolution that was debated was, "That education is better than riches." Affirmative, Mr. Hess, Mr. Weaver, C. F.; negative, Mr. Charles, Mr. Lenhardt.

Recitation by Mr. G. Q. Weaver, "Visit to Niagara."

Oration by Mr. Kehl, "Opportunities."

The music was furnished by Miss Burg, Miss Anna Foster, Messrs. Keboch, Turner, Miss Rife.

On November 19th the evening was devoted to Sir Walter Scott. We present the programme in full:

1. Music, piano solo, Miss Grove.
2. Referred question, "What Are the Characteristics of Scott as a Poet?" Miss Harper.
3. "What Are the Characteristics of Scott as a Man?" Mr. Deihl.
4. Vocal Solo, "Proud Maisie," Scott, Miss Reba Campbell.
5. Debate. *Resolved*, That Scott was greater as a novelist than as a poet." Affirmative, Miss Whitson, Mr. Henninger; negative, Miss Slaymaker, Mr. Brumbaugh.
6. Piano, trio, Miss Shaw, Miss Harper, Miss Homsby,
7. Oration, "The Wizard of the North," Mr. Tanger.
8. Vocal solo, "The King's Minstrels," Mr. H. C. Saylor.
9. "The Ambuscade," from "The Lady of the Lake," Miss Crowell.
10. Music, by Page Glee Club, "Jock O'Hazeldean.
11. Remarks by the Critic, Miss Knisely.

We desire to speak in commendation of those who have charge of the music, namely, Mr. Harbold, who is the leader of the Club, and Miss Bessie Shaw, who is the pianist. Those who do the solo work are Miss Lois Shelley, Miss Bessie Burg, Miss Anna Foster, Mr. Saylor, Mr. Turner. Then, too, there has been some good orchestral work, in which Mr. Harley, Mr. Steinruck, Mr. Deihl, Mr. Keboch and Mr. Byerly have taken active part,

The newly-elected officers of the Society are: President, Mr. Lawrence; Secretary, Miss Edith Murray; Critic, Miss Grace Martin; Editor, Mr. McCoy.

The Presidents during the session have been Mr. Brumbaugh, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Steinruck. The official term of all the offices, except that of Treasurer, is four consecutive meetings.

The Normal Literary Society.

H. JUSTIN RODDY.

The literary society more than any other influence arouses the power, the originality, the self-activity of the student. Feeling that he is on his own ground, a student gains confidence, feels his responsibility, does his best and, therefore, becomes conscious of his distinctive individuality. Therefore, we are glad to note that the work of the Normal Society has been excellent in character as well in the management; and, also, that so large a number of the members participate in the exercises.

The presiding officers have been for the past twelve weeks Mr. D. Z. Erb, Mr. Irwin Light and Mr. John Brosnahan; the Secretaries, Misses Hart, Arnold and Clarke; and the Critics, Misses Bausman, Martin and Keiser.

One of the typical meetings of the session and perhaps one of the best was that of October 2d. The following is the programme:

Inaugural address, Mr. Irwin Light; song, Lyrian Glee Club; oration, "Problem of Today," Mr. Girvin; piano duet, Misses Keiser and Kilpatrick; essay, "For Another's Sake," Miss Kapp; vocal duet, Miss Baker and Mr. Hartzell; regular debate, question: *Resolved*, That the amount expended for pensions by our government is too large—affirmative, Mr. Hershey, Miss Parry and Mr. Brooks; negative, Miss Kilpatrick, Miss Hart and Mr. Erb; vocal solo, Miss Hershey; recitation, "Connor," Mr. Bortree; violin duet, Miss Burke and Mr. Bitner; sentiment roll; critic's remarks.

The oration should arouse the greatest interest and attention and especially so when on subjects like the following: "The Evils of Civilization," Mr. Brosnahan; "The Women of Sixty-one," Mr. Hershey; "The Dark Shadow of the South, Mr. Boyer; "Man's Greatest Study," Mr. Loftus; "Requisites of Success," Mr. Baer.

Many ladies take an active part in the debates and speak with a great deal of force. Among the lady debaters we may mention Misses Elizabeth Hart, Georgia Taylor, H. Eva Martin, Lizzie Eshleman, Virgelia Alleman, Helen Hoontz, Anna Miller, Nellie Shrom and Mae Kilpatrick.

Some of the gentlemen debaters are Mr. Herr, Mr. Ober, Mr. Erb, Mr. Light, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Myers, Mr. Landis and Mr. Hamilton. Some of these young men will make effective speakers.

We can enumerate only a few of the questions debated by the Society. These are :

Resolved, That great cities are in themselves and in their influence a greater evil than good.

Resolved, That pauperism is a greater evil than illiteracy.

Resolved, That it is the right and the duty of the State to supervise and control primary education.

Resolved, That anticipation affords more pleasure than participation.

Many of these questions elicited interesting general debates, developing quick insight and reparte.

The essay has kept its distinctive place in the Society and afforded the ladies a means of expressing themselves delicately and delightfully on many subjects. Miss Keiser in "Slang," Miss Parry in "Little Things," Miss Hunter in "Success in Life," Miss Hershey in "Cunning People," Miss Kapp in "For Another's Sake," and Miss Clark in "What's in a Name?" may be mentioned among the essayists.

In the literary society the entertainment features, of course, should be subordinated to a certain extent to the purely literary exercises or those that develop culture. The recitation, developing a taste for literature and at the same time with music developing the æsthesic side of our nature, should not be neglected. We are glad to note, therefore, that there are a number of reciters in the Society. Misses Cummings, McClure, Hull, Hertlein, Kunzig and Reath, and Messrs. Miller and Bortree gave good recitations.

The vocalists, Misses Hershey, Baker, Kilpatrick and Alleman, and Mr. Hartzell; the Orchestra and Mandolin Club, and the violinists, Miss Rosella Burke and Messrs. Bitner and Herr, have furnished the Society with much good music.

The present officers are: President, Mr. John J. Brosnahan; Secretary, Miss Gertrude Clark; Critic, Miss Helen Keiser; Editor, Mr. George L. Herr; Vice President, Mr. Robert Crist.

The Society has reason to congratulate itself on its successful work so far this year. The endeavor is and should be to constantly do better.

Y. W. C. T. U.

AMANDA LANDES, PRESIDENT.

The first meeting of the Union for the school year was called September 8th, for the purpose of electing officers. The result of the election gave the Union Miss Landes for President; Miss Taylor for Vice-President; Miss Grace Sweney for Secretary; Miss Bessie Johnstin for Corresponding Secretary, and Miss Barnhart for Treasurer. Miss Gilbert was appointed Superintendent of Flower Mission Work, and Mrs. Bitner, Superintendent of Music. The Union has been fortunate this year in being able to secure an address from Mrs. Louise Rounds, the State President of Illinois W. C. T. U. This strong-gifted woman spoke in the chapel of the Normal School on Sunday evening, September 12th, and it was the opinion of many that we have never had a better speaker. As parts of our regular meetings we have had an address by Miss Landes on "Our Responsibility to the Temperance Work," Mr. Haeberle has given an account of his trip across the ocean, Mr. Howard Miller has recited the selection with which he won a gold medal in one of the Prohibition contests, Miss Johnstin and Miss Hull have recited, and Mrs. Bitner, Miss Lois Shelley and Miss Bessie Burg have sung.

Another extremely interesting feature was a debate on the question: "*Resolved*, That woman suffrage would advance the temperance cause," by Mr. Bortree and Mr. Brooks. The meetings have been very well attended and a goodly number of new members have been admitted. Quite a number of the members of the Union went to Lancaster to hear Dr. Tracy, who conducted a series of Gospel Temperance meetings there, and the Union was asked to furnish music for one evening, which was done by a double quartette of the members, under charge of Miss Cameron and Miss Gareissen.

The temperance workers at the Normal School feel the responsibility of the charge they hold. They are doing the best they can, and desire most earnestly the good wishes and the prayers of the old members and of all friends of righteousness.

Y. W. C. A.

HELEN A. KEISER, PRESIDENT.

Every year brings to our Normal new students, many girls who are interested in our Association meetings. Although there are different girls in our Association from year to year, the work which has been so nobly begun goes on.

Our Northfield delegates returned to school this session with a greater desire to work for their Master than they have ever had. The inspiration which they received at the summer conference has been imparted to others and so the influence of our prayer-meetings is felt everywhere.

Several Bible classes meet every Sunday afternoon in various girls' rooms. A number of girls have joined these classes and are now studying the "Life of Christ." It has thus far proved very interesting as well as helpful and instructive.

In trying to keep Christ directly before us, we are pressing forward, hoping to promote the coming of His Kingdom. We are trying to widen our sphere of influence for Him so that it may be felt not only here at School but elsewhere until "we take the world for Christ's own Kingdom some glad day."

Y. M. C. A.

F. L. HAEBERLE, PRESIDENT.

The Young Men's Christian Association sends geetings to its old members and friends. We began the Association work of the present school year with a goodly number of old and new students. The Northfield delegates returned to us filled with enthusiasm and zeal for the work.

The members of the Association gave a reception to the new students on September 2d. Twenty names were proposed for membership at the next business meeting.

The Trustees of the School have generously remembered us and placed $25 in our treasury. The many glad faces which were noticed after it was made known told how highly this was appreciated.

Messrs. Harbold, Weaver, Reist, McNitt, Kehl, Myer and Keboch attended the District Convention held at Middletown on October 22d.

The College State Secretary, Mr. Harvey, paid us two visits. Besides many valuable suggestions, Mr. Harvey gave an excellent address to the young men of the School.

The interest taken in voluntary Bible study promises to exceed that of any previous year. Four classes are organized.

The success of the lecture course under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. is assured. The interest taken by the students and friends of the School far exceeds our expectations. Hon. Wallace Bruce, the first lecturer, gave an excellent address before the two Christian Associations on Sunday, November 21st.

Millersville Alumni Reunion.

Fourteenth Annual Meeting of Philadelphia Branch at Odd Fellows' Temple.

From the Philadelphia *Public Ledger*, Nov. 20th.

The fourteenth annual reunion of the Philadelphia Branch of the Alumni Association of the State Normal School, at Millersville, Lancaster county, the first institution of the kind in Pennsylvania, brought together a representative assembly in the upper hall of the Odd Fellows' Temple, last evening. The hall was decorated with palms and flowers for the occasion and the reception proved a delightful feature of the evening. Dr. E. Oram Lyte, the Principal of the Normal School, was unavoidably detained and sent his regrets. The members were received by Dr. and Mrs. Edward Brooks and by Dr. William C. Jacobs, President of the Philadelphia Branch.

At the business meeting were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, John L. Shroy; Vice-President, Miss Belle H. Mooney; Secretary, Miss Mary H. Whitson; Treasurer, J. A. M. Passmore, a member of the class of the year 1860; Executive Committee, Edward L. Bailey, Miss M. Frances Boice, W. T. Schlauch, Miss Ruth White, Dr. W. E. Doughty, Miss Laura V. Whitcomb and William T. Seal.

Following the annual meeting there were violin and piano selections by Miss Emma C. Alker and Miss Alice M. Tripple and a vocal solo by Curwen Stoddart Saylor. At the close of the social reunion the Alumni adjourned to the dining hall. During the banquet Dr. Charles de Garmo, President of Swarthmore College, responded to the toast, "The Normal School of the Future." Theodore C. Search spoke on "Normal School Influence," and Dr. Edward Brooks, Superintendent of the City Schools, and a former Principal of the Normal School, addressed the members of the Alumni on the interesting subject, "After Forty Years." Dr. E. Oram Lyte was to have followed Dr. De Garmo on the subject of "The Normal School of the Present," but his absence placed that duty in charge of J. A. M. Passmore.

Second Annual Banquet.

White Rose Branch Millersville Celebrates.

From the *York Daily*, November 25th.

The White Rose branch of the Millersville State Normal School held its second annual banquet last evening at the Colonial Hotel. After the lecture at the opera house the members of the society gathered in the spacious dining-room of the Colonial and partook of one of the sumptuous banquets for which that hostelry has become so famous.

H. C. Brenneman, Esq., of the class of '80, was toastmaster and the following toasts were responded to: Dr. E. Oram Lyte, "Our Alma Mater;" Stephen G. Boyd, Esq., "Random Recollections of Burrowes and Wickersham;" Dr. M. G. Brumbaugh, selected subject; George W. Bacon, Esq., "The Undergraduate;" Professor J. W. Lansinger, "Our Duty."

The speeches of the evening were highly appropriate and were enjoyed by those present. This meeting was a most successful one, and such gatherings all go to make institute week more than ever interesting and do much to promote the interests of the most excellent institution which it represents.

The officers of the society were: L. F Atticks, President; H. M. Yohe, Vice-President; K. C. Atticks, Vice-President; Ella Donahoe, Secretary; W. E. Gochenour, Treasurer.

A Cruise to the Mediterranean and the Orient.

Rev. I. M. Gable, Ph.D., pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Mahanoy City, Pa., has engaged a berth on the "Aller," of the North German Lloyd line of steamers, to go on a nine weeks' cruise, leaving New York on February 5th and returning about April 9, 1898, visiting *en route*, Gibraltar, Malaga, Granada, the Alhambra, Algiers, Naples, Pompeii, Malta, Egypt, Palestine, Beyrout, Smyrna, Ephesus, Constantinople, Athens, Rome, Genoa, etc.

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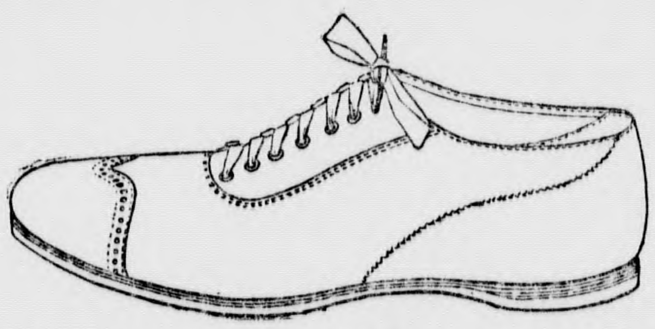

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