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Will you send us a good student for the fall and winter session?

The Past School Year.

The school year that has just closed has been unusually successful. The total enrollment of the School was 689 for the fall and winter session and 968 for the summer session, a total of 1657 for both sessions. Notwithstanding these large numbers, the School was almost self-governing. The progress made by the students was satisfactory. There were 116 students in the Senior class in the Elementary Course, four in the Regular Normal Course, and two in the Scientific, all of whom completed the examination by the State Board of Examiners. It may be added that all students recommended by the Faculty were "passed" by the State Board. A careful sifting of classes, however, was made by the Faculty before the lists for the "final" examination were made up. Among the greater improvements for the year were the completion of the interior of Science Hall and the furnishing of a large room in this building for the teaching of drawing. Altogether the year has been a successful one, and although, in common with other schools, we have been embarrassed by the unexpected reduction of the State appropriation by the Governor, we feel that the State has been greatly benefited by the work done here.

Have you seen our new illustrated catalogue? It is full of information and is handsome. A postal card to the Principal will secure you one.

Are any of your friends thinking of attending a Normal School? If so, kindly send us their names and addresses.

Resolution by Board of Trustees.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Trustees at their monthly meeting held Saturday, July 1st:

Resolved, That the Trustees of this School are deeply impressed with the evidences of loyalty of the graduates to their Alma Mater as shown in the unwavering support given to the School at all times. Especially at this Commencement season is their devotion to this institution shown by the presence of an unusually large number of Alumni and other students; by the steps taken by the Alumni Association for the establishment of an Alumni Loan Fund; by the handsome gift made by the class of 1894 of a case for the preservation of botanical specimens; and by the highly praiseworthy action of the class that has just graduated in subscribing the sum of $1,080 for the establishment of a free scholarship for tuition for a student of this School. The Trustees hereby pledge themselves to do all in their power to merit the confidence thus manifested by the Alumni and old students, and to maintain the standing which this School has long held in the educational system of the State.

The great superiority of the instruction given in our model school over that of other public schools is proved by the fact that the pupils of all grades above the third or fourth are at least a year in advance of other pupils of the same age that have been educated elsewhere. The reasons for this superiority are: (1) the programme is more carefully arranged to suit the needs of children; (2) the model school is more carefully graded than other schools; (3) the supervision is much closer and consequently the teaching by the graduates is better and mistakes are more quickly and more easily corrected; (4) the apparatus, appliances, supplies, etc., are more readily obtained and more freely used; (5) the classes are smaller and consequently individual pupils are more easily reached; (6) more careful preparation is made by the teacher for each lesson than is usually done. Other reasons suggest themselves that will account for the superiority of the model school. Probably the strongest reason is the third one. In our model school the best teachers for the purpose are secured and the student-teachers are aided in every way to produce the best results.

What is true of Millersville is true as a rule elsewhere. In most Normal Schools the model school is crowded with pupils whose parents are eager to obtain the best elementary education under the best possible conditions for their children.

Dr. E. Oram Lyte was unanimously elected President of the National Educational Association at the meeting of the Association held at Washington July 7th to 12th.

The National Teachers' Association was organized in Philadelphia in 1857. In 1866 Dr. J. P. Wickersham was elected President of the Association. In 1871 a reorganization was effected and the name of the body was changed to the National Educational Association. Dr. Lyte is the first Pennsylvanian who has received the distinguished honor of being elected to the Presidency since the reorganization in 1871. The meeting at Washington was one of the largest in the history of the National Educational Association, the enrolment of members being about 10,000. The Washington *Post* estimated the attendance of teachers at about 23,000.

The National Educational Association is the largest and most influential educational body in the world, and its influence in moulding the educational thought of the Nation has always been strong. The next meeting of the Association will probably be held in the extreme West.

A little effort on the part of our Alumni will keep our School full and enable us to do our best work. Will you make the effort?

Try to send a student here to take the place made vacant when you left us.

The Alumni Loan Fund, referred to in another column of this issue of THE JOURNAL, will be the means of assisting many a student who is unable for want of funds to continue his studies here. Before the resolution was formally adopted by the Alumni Association the following gentlemen had offered to subscribe $50 each toward this fund: C. H. Harding, '66; E. O. Lyte, '68; W. F. Beyer, '74; W. D. Weaver, '68; J. W. Lansinger, '79, and John H. Landis (for Mrs. Landis, '74). A committee was appointed by the Association to bring this matter to the attention of the Alumni and they will be invited to contribute toward this worthy object. For the present the Trustees have agreed to add a dollar to this fund for every dollar subscribed by the Alumni.

Millersville is an ideal place for a Normal School. No saloons, only two hotels, six churches, remarkably free from the temptations found in all large towns, an orderly, well-to-do population, in the midst of the richest township in the richest county in the United States, the location seems almost perfect.

The action of the class of '98 in subscribing $1,080 for the establishment of a free scholarship cannot be praised too highly. It is expected that this sum will be paid within two years, when the scholarship will be awarded. The interest of this amount will virtually pay the tuition of a student at the "Old Normal." The amount may be largely increased by the class in the future. All honor to the class of '98.

The coming year promises well. Our School will be large. The students who will return to school to continue their work made good progress in their studies last session. It will be our aim in the future, as it has been in the past, to keep this School where it has long been in the educational procession.

The universal comment made about the campus during Commencement week was that it is one of the handsomest and most comfortable parks to be found anywhere.

If you induce one person to attend school at Millersville you benefit both the School and the person whom you send here.

Any information desired about the School that is not found in the catalogue will be cheerfully furnished by the Principal.

Comfortable rooms in both buildings may be reserved for the fall and winter session, which begins August 29th.

Drop a line to the Principal if you desire to engage a pleasant room for the coming session.

Do you expect to go away to school in the fall? Send for a catalogue.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK.

The Baccalaureate.

From the Lancaster *Intelligencer*, June 27.

The exercises of commencement week of the First State Normal School began yesterday with the preaching of the baccalaureate sermon to the Senior class by Rev. George W. Hull, Ph.D., assisted by Rev. Mr. Decker, pastor of the M. E. Church, of the village. The School choir sang a beautiful opening anthem, entitled "Hear My Prayer," Miss Lois Shelly being soloist Dr. Hull's sermon was full of caution, advice and encouragement and was very well adapted to its purposes to benefit those about to leave teachers and school and cope with the stern realities of the world by themselves. He chose for his text II. Kings, chapter 8, verse 13: "Is thy servant a dog that he should do this great thing?" also the 5th verse of the 8th Psalm: "For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels."

Man, he said, represents in his body and his mind all the life of the world. He is allied to animals and inferior creation not only by his bodily structure and the physical functions of organs, but man has also many of the instincts, the passions, the appetites and the desires in common with animals. There are but few persons that have any adequate idea of the innate powers and passions that may lie dormant in the soul, ready to assert themselves when favorable occasions are present, when temptation awakes and arouses them into activity.

And now in conclusion let me say as boys and girls at home you have sailed upon the calm waters of a quiet river, in a bark car fully furnished by a mother's love, and safely guided by a father's skill. Now you are sailing through the widening channel, the rocky passes, the rapid y moving current, at the river's mouth, out into the great wide sea of active life. And here for the first time you are to take command of the vessel. On your skill and caution will depend the safety of the passage.

Put passion for your pilot, place folly at the helm, and your bark will soon be a pitiful wreck on the rocks that bound the great, wide sea of life. But watch, pray, consecrate yourself to some high purpose in the life that now is and that which is to come, and without doubt you will escape the rocks, the current, the eddy and the whirlpool and with white sail and untarnished soul you will sail into the haven of rest, and sit down as privileged sons and daughters in the great banqueting hall of the Eternal.

The Oratorical Contests.

The Junior and Senior Oratorical Contests attracted a large audience in the chapel on Tuesday evening, June 28th.

The exercises opened with a piano duet, march from "Tannhauser," Wagner, by Misses Anna Landis and Mabel Decker. The Junior contest was held first and the first speaker was George Q. Weaver, whose subject was "The Electric Age." Mr. Amos Kauffman followed, his topic being "The Voice of the Present."

Miss Anna R. Foster sang "Awake, Dear Maid," with fine effect.

The concluding orations were delivered by John W. Sprecher, whose subject was "Influence of Environment," and Miss Sarah Van S. Daum, who spoke on "In Ourselves Our Fortune Lies."

The Judges were W. F. Beyer, Esq., W. D. Weaver, Esq., and Mr. F. R. Diffenderffer. They had a difficult task to discharge, as the contestants were well matched and all are deserving of unstinted praise for their excellent efforts. Mr. Beyer announced that the Judges decided to award the prize to Miss Daum. This prize was given by the class of '95 and was the Handy-Stratford Shakespeare edition in eleven volumes.

The Senior contest would have done credit to any college or university, all of these orations being of an exceptionally high order.

After a piano duo, "Tarantelle," Rapp, by Misses Reba Bones and Anna Overholser, Mr. Stanley W. Bortree spoke on "Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin," and Mr. John D. Brooks on "Anglo-Saxon Union."

Mr. Frank Keboch rendered the "Cooper's Song," and the concluding orations were by Amos E. Kraybill, on "Eternal Structures," and Susan P. Rohrer, on "Our Influence."

The prize given by the Principal, which was the Temple Shakespeare set, a handsome edition of 42 volumes, was awarded to Mr. Kraybill, Mr. Weaver making the address.

Class-Day Exercises.

The class-day exercises were held in the Normal chapel this morning, commencing at nine o'clock. The large hall was attractively decorated in white, gold and purple, the class colors, while the National colors were also in evidence. The class motto, "Esse Quam Videri," was conspicuously displayed. The chapel was crowded, aisle full to the door, by an audience that manifested an eager interest in the proceedings and who were well entertained.

The class filed into the chapel as Miss Bessie Confer played a march. The members took their seats upon the platform amid hearty applause.

The President, Harry C. Greider, welcomed the audience and in a few appropriate remarks he made reference to the pleasant associations between the class and the School that are to be severed.

A well-rendered piano sextette was then given by Misses Helen A. Keiser, Mary A. Grove, Elizabeth W. Hershey, Viola G. Weaver, Naomi Bausman and Mabel M. McKean.

The class oration was delivered by Thomas W. Loftus, who lauded, in eloquent language, the benefits of knowledge and the advantage of liberal culture.

A baritone solo was sung by Mr. Harry C. Saylor, whose splendid voice is highly prized by the Normal. Miss Edythe I. Hertlein then read the class poem, which sparkled with witticisms and personal hits. It was a decidedly clever production and was loudly applauded. Misses May Kilpatrick and Virgilia Alleman rendered a beautiful vocal duet.

"If Pa Were Running Things," a keen satire, the tenor of which is readily gleaned from the title, was recited by Miss Helen G. Cummings and Miss Grace C. Hershey, followed with a vocal solo.

A very pretty feature of the exercises was the presentation of the ivy, which was next on the program. The presentation was made by Dr. E. O. Lyte, who expressed the wish that the class would plant it. In an appropriate address the ivy was received by Mr. Landis Tanger.

Miss Reba A. Hunter was the statistician of the class, and the manner in which she weighed and measured her classmates aroused the risibilities of the audience.

Miss Laura A. Munson then executed a piano solo in a style that displayed rare skill, and "The Minuet" was recited by Miss Nettie E. Witmer. This was one of the best features of the programme and the young lady was enthusiastically applauded.

Miss Lois E. Shelley's sweet soprano voice was next heard in a solo, which was particularly well sung.

The Mantle Oration was delivered by Mr. Calvin S. Boyer, who charged the succeeding class to guard its purity and dignity and in turn to transmit it unsoiled to future classes. The response was ably made by Mr. Amos Kauffman.

A vocal octette was given by Misses Sadie Weidler, Anna M Krout, Maud Dimm, Anna K. Miller and Messrs. W. Dwight Wentz, Arthur R. Deibler, Daniel Z. Erb, C. Leon Brumbaugh.

The presentation orations, which invariably create a great deal of laughter, were delivered by M. Elizabeth Hart, Geo. L. Herr, Rosa C. Krause and Joseph S Lawrence.

The exercises concluded with the class song, which was written by Miss Ethel Linton and sung to the tune of the "Star Spangled Banner."

Alumni Meetings.

The Alumni register reports an attendance of 351 members, but as a number failed to register the report is imperfect.

PRIVATE MEETING—WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

I. K. Witmer, '78, was President and Sarah H. Gilbert, '77, was Secretary. W. D. Weaver, '68, filled President Witmer's position, owing to necessary absence of the latter in the afternoon.

A letter of condolence was sent to A. O. Newpher, '59, whose wife was lying dead in the village. But once before, when he was seriously ill, had Mr. Newpher failed to attend the Alumni meetings.

The Committee on the Alumni Loan Fund, Chairman W. D. Weaver, reported as follows:

WHEREAS, a number of worthy students of this institution are each year compelled to discontinue their studies for lack of funds, and

WHEREAS, the experience of many institutions of learning in the efforts to assist such students has led to the establishment of a fund that is lent to students, in sums not exceeding a limited amount, to aid them to continue their education, therefore,

Resolved, That the alumni of the First Penn-

sylvania State Normal school create a fund which shall be deposited with the Treasurer of the School, and which shall be lent to students, without interest, to aid them to continue their education in this School, said fund to be called the Alumni Loan Fund.

2. *Resolved*, That the disposition of the fund be left with the authorities of the School, with the restriction that no part shall be given away and that it shall be lent only to needy worthy students for a limited time, and that good security be taken for all sums thus lent.

3. *Resolved*, That the alumni and students of the School be and are hereby urged to contribute to this fund, said contributions to be sent to the Principal or Treasurer of the School.

After some slight discussion as to collection of contributions to this fund, on motion the following committee on collection was appointed by the chair: Ellen S. Preston Griest, '71; M. J. Brecht, '75; Jas. M. Snyder, '78; Lydia L. Worth, '89; Winfield Hartzell, '96.

The report of committee was then unanimously adopted. Mr. Lyte stated that six members of the alumni had already subscribed $300 in sums of $50 each. At this meeting further contributions were subscribed.

The committee on deceased members offered the following report, which was adopted:

Miss Louise O. Nields, of the Class of 1893, died Dec. 1, 1897, at her home in Shamokin, Pa.

Mr. Wm. T. Rounsley, of the Class of 1895, died at Millerstown, Pa.

Miss Adelaide Pallis, of the Class of 1890, died Dec. 30, 1897, at Mahanoy City, Pa.

Mr. Joseph N. Beistle, of the Class of 1865, died Apr. 15, 1898, in New York City.

Mr. William Lockhart, of the Class of 1881, died at Royersford, Pa.

Therefore, *Resolved*, That in the death of each and all of these several members of our Alumni Association, and especially because of the sad circumstances connected with the death of one of the deceased, Mr. Rounsley, we feel deeply the sorrow in our bereavement.

Resolved, That in their deaths the Association has lost valued and worthy members, who were faithfully and capably discharging their several duties in life.

Resolved, That while we sincerely regret their loss we recognize the chastening of a kind hand and feel that our loss is their gain.

H. JUSTIN RODDY, '81.
MARY L. KAUFFMAN, '95.
W. S. SCHLAUCH, '94.

Officers elected for next year were: President, John G. Krichbaum, '69; Vice-President, Mrs. Kate Johnson Taylor, '79; Secretary, Miss Sarah H. Gilbert, '77; Treasurer, Dr. A. R. Byerly, '58.

The following committees were appointed: Executive Committee, Dr. George W. Hull, '74, Chairman; A. O. Newpher, Esq., '59; A. F. Hostetter, Esq., '70; Anna E. Hartman, '58; Lavinia J. Coates, '79. Committee on Accommodations: H. Justin Roddy, '81, Chairman; Anna Lyle, '65; Amanda Landes, '85; Sarah H. Gilbert, '77; George W. Hull, '74.

It was resolved by motion that the programme for next meeting be left to the discretion of the Executive Committee. The feeling of the Association seemed to be to do away with the public evening meeting and to arrange a new mode of procedure more conducive to sociability and the renewing of old ties.

In the discussion of topics relating to the general welfare of the School and the Association many members participated with words of appreciation for the work done in the past and encouragement for the future. Besides members of '58, '68, '78 and '88, who were well represented in speeches of wit and wisdom, were Miss Alice H. Bricker, '89, graduated this year with honor from Cornell University; Milton J. Brecht, Superintendent of Schools of Lancaster County; Marianna Gibbons, '70, whose witty speech was productive of much laughter; and R. J. DeLong, chief clerk in the tourists' department of the P. R. R. Co. at Philadelphia.

The history of the class of '58 for the last decade was read before the Association by the historian, Dr. A. R. Byerly.

The history of the class of '68 was read by Rev. I. M. Gable, in the absence of historian, Jeremiah Zeamer, who had prepared and sent it. The classes of '78 and '88 met in separate rooms, where their ten-year histories were read by Rev. Wm. H. Hartzler, '78, and Eugene R. Floto, '88.

PUBLIC MEETING—WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The exercises of the public meeting of the Alumni Association on Wednesday evening, June 29th, were as follows:

PROGRAMME.

Music—Song—Jewel Song from Faust ..... *Gounod*
President's Address,—An Irrepressible Conflict,
PROF. I. K. WITMER, '78,
Lansford, Pa.
Music—Song—Elsa's Dream,..... *Wagner.*
MISS EDNA ALBERT, '95.
Essay—The Children's Age,
MISS CARRIE E. MYERS,
Millersville, Pa.
Music—Vocal Duett—I feel thy Angel Spirit,
—Garben—Hoffmann.
MISS GAREISSEN AND MR. SAYLOR.
Recitation—New England Gossip,..... *Wiggin*
MISS MARGARET JORDY, '96,
Abbottstown, Pa.
Music—Vocal Solo—For the Sake of the past,
Titto Matter.
MISS CORA WILLIAMS, '88,
Altoona, Pa.
Oration—Sights and Impressions on a trip to the Mediteranean and the Orient,
REV. I. M. GABLE, PH. D., '68,
Landsdale, Pa.

Two features of the Alumni meeting not on the programme were among the most interesting. The first was the presentation by Mr. Wm. S. Schlauch, of Philadelphia, for the class of '94, of a very handsome and costly cabinet for holding the botanical specimens of the School. The gift was appropriately received by Dr. Lyte, and will be a part of the furniture of the Museum in Science Hall.

The second surprise was no less a feature than the presentation of our old friend Dr. Brooks, the well-known and able Principal of the School for seventeen years, and now Superintendent of Schools in Philadelphia. He refused to take the platform, but responded in a happy speech of congratulation and reminiscence, to the no small pleasure of his devoted friends and former pupils, especially those of the class of '68, at whose earnest solicitation he was present.

Commencement Exercises.

From *The New Era*, June 30.

The celebrated State Normal School at Millersville, known and honored throughout and beyond the borders of the Commonwealth, today completed another year of its existence, and the usual accompanying event to the closing day, the commencement exercises, were held in the chapel at 9 o'clock this morning. It was the forty-fourth annual commencement, and 116 hearts rejoiced upon the receipt of their prized diplomas, while at the same time they experienced a keen sense of regret upon the severence of their happy associations at the Normal. This is the largest class that has ever been graduated from the School, and the majority of its members will follow the profession for which they have received special training, viz., teaching.

The chapel, as usual, was crowded to the doors. The stage, with the radiant faces of the graduates and the Faculty, and with its decorations in the rich class colors, gold, white and purple, presented a pretty picture. The exercises were on a par with everything about the Normal—excellent. The orations displayed thoughtful preparation, reflected in their tone advanced education and in their delivery elocutionary ability of no mean calibre. Especially noteworthy was the splendid music. In this art the class of '98 contained among its members an unusual amount of talent, and every musical number on the programme, save a piano solo by Miss Cameron, was contributed by one or more of the graduates, some of whom are quite highly gifted, and who were very enthusiastically applauded.

There was one absentee from the class to-day. Mr. Paul Byerly, son of Professor A. R. Byerly, of the Normal, was not present to participate in the joyous event, as he responded to the call for troops and left for the front about a month ago. He is now serving his country in Company E, Fifth Regiment, P. V., at Camp Thomas, Chickamauga. Nevertheless, he was graduated, and his name appeared on the programme, which, in full, was as follows:

PROGRAMME.

MUSIC.
Anthem—Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.....*Knox*
PRAYER.
MUSIC.
Song—Seguediglia from Carmen.....*Bizet*
Miss Sadie A. Weidler.
Salutatory oration—Looking Aloft....Cora M. Kapp
MUSIC.
Song—The Three Wishes.....*Pinsuti*
Miss Grace C. Hershey.
Oration—The Teacher out of School
May L. Kilpatrick
Oration—The End.....Frank A. Hamilton
Oration—Associates.....Virgilia Alleman
Oration—Character.....Lillian M. Arnold
Oration—An Unhappy Queen...Lutie Bell Barkdoll
Oration—Chivalry.....Naomi Bausman
Oration—American Patriotism...Wm. F. Bensinger
Oration—In the Depth.....Mary Bomberger
Oration—Self-Help.....Anna A. Bonham
Oration—Life's Easy Descent... Blanche B. Bonine
Oration—Sir William Wallace....Bessie F. Bowman
Oration—A German Hero.....Calvin S. Boyer
Oration—A Brilliant but Erratic Genius
Flora V. Brenner
Oration—Character.....John Brosnahan
Oration—The Grand Old Man.....J. Willis Brown
MUSIC.
Song—Ora pro nobis... .....*Piccolomini*
Mr. Winfield R. Hartzel.
Oration—Ad Astra.....Helen Keiser
Wickersham Oration—The Dying Century
Georgia Knisely
Oration—The True Teacher... .C. Leon Brombaugh
Oration—Habits of Economy.....May Buckman
Oration—.....Paul Byerly
Oration—The Teacher's Responsibility
Amos M. Cassel
Oration—Personal Responsibility
Gertrude C. Clark
Oration—A National Hero of France,
Marion T. Clark
Oration—Go Where Glory Awaits Thee,
Bessie I. Confer
Oration—An Uncrowned Queen .....Anna Crowell
Oration—Character.....Helen G. Cummings
Oration—Our Nation's Banner....Arthur R. Deibler
Oration—Perseverance.....Emma C. Devilbiss
Oration—Our Three Needs.....Palmer Diehl
Oration—Hope.....Maud Dimm
Oration—Finiens at Incipiens.....Daniel Z. Erb
Oration—Our Great Ledger Account
Elizabeth R. Eshelman
Oration—Nobility of Labor.....Howard O. Falck
Oration—Abraham Lincoln.....Mabel H. Fridy
Oration—The Evils of Civilization....John M. Gehr
Oration—Opportunities of the Century,
Harry H. Girvin
Oration—The Duty of Happiness...Harry C. Greider
Oration—Nature's Influences....Wallace B. Greider
MUSIC.
Piano Solo—Grave and Allegro from "Pathetique,"
Beethoven
Miss Nellie Cameron.
Oration—Gates of History and Progress....
Charles M. McCoy
Oration—Heroic Women .....Laura Munson
Oration—William E. Gladstone.....John P. Griest
Oration—Our Republic's Trials... ..J. Milton Grim
Oration—A True Patriot.....Mary A Grove
Oration—Living in Earnest.....Mary A. Haas
Oration—Choosing a Profession.....Homer Haffly
Oration—The Will and the Way .....Olivia S. Hall
Oration—Our State ..... Nora W. Harnish
Oration—A Typical American.....Elizabeth Hart
Oration—Horace Mann .....Dora Hawthorn
Oration—One Who Was Not Born to Die....
George L Herr
Oration—Think.....Christian F. Hershey
Oration—A Living Heroine..Elizabeth W. Hershey
Oration—Environment .....Grace C. Hershey
Oration—Mary Queen of Scotts..Edythe I. Hertlein
Oration—The Maid of Orleans.....Maud B. Hess
Oration—Still Learning.....Anna May Hoover
Oration—Woman's Mission.....M. Edith Hostetter
Oration—Might and Right.....Katherine Hourigan
Oration—Heroism in Well Doing .. Alice Howorth
Oration—Success in life.....Reba A. Hunter
Oration—Standing Alone.....Bessie C. Johnstin
Oration—Westward the Course of Empire
Takes its Way.....Pearl Kinter
MUSIC.
Song—Still wie die Nacht.....*Bohm*
Miss Naomi Bausman.
Normal Oration—The Teacher's Influence
P. Monroe Harbold
Recitation—Faithful Unto Death....Susan P. Rohrer
Oration—Joan of Arc.....Helen Koontz
Oration—Disguises..... .....Rosa C. Krause
Oration—The Burning of Rome.....Elias E. Kready
Oration—The Value of Opportunity..Anna M. Krout
Oration—Our Flag.....Willis S. Landis
Oration—Alexander Hamilton..Joseph S. Lawrence
Oration—Moral Degeneracy.....Irwin S. Light
Oration—The Golden Age.....S. Ethel Linton
Oration—The Science of Government
Thomas W. Loftus

Oration—The Rise and Fall of Spain,
Charles S. Martin
Oration—The Tempter and the Tempted,
Lillie J. McClure
Oration—Earnestness and Fame..Mabel M. McKean
Oration—Echoes .....Grace Martin
Oration—Thaddeus Stevens.....Harriet Eva Martin
Oration—The Teacher's Responsibility
Nora N. Martin
Oration—Morals and Manners in School
Anna K. Miller
Oration—The Repulse of Pickett's Charge
Simon E. Miller
Oration—The Noblest of Them All.
William H. Miller
Oration—The Royal Exile..... Edith M. Murray
Oration—Garden of Pennsylvania....John A. Myers
Oration—The Teacher's High Calling,
R. Blanche Myers
Oration—True Manhood.....Henry K. Ober

MUSIC.

Song—Toreador from Carmen,..... *Bizet*
Mr. Harry C. Saylor.
Oration—Self-Reliance.....Charles C. Baer
Oration—A Southern Light.....Verona Whitson
Oration—The Bright Side of Blindness....
Laura G. Neide
Oration—Formation of Character....M. Edith Parry
Oration—Circles.....D. James Patterson
Oration—The Relation of Education to Crime....
Bessie Pontz
Oration—Opinionated People.....Mary R. Ridge
Oration—Lycurgus.....Emma V. Robinson
Oration—A Great Educator....Elizabeth Roseboro
Oration—Man's Insignificance.....Harry C. Saylor
Oration—Empress Josephine.....Lois E. Shelley
Oration—Vinculum quod Vincit.....
Rebecca J. Slaymaker
Oration—Our National Clog....Ralph A. Steinruck
Oration—A Purpose.....John H. Straley
Oration—Politics.....Ira F. Strickler
Oration—Work.....Joseph Y. Strohman
Oration—The Maiden Martyr.....Grace E. Sweney
Oration—The Hero of Manila.....Landis Tanger
Oration—Madame Roland.....Georgia M. Taylor
Oration—Influence of Women... H. Sharlock Vogel
Oration—Socrates.....Viola Grace Weaver
Oration—Horace Mann.....Sadie A. Weidler
Oration—The Lion of the North....Anna M. Weiler
Oration—Then and Now.....David M. Wenger
Oration—Choosing Life's Vocation
W. Dwight Wentz
Oration—Ideals.....Horace G. Whitson
Oration—Fallen States and Ruined Greatness.
Nettie E. Witmer
Oration—Our Country's Patriots
Raymond Wolfskill
Normal Oration—The History of To-morrow,
Lilian M. Gherst
Normal Oration—Employment of Time,
Winfield R. Hartzell
Normal Oration—Dignity of Labor
William H. Krill
Normal Oration—Self-Conquest.....Mary M. Penny
Scientific Oration—Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin,
Stanley W. Bortree
Scientific Oration—Anglo-Saxon Union,
John D. Brooks

MUSIC.

Song—Robert, My Beloved.....*Meyerbeer*
Miss Lois E. Shelley.
Valedictory Oration—True Royalty
Edward J. Henninger

MUSIC.

Octet—Serenade .....*R De Koven*
Misses Baker, Foster and Hershey,
Messers Saylor, Hartzell, Keboch, Meredith and Meyer.
Conferring of Master's Degrees.
Conferring of Bachelor's Degrees.
Principal's Address to the Graduating Class.

DOXOLOGY.

Adjournment

Masters' Degrees in the Elementary course were conferred upon the following :

Alker, Emma C., '93; Bartholomew, M. Helen, '95; Baker, E. Mae, '96; Binkley, Elizabeth, '96; Bixler, Ella, '96; Boice, Carrie L., '95; Boice, Ella L. '96; Brown, Matilda, '96; Bushey, Alice A., '93; Coates, Aimee P., '93; Coonohan, Margaret L., '94; Cornman, Olive, '96; Cummings, Lydia R., '96; Doll, Anna S., '96; Donohoe, Ella A., '96; Erb; Mary R., '96; Garber, Elizabeth E., '96, Giesey, A. Rena, '96; Hoffman, Clare E., '96; Hollinger, Mary E., '93; Jordy, Margaret E., '96; Kahler, Florence M., '96; Keech, Ella V., '96; Miller, Gertrude H., '96; Miller, Kathryn, '96; Miller, Nora F., '96; Moll, Mary M., '95; Montgomery, Elizabeth, '96; Mumma, Anna N., '96; Powell, Caroline, 96; Prichard, Maud M., '95; Pyott, Marion J., '95; Quail, Flora J., '96; Riddle, Mary H., '95; Rubinkam, Mary F., '96; Sherman, Lenore G., '94; Shoemaker, Edith, '94; Smith, Mary P., '96; Sprague, L. Agnes, '92; Stine, Dolly W., '94; Stoner, Katie E., '96; Swarr, Anna W., '96; Weidler, Carrie B., '96; Whitaker, Mary, '96; Witmer, Annie W., '95; Atticks, Kelsey C., '96; Barclay, E. Ransom, '96; Bassler, Henry R., '96; Beck, Clarence F,, '96; Brady, W. Hayes, '96; Brough, Allvin E., '96; Finley, Sylvester J., '96; Gracey, Geo. Fay, '96; Hain, Samuel H., '92; Knapp, John C., Jr., '96; Mell, Clayton D., '96; Myers, John H., '95; Parsons, William A., '96; Rex, E. Guy, '96; Shertz, H. Edgar, '96; Stohler, J. Norman, '96; Transue, Frank, '75; Updegraff, Clyde H., '96; Warner, Charles E., '96; Wolfersberger, Reuben P., '96.

For the first time in the history of Normal commencements, the members of the elementary class did not ascend to the platform in a body for the conferring of degrees, but at the conclusion of Dr. Lyte's set form conferring the degree of B. E., each of the 116 ascended the platform on the north, marching across the stage to the south, taking each a diploma from the hands of the Principal upon reaching the center, thus forming a continuous and unbroken stream, a truly impressive spectacle. Dr. Lyte's address to the class was a model of brevity. At its close he made these interesting announcements : That news had just been received that Paul R. Byerly, a member of this class now at Chickamauga Park, had been promoted from the rank of private to that of a corporal in Company E., Fifth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers.

That the class of 1894 had presented to the school a handsome case for the preservation of botanical specimens in the new museum.

That the alumni had started a fund for the benefit of worthy students of small means to be known as the Alumni Loan Fund, to which several hundred dollars had been subscribed before the adoption of the resolutions creating the fund and to which large additions were expected before the graduation of another class.

That the class of '98, just graduated, had subscribed the generous sum of $1080 to inaugarate a scholarship which shall be granted to a Junior much as the Wickersham scholarship is now awarded.

Abstracts of Orations.

Following are brief abstracts of the orations delivered by the honor members of the class :

THE SALUTATORY.

Miss Cora Kapp, upon whom salutatory honors were conferred, chose "Looking Aloft" for her topic, in the opening of which she extended a very hearty welcome to all present. The history of the world, she proceeded, is but a definition for the word "progress." In the physical, intellectual and moral worlds we find a gradual development, a constant growth upward, toward that which is higher, nobler and better.

"THE TEACHER OUT OF SCHOOL."

This was the topic of Miss May L. Kilpatrick's thoughtful and practical oration. Since the time of Agricola, she began, the idea of the teacher's life has greatly changed. At that time the teacher was looked upon merely as a cold, heartless judge, ready only to administer justice. Now he is thought of as the friend, leader and close companion of the young. His life seems to be in two parts—that inside the school room and that outside. They are very closely connected, one even growing out of the other. If we wish to exert the proper influence outside, our work inside must merit respect and confidence. The essayist then gave a very excellent outline of what teachers should be and do and the proper relations that should exist between them and the parents.

"THE END."

Mr. Frank A. Hamilton delivered a fine oration on the above subject. The desire to be remembered, he said, is universal. In no country and in no age do we find the contrary prevails. Young men begin to build memorials early in life, and they should add bit by bit until they shall have built a monument that will be more lasting than marble. We are now standing at the gates of an active life, and every young man should come forward with a determination to do all the good he can and leave the world better for his having lived in it.

MISS KEISER'S ORATION.

Miss Helen Keiser delivered a splendid oration on the the subject "Ad Astra." Reflect on the world about you, she said, and you will find implanted in the nature of every living thing a tendency upward. Yet, there are always obstacles in the way, efforts to overcome which have been made in all ages of the world. Nothing must be looked upon as impossible, for the educated person can climb to the highest pinnacle of the world of knowledge only by feeling that it is possible to be done.

THE WICKERSHAM ORATION.

The honor of delivering the Wickersham oration fell to the lot of Miss Georgie Knisely, whose subject was "The Dying Century." Time, improved or unimproved, is soon gone. For many a wasted hour no reward is offered, because they are gone forever. We have but one ride on the chariot of time and as go the hours, months and years, so are we going, and it is an idle thing to say, "If I had my life to live over again." Besides this, we have no right to regret the past, because we are living in one of the greatest centuries of all time, a century that does not calculate too much upon meteors. It always prefers the clear, steady, shining of the morning star. A century that has had fewer comets and more Jupiters ; fewer fireflies and more lamps ; fewer Byrons and more Stephen Girards.

"GATES OF HISTORY AND PROGRESS."

An able oration on "Gates of History and Progress" was delivered by Chas. M. McCoy. In the annals of nations he said are events which appear slight, changing the trend of history or progress, opening some channel which leads onward to advancement and greater possibilties. About these gates many important events center. They hold the key to a nation's life and prosperity.

"SELF-RELIANCE"

was the topic of the oration of Charles C. Baer, who, in his opening remarks, paid his respects to those whose lives are shattered on account of "bad luck." The lesson of self-help is the first that the young adventurer should learn and take to heart. He is not to despise the counsel of friends, but he must not rely entirely upon it. He must enter the battle determined to fight for himself, but he must also be willing to obey the orders of a competent general or fight shoulder to shoulder with loyal comrades, if such be his duty.

EULOGY OF HENRY W. GRADY.

Miss Verona Whitson delivered a eulogy on Henry Woodfin Grady, whom she characterized as "A Southern Light," and who stands out like a star, clear and shining, in our own country, our own generation, our own life. He was a Southerner, but he was more than this. He was a messenger of peace to the North and the South. His one aim in life was to bring together, as friends and brothers in love and in confidence, the sections which malice and partisan spirit have too long kept apart. His mission was a beautiful one, and he entered into it with all the intense earnestness of his great heart and soul. Miss Whitson gave a brief biographical sketch of the great Southerner and quoted extracts from some of his famous orations.

THE NORMAL ORATION.

The Normal orator was P. Monroe Harbold. "The Teacher's Influence" was the timely topic selected by Mr. Harbold. The teacher, he said, deals with minds which are in their plastic condition. Such minds are more susceptible to impresses of character than to the learning of facts. To them the teacher is a model of imitation. The teacher should feel his responsibility very keenly. A teacher's true success depends, not so much on the toughness of his muscle, as on the texture of his soul. A teacher may influence a child as to its habits and elevate its ideas of the beautiful and the good. The teacher should be the most nearly perfect type, according to God's idea, of

mankind, physically, mentally, morally and spiritually. Then, when comes our time to anchor in the harbor of eternity, we can say with Horace Mann, that greatest of American teachers, "I, too, was a co-laborer with God."

"HEROIC WOMEN."

A splendid tribute to heroic women was given by Miss Laura A. Munson, who found it "a profitable task, as well as a pleasant one, to tell the deeds of some noble women, for there has scarcely been a walk in life that has not been adorned by one, at least, who has made for herself a place from which she shines as a star of the first magnitude." Women have sat upon thrones and their names are treasured and their deeds remembered even to the present day. Upon a Queen's heroism hung the discovery of this continent. Miss Munson paid a touching tribute to Florence Nightingale and the mother of Washington as examples of heroic, noble women.

THE RECITATION.

Special mention should also be made of Miss Susan P. Rohrer's recitation, "Faithful Unto Death." She was one of the twelve honor members of the class, and her recitation, which thrillingly described an incident in the Russian campaign under Napoleon in 1812, was rendered with ease, grace and fine elocutionary effect.

THE VALEDICTORY.

Edward J. Henninger, the honored valedictorian of his class, spoke on "True Royalty," and his oration was a fine effort.

The speaker closed with the following valedictory address:

To the trustees, patrons and friends of the School let me say, and when I say this, I voice not one, but one hundred and sixteen grateful hearts, that words are but dead things and fail utterly to express our gratitude toward you. May you and the School you honor by your interest have many days of prosperity and unprecedented progress.

To the Faculty, who have set the goal we have all so successfully reached, who have encouraged us to "hitch our wagon to a star," who have given time, energy, patience, sympathy, and the benefits of your masterly skill to us, let me say, that though at times we may have seemed ungrateful to your efforts, yet you have made impressions on the marble of immortal souls which time and eternity can not efface.

Dr. Lyte, precept is a good teacher, example is better and a union of the two, the perfect teacher. This, indeed, have you been to us, and I would count it a disgrace were this united sentiment of these grateful hearts left unexpressed. Memory is a treacherous faculty, but as long as life shall last, as long as mind shall act, as long as memory survives, we will hold in grateful remembranee the kindly words, thoughtful suggestions and sincere, heartfelt influence received. May your life be one glad sweet song and may many classes share with us the blessings of your principalship.

Fellow classmates, what hallowed associations cling around that sacred word. How many happy hours, how many joyous remembrances, how many fond associations. It seems cruel of fate thus to rend the tie that binds us, but it is so decreed and we will not murmur. Let us go forth into life with a joyful radiant spirit, shedding brightness and gladness wherever we go. Beyond all let us cherish and nurture the fond hope that some day, some time, a firm united band we'll meet beyond the gates ajar.

And now to Trustees, Faculty, honored Principal and beloved Classmates, a fond, affectionate, joyous farewell."

Dr. Lyte's Address.

At the conclusion of the exercises Dr. E. O. Lyte made the following address to the graduates:

Ladies and Gentlemen: After years of toil you have accomplished the purpose for which you entered this institution, and now hold its diploma. You are about to sever your connection with the School as students and become students in a larger school—the school of the world. In this greater school you will be under close and constant criticism, and my last lesson to you is to say a word about what will be expected of you.

Thought moves the world. It is thought that turns the ore in the mine and the water in the stream into a throbbing engine that with the strength of many giants draws the products of the Western prairies to the seashore and sends them across the ocean to feed the millions of the Old World. It was thought that made the guns that sunk the Spanish fleet in Manila harbor and thought that fired them—thought that leads to action; this is the need of this age, of all ages; and this the world will demand of you.

Man must think. Thinking is the mind's mode of motion. What will be demanded of you as a result of the years of training you have received here is, first, that you will know how to think. The great laws of thought are followed more or less closely by all, but without careful training much time is wasted. The untrained mind leaps to conclusions without sufficient reason. It accepts as truth what is merely somebody's opinion. It questions and doubts the great truths that are accepted by all rational minds. It is both credulous and incredulous. Not knowing how to think, many a man reaches conclusions in business that are not warranted by the market quotations. He is deceived by some shrewd man who finds the weak side of his character and plays upon it to his own advantage. The man who doesn't know how to think is incredulous as well as credulous, and often sees "a snake in the grass" where there is not even a wriggling worm. He is often suspicious of what he does not fully understand. You will be expected to know how to think, and consequently to be able to distinguish wheat from chaff, good from bad, right from wrong.

Second, you will be expected to know what to think about. Many men waste their energies in thinking about what is of no service to them in any way. I don't refer now to thoughts that are evil; none of you needs to be told that evil thoughts must always be avoided. But of the topics that are harmless in themselves there are many that the man who desires to be a power in the world must avoid. You have met men, and so have I, that have thought about, and reached conclusions about, nearly everything under the sun except how to take care of themselves and their families. You will be expected to know what to think about.

Third, you will be expected to produce results with your thinking. You will be expected to accomplish something, to materialize your thoughts with acts, to act as well as to think. The world is full of dreamers. To-day there is not a country store or a shoemaker's shop in which the best way to take Havana and end the war has not been thought out fully. There is probably not a place where men gather in the evening where Spain has not been whipped over and over again. In these gatherings of men and boys Governors and Presidents have been elected, large crops of wheat and corn have been raised, government bonds have been sold, and all the business of the community, the Church, the State and the Nation has been transacted—in words. Now, all this is not wholly wrong. But if the men who whipped Spain "in their minds" had shouldered a musket they would have done more than they do by merely talking about the war. If the men who talk about wheat and corn are at the same time farming wheat and corn their talk is of less value than their deeds. You will be expected to act as well as think, to accomplish something as the result of thought.

This, then, is my last lesson to you. Remember that you will be expected to know how to think, what to think about, and how to make your thinking produce results in acts. My acquaintance with you leads me to believe that our expectations of you will be realized. We expect you to become a force in the community in which you will live. The occupation you have chosen is one that gives you especial opportunity to be a leader in thought. As a teacher, you will have boys and girls to whom you will be a model, boys and girls who will think as you think, and act as you act. Never lose sight of the necessity of following the suggestions I have given you in this brief address. Think correctly; think about right things; let your thinking end in deeds.

You will find room in any career upon which you enter for your best thought. Especially is it necessary for the teacher to recognize that this country stands on the threshold of the greatest advance any country has ever made. I believe that America is destined to become the mightiest of nations, as she is now the freest. Whatever may be thought of the policy of our fathers, manifest destiny compels us to break the bands that have bound us within the confines of two oceans. And I am not sorry. If our country is right, what folly it is to say that it can not be right anywhere! As teachers of the young, you must teach a broader patriotism, a higher citizenship, a nobler manhood than ever before. You must realize that new problems will be presented for solution to the children of the twentieth century. Let us welcome the day when our flag will float over the islands of the sea, when Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines shall be under the benign influence of our free government and our policy will be one of invitation to all peoples to join us in a federation of free nations.

And now I must say the one word that will sever your relations to the School as students. I wish I did not need to say it. The year you have spent in the Senior class has been one of great pleasure to me, and I am sincerely sorry that it is ended and that the ties that have bound us are about to be broken. I trust that you will always remember your school days here, and that the influence of those days will long remain with you. We will watch your careers as you go forth into the world to win for yourselves a place and a name. Our best wishes will go with you. We shall rejoice at your successes. We shall sorrow if any of you should fail. But with a high ideal and a settled purpose you will not fail—you cannot permanently fail. Always bear in mind that a warm welcome will await you when you return to visit your Alma Mater. May our Heavenly Father, in His infinite goodness, be with you throughout your life; may His wisdom guide you; may His power protect you; and may His mercy unite you an unbroken band in the land beyond the skies. Farewell.

Class Reunions.

CLASS OF 1858.

Of the class of 1858, originally consisting of six members, three who remained at the end of the third decade are still living, and were present at the reunion.

The historian of the class is Dr. Andrew R. Byerly, the beloved senior professor of Latin and Greek at the old Normal. He says quaintly he has been so long identified with the school that he cannot imagine how he could get along without it. May his saintly presence hallow these classic halls for many a year to come is the answering echo in the heart of every old student and teacher.

Miss Annie E. Hartman, long preceptress at Millersville, lives quietly at her home on North Queen Street, Lancaster, engaged in domestic and philanthropic duties.

Mr. Daniel H. Herr is a patent attorney in the Lancaster Trust Company Building, Lancaster.

CLASS OF 1868.

Of the class of '68 seven are dead. Of the remaining twenty-eight, ten were present, Dr. E. O. Lyte; Hon. David McMullen, of Lancaster; George Marsden, Secretary of the Cambria Forging Co., Johnstown, Pa.; Rev. I. M. Gable of the Methodist ministry, now stationed at Lansdale, Pa.; A. D. Eisenhower, principal of

High School at Norristown, Pa., for the past twenty-five years. Watson Cornell, Ph. D., supervising superintendent Logan Boys' grammar school, Philadelphia; W. Scott McPherran, in business, Pittsburg, Pa.; Wm. D. Weaver, Esq., of Lancaster; Margaret S. Davis, kindergartner, West Philadelphia, and Fannie D. James, a kindergartner for many years at 1610 Mt. Royal avenue, Baltimore. The historian Mr. J. Zeamer, of the Carlisle *Volunteer*, was most unexpectedly and disappointingly absent, having to represent his district in the Democratic State Convention convened at Altoona. He had forwarded his manuscript to the Normal, where it was read by Mr. Cornell, after explanations by I. M. Gable.

Mrs. Margaret Steacy Dungan was absent from class meeting on account of the death of her mother, who was buried in Lancaster the day after the meeting. Rev. Mr. Dungan is now pastor of a church in Philadelphia.

The Ph.D. that Prof. Watson Cornell now writes after his name was an honor won during the last decade from the University of Pennsylvania.

The confirmed bachelor of the class, Mr. Wm. D. Weaver, has joined the ranks ef the benedicts by marrying Miss Elizabeth B. Wiley, '75. Of their boy, Wm. Wiley Weaver, the father writes: "I do not know what his profession will be, but he has suffiicent lung power to develop into either a minister or a lawyer."

Rev. I. M. Gable has had the title of D. D conferred upon him by Taylor University. His jocose friend, the historian, writes: "Now his tall lithe sun-crowned form stands up erect under the weight of the following decorations: M. E., Ph. B., Ph. D. and D. D., and the historian wishes and hopes that there are more to follow.

David McMullen is now known by the dignified title of Judge. He has also become one of the Trustees of the old Normal.

Three members of the class, Harriet I. Bruckhart, Isabella Johnston and George H. Desh, have died in the last decade.

CLASS OF 1878.

Of the thirty-two members of the class of 1878, the historian, Rev. W. H. Hartzler, of Sunbury, Pa., reports that there are nine teachers, four lawyers, three physicians, three merchants, two farmers, one minister and one dentist. There has been no death in the decade and thirty-one members of the class are still living. Twenty-three are married and have sixty-five children, forty boys and twenty-five girls.

Three girls of the class, Mrs. Alice Bonine Shields and Misses Harley and Hawley, live on the Pacific slope.

A. H. Woodward is captain of Co. E., 5th Regt. Pa. Vols., now at Chickamauga.

Christian G. Bassler is represented in the Alumni list a second time by his daughter Olive, a graduate of 1896.

Honors have showered upon Joe Taylor; we mean *Dr.* Joseph S. Taylor, whose doctorate means Doctor of Pedagogy and was conferred upon him by New York University. As a New York city principal and editor of the *New York Teachers' Quarterly*, he is well-known in educational circles in and around Gotham. He was represented at the class meeting by his wife, Mrs. Kate Johnson Taylor, '79.

Dr. Abram E. Frantz is one of the most progressive physicians in Wilmington. He is a member of the Delaware State Examining Board, the medical staff of the Homœapathic Hospital of Wilmington, the faculty of the Delaware Training School for Nurses, the American Institute of Homœopathy, the Wilmington Board of Trade and many other organizations.

Mr. and Mrs. Faerster were present at the class meeting accompanied by their two children, the elder of whom, Anna, aged twelve, bears a striking resemblance to her father.

James M. Snyder has served his county in legislative halls since graduation. He is now solicitor for insurance. He, with his wife, formerly Miss Emma Carver, attended the reunion.

W. W. Cotton is a corporation lawyer in Portland, Oregon.

I. K. Witmer's marriage to Miss Nellie Seager is so recent that he declares it the only event in his life that deserves to be embodied in his class history. He presided over the public meeting of the Alumni Association and delivered an excellent address.

CLASS OF 1888.

The history of the class of '88 was read in Room C, at 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, by the historian, Mr. Floto. There were present to enjoy it eleven members of the class, as follows: Misses Brennecke, Brewster, Burley, Piper, Weeks, Williams and Wylie; Messrs. Fausset, Floto, Hench and Lehman, together with Mr. McCurdy, Scientific.

Mr. Helm with his bride visited the School on Commencement Day, completing a total of half the members of the class who were back.

On Thursday morning the class played truant from the Commencement exercises, and went to the place that used to be Howard's, where they held a most pleasant reunion, and were served with light refreshments.

The women of the class who returned mourned the absence of their married sisters, and were cut to the heart by the frankly avowed reluctance of two of the men to bind themselves with matrimanial fetters.

Mr. Floto's two sons are named Carl and Max; his daughter will probably figure in the "Normal" Catalogue as Emily some seventeen years hence.

Miss Williams sang at the public meeting of the Alumni Association, and surprised and delighted her friends by her voice.

The history of the class for the first decade will be issued in printed form.

Miss Gilbert took a photograph of the members of the class present at the reunion.

CLASS OF 1893.

The class of '93, known as the Columbian Class, held their fifth year reunion at Alma Mater. The class has an unusually large number of its men in higher institutions of learning, while many of its women have elected courses in domestic science. W. T. Worth is practicing medicine at Unicorn, Pa.; Clarence Phipps pleads at the barr at Kansas City, Mo.; J. P. Stober graduated at Bucknell this year; P. H. Hershey, Aaron Longenecker, at F. and M.; Mr. Jas. Bryson is a student in Bucknell; W. G. Treibley will graduate from Dickinson Law School in '99; L. J. Durbin, from Yale; O. B. Kern, from F. and M.; W. H. B. Carney, from Gettysburg; H. L. Bagenstose is a Junior at Wesleyan, a member of the University Mandolin Club; J. D. Brooks has completed the Normal and Scientific courses at Alma Mater, having graduated three times. He expects to go to war, whip Spain, and be discharged in time to enter the Junior class at Gettysburg this fall.

There are some others in Colleges and Universities whose class is not known to the writer. Mr. Q. D. Arner and Mr. Comegys are at a medical school in Philadelphia.

Those who have kept at teaching these five years are also getting upward. G. B. Shipman is principal of Rosemont schools, Bryn Mawr; Isaiah Seitz, a ward principal in Lancaster city; Mr. Shimp, principal of a district high school in Coleraine township, Lancaster county.

Miss Cooper has kept up her studies under the guidance of the School. Miss Wales and Miss Alker have been devoting special time to music and are quite proficient in this line. Miss Whitson wins distinction by published articles on educational topics. Miss Carrigan has been principal of schools at McSherrystown for several years. Miss Speck is doing honor to herself and class in the schools of Brooklyn. Thus the Columbians are chiseling their names on the tablets of honor.

At the meeting resolutions of regret were adopted for the death of Miss Louise O. Nields. A joint note from P. H. Hershey and Mrs. Esther Kersey Hershey was read in which they apologized for their absence by stating that their wedding had occurred the Tuesday before.

A resolution was adopted that the members of the class should be called upon for contributions of not less than one dollar each to establish a '93 fund for the use of needy students. This is to take the place of our contribution to the general fund now being raised by the Alumni for this purpose.

CLASS OF 1896.

The class of '96 held a banquet and reunion on Wednesday evening at Payne's café, on East Orange street. The large table was beautifully decorated with potted plants and cut flowers, making a very pretty scene. Caterer Payne served the guests with an elegant menu, to which all did ample justice. After all had partaken of the many good things before them, speechmaking was in order. Mr. Charles Haff was the toastmaster and toasts were responded to by many of those present. Those who gathered about the festive board were Misses Amy Coates, Flora Quail, Nellie Howell, Bessie Garber, Carrie Weidler, Olive Cornman, Nora Miller, Ella Keech, Lydia Cummings, Bessie Howe, Caroline Powell, Elizabeth Binkley, Sue Geyer, Kelsey Atticks, Anna Stein, Catharine Miller, Loretta Hoover, Anna Mumma, Carrie Foreman, Lulu Kirk, Mabel Arnold, Laurence Eichelberger, Lawrence Buehrle, Aaron Bear, Harry Bossler, Charles Haff, I. W. Stehman, Charles Warner, Edgar Shertz, Clarence Beck, William Hartzell.

It was decided that a bust of Hamilton should be placed in the Library building by the class.

Four of the class, Messrs. Miller and Hartzell and Misses Beitzel and Penny attended school here during the year. Miss Margaret Jordy was here during the summer session as Assistant Librarian.

Seven of the class are married.

Mr. R. P. Wo fersberger has been appointed Principal of the Bismarck schools.

Mr. F. Stuckert is studying Law.

Mr. C. D. Haff spent the last year at U. of P. studying Medicine.

CLASS OF 1898.

The class numbers 116, and four finish the regular Normal, and two the Scientific course.

John D. Brooks, of the Scientific course, has enlisted in Co. L, Pa. Vol., Captain Thos. Whitson, and is at Chickamauga. He has been admitted to the Junior class of Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, and will enter In the autumn if he returns in time to do so.

Lilian M. Gherst, of the regular Normal course, is a daughter of Major M. A. Gherst, Assistant Adjutant-General of General Gobin's staff. She will teach next year in a private school at Lewes, Delaware, at a salary of $500.

Wm. H. Krill will take charge of the schools of Packerton, Lehigh Co., at a salary of $600.

Lois Shelley will teach in Manor township, near the School, and will continue to study music here. The Normal may be congratulated on the prospect of sometimes hearing her beautiful voice next year.

Frank A. Hamilton will be Principal of the High School, Liverpool, next year.

Chas. C. Baer, the youngest man of the class, is a son of Mr. S. C. Baer, a student here in '76 and '77.

Verona Whitson, who taught in the High School at Hagerstown before coming here, may return to teach there. She expects to go to Swarthmore College later.

Geo. L. Herr will attend college next year.

P. Monroe Harbold expects to return to Millersville to continue his studies in the higher branches.

Helen G. Cummings has a good position in the schools of Media. She will take special lessons in elocution in Philadelphia and hopes also to do work at the University of Pennsylvania on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Harry C. Saylor, whose beautiful baritone voice has won the admiration of those that have heard it in the Presbyterian church choir, will

accept a position in Lancaster and continue his connection with the choir.

Marion Clark will teach the Harmony School in Drumore, and Mabel Fridy the Sylvan Retreat School in West Hempfield.

Daniel Z. Erb will teach the Doe Run School in Penn township, salary $47.

Amos M. Cassell will probably attend Gettysburg College.

Harry H. Girvin will teach in Paradise township, Landis Tanger in Strasburg, John M. Gehr in Manor, Wallace B. Greider in Salunga, Henry K. Ober and Elias Kready in Rapho, Jos. S. Lawrence in Washington, David M. Wenger in West Earl and Simon E. Miller in West Hempfield.

The class of 1898 was the largest class ever graduated from Millersville and at the same time one of the most united and harmonious. It will be hard to fill their places.

The sum of $1080 subscribed by '98 towards the establishment of a new scholarship fund was the largest gift ever made by a single class.

Marriages.

MARRIED.—On Thursday, May 19th, Miss Nellie Pickersgill, '94, to Rev. John Gibson Cornwell, A. M., pastor of the New London (Pa.) M. E. Church. Miss Helen Bartholomew, of Center Hall, Pa., her classmate at Millersville, acted as maid of honor on the occasion. THE JOURNAL sends good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Cornwell.

MARRIED.—On June 1st, 1898, at her home near Lancaster, Miss Anna Bair to Rev. Mr. Yeager, of the Methodist Church. Miss Bair was a student here in 1897. We extend our best wishes.

MARRIED.—On June 9th, at Elizabethtown, Pa., Miss Estella Van Scoyoe and Mr. Herman W. Weidner, '91. Mr. and Mrs. Weidner will reside at Lumber City, Pa., where Mr. Weidner has charge of a school.

We extend most hearty congratulations to our young friends.

MARRIED.—On June 15th, at St. Paul's Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa., Miss M. Grace Hoffmeier and Prof. Thaddeus G. Helm, '88, Principal of Franklin and Marshall Academy. After an extended wedding tour Prof. Helm and his wife will take up their residence at the Academy. May a long life of happiness and usefulness be the allotted portion of Mr. and Mrs. Helm.

MARRIED.—On June 23d, at Bellefonte, Pa., Miss Caroline K. Bell and Mr. A. Reist Rutt. The latter was a student with us for two years —'89-'90. He subsequently graduated at Pennsylvania College. For three years Mr. Rutt has had a prominent position in the schools of Bellefonte. We have been hearing right along of his professional success. An interesting missive of a few weeks ago indicates that he has been just as successful in other directions, for now a fair young lady of Bellefonte is Mrs. A. R. Rutt. Many and hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Rutt.

MARRIED.—On June 28th, at Wilmington, Delaware, Miss Eliza Virginia Beard, '91, to Mr. Thomas Howard Carpenter, Jr., of Lewes, Delaware. Miss Beard has been teaching a private school at Lewes during the last two years. In this little historic town Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter will reside. We extend congratulations to them, and sincere wishes for many years of happy life.

MARRIED.—On June 28th, at Lebanon, Pa., Rev. Peter H. Hershey, '93, and Miss Esther Kersey, '93. Mr. Hershey completed his theological studies at Franklin and Marshall Seminary this summer. He has now a pastoral charge at Maytown, Lancaster county, Pa. THE JOURNAL sends congratulations and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Hershey.

MARRIED.—On Wednesday, June 30th, at Petersburg, Pa., Miss Nora B. Graybill, '94, and John M. Groff. Esq., a prominent member of the Lancaster bar and captain of a military company recently mustered into service. This was quite a "Normal" wedding. The bride is a graduate of the School. Her husband was a student here for several years. Miss Gertrude Miller, '95, played the wedding march; Miss Olive Bassler, '96, was a bridesmaid; Mr. Quinton Reitzel, a student for several sessions, was best man, and H. Erank Eshleman, Esq., '90, was an usher. THE JOURNAL sends the best of wishes to our young friends.

Vacation Notes.

Dr. Lyte will attend the State Teachers' Association at Bellefonte, and the National Educational Association at Washington. His School duties will require his presence at the Normal during most of the vacation but he hopes to spend some time with Mrs. Lyte and the children in the invigorating atmosphere of Kane, Pa.

Dr. Byerly, like Cincinnatus, with praise of whose simple tastes the world yet rings, likes to retire after his educational campaign to the labors of his little farm.

Dr. Hull will be instructor in mathematics at the M. V. S. I., Cottage City, Mass. The delightful breezes that blow over Martha's Vineyard will be very refreshing after the busy scenes of Commencement.

Dr. Bitner will take a bicycle trip to his farm in Centre county. On this trip he will attend the State Teachers' Association at Bellefonte, Pa. On his return to Millersville he will go on his bicycle to Washington. So great is his fondness for his "Rambler" that later on in vacation he will take another trip to Centre county.

Mr. Heydrick will spend a part of the summer at the University of Chicago, where he will pursue graduate work in English. After his work at Chicago he will take a bicycle trip along Lake Erie.

Mr. Lansinger expects to attend the N. E. A. in Washington. He will spend part of the summer on his farm in Adams county.

Mr. Pinkham, who is justly styled "The Nimrod of the Normal," will indulge in aquatic sports in the vicinity of his home, in Whitefield, N. H. He will go to the White Mountains occasionally.

Mr. Albert will spend the early part of vacation in Millersville. Afterwards he will go to Adams county, Pa.

Mr. Haeberle will spend the greater part of his vacation in Millersville. He will go with Dr. Bitner to Washington in July, where he will attend Congress and the meetings of the N. E. A. He anticipates, also, a bicycle trip to Carbon county.

Mr. Metzger will spend a part of his vacation at Hasbrouch Heights, N. Y.

Mr. Armstrong will be at home at Hellam, Pa., the greater part of the summer. He will visit friends in Perry county.

Mr. Carney looks forward to a quiet summer at his home, Belleville, Pa.

Mr. Billett and Mr. Overholser will spend quiet and restful summers at their respective homes. Mr. Overholser enters Harvard in the autumn.

Mr. Ahrens will spend a part of the summer in a quiet and secluded summer resort in the mountains of Sullivan county, N. Y.

Mr. Brubaker and his bride will pass their honeymoon in some seaside resort on Long Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Roddy will visit relatives in Perry county.

Miss Lyle expects to go to the seashore for part of the vacation.

Miss Gilbert and Miss Landes include a stay at Chautauqua, N. Y., in their summer plans, followed by the "Lake trip" to Mackinac Island.

Miss Taylor goes to her beloved Buckeye State for her vacation.

Miss Myers will remain in Lancaster. Miss Fleming will recuperate along the Susquehanna at Lock Haven, and Miss Barnhart will enjoy a season of rest in Westmoreland county.

Miss Closs goes to her home in Rose Valley, western New York State, and later will visit her sister in Tunkhannock.

Miss Mansfield will visit the Omaha Exposition during her summer in her Nebraska home, Wisner, only seventy miles away.

Miss Gareissen will spend the summer at her home in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Miss Bird goes to Dingman's Ferry, along the upper Delaware.

Miss Margaret Davis, who was compelled to resign her work and go home shortly before the session closed on account of serious illness, is very much improved and seems on the high road to complete recovery.

The Y. M. C. A. will be represented at the Northfield Conference by Messrs. A. S. Ebersole, D. M. Gilbert, J. W. Sprecher, E. G. Kreider and H. K. Miller, and the Y. W. C. A. will be represented by Anna D. Beitzel, Emma C. Smith and Anna R. Foster.

The Wickersham Scholarship.

This is the fourth time the Wickersham scholarship has been awarded; in 1895 it fell to Charles Grove, of York county; in '96 to Robert Walton, also of York county; last year to Edward Henninger, of Dauphin county, who is this year's valedictorian. The scholarship includes free tuition, boarding and text-books for the Senior year.

This year the Faculty recommended the following: Elsie D. Black, of Huntingdon, daughter of J. H. Black, class of '69; Geo. Q. Weaver, of Gordonville, Lancaster county, son of John Weaver, an old teacher of our county; Susan Becker, of Lebanon; May Hull, daughter of Professor Hull, of the Faculty, and George F. Krout, of York county.

The Examining Board chose the first three of these in the order named, hence Miss Elsie Black is the appointee.

The Wickersham students in establishing this scholarship recommended that, other things being equal, the child of a Wickersham graduate should have the preference. This, however, is the first time it has fallen to the child of any alumnus, and Mr. Jacob H. Black is to be congratulated on the honor of his daughter.

Our Millersville Normal School.

From the Lancaster *Examiner*, July 1.

One hundred and twenty-eight graduates have just received diplomas from the Millersville State Normal School—the largest class ever graduated from that institution. As we said of our High School, whatever the political moralist or economist may think of the equity of supporting such schools, we know as a fact that they are established and liable to remain. Such being the case, it is a duty to make them the very best and aid them to do the most good. Our own Normal is the oldest in the State, and we are happy to say that, like good wine, it grows better with age. Professor Lyte's management has been successful both from the material and intellectual standpoint. Through a judicious conservatism he has managed to be always progressive without a taint of experimental radicalism. He has called around him a corps of able assistants, and so the end of his labors is shown by the size of his School and the number of '98 graduates. From time to time the *Examiner* has given minor criticisms of schools in general, not from any antagonism *per se* to the higher institutions of learning, but rather because we are friendly and wish them a wider and truer field of influence. We believe our Millersville School is keeping in touch with the spirit of the times and heeds every just and unanswerable criticism. As a local institution we are proud of it, and as it increases its importance both in the number of pupils and methods of instruction we rejoice. In extending our congratulations and good wishes to Dr. Lyte and Faculty, we express the hope that coming years will see the splendid eduational appointments of Millersville evolve into the noblest and most worthy seat of learning in the Commonwealth.

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