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Annual Election.

At a meeting of the Board of Contributors on May 2d Messrs. H. M. Mayer, Amos H. Mylin and John H. Landis were reelected Trustees of the School, and Mr. G. Harry Reed was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father, George K. Reed, Esq. Hon. John B. Livingston and Charles Denues, Esq., were reappointed State Trustees. The Board undergoes as little change as possible by this election. The policy of the Contributors in keeping the Board a permanent body has given the School the services of a number of careful, broad-minded gentlemen whose long experience has eminently fitted them to be directors of this great institution. The success of the School in the past shows the wisdom of this policy.

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees held May 7th Hon. John B. Warfel was reelected President, Hon. Andrew M. Frantz was reelected Secretary, and Prof. J. W. Lansinger was reelected Treasurer. These gentlemen are able officials.

Millersville will open for the fall and winter session on Monday, August 29, 1898. Rooms may be reserved at any time. A line to the Principal is all that is necessary.

Send us the names and addresses of any of your friends who think of attending a normal school during the coming school year.

A New Text-Book.

Dr. G. W. Hull's new Geometry has just been issued by E. H. Butler & Co., of Philadelphia. The book makes a favorable impression. It does not frighten a beginner by "looking hard." By study and experience Dr. Hull is well fitted to prepare a geometry which will be a teachable book as well as a book that presents this beautiful science in a logical manner. There are several new features that will arrest the thoughtful teacher's attention. The theory of limits is presented in a way that will not leave the student in a fog. The collection of the leading formulas on one or two pages will prove a convenience to teachers and students. The glossary of terms will often be referred to. It may be added that the book in the hands of its author is undergoing the final test of textbooks—the class room, and is producing most satisfactory results. This new work is a fitting addition to the excellent series of mathematical works by Dr. Hull.

Has any school greater reason than Millersville to be proud of its alumni?

The teachers that have been added to our Faculty for the spring session are Miss Lavinia J. Coates, Sci. '87; Miss Margaret Davis, '94; Mr. M. W. Metzger, Sci. '86; Mr. W. H. B. Carney, '93; and Mr. George W. Billett, '92. These teachers have all assisted us during previous sessions, and are acquainted with the work of this institution. They are rendering efficient service.

Directors of schools can find good teachers in the present graduating class.

It was hoped that work would have been begun on the new model school before this time, but for satisfactory reasons the erection of the building has been delayed. The postponement is only temporary, however.

Don't go to a carpenter shop if you want to learn blacksmithing. It is not the best place, even if some workman talks to you occasionally about the anvil and bellows. Go to a blacksmith shop.

Teachers' Meetings.

The Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association meets at Bellefonte this year. Date of meeting, July 5, 6, 7. Dr. M. G. Brumbaugh, of the University of Pennsylvania, and one of the State's most prominent educators, is president. All progressive Pennsylvania teachers should attend this meeting.

The National Educational Association meets at Washington, D. C., July 6-12. This be the greatest educational meeting of the year. Go to it.

Our graduates can help us by their advice, their kind words, their influence with the boys and girls of their acquaintance, and their success in whatever they undertake. And they do help us in these and many other ways.

Students who have completed the Junior studies at one State normal school can enter the Senior class of any other normal school without examination.

Do you think of attending a normal school? If so, write to the Principal for a catalogue of Millersville.

Dr. Lyte's Language Series, so long delayed, will be ready for use in June. The series consists of three books: "Elementary English," for the first three years of formal language study; "Elements of Grammar and Composition," for upper grammar grades, and "Advanced Grammar and Composition," for high schools, normal schools and preparatory schools. The first two books form a two-book series for public schools. The books are published by the American Book Company, New York.

Wanted: A teacher for Shanghai, China. A normal school and college graduate preferred.

Nearly all the class rooms in Science Hall are in daily use this session.

A Plain Statement.

Some time ago, according to the public press, a distinguished lawyer of Pennsylvania, in an address before a body of college men, stated that part of the common school appropriation should be given to colleges, since the normal schools receive State aid.

Does not every one yet know that the State normal schools are as much a part of the public school system as the county superintendency? Why so many colleges and so many college men

are opposed to the State's assisting State normal schools is almost beyond comprehension. It is easy to understand why academies of a certain grade are opposed to normal schools. The reason is plain: Normal schools, by preparing teachers for the public schools, have so improved the teaching done in the public schools and have so advanced public education that public schools now do the work formerly done by academies of the kind referred to, and do it much better than these academies knew it could be done. But why colleges and academies of the better class should seem to want to cripple normal schools is not so easily understood. The great "uplift" in education throughout the State, the movement which has filled the colleges with students, has its foundation in the work done by the normal schools. Most of the colleges of the State are prospering, their classes are large, donations are given to them, and all this largely because of the awakening in education caused by the work done by the State normal schools. Colleges in other States see this; why can not the leaders of higher education in our State recognize this plain fact? Normal schools are not endowed, and will not be endowed by private funds because they are State institutions. They do not cross colleges here. In fact, the only influence the normal schools have upon the colleges is in favor of the colleges. Why then do the colleges turn a cold shoulder to these humbler institutions? There is no normal school in Pennsylvania that attempts to do college work, or wants to do college work. Millersville has a stronger faculty than many colleges in this State, but Millersville constantly takes the ground that her students must go to college for a college education, and every reputable college in Pennsylvania—and many out of the State—has students from Millersville.

Colleges have the same right to State aid, because normal schools receive it, as the distinguished gentleman referred to in the beginning of this article has to receive a salary from the State because the salaries of County Superintendants are paid by the State. As an upright citizen, an educated man, a lawyer of great ability, wide reputation and strong character, he renders the State efficient service, just as the college of which he is a prominent graduate renders the State efficient service; but neither he nor the college is part of the common school system, as are the superintendants of schools and the State normal schools. It may be right for the State to aid colleges, and doubtless in many cases is right, for the money invested by the State in education is returned many times over to the State; but the reason for aiding colleges must be sought elsewhere than in the similarity of the relation which they bear to public schools and the relation which the State normal schools bear to public schools.

The criticism has sometimes been made that the State normal schools are private institutions, and consequently are not entitled to aid from the State. These schools are private institutions in the sense that the stockholders or contributors are responsible for the debts of the school. If dividends had ever been paid upon the stock of any normal school there would be some point in the criticism. But no one holding the stock of any State normal school in Pennsylvania ever received a cent of dividend upon the stock, and it is presumed that when the money to erect these schools was subscribed, it was done with the full knowledge that no pecuniary benefit would be derived from the investment. Why the men who put their money into these institutions should be censured for so doing, when the men are lauded to the skies who contribute their thousands to endow other institutions of learning that are much more private corporations than are the normal schools, is a question that, as Lord Dunsyre says, "No fellow can find out." In the large sense of the term, however, the State normal schools are public institutions even to a fuller extent than the common schools. The State demands and receives each year a complete financial statement of the receipts and expenditures of the State normal schools, in-

cluding every item of business. Every cent of money—not only the amount received from the State, but all moneys received from students and all other sources—if there are other sources—must be fully and satisfactorily accounted for. State committees are occasionally sent to the schools to examine their accounts. The State regulates the charges made to students for tuition and boarding. The State holds a first mortgage against the normal schools for a larger sum than has been appropriated for permanent improvements, and compels each school to keep its property heavily insured for the benefit of the State. The State passes judgment upon the scholastic and professional work of the school. No student can be graduated at any State normal school except by permission of the State, and this permission is granted only after the most searching public examination by a committee of nine experts summoned to the school from every part of the State, only two of whom are connected with any normal school, one of the two being the principal of the school at which the examination is held. Even then the graduate can not get a permanent certificate to teach in the public schools till one or more of the Superintendents of the State, and one or more of the Boards of Directors of the common schools sit in judgment upon the actual work of the graduate in the public schools. What nonsense, therefore, to say that the normal schools are not public institutions! It is fortunate for these much abused schools that they are absolutely necessary to the rest of the public school system, or they would have been closed long ago. But it is safe to say that no amount of opposition from men or institutions that fail to understand or appreciate their work or are jealous of their success will seriously block their progress. They must live, or the common schools will languish. They must succeed, or the common schools will fail. And they will live, and will succeed in their work of training teachers for the public schools of the State.

There is a mistaken notion throughout the State as to the amount of assistance given to the normal schools by the State. In 1896 the amount received by this School from students for tuition and boarding was \$80,614.39, and from the State \$10,000. This year [1897] the income will be about the same, while the State appropriation will be \$7,500 (it was \$10,000, but reduced by the Governor to \$7,500, and not yet paid). In other words, to pay the necessary expenses for conducting this institution in all its departments and making the improvements absolutely required, the State appropriated to the School one dollar in nine in 1896 (the highest appropriation for maintenance ever made by the State), and this year about one dollar in twelve. The other eight or eleven dollars come from the patrons of the School, nearly all of whom are preparing to work for the State in the common schools. The normal schools are not supported by the State, and it will be seen by these figures that they do not receive the help they should from the Commonwealth they so faithfully serve.

This article is written with the belief that a plain statement of the facts concerning normal schools is necessary once in a while. It will not convince the enemies of the normal schools. Prejudice, as a rule, is not reached by reason. But the friends of these schools throughout the State are legion and want to know the truth.

The "plain people" love the normal schools, because they are doing plain work. They are the people's schools, and while they may be abused and misrepresented they will still be esteemed by the large majority of the earnest, thoughtful citizens of the Commonwealth.

Many of our readers will regret to learn that Prof. D. M. Sensenig, '67, who is now at the head of the Department of Mathematics in the State Normal School of West Chester, has been unable to attend to his duties for some months as a consequence of a severe attack of pneumonia. He hopes, however, to be able to resume his duties in a short time.

DEPARTMENT WORK.

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

Department of Natural Science.

There are three classes in Botany this session. A number of plants have been studied in class and careful analyses of them written out, while the principal parts of the plants, leaves, stems, flowers and roots have been drawn with their natural colors.

The students have been busy gathering specimens far and near. Rare orchids have been brought from the mountains between Lancaster and Lebanon counties. Other orchids have been brought from Berks county, while a number of fine pitcher plants were secured from near Campbellstown, Lebanon county, Pa.

The Seniors are finishing Natural Philosophy, a general review having occupied their attention for the last few weeks.

The class in Geology has planned an excursion to the trap ridges west of Millersville. They have been doing excellent work during the entire session and are almost ready for the "final."

A small class in Higher Physics has been engaged with the theories of magnetism and electricity and will soon be in the midst of electrical machines and measurements.

The Chemistry classes have the advantage of the new and well equipped laboratory. By the use of these improved facilities the principles of the science are more readily understood and a more rapid progress is noticeable.

Penmanship.

The classes in Penmanship devoted the first ten weeks of the session to slant writing and are now beginning with the vertical.

After a fair degree of skill is reached in slant writing, from four to eight weeks time is usually required to change to the vertical.

The new tables in Room O and the exclusive use of the room for penmanship adds materially to the opportunities offered in this department

German.

The advanced class in German is reading "Die Journalisten." In the beginning class, "Edgren and Fossler's Grammar" is used. The reading and composition exercises are taken from "Märchen und Erzählungen." The class completed the declension of the noun, article, adjective and pronoun. At present we are working with the verb.

Reading.

Seven regular classes have been studying Reading and Elocution during the session. A number of selections have been carefully analyzed for the thought and spirit to awaken the comprehension and imagination of the pupil. Extended drills in articulation, voice and gesture have been applied in the interpretation of the authors studied. In response to a number of requests a class in advanced elocution was started which is at present engaged in the study of Macbeth. In addition to this work, two large classes have had a drill in phonics to prepare them for their work in teaching. The classes in methods have been investigating the "Rational Method" of teaching reading, a method which has been attracting some attention lately. Our pupils have been speaking and reciting with great success at literary and other meetings at the School and elsewhere.

Mathematics.

The work in mathematics during the year which is rapidly drawing to a close has been in general very satisfactory. The Scientific students are ready to be examined by the "State Board of Examiners" in Trigonometry, Solid and Spherical Geometry, Higher Algebra, Sur-

veying and Analytical Geometry; the Senior class in Geometry, and the Junior class in Arithmetic and Algebra.

No remarks made in these notes can change the Normal course of these classes which are about to leave us; but we are impressed at the close of each year that the Normal course in mathematics would be productive of more good if those who prepare students for this course would make the first lessons in mathematics more *concrete* and more *practical*, and then in the grammar and high schools give more attention to the *science of mathematics*. It so frequently occurs that if students are allowed to run over the advanced parts of arithmetic and algebra without demonstrating and even without clearly comprehending the fundamental principles of the science they work mechanically and seldom become original thinkers, which is so desirable in mathematics. We, therefore, suggest that the elements of a logical demonstration be taught in the advanced grades of the public schools.

Music.

The progress of the Model School children in sight-singing is very encouraging.

The children showed great enthusiasm over the patriotic songs for the Decoration Day exercises.

The new pupils who have entered the Music Department this session show much talent. Conscientious work has been done by the old pupils.

One hundred and nine entered the Vocal Music class at the beginning of the session. A large number passed the special examination.

Manual Training.

The Senior class in wood-work are making joints, wall brackets, picture frames, flower stands and plate holders.

A complete demonstration is given on the first exercises and as new principles present themselves in the following exercises they are carefully gone over. It requires close attention and observation on the part of the students; then they go to work and the result is in proportion to their endeavors.

The Juniors are making working drawings of cylinders, joints, and parts of machinery.

The nature of the work in the grades of the Model School has remained the same. In bent-iron work the children have made stands, easels and pen racks.

The ninth and tenth grades are making the same models as the Senior class.

Geography.

The work in Political and Physical Geography has been conducted along the same lines as heretofore—Man in relation to his environment. The classes have just begun the study of Eurasia especially as to its physiography. The great lines of mountains, the valleys, the plateaus and the alluvial plains have been studied in their relation to each other, in their formation and as to their influence upon climate, peoples and the development of civilization.

In Physical Geography we are now studying currents, winds, wind zones and storms. The causes of these phenomena are comprehensively dwelt upon both for the cultural power gained by such study and for the practical knowledge afforded of our environment.

The methods work in geography may be divided into three departments. Corresponding with this we have given a preliminary course in methods of teaching primary geography and in showing the relation of geography to science. The second course embraces work in the formation of the earth's features, as the making of steppe plains, the forming of estuaries, the building of flood plains and the work of rivers. In the advanced work we study in an elementary way the geology of a region, and show how the geography of a section may be studied in the concrete. All of these have been touched upon this session.

Greek.

The beginners are working at the conjugation of the verb. "Repetitio mater studiorum est" is our motto.

The classes in "Anabasis" are steadily gaining power to grapple with the difficulties of the language.

History.

The shortness of the summer term enforces the necessity of but a brief review of History of the United States. Care is taken in the classes, that are prepared for it, to present the facts in their relation to the historical movements in our country. Emphasis is placed upon the development of our institutions, the great military struggles, such as that between the French and English for the control of the continent. The contest of the colonists with the mother country for English chartered rights. The experiment of a government based upon State rights, its failure, the later experiment of nationality with apparent success. The expansion of the Nation westward, slavery agitation, the threat of '61 against national integrity and the grave problem of reconstruction.

The Juniors are having a course in Civil Government; the object is to disclose as far as possible the conditions that made our present Constitution possible, to present a view of the machinery of the government in operation, and to give some instruction as to the relations and uses of its several parts. The Seniors are studying the History of Education, the aim is to show the meaning, the chief characteristics, the causes and results of the principles and methods used during the different historical epoch, and how much of a factor the educational idea of a people has been in the development of their civilization.

There is a class pursuing the study of English History. The text-book used proportions the several departments of historical movement and record fairly well, showing with clearness the development of the social, the political and industrial condition of the nation, how it became through the splendid achievement of Englishmen the great empire it is to-day.

Physical Culture.

The classes in the gymnasium have been unusually large this session, especially the first A and Junior classes. The former containing sixty-eight and the latter fifty. During the winter the class drills were sometimes varied by section work on the different pieces of apparatus, but, owing to the increased numbers, it has not been possible to do this during the present session. The work taken up in the different classes has been as follows: In the second B, Indian clubs; first and second C, Calisthenics; second A, figure marching and dumb-bells; first A, short wands; Juniors, fancy steps with bar-bell and dumb-bell drill; first B, short wands and dumb-bells, and with the Seniors, Indian clubs.

In the early part of the session two uniformed military companies were organized, not with any thought of being called to the front, but purely for the discipline and benefit to be derived from military drill. Considering the limited time devoted to drilling, they have become quite proficient in the manual of arms, company and battalion formations. The officers of the Normal Cadets are: Captain, Harry W. Saylor; First Lieutenant, Calvin S. Boyer; Second Lieutenant, Simon E. Miller; and of Company A., Captain Amos Kauffman; First Lieutenant, Emmitt H. Gherst.

Literature.

The class in higher literature, having completed Pancoast's Introduction to English Literature, is now engaged upon the study of American Literature. The text-book used is by the same author, and the method of study is similar. The aim is to gain a knowledge of the periods of our literary history and the influ-

ences which have affected our literature; to become familiar with the lives of the chief authors, and to gain an idea of their works by reading selections. For this purpose much use is made of the ample resources of the library.

The Senior class has continued its work in English classics, having studied carefully George Eliot's *Silas Marner*, four essays from Emerson, and Shakspeare's *Merchant of Venice*. *Silas Marner* was studied as a type of fiction, attention being given to plot-structure and character-drawing. Considered as a specimen of the author's style, attention was drawn to George Eliot's humor, her keen observation of human nature, and her tendency to generalize. The moral tone of the book was considered in connection with the author's life and character. With Emerson, the aim was to indicate Emerson's place as a teacher and inspirer; to show his devotion to high ideals, and the literary art which gives force to his thought. The study of Shakespeare included close attention to the plot and a study of character; while the explanation of difficulties in the text, scansion, and the memorizing of selected passages were also required.

The Junior class has finished its work in composition and is now pursuing the required work in literature as outlined in the last JOURNAL.

Latin.

There are three classes of Resident Graduates. Two of these will finish the Latin of the Regular Normal course, and the other, in addition to what is required in the Scientific course, will have read about forty chapters of the first book of Livy and finished Jones's Latin Prose Composition. One half of the Senior's in the Elementary course will have read two books of Cæsar, and the other half the *Helvetian War*. The Juniors are well advanced in their work, one class reading beyond what is required.

Drawing.

We are now rejoicing in our new drawing room in Science Hall, which has been finely furnished with adjustable desks and chairs. The students are working with much enthusiasm in their new quarters. Those in the advanced classes are drawing in charcoal, painting water-color studies of simple wild flowers, and are having some work in composition.

English Grammar.

Grammar is completed in the Junior year of the Elementary course. All students study grammar the last twelve weeks of the Junior year before taking the final examination by the State Board of Examiners. In addition to a review of the facts and principles studied in the Preparatory course, a brief study is made of "Historical English" based largely on the text of Meiklejohn. Monday of each week has been given to historical work this term. The course has also included the arrangement of words in sentences, the etymology of technical grammatical terms, figures of orthography and syntax, and a study of sentence-structure in some selections from Irving's Sketch Book.

There are ten preparatory classes in grammar. Frequent written exercises are required of each student in analysis, parsing, and the composition or selection of sentences illustrating the principles of the subject.

It is gratifying that a number of students in the grammar classes report that they have "passed" grammar in the County Superintendent's examinations this summer.

Model School.

The summer session of the Model School opened with an increased enrollment. The attendance up to date has been all that could be desired.

The pupils of the Ninth and Tenth Grades are interested in their Latin work. The Ninth

Grade is acquiring a good vocabulary, and the Tenth is reading the third chapter of Cæsar.

German was added to the course this spring, and is taught by Miss Gareisson, who speaks the language fluently. She uses the conversational method, and already the children are able to speak and understand the language quite well. Nicht wahr?

Interest in manual training increases as the work progresses. In the upper grades the children are doing bench work in the Manual Training room. The intermediate grades are working with trays and whittling knives and doing some chip-work. In the lower grades some Venetian iron-work has been done. Among the prettiest objects made were easels, stamp-boxes and windmills.

For the summer session the Kindergarten has been moved to the Science Building. One of the largest rooms furnishes a fine place for our twenty-two little kindergarteners.

In vocal music the children are practicing patriotic airs for Decoration Day.

Library Report.

Since the last issue of THE JOURNAL we have catalogued and shelf-listed the books classed under the heads of Philology, Science, Useful Arts and Fine Arts, and have added about eighteen hundred cards to the catalogue.

A number of new books have been added to the School library; among which are the Warner Library of the World's Best Literature, a set of the British poets, several works on education, etc.

About seventy-five new volumes have been added to each of the Society libraries since the opening of the summer session.

The reference and reading rooms are now filled with students seeking information for their theses and orations; the enthusiasm they show in the work and the interest taken in the references given them is most pleasing to those in charge.

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 29, 1898. 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. I. K. Witmer, Lansford, Pa., Class of '78. Subject, "*An Irrepressible Conflict.*"

2. Essay by Miss Carrie E. Myers, Millersville, Pa., Class of '84.

3. Lecture by Rev. I. M. Gable, Ph. D., Lansdale, Pa., Class of '68. Subject, "*Sights and Impressions on a Trip to the Mediterranean and the Orient.*"

The exercises will be interspersed with music. The history of each class is read every ten years. The histories of four classes will be read this year as follows: Class of '58, Class of '68, Class of '78, and Class of '88.

Dr. A. R. Byerly, Millersville, Pa., is historian of the class of '58. This was the first class graduated at this institution. On the day of graduation, forty years ago, it numbered six, four of whom have died.

Mr. J. Zeamer, editor and publisher of the "*American Volunteer*," Carlisle, Pa., is historian of the Class of '68. Thirty years ago, when this class was graduated, it numbered one in the Scientific course, and thirty-five in the Elementary course. Seven of this class have died.

Rev. William H. Hartzler, Sunbury, Pa., is historian of the Class of '78. Twenty years ago, when this class was graduated, it numbered two in the Scientific course and thirty-two in

the Elementary course. But one of this class has died.

Mr. Eugene R. Floto, Myersdale, Pa., is historian of the Class '88. When this class was graduated it numbered one in the Scientific course and twenty-six in the Elementary course. But one of this class has died.

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

The following members of the Alumni have died this year:

Prof. Daniel A. Overholtzer, '91, Gladwyne, Pa.

Miss Louise O. Nields, '93, Shamokin, Pa.
Prof. William T. Rounsley, '95, Millerstown, Pa.

Miss Adelaide Pallis, '90, Mahanoy City, Pa.
Mr. Joseph N. Beistle '65, Philadelphia.

Mr. William Lockhart, '81, Royersford, 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 that 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 names is less each year.

We are anxious to accommodate the alumni as far as it 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 request for rooms, should be addressed to the Secretary, Miss Sarah H. Gilbert, Millersville, Pa.

We should like to have for the School catalogue the correct address of the following members of the Alumni Association. Letters sent to them addressed as below have been returned.

Buehrle, Lawrence, '96, Ridge Pa.
Carver, E. H., '79, 1522 9th Street,
N. W., Washington, D. C.

Copeland, Mrs. Laura (Brower), '83, San Francisco, Cal.

Cornog, W. E., 73 Warren Tavern, Pa.
Cunningham, E. Homer, '80, 162 La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill.

Dunn, Mrs. Martha (Ellis), '72, Olathe, Kan.

Edwards, D. L., '80, San Francisco, Cal.

Flickinger, Wm. H., '90, Lebanon, Pa.

Fraelich, Charles H., '83, Chester, Pa.

Glover, Martha A., '73, Abington, Pa.

Jones, W. J., '82, Reading Terminal, Philadelphia.

Kendig, M. T., '89, Woman's Temple, Chicago, Ill.

Kernan, Edward, '82, Hazleton, Pa.

Kline, D. B., '72, Washington, Pa.

Lindley, Mrs. Sarah J. (Richards), '68, West Chester, Pa.

McGrew, Martha B., '73, Turtle Creek, Pa.

Merrick, Frank A., '87, Bethlehem, Pa.

Porter, Saidee A., '74, Lake City, Iowa.

Rishel, C. W., '71, 137 Shippen Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Shearer, J. W., '73, Shippensburg, Pa.

Smith, S. L., '85, Nanticoke, Pa.

Wilson, Joseph A., '75, Ashland, Oregon.

Thompson, Mrs. Jeanette C. (Krause), '83, North Yonkers, N. Y.

GEO. W. HULL,
Chairman of Executive Committee.

MARRIAGES.

MARRIED.—On February 19th, at the home of her parents in Hazleton, Pa., Miss Hannah Grebey, '96, to Mr. Kirschner. We send by THE JOURNAL our kindest wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Kirschner.

MARRIED.—At Gap, Lancaster County, Pa., on February 24th, Miss Marie Eunetta Portner, '93, to Mr. Howard McPherson, of Coatesville, Pa. The wedding seems to have been quite an

elaborate affair. Beautiful dresses, superb decorations, a large number of guests. We send May-day congratulations to the February bride and groom.

MARRIED.—On April 24th, at Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Amanda M. Humphrey, '85, and Mr. W. E. Cary. Mrs. Cary has been teaching in Missouri for two years. Mr. Cary is a prosperous druggist of Kansas City. The latter place will be their home. We desire to send our warmest congratulations to them.

MARRIED.—On April 26th, at Hanover, Pa., Mr. Henry Van Waltersdorf, '97, to Miss Ellen Gertrude Hetrick, of Summit, York Co., Pa.

Mr. Van Waltersdorf married in the profession, we understand. Miss Hetrick, he writes, was a teacher. According to Normal theory she will be a good housewife—a true helpmeet. We wish our friends a long and happy married life.

MARRIED.—On May 12th, at Peach Bottom, Pa., Miss Alice Arnold, '86, to Mr. William Henry Evans. We send our congratulations, accompanied by our kindest wishes, to Mr. and Mrs. Evans.

MARRIED.—On Thursday evening, May 19th, at Mt. Joy, Pa., the home of the bride, Miss Anna M. Kraybill, '97, to Mr. William B. Brubaker, '87. Mr. Brubaker has been a member of our faculty for several years, as an assistant in the Department of Mathematics. Our students always find in him a good teacher and a helping friend. We hope that Mr. and Mrs. Brubaker will find in the new relation they have formed, abundance of happiness and enhanced opportunities for usefulness. Our congratulations we shall extend in person.

DEATHS.

A letter from Mrs. Jennie Edwards Pugh conveys to us the sad intelligence of her father's death on January 9th. Mr. Joseph Edwards was a student here in '68. The Pottsville papers contain very elaborate and regretful articles concerning the loss of Mr. Edwards. He seems to have been a very prosperous and honorable business man, very active in matters pertaining to improvements, municipal and other; altogether a man of affairs, useful and conscientious. We extend our sympathy to his family in their sad bereavement, and join with his fellow-citizens in deploring the loss they have sustained in the death of Mr. Edwards. We convey the regrets of the Page Society at the loss of a valued member.

It will bring grief to many hearts to read that Nellie D. Graham is dead. A bright, genial, generous friend she was. All who knew her loved her. As a student in the early sixties she was famed among her classmates and acquaintances for her lively wit, vivacity of disposition, and her kindly heart. Imaginative in her nature, had she cultivated her poetic gifts, she might have achieved literary renown. The early numbers of the *Page Weekly* contain some poems which give evidence that she was rarely gifted. A delicate pathos and equally delicate humor permeates the lines. Richness of feeling and dramatic conception are quite manifest. She gave her life to teaching, continuing in her profession until a few months before her death. A note from a life-long friend of hers says: "She died suddenly at her home, near Taylorsville, Bucks county, Pa., on March 26th." How much she will be missed everywhere! Her Normal friends join with her great host of friends scattered throughout all places where may be found Millersville students and with members of the Page Society in expressing profound sorrow in the great loss that has come to them in Nellie Graham's death.

The announcement of the death of Joseph N. Beistle, '65, will carry sorrow to many of the readers of THE JOURNAL.

The account of his death states that it was very sudden, occurring at the railroad station at 14th St. and Sixth Avenue, New York,

when just about to start for Philadelphia and home, on Friday evening, April 15th. Mr. Beistle had a serious attack of typhoid fever a little more than a year ago, but it was confidently thought that he was regaining his wonted strength. His death was due to the breaking of a blood vessel in the back of the brain. Mr. Beistle had been in charge of Appleton's subscription books in Pennsylvania and Delaware for sixteen years—formerly having his home in Philadelphia—recently in Swarthmore. His wife was Rebecca Preston, daughter of the late Joseph Preston, of Lancaster. Mrs. Beistle attended school here during 1866 and '67. His children are Josephine, who was graduated at Swarthmore College in '92, and Charles, who will take his degree as Bachelor of Science at Princeton in June.

Mr. Beistle was a very active, energetic business man and made a distinguished mark in all his undertakings. His death is deeply regretted and mourned by his associates. To his family it is a serious bereavement. To his friends at the Normal and elsewhere it is the sad loss of a congenial and cherished companion. We join with all who mourn for him, in sympathy, and extend to his bereaved family our sincere condolences.

He was a very active member of the Page Society while here, and from time to time since leaving, gave testimony of his fidelity and loyalty to it. Its members constitute a large family of mourners for Mr. Beistle.

ITEMS.

A copy of the *Friend's Intelligencer* gives a report of the work accomplished by Miss Belle H. Mooney, '84, who conducts the work of the Training Class for teachers connected with the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. This position is one that requires rare executive ability.

Miss Mooney does this in addition to her regular work as principal of the Special Department of the High School at 15th and Race Sts., Philadelphia. Here she has five regular and several special assistants and with them is conducting a class of over eighty young men and women who are doing special work outside of the High School proper. There are not many who can measure up to such a capacity of work as this.

Mr. M. F. Stauffer, '95, seems to be fulfilling the predictions of success that we made for him when he left us. He is now principal of the Shorthand Department of the Sandusky City Business College. He speaks in very kind words of his training at Millersville, attributing his success greatly to that.

David B. Detweiler, Esq., '77, is General Agent for New York, of The Vermont Life Insurance Company. Mr. Detweiler has had this position for almost a score of years.

Dr. J. G. Herchelroth, '85, is an instructor at the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia. He says in a letter to Dr. Lyte that he sees the great value of a Normal course of training in the success of two Millersville students who are students in his institution. We have been trying to guess who they are. They must be doing good work. We want to know of whom to be justifiably proud.

W. W. Lamborn, '83, is proprietor of "The Aberdeen and Cottages" at Longport, N. J. A good place to spend some of the sultry days of July and August, I fancy. The circular says, "Ocean at one door and Great Egg Harbor Bay two minutes' walk from the other. Artesian water, and trolley to Atlantic City. Other attractions are included which we can not take time to mention.

Silas Wright, Esq., '65, fills the position of County Surveyor of Perry County, Pa. He writes to Dr. Lyte that he is having his daughter Bertha prepared to enter Millersville in the near future. We shall be very glad to extend a welcome to the daughter of our former student.

Eugene R. Floto, '88, who is Cashier of the Citizen's Bank at Meyersdale, Pa., gives us an interesting piece of information. He says Rev.

Mark A. Collins, who was a student in '86, has recently been called to the pastorate of a church in Chester, England. He has been officiating there since the middle of April, has a large congregation and is happy in the prospect of a useful career among our "English cousins." He says: "It is refreshing to hear the warm expressions of sympathy from the English people for America in her present struggle."

The *Everett Republican* contains quite an extended account of a visit paid by a correspondent to the schools of that town. The principal of the schools, Mr. C. H. Bucher, '89, may well feel gratified by the compliments paid him in the excellent work shown by his schools.

Mr. George Ross Markel, '95, is principal of the Boyertown High School. He sends out quite a pretty invitation to his commencement this year. The programme certainly indicates that he is successful in his position.

Mr. E. H. Gerhart, '92, writes from Newman Grove, Nebraska, and says that he has just been elected City Superintendent of the schools of Hooper, Nebraska. This is unmistakable testimony to the professional success of Mr. Gerhart. We send him our best wishes and hope for a continuance of prosperity.

A newspaper cutting informs us that Mr. Gerhart was one of two out of nine applicants who successfully passed the examination for admission to practice law in any court in Nebraska. The other young man had taken a three years' course in the Columbia law school. All honor to Mr. Gerhart; he shares it, however, with his Alma Mater, to which he attributes his success.

Mr. Paul Langner, '97, writes that he has just successfully passed the Pharmaceutical State Board Examination, for registered manager at the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia. This is interesting information and shows that Mr. Langner will, without doubt, fulfill the promises of success that he gave as a student.

Mr. Philip E. Radle, '89, is on the list of graduates of the Dickinson Law School this summer.

On Sunday, May 22d, Duane Wevill, '87, was ordained to the priesthood of the Reformed Episcopal Church. The ordination services were held in Christ Memorial Church, Philadelphia, under the direction of Bishop Nicholson. Mr. Wevill, after leaving here, taught in the public schools of Philadelphia for several years. Three years ago he entered the seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church and completed his course by the present graduation. Mr. Wevill has not yet decided whether he will take up parish work at once or resume his studies. The *JOURNAL* takes pleasure in recording this important event in Mr. Wevill's life, and expresses its assurance of a useful life for him in his consecrated calling.

NORMAL NOTE BOOK.

[Hand items for this column to Miss Gilbert.]

Term examinations begin June 13th.

Examinations by the State Board begin June 20th.

Class-Day Exercises will be held on June 29th.

Commencement day falls on the 30th of June this year. The exercises will be held in the forenoon.

The number of Scientific students to be examined by the State Board this year is 2; Regular Normal Course, 4; Seniors, 115; Juniors, 120; Sub-Juniors, 152.

Our mail facilities have been improved by the addition of another daily mail. We now have four daily deliveries, the first at 7 A. M., and the last at 7 P. M.

A good barometer has been added to the Model School equipment. Observations are regularly made and recorded several times daily.

The Trustees of the School have contracted

for the erection of a grand stand at the southeast corner of the base-ball grounds. The lower part will be fitted up with lockers for bicycles.

Mr. Bitner, Mr. Heydrick, Mr. Brubaker and Mr. Oberholser have new bicycles. Miss Cameron is the latest recruit to the cyclists among the ladies of the faculty. Harold Lansinger and Louis Lyte have handsome new wheels.

Harold and Oram Lansinger have been promoted to the Normal School.

Gilbert Lyte has a Scotch collie named Lassie.

Ralph Bitner has enjoyed a promotion. He has laid aside girlish kilts forever and is clothed now in knickerbockers and importance.

Since the intense interest in war news has prevailed, Dr. Lyte has been reading a brief resumé of the news every morning during opening exercises.

The members of the State Board of Final Examinations this year are:

Henry Houck, Deputy Superintendent Public Instruction; G. B. Hancher, Principal Kutztown Normal School; Geo. W. Weiss, Superintendent, Schuylkill county; C. L. Gramley, Superintendent, Centre county; George Howell, Superintendent, Scranton city; J. G. Becht, Superintendent, Lycoming county; Louis A. Beardley, Superintendent, Milton; Frank P. Bye, Superintendent, Chester county.

On the afternoon of Memorial Day the Normal Cadets took part in the parade in Lancaster.

Patriotic feeling ran high here on the declaration of war with Spain. Many students were ready to enlist when the President's call for troops came. The sober second thought of greater obligations to family and school duties under the circumstances, when the country had more unemployed men ready to serve her than she needed, came in to restrain them. Many of the young men put themselves into training in the two military companies at once organized, and if there is real need of their services the boys at Millersville in '98 will be found as ready and eager to serve their country as were those of '61.

Mr. James Crawford, of Tyrone, a member of the Sheridan Troop, was summoned home from school for military duty with his organization.

Messrs. Thomas Growden and Paul Byerly have enlisted in Company E of the Fifth Regiment. Their captain is A. H. Woodward, a Normal graduate of '78, and their colonel is also an old Millersville student. They are at Chickamauga at the present writing.

The young women of the School have presented to the Normal Cadets a handsome silk flag. In behalf of the committee Misses Lillian Gherst, Bessie Shaw and Abbie Heald, Dr. Lyte made the presentation speech, and the flag was accepted by Lieutenants Calvin Boyer and Emmett Gherst.

José Cartaya, a student from Matanzas, Cuba, left in April to join a force of Cubans in Tampa, Florida, to unite with the Cuban army.

We have a handsome new flag waving from our flag staff. The dimensions are twelve by eighteen.

The front of the gentlemen's building has been gay with flags and bunting since war has been declared. Cuban flags abound amid the others and there is an occasional banner, "Down with Spain!"

The ladies of the faculty have cooperated with the ladies of the village in making "housewives," or comfort-bags, for the soldiers. They are made of denim, and have numerous pockets filled with needles, thread, buttons, plasters, scissors, vaseline, etc. The school-girls have helped with the equipment, and among other items have made more than one hundred and fifty pin-cushions for stocking the housewives. The work done at the School has been under the general direction of Mrs. Lyte. The Red Cross Association of Philadelphia made an appeal to the women through the State for these housewives, of which they would like to have twelve

thousand. Mrs. Colin Cameron has been especially active in the work among the ladies of the village.

The Red Cross helpers of Millersville gave an entertainment in the Normal chapel recently. Rev. Mr. Roth, of the Reformed Church, explained numerous pictures of Cuba, our warships and our leading naval officers that were shown upon a screen. One of the most popular views was a picture of the Normal Cadets. Miss Landes recited, and the choir sang patriotic songs. Hon. John H. Landis presided. A collection of over forty dollars was taken up.

Mrs. H. F. Bitner was ill with pneumonia early in April, but soon rallied.

Miss Lyle spent the spring vacation at Atlantic City.

On Mr. Brubaker's return from his wedding trip the boys treated him to a noisy, good-natured serenade.

We were all benefited by the meeting of the Associated Health Authorities held here at the School, but were disappointed that Governor Hastings, who is President *ex-officio*, was not present.

Dr. Lewis H. Taylor and Dr. Guthrie, of Wilkes-Barre, came out a-wheel to visit their alma mater during the recent meeting of the State Medical Association in Lancaster.

Captain Sigsbee, of the ill-fated "Maine," and Gen. Fitzhugh Lee were elected honorary members of the Normal Literary Society, and responded accepting the honor in courteous letters, which have been framed and hung up in the Society library.

A robin's nest on the ledge of a window in Science Hall has afforded great pleasure to the kindergarten children, who had a plain view of it from another window across the corner of the building. Surely never was bird-housekeeping and the rearing of little birds watched with more eagerness. Little heads bobbed excitedly when "papa robin" dropped a fat worm down baby robin's throat, and gurgles of delight and squeals of rapturous applause greeted the performance. We owe many thanks to those considerate robins, and hope they and their posterity may nest among us for years to come.

The Normal School Camera Club is in a flourishing state, having an active membership of forty-one. Dr. H. F. Bitner is President, Miss Anna Fröhlich is Secretary, and Mr. Wm. B. Brubaker, Treasurer. The Executive Committee consists of these officers and Misses Mary U. Cameron and Sarah H. Gilbert. The Club owns considerable valuable property and subscribes for a photographer's journal. On Saturday, May 21st, a picnic down the Susquehanna was held, and a number of fine views of the river and river-hills secured.

Misses Alice Bricker and Mae Bickham are winning honors at Cornell University, the latest being membership in Phi Beta Kappa, conferred on them by the faculty. Miss Bricker is one of twelve in the present Senior class who have this honor. She is also class essayist, and has been one of the editors of the *Cornell Magazine* during her Senior year. Miss Bickham has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa while a Junior, a rare occurrence. It had probably never been bestowed before on a student of only two years' residence. Miss Bickham was the only young woman on the staff of *The Cornellian* this year.

Col. J. A. M. Passmore, of Philadelphia, gave a lecture in the Normal chapel on May 3d, on the Bermudas. He has spent several months in the Bermudas at different times and gave a very interesting account of them.

Col. French delivered an illustrated lecture on India in the Normal chapel on the afternoon of April 13th.

Members of the choir substituted sweet carols for the rasping matutinal notes of the gong at the dawn of Easter day.

Arbor day was celebrated here in April in appropriate manner, the Senior class taking charge of the exercises. At the conclusion of

the literary programme, which included the reading of the Governor's proclamation by Miss Bessie Confer, a recitation by Miss Edith Hertlein, and a speech by Mr. Edward J. Henninger, some trees were planted on the campus east of the gymnasium. They are North Carolina poplars and bear the names James Pyle Wickersham, Edward Brooks, B. Franklin Shaub, Nathan C. Schaefer, and Ninety-Eight.

The children of the Model School gave a musical entertainment in the Normal chapel on the afternoon of May 12th. One of the chief features was the presentation of Hayden's Toy Symphony.

We have the best band this summer that we have ever had and the members are very generous in furnishing us with music. The leader is Roger Harley; the President, Morris K. Turner; the Secretary, Frank Keboch, and the Treasurer, Joseph Strohm. The members of the band and the instrument they play are as follows:

Frank Keboch, 1st. Bb Cornet; Arthur Hull, 2d. Bb Cornet; Spencer Stup, Eb Clarinet; Ralph Steinruck, 1st. Bb Clarinet; Amos Cassel, Bb Baritone; Joseph Strohm, Bb Bass; Clyde Peightel, Eb Bass; Palmer Diehl, Bb Tenor; David Lingle, Eb Alto; Wm. J. McClain, Bass Drum; Morris K. Turner, Snare Drum; Arthur Deibler, Cymbals.

We read with pleasure in the *Lancaster Inquirer* that L. S. Shimmell, of Harrisburg, editor of the *School Gazette*, is likely to be elected professor of history at the West Chester Normal School, in place of Joseph S. Walton, who has been made principal of Friends' Central School, at 15th and Race Sts., Philadelphia. Mr. Shimmell graduated here in 1875 and again in the Scientific course in 1877.

Memorial Day was observed as a holiday. The monument was beautifully decorated with flags and garlands. The mound was almost covered with flowers showered on it by the Model School children during the exercises. The Normal Cadets marched to the monument in impressive style from the athletic field, where they had been drilling in the presence of many spectators, and over a hundred Model pupils led by Gilbert Lyte and Ross Hull fell in behind them. The band, the choir, the Model pupils and the audience furnished music. Rev. Mr. Decker, of the Methodist Church, delivered a stirring address and Miss Landes recited "Old Glory" with much spirit.

Among the many graduates and former students at Page anniversary we noticed Misses Emily Longenecker, Elva Dunkle, Ada Rockey, Aimee Coates, Nora Miller, Mary F. Cooper, Anna Mumma, Mabel Miller, Laura Davis, Annie Sherrick, Jennie Grosh, Clara Swarr, Cora McAlister, Maude Bitner, Katharine Griel, Meroie Fridy, Margaret Young, Clara Brown and Florence Hershey, and Messrs. W. D. Weaver, John H. Landis, D. V. Newcomer, M. B. Hutchinson, Elmer B. Barnett, Harry Bailey, Oliver B. Kern, Ira J. Light, Harry Bassler, Edgar Shertz, Jacob H. Kreider, H. S. Hershey, Robert Erb, Ira Light and J. Willis Esbenschade.

As a consequence of a heavy rain and flooding of the meadow a few weeks ago, some large cat-fish were washed over into the lake. Are they cannibals? Will they eat our beautiful gold-fish?

Dr. Robert M. Buehrle, Superintendent of Schools of Lancaster, gave the Seniors a series of interesting educational talks weekly the first half of the term.

The enthusiasm for base-ball has decreased here as elsewhere this summer, owing perhaps to greater interest in the war with Spain. A few match-games have been played with Lancaster teams by our Normal club, and the honors have been about evenly divided.

Mrs. Bitner visited Mrs. Benjamin Breneman, formerly Miss H. May Emory, the accomplished head of our music department, at her pleasant home in New York City, for a week in the early part of May.

THE SOCIETIES.

The Page Literary Society.

ANNA LYLE.

The space given in the columns of the May number of the JOURNAL to the Page Society we usually devote to an account of its anniversary. In this issue we follow the custom and present to our readers extracts taken from the Lancaster City dailies of Saturday, May 29th.

The Page's Gala Night.

The Millersville Normal School put on its holiday dress yesterday in honor of the forty-third anniversary of the Page Literary Society. The beautiful grounds about the School are in their freshest summer beauty, and the visitors found much pleasure in wandering around the pleasant walks to see the choice shrubbery, the fine buildings, the lake and the goldfish. The visitors were numerous and they, with the students, in their fresh summer dresses, made the scene a very animated one. The camera of the amateur was to be seen here and there, and many an interesting snap was taken.

At 7:30, promptly, the opening march was played and the officers marched upon the platform. The decorations were very effective, consisting of palms and other decorative plants, with a profusion of roses and pretty lamps. The banner of the Society waived high with its motto, "Rich in Truth."

The President of the evening was Mr. Theodore C. Search, of Philadelphia. Mr. Search is at the head of the Textile School of Art, of Philadelphia, and President of the Manufacturers' Association of the United States. Miss Grace A. Brosius, of Lancaster, was the Secretary; Rev. Charles Wood, D. D., of Philadelphia, was Honorary Orator, and Rev. James M. Mullan, of the class of '91, now preaching at Newport Pa., was the Page Orator. Miss Grace V. Correll, daughter of Rev. I. H. Correll, an old graduate of the School, was the reciter.

The music was furnished by Mr. Geo. Allen, Jr., Violoncellist; Mr. David Nowinski, Violinist; and Mrs. Geo. Allen, Pianist, all of Philadelphia. The vocalists for the evening were Miss Nellie Cameron and Miss Marie Gareissen, of the music department of the School.

The President, in opening the programme, referred most happily to his days in the Normal and to the inspiration his life owed to the Page Literary Society. He welcomed the audience to a rich feast, over which he presided with dignity.

A man of imposing presence and happy choice of words, he made an ideal presiding officer.

The honorary address was delivered by Rev. Charles Wood, D. D., Philadelphia, who discussed "Success—False and True." There is no word that has a greater undertow of meaning than the word success. By the world at large achievement is success. If a man does anything well, even if he only knocks a ball over the fence or kicks a foot ball over the goal line, he is considered a success.

True success is not measured by outward achievement. He who on his way to success destroys his chance for happiness is a failure. He who gives virtue, manliness, truth in exchange for success fails utterly. The world is full of failures which men may call successes.

No matter how successful a man may be whose aim and purpose in life are the getting of riches, honor, fame or power his life is certain to be a failure, unless he weaves into it the beautiful, the true and the good. The achievement of that which is not worth achieving is a failure. True success lies within the reach of all. It consists of fidelity to truth, to God and to man. He who seeks to enrich his soul by the acquisition of virtue is successful, no matter what the world says of his life. The Great Teacher's saying, "The last shall be first and the first shall be last," means that the so-called successful in this world will fail before the just

Judge who decides the destinies of Eternity, and that many whose lives seem failures here will receive the gift of eternal life. No one can fail who seeks to be a man after the similitude of the perfect Master.

It was a noble lesson and was delivered in a most impressive style.

The Page oration, by Rev. James M. Mullan, was entitled "The Hermit of Walden Pond." It was a thoughtful discussion of the Concord philosopher Thoreau. The orator said he had chosen this title because it stood for a characteristic act in Thoreau's life. In 1845 he left his home, went into the woods, built a hut with his own hands, and lived the life of a hermit for two years. It was no freak of an unbalanced mind, but the fulfillment of a deliberate purpose. He sought solitude that he might learn the meaning of life, that he might think in quiet over the problem of existence, and meet men apart from conventionalities. He lived alone with nature, and he saw that life was not mean, but sublime. He saw not time, but eternity; not nature, but God. The lesson of Thoreau's life is the importance of individuality. It is a lesson needed to-day. We are all learning the same lessons, obeying the same rules, being fashioned after the same patterns. He taught that every man should choose and pursue his own way in life, without referenc to his neighbors. He taught, too, that culture is within the reach of all; that one may be a philosopher even though employed as a farm laborer. These were the lessons of Thoreau's life.

Mr. Mullan is an earnest, interesting speaker, and is a successful young preacher, doing good work in his noble calling.

Miss Correll, the reciter of the evening, is a very graceful and intelligent interpreter. With no effort she succeeds in producing her effects, and her audience hung eagerly upon her words, recalling her again and again. "The Poet's Vision," Eugene Field; and "Sunshine Johnson," Von Boyle, were the titles on the programme. In addition she recited, "Seeing Things at Night," "Little Boy Blue," and an extract from Uncle Remus, by Harris.

The musical part of the programme was exceptionally fine. Mr. George Allen, Jr., showed himself as perfect master of the 'cello by the manner in which he brought out the tones of his instrument, rich, strong and sweet. He charmed especially the musical part of the audience. His rendition of Lindner's Serenade de Schubert was enthusiastically received. Mrs. Allen is a beautiful accompanist.

The instrumental trio—piano, Mrs. Allen; violin, Mr. Nowinski; and 'cello, Mr. Allen—was most brilliantly executed and generously applauded and encored.

Mr. Nowinski, the violinist, plays his bow with wonderful effect. His solo, "Cavatina," by Raff, was most eagerly encored. Indeed, these players all showed themselves to be artists, and the audience showed their appreciation by their vigorous applause.

Miss Nellie Cameron, who has charge of the department of music in the School, sang very beautifully a solo entitled "Aufenthalt," by Schubert. This was heartily applauded, after which she sang the Vainka's song, by Stulzman.

The last selection on the programme was a vocal duet by Miss Cameron and Miss Gareissen, "The Venetian Regatta," by Rossini. The blending of the voices in this beautiful song produced a very pleasing effect.

An addition to the musical programme was announced in the introduction of Senor Phillippo Saroni y Gato, of Santiago de Cuba, who played Schumann's "Symphone Etude." He was received with applause by the sympathetic audience, but his wonderful playing caused a perfect storm of it. He seems a perfect master of the piano and plays with marvelous dash and spirit. In response to encores he played "The Cuban Battle Hymn" and Liszt's "Second Hungarian Rhapsody." Thus closed one of the best attended, the most orderly and most enjoyable anniversaries ever held by the Page Literary Society, of the Millersville State Normal School.

The Normal Literary Society.

H. JUSTIN RODDY.

Some of the pleasantest associations of school life grow up around the student's center for literary culture. Here where they have put forth their best efforts in the oration, the debate, and the essay each student is fully aware of his or her growth in literary expression and power. Not only do students gain power in the literary exercises of the Society, but they also gain skill in leadership among men. We might say that they store up latent energy to be drawn upon when the occasion presents itself for saying the right word at the right moment.

The associations clinging to the Literary Society are made pleasanter when we remember that every such society is the best means for social culture. Brought strongly into touch with what others have said and thought on a great variety of subjects, every student unconsciously acquires knowledge of social standards and models his conduct in accordance with them.

The preparation of an oration presents a great opportunity for the study of the ideals of great men and of great peoples, of great movements and of great crises in history. Hence we commend the careful preparation shown in many of the orations delivered. We can mention only a few taken at random. These are "The Heroine of her Age," by Daniel Z. Erb; "Was not Born to Die," by George Herr; "Political Degeneracy," by Mr. Loftus; "Popular Impulses," by Mr. Light; and "Equal to the greatest," by Mr. Baer.

Some of the essays read were: "Flowers," by Miss Buckman; "Superstitions," by Miss McClure; "Shaping the Future," by Miss Hershey; and "Know Thyself," by Miss Kilpatrick.

The debate arouses as much enthusiasm as ever. Some of the questions debated were: "Resolved, That more happiness is derived from Nature than from Society;" "That Canada should be annexed to the United States;" "That the United States should recognize the independence of Cuba even at the cost of war." Among the many names of those participating in the debates we may mention Misses Clark, Hart, Weaver, Hunter, Neide and Parry, and Messrs. Girvin, Boyer, Landis, Hamilton, Hull, Kunkle, McGurl and Ober.

Contributing a great deal to the entertainment of the Society were such recitations as Flying Jim's Last Leap, by Mr. Bortree; The First Settler's Story, by Miss Seidel; and The King's Tragedy, by Miss Hertlein.

The names of many prominent men were proposed for honorary membership this term. Among these we can mention only two, Captain Sigsbee and General Fitzhugh Lee. Their letters of acceptance and autographs may be seen in the Normal Library.

Many books have been added to the library this term both by purchase and by presentation. One of the presents by Miss Jordy was the last six volumes of the Temple Shakespeare, this completing this handsome edition of the great dramatist.

The Society has three special musical organizations, the Orchestra, the Clover Club and the Lyrian Male Quartet.

The Clover Club is a mandolin and guitar club, and consists of Misses Confer, Burkholder and Frick and Messrs. Bitner, Girvin, Burkholder, Hershey, Carney and Myers.

The male quartet consists of Messrs. Miller, Meredith, Hartzell and Meyer.

The present officers are:
President—Mr. Henry K. Ober.
Secretary—Miss Edythe I. Hertlein.
Critic—Miss Viola Weaver.
Editor—Mr. Chas. C. Baer.

Y. W. C. T. U.

AMANDA LANDES, PRESIDENT.

The Christian organizations of the School, the Y. W. C. A., the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. T. U., opened the campaign for the session by giving a joint reception in the chapel on the Wednesday evening of the first week of school.

The reception was a great success in every respect, and was a happy inauguration of the work of the societies represented. The interest has been sustained in the Temperance Union by usually interesting meetings. The attendance has been overflowing, and we hope we have made some sentiment for our cause. One of our meetings was a war meeting, at which what might be described as a temperance patriotic program was rendered. We have had a health meeting at which Dr. Adelaide Underwood, of Lancaster, was the speaker. We want very much, if we can, to hear her again. We have had several miscellaneous programs, the last one having been a musical and literary program, at which a chorus from the Model School sang "Saloons Must Go" and "Temperance Pilgrim's Marching Song." Other speakers have been Mr. Overholser and Miss Landes; our reciters, Miss Davis, Miss Jordy, Miss Shrom, Mr. Miller and Mr. Stewart; our singers, Mrs. Bitner, Miss Shelley, Miss Burg, Miss Kilpatrick, Miss Foster, Miss Daum, Mr. Turner, Mr. Harbold, Mr. Wentz and Miss Gariessen.

Our Union has contributed to the Red Cross Society the money to be used in providing comforts for our soldiers; our flower mission work has been very faithfully carried on, and the Union has made use of several thousand pages of literature.

We have done a little; we wish it were more. We pray the Master to bless the work done in His name.

Y. W. C. A.

ANNA D. BEITZEL, PRESIDENT.

Many additions have been made to the Bible classes this summer. The study of the "Life of Christ," which we have almost completed, has proved very interesting and of lasting benefit to many.

Our Northfield delegates have helped us wonderfully in our work and we think we shall be able to send at least three girls to the Conference this summer.

Y. M. C. A.

H. K. MILLER, PRESIDENT.

The first meeting of the spring term was addressed by our College Secretary, Mr. C. Harvey. The manner in which the young men who were with us for the first time, and who were given the opportunity of testifying for their Master, responded was very encouraging. The Lord has signally blessed our work. Quite a number of young men signified their intention of taking Christ into their lives, and several of these have united with the church of their choice.

On the whole the attitude of the student body toward the work is very encouraging.

We are looking forward to the sending of a number of students to Northfield. Feeling the need of more literature along lines of work we are planning to do in the future, we desire to state that any aid will be highly appreciated.

Officers for the coming year are: President, H. K. Miller; Vice-President, F. D. Keboch; Corresponding Secretary, Albert Ebersole; Recording Secretary, not filled; Treasurer, C. Weaver.

We have decided upon this policy as a basis for the work during the coming year:

1. To increase interest in Missions by procuring Missionary Literature to be placed in Library.
2. To secure Association Literature for same place.
3. To appeal to graduates, alumni and friends for a subscription toward the work with a special interest in the Y. M. C. A. Library.
4. To awaken and maintain interest in Bible Mission Study Classes.
5. To ask for the hearty coöperation of members and friends, both in sympathy and prayer for the work.
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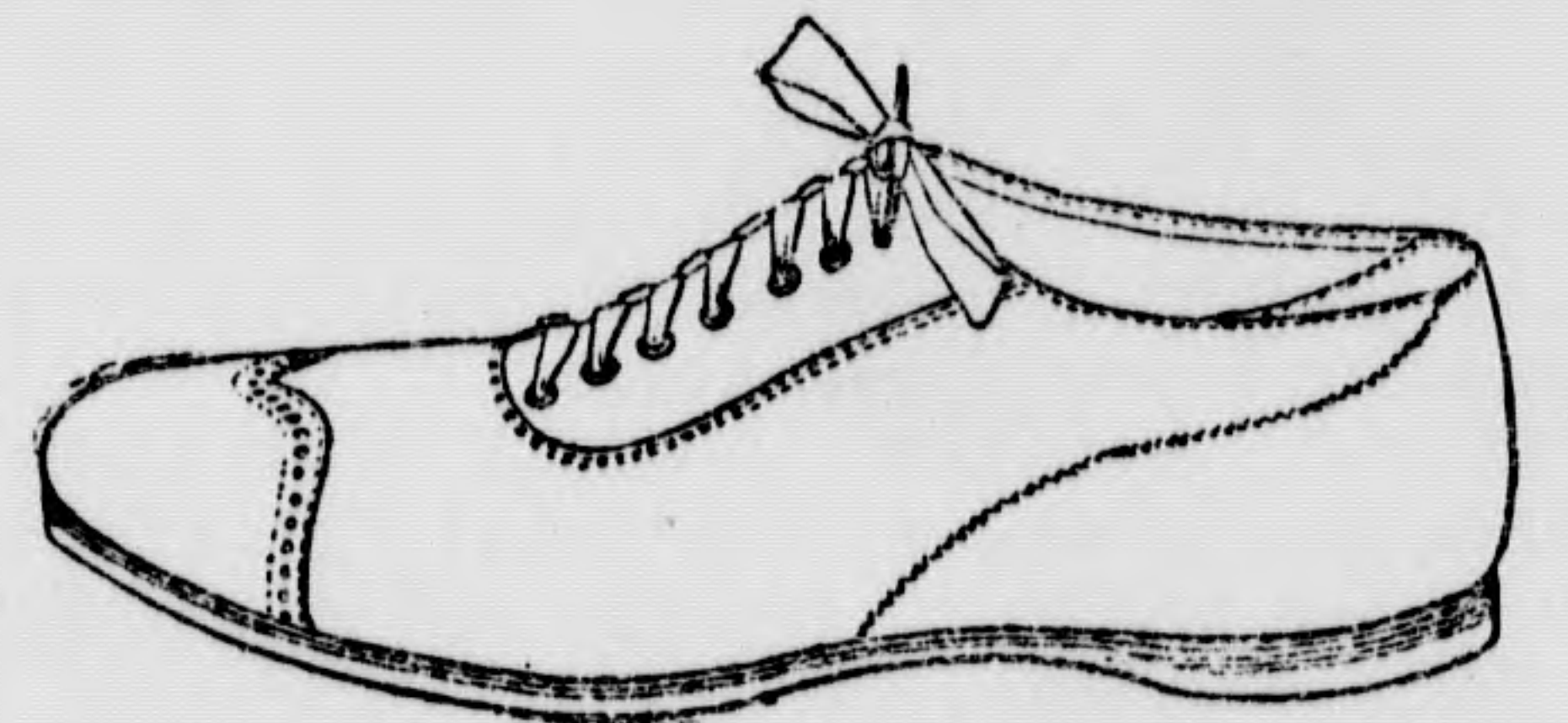
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