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Election of Trustees.

At the annual meeting of the contributors of the Millersville State Normal School, on May 7th, Hon. W. W. Greist, '76, Mr. Jonas B. Martin, Hon. Sam Matt Fridy, and Hon. Ephraim S. Hoover, were unanimously elected members of the Board of Trustees for the ensuing three years. All these gentlemen, except the last named, have been efficient members of the Board for some time, and were re-elected. Mr. Hoover, who was elected for the first time, is an old student of the school, and is deeply interested in education and in the success of Millersville. Dr. O. T. Huebener and Mr. John S. Mann have been reappointed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to serve as State Trustees.

Millersville will next year fall into line with the majority of the normal schools in the State, and make the length of the school year forty weeks, at the same time reducing its rate to $200.00 for the school year. The next year will begin on the first Monday of September, and the charge for the fall and winter session will be $135.00. Rooms may be registered for at any time.

Several hundred dollars of the fund subscribed by the Class of 1898 for a scholarship are in the hands of the treasurer, Prof. J. W. Lansinger; and it is believed that the entire amount subscribed will be paid before Commencement.

The rule requiring students to board in the school buildings has been rescinded, under certain conditions, in so far as to allow gentlemen to board in the village, while rooming in the school buildings. The advantages of rooming in the buildings, where students have the benefit of help and advice from the "hall" teachers, and the opportunities of attendance upon the many special meetings called by the different school organizations, are obvious. It is believed that some students may be able to attend school at lower rates by this concession than they can at present. The school cannot afford to reduce its rates for boarding and maintain the present standard, but boarding may possibly be obtained by the students themselves in the neighborhood of the school at lower rates than the school can give them. This privilege is made as an experiment, and will be withdrawn if it is shown that it will not be advantageous to all concerned. It may be added that this action further emphasizes the fact that our school is not a money-making institution. Its chief object is to aid young persons to obtain as cheaply as possible the education required to teach in the public schools, and, it may be added, to begin the battle of life.

Have you registered for a room for the new session, which begins September 3d? Rooms may be registered for at any time.

Who will win the Wickersham scholarship for the next year? It is assigned on the basis of scholarship and moral character, as follows: Five students of the Junior class are nominated to the State Board of Examiners by the faculty in the order of their preference. From these five, three are selected by the State Board in the order of their preference, the first of whom receives the scholarship. It is worth striving for. Besides the honor, it gives the holder free tuition, boarding, and books for the entire Senior year. Who will win it this year?

No school has greater reason to be proud of its Alumni than Millersville.

The Alumni Loan Fund now amounts to over $1000.00. It is lent without interest to deserving students to enable them to complete their studies here. A number of students are now receiving the benefits of this praiseworthy movement of our old students and friends. Have you ever contributed to this fund? If not, send your contributions to the treasurer of the fund, Professor J. W. Lansinger. For every dollar you give, another dollar will be added to the fund by responsible parties. It is said that he who gives promptly gives twice. This is literally true with respect to this beneficence.

The new catalogue for 1899–1900 will be issued in June. Send for a copy.

To our graduates: We feel that we have the right to ask you for your assistance in keeping our school where it has always been. You are proud of its standing in the Keystone State. It is no idle boast to say that whenever half a dozen great normal schools in the United States are named, Millersville is one. This rank can be maintained only by maintaining the standard of scholarship and efficiency of its graduates. This standard can be maintained only by the constant and hearty support of its old students. You can most surely and most directly help to support it by sending students here. Has not the school the right to expect you to do this? The graduates of the "Old Normal" have been its warmest supporters in the past; and there is no reason to think that they will not continue to be its warmest supporters in the future. Remember that each one of you can help. Try to send, at least, one new student to the school next fall.

"The 'learned professions' are now four in number, the traditional triad of 'law, physics and divinity' being supplemented by pedagogy."—New York *World*, March 24, 1900.

Prof. L. S. Shimmell, Sci., '77, has placed the people of Pennsylvania under new obligations to him by writing "A History of Pennsylvania." The book is ably and clearly written; no one needs to be in doubt about the meaning of the author. The work shows much original research, and consequently places within the reach of all many facts otherwise inaccessible to the general reader. It is specially adapted to school use, and should be introduced largely into the schools of the Keystone State. Messrs. R. L. Meyers & Co., Harrisburg, Pa., are the publishers.

Graduates of normal schools may advantageously continue their studies here.

All who attended the important meeting of the Department of Superintendence of the N. E. A., at Chicago, in February, admired the ability, fairness and courtesy of the presiding officer, Dr. A. S. Downing, Superintendent of Training Schools, New York. Prof. Downing was a Pennsylvania boy, and although a young man, is a force in the educational field of his adopted State.

Directors of schools are reminded that the present Senior class contains a large number of teachers that the authorities of the school can endorse strongly. School boards will be assisted in obtaining good teachers if they drop a line to the Principal.

P. S. T. A.

The Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association will meet at Williamsport, July 3d, 4th, 5th. Hon. John A. M. Passmore, Sci., '60, is the president of the Association. A strong program has been prepared, and there is every prospect for an interesting and successful meeting. The attendance will be large, but Williamsport is able to take good care of a big crowd. All teachers should go who can go, and all who cannot go should enroll as members. Col. Passmore, 318 South 42d Street, Philadelphia, President, or Prof. David S. Kech, Kutztown, will answer all inquiries concerning the meeting.

Graduates should send their applications for second diplomas to the Principal without delay.

N. E. A.

The next meeting of the National Educational Association will be held in Charleston, S. C., July 10–13. Dr. O. T. Corson, one of the most prominent educational leaders in the great State of Ohio, is president of the N. E. A.

Charleston is making elaborate preparations for the entertainment of a host of visitors, and President Corson is arranging a program that will represent all sections of our country, and will discuss questions of great interest and importance to educators. Exceptionally low rates are offered on all railroads. Inquiries concerning routes, accommodations, etc., may be made of Prof. H. W. Fisher, Pittsburg, Pa., Director for Pennsylvania; Prof. Watson Cornell, 1725 N. 16th St., Philadelphia, manager for Eastern Pennsylvania, or Supt. George Howell, Scranton, manager for Northern Pennsylvania. Although not appointed a manager, Prof. J. W. Lansinger, Millersville, Pa., will be glad to answer any questions concerning this delightful trip. Charleston is a seaside town, with a pleasant climate in July.

A "cheap" school is sometimes too cheap to be good.

Messrs. John D. Brooks, Sci., '98; A. E. Kraybill, '98; E. W. Strickler, '97; M. W. Phillips, '97 and D. C. Jacobs, '99 and Misses Ada M. Storm and Laura E. Munson, '98, have been added to the faculty for the present session. They are doing excellent work. Mr. Wilson C. Morris, '97, is the efficient assistant of the chemical department.

A year at Millersville will add largely to your efficiency as a teacher.

The new model school building is rapidly rising above ground. The builder, Mr. D. H. Rapp, is giving it the closest attention, and is erecting a substantial, handsome structure. The Senior class of 1901 will have the opportunity of teaching in the best arranged and most convenient building of the kind in the State.

A Note on "How She Is Spoke."

The May number of one of our most valued school journals contains an article copied from an educational exchange, entitled "How She is Spoke," in which the reader may discover that Mark Twain's name is once more used to boost a contribution to literature on the struggles of children with the English language. In this article, we have "the same old story": what children have said or written in the school is brought before the reader to be laughed at. Here are four of the definitions that are evidently thought to be funny enough to merit a place with the "Innocents Abroad," and "blunderful" enough to condemn the teachers of the boys and girls who wrote them. The great humorist assures us that none of the sentences have been "doctored."

Emolument. "A headstone to a grave." (It is plain that the pupil understood the teacher to say *monument.* Whose fault is this, and why should we laugh?)

Parasite. "A small umbrella." (Another case of misunderstanding.)

Plagiarist. "A writer of plays." (How far wrong is this, Mark?)

Republican. "A sinner often mentioned in the Bible." (Did the teacher understand the pupil, or the pupil the teacher, or shall we refer the criticism of this statement to Colonel Bryan?)

And so on. One becomes tired of hearing the efforts of immature minds trumpeted forth as an evidence of poor work in the public schools. As this article is dictated, a building may be seen across the way, slowly rising above the ground. The basement is partly completed. Its "broken range" stone work, which will make a beautiful wall when finished, is not "pointed." The handsome window sills of Indiana limestone are covered with rough boards. From the unfinished, unpainted window frames long ungainly pieces of scantling run into the basement, and are nailed to unsightly stakes driven in the ground. Piles of stone are lying about that have been chipped off the stones in the wall. Large beds may be seen filled with mortar. Nearly a hundred thousand bricks are lying about in irregular heaps. Great piles of lumber are in the yard, and everything indicates that a building is in process of erection, while busy men are at work, and the walls are changing daily, slowly but surely conforming in design and ornament to the plans of the architect.

Imagine, if you can, a man with a modicum of gray matter in his brain, taking photographs of that building as it stands, and publishing them as the completed work of the architect and builder. He would be a candidate for a lunatic asylum. Imagine, if you can, a man writing a description of the building as it is in order to show the waste of money made by those who are erecting it. Yet this is what so many of our dear friends, who are not—and probably cannot be—teachers, do when they take the incomplete, crude, and rejected work of the children who are passing through the public schools, and blazon it to the world as the completed product of the school system. Let us wait until the building is finished before we pass final judgment upon it. Let us judge of the value of the public schools by our great men—our Lincolns, Grants, and Mark Twains—and by the thousands of men and women in every field of labor, who are living upright, noble lives, a credit to themselves and their country. The result might not be so funny (!), but it would at least be honest.

Apply early if you desire to secure a pleasant room for the coming school year.

The Principal of this School is anxious to have a rule adopted by the Board of Principals by which the work of high schools and the result of examinations by superintendents shall be properly recognized by the normal schools of the State. If the normal schools are ever to be welded into the public school system instead of being tacked on to it, as they now are, they must be willing to acknowledge that good work is sometimes done by teachers outside their own walls.

Our registration books are open for the fall and winter session, which begins Sept. 3d.

In forty years, the course of the Pennsylvania State normal schools has undergone but little change. Once in a while a study is added, or dropped, but no real change has been made in the course since Millersville nearly half a century ago began to blaze the way for the normal school system of the State. As a matter of fact, the third catalogue of this school (1857)—the first and second catalogues did not contain the courses of study—contained a course far beyond the present elementary course with one exception: there was no Latin in it. The word "elementary" was first used in naming one of the courses in the catalogue of 1860–1861. There were then four courses: preparatory, elementary (three years, called Junior, Middle, and Senior), scientific course (two years), and classical course (four years). The elementary course included the branches now in this course, except Latin and general history, and in addition, astronomy, solid geometry, plane trigonometry, surveying, elements of chemistry, and geology. Civil government was not named as a separate study, but included in the course in history.

Query: Do not the times demand a change in our present elementary course?

Have you read Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler's "The Meaning of Education"? Dr. Butler is not only a profound philosopher, but he is a brilliant scholar and a keen man of affairs as well. He says: "I am profoundly convinced that the greatest educational need of our time, in higher and lower schools alike, is a fuller appreciation on the part of teachers of what human institutions really mean and what tremendous moral issues and principles they involve." Think this over. And then read the entire book.

Full information concerning the school will be furnished on application to the Principal.

Progressive teachers who desire a progressive magazine which is at the same time trustworthy should examine the New York Teachers' Magazine. It is edited by one of our leading graduates, Dr. Joseph S. Taylor, '78. Dr. Taylor was the valedictorian of his class, and has always been a close student. He is now one of the leading teachers in New York City. His work as editor of the Teachers' Magazine makes his influence felt far beyond the limits of the school of which he is principal.

DEPARTMENT WORK.

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

Drawing.

Among the new collection of casts and still life which has been purchased since the last JOURNAL was published, we are especially glad to mention the cast of Horsemen from the Frieze of the Parthenon and the Roman and Gothic Rosettes, which are not only valuable as charcoal studies but are also an aid in the study of Art History.

The classes this summer are large and are doing their usual work in pencil, charcoal and water colors. The special water color class will go out-doors sketching, every pleasant Saturday during the remainder of the session.

English Grammar.

The classes in English Grammar are large and interested in pursuing the usual courses for

the spring term. The preparatory classes have studied "Lyte's Grammar and Composition" with much supplementary work in composition, analysis, parsing, the proper selection of words, correction of errors in syntax and illustration of general principles. Many have passed creditably the examinations under their county superintendents. The Juniors have studied Gray's Elegy, with special reference to grammatical construction and figures of speech. They have exercises in the order of arrangement of the elements of a sentence, irregular and elliptical constructions, words used as different parts of speech, the etymology of grammatical terms and sight analysis. They have also studied a brief history of the English language with special reference to the changes in the grammar of the language from the early English period. The class is now reviewing the text to fix the fundamental principles and definitions preparatory to the final examination by the State Board.

Geography.

The classes in Political Geography are now engaged in the study of Eurasia and European countries. Special attention is here given to the people and their institutions. In the study of North America and South America more attention was paid to physiography and the relation of relief to climate, drainage, and coastline. In Europe more time is devoted to correlating the industries, nature of the people, and the distribution of people with the physical environment. The typical governments and the character of the educational systems are also made subject of careful study.

The classes in Physical Geography are now studying earthquakes and volcanoes. Under this subject some of the special reports of the United States Geological Surveys are consulted for detailed knowledge of the Charleston earthquake and the Hawaiian volcanoes.

Students are not only given a thorough drill in the facts and principles of geography but they are taught how to systematize their study and teaching and how to make original investigations. A class in Nature study in the form of physiography has been organized and both text-book work and out-of-door study of land forms is given. With the Susquehanna only six and a half miles away and the Conestoga Creek within one-half a mile of the School, it is possible to make interesting studies of typical land features. Many students have availed themselves of the opportunity and a number of good papers on special geographical features in this locality are in course of preparation.

Greek.

The year's work in Greek embraces the following: a class beginning the subject this session; another which began Greek at the opening of the Fall term and is now reading the first book of the Anabasis; another which will finish four books; another has finished the Anabasis, three books of Homer's Iliad and considerable Greek Prose; and a fifth has read six books of the Iliad, the ninth book of Herodotus, Plato's "Phædo," and will read forty pages of Demosthenes' "De Corona."

History.

There are six classes studying United States History. As the session is short, little more than a hasty review of the subject can be taken.

The attempt is made to create as far as possible a "historical-mindedness," and while in all the classes the use of a text-book is made prominent, yet the slavish use of it is avoided.

The seniors are studying History of Education. This subject is now fully recognized as an indispensable feature of a pedagogical course.

We have introduced Seeley's History of Education as the basis of class room work, and hope to reach good results from it. The material is good, the arrangement good, and modern educators and their theories are made prominent.

There is a larger number than usual studying English history. As England has taken the lead in solving the problem of constitutional government, we who are struggling with the same problem, under slightly different conditions, cannot afford to be ignorant of her experience. The mother country has many lessons to teach us. We should be diligent in studying them.

Pronunciation of Latin.

In teaching the pronunciation of Latin according to the Roman method the following plan may be pursued with advantage. First write the word as it is in the Latin; then rewrite it, separating the syllables, marking accented syllables, substituting to indicate sounds equivalents as follows *a* (ah), *e* (eh), *o* (oh), *i* (ee), *u* (oo), *ae* (aye, meaning yes), *au* (ow), *oe* (oi), *c* (k), *i* consonant (y), *v* (w), *cu* (kw), *gu* (gw), *qu* (kw), *su* (sw). Examples:—*amāverimus* (äh māh wéh reemoos), *exquīrō* (eks kwēē rōh), *coniūrātiv* (cōhn yōō rāh tee ōh), *aurae* (ów raye), *coepī* (koípee), *cui* (kwee) *suescō* (swés kōh), *sanguis* (sáhn gwees). Long vowels differ from short vowels only in time, not in quality.

Literature.

The class in higher literature, having completed Pancoast's American Literature, is now engaged upon the study of English 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 chief periods of our literary history, and the influences which have determined the character of literature in these periods; to become acquainted with the lives of the principal authors, and to gain some idea of their works. For the latter purpose, much use is made of the library, and Palgrave's Golden Treasury is used as a companion to the text-book.

The Senior class has studied Milton's Paradise Lost, Books I and II; Macaulay's Essays on Milton and Addison, Shakspere's Macbeth, and is now engaged upon Burke's Speech on Conciliation. These books are the ones required for entrance to college this year, and students entering receive credit for the work done here. The Junior class, having completed the required work in composition, is now studying literature, the work being the same as outlined in the last JOURNAL.

Manual Training.

The work done by the classes in wood-working during the summer session is largely individual. Some students make and execute their own designs.

Among the larger articles made by the students are a book-case, a music cabinet, a stationery file, and a Japanese cabinet, bound in sheet metal.

The work of all the grades in the Model School has been very well done and we shall send to the N. E. A. meeting held at Charleston, S. C., in July, a representative exhibition of the work including the exercises of the Senior and Junior classes.

Mathematics.

The summer term though short has given many earnest students in mathematics time to review their elementary work and to make considerable progress in advanced study. In summing up the work for the year we find it very satisfactory.

Scientific Course.—In this course the aim has been not only to demonstrate the principles of the science in a formal way with some thought and much memory, but by construction and illustration by analyses and synthesis to get at the very foundation of every process, so that the science becomes a part of the intellectual life of the student.

Elementary Course—Senior Year.—The work with the Senior class this year has been unusually successful. The method of examining the class three times a year has proved to be a great success. Over half of the class has completed Plane, Solid, and Spherical Geometry.

Junior Year.—In this year the stress in mathematics is laid on Arithmetic and Algebra. The best students of the Junior year are those who spend the long winter term on these fundamental branches of mathematics. Then the subjects can be taken slowly and mastered.

Preparatory Year.—At the foundation of our course we place a thorough knowledge of mental arithmetic and urge the student in the methods classes to get a good knowledge of Concrete Geometry. These two studies, the one in number and the other in extension, well mastered, will lighten the work throughout the entire course.

Model School Department.

The opening of the spring session saw some changes in the Model School. The promotions to the Normal included some children who began in the Kindergarten and took all the work of the various grades, including the tenth grade.

The ninth grade began Latin by using Harkness's Easy Latin Method which we find much better adapted to the needs of beginners than any other text-book we have used.

The Nature work of this session has been along the lines of Botany and Zoölogy. The children have made special study of trees, plants and flowers; and in Zoölogy of pond life. Paintings representing various stages of growth of plants have been made and kept.

The language work of the primary grades has been an outgrowth of the Nature Study.

We are preparing charts of color work and drawing that represent the year's work of the pupils.

The enrollment and attendance in the Kindergarten have been specially good this session. Among the interesting features of their work is the garden in which they have planted and see growing beans, peas, radishes, etc.

Music Department.

The music department has increased to such an extent that it was found necessary to increase the corps of teachers. Two able assistants were secured in Mrs. Bitner and Miss Bones. The pupils are doing very good work and great enthusiasm is manifested.

A concert is being prepared for the evening of June 22d, and a great deal of extra music is projected for Commencement. A patriotic cantata, Barbara Frietchie, accompanied by the school orchestra, will be a special feature. The high grade of music rendered, and the faithful prompt attendance in all choral work, requires special commendation.

Natural Science.

The School has secured the services of Professor Charles LeRoy Wheeler, of Scranton, Pa., to arrange, label and classify the large collection of minerals that has been in the School's possession for some time. This collection consists of more than 400 specimens received through Andrew M. Frantz, Esq., from Dr. Henry Landis, of Reading, Pa.; some 350 specimens secured by our Principal Dr. E. O. Lyte at the World's Fair in 1893; more than 300 specimens received from the State Geological Survey Committee; about 400 specimens from Arizona and Mexico received from Mrs. Alice F. Cameron; and between 200 and 300 specimens of local ores, minerals, and fossils. In addition to the above we have also quite a collection of fossil coal plants and fossil animals received from the coal regions of this State and from the friends of the School in different parts of the country. This collection when finished will contain over 2000 specimens and will be available for the practical study of Geology and Mineralogy. Contributions to our growing museum will be gratefully received.

The Botany classes are very enthusiastic and are doing good work. They have lately been much encouraged by the kindness and forethought of many of our graduates who have sent us beautiful wild flowers that do not belong to our local flora. The thanks of the class are especially due to Mr. N. C. Snyder and to Mr. E. J. Henninger of Valley View, Pa., for the beautiful Fringed Polygale and the delicate *Aralia trifoliata* received.

The class in Zoölogy is quite large and full of energy. A number of animals have been studied under the microscope with the dissecting needles and pincetts. Each member of the class is busy collecting and naming insects preparatory to the final examinations next month.

The Camera Club or class in Photography had a delightful May excursion to the Susquehanna River below Safe Harbor. Quite a number of good plates of "Indian Rocks," romantic scenery and picturesque reaches were secured.

The Seniors are on "the home stretch" in Physics and all are in a winning mood. It is probable none will be distanced.

Penmanship.

The several classes in Penmanship completed vertical writing during the first four weeks of this session and are now working on the slant.

Especial attention is being given to that part of theory which treats of the proper presentation of the subject to pupils in public schools. Students also received individual instruction in blackboard work, something which is very essential to all teachers of writing.

Physical Culture for Girls.

Large classes will be found working in the gymnasium during this spring term; the largest being that of the Juniors, which has an enrollment of seventy-five.

The chief aim for this term is the improvement of the carriage in walking and in the standing posture, and the straightening of round shoulders and drooping heads by means of free work, wands and hanging exercises.

Several days when the weather has been too warm for work inside, the children's class has been taken on the campus for games.

The Senior team of basket-ball played a match game with the girls from Miss Stahr's school of Lancaster, on the morning of February 22d, resulting in a victory for the Millersville girls—15 to 2. After the game a little luncheon was served to the Lancaster girls who were invited to the bowling alley, which had been arranged as a little reception room with screens, cozy corners, pillows, palms, etc. Tennis has now taken the place of basket-ball.

Physical Culture for Gentlemen.

Those who were somewhat apprehensive at the beginning of the session, lest, owing to the warm weather, the work in the gymnasium might become irksome, have found little cause for their fears. In reality the gymnasium is one of the coolest places on the campus. The building is so situated, that a breeze from any direction is always noticed there; and even when there is no air in motion, on a warm day, the place is never uncomfortable. The class work for the present session has been as follows: Seniors, bar-bells and Indian clubs; Juniors, military drill and dumb-bells; 1st, A's, step positions and Indian clubs; 2d, A's, figure marching and dumb-bells; 1st, B's, step positions and bar-bells; 2d, B's, short wands and Indian clubs; 1st and 2d C's, floor drill and short wands. The model school boys have taken figure marching, calisthenics, and musical dumb-bells.

The Cadets, who have made excellent progress in their work, have thus far, drilled four nights in the week.

Reading.

Eight classes in Reading and Elocution and one in methods of teaching reading are receiving daily drill and instruction. The enlarged summer session always brings work in this department to keep two teachers very busy. Interpretation of character, analysis of thought, and expression, vocal and pantomimic, of thought in reading, declamation, and address, are the lines of work for the class and individual work. Articulation, voice and gesture are taught in drill and exercises to make the bodily agents flexible and responsive. The demand for special lessons shows an interest in the subject which leads the pupils far beyond what is required in the course.

The class in methods begins with the child's first day in school and methods and principles are discussed which will serve in all grades including the High School.

The interest in oratory is stimulated by the oratorical contests at the close of the summer session, and an interesting contest is assured this year, for there is considerable native talent among those preparing to enter.

NORMAL NOTE BOOK.

[Hand items for this column to Miss Gilbert.]

The eclipse on May 28th was diligently observed at Millersville. Dr. Bitner's reminder of the event in the morning brought out a crowd of students with smoked glass. At first the clouds threatened to deprive the young astronomers of their pleasure, but just after chapel the sky cleared, and an excellent view was obtained.

Tennis has been more than usually popular this spring. A turf court has been laid out west of the Science Building, and on pleasant afternoons all the courts are usually occupied.

The final examinations under the State Board begin on Monday, June 18th. Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will preside.

The summer course of lectures, which proved so popular last year, has been continued this year. The opening feature of the course was a concert, April 27th, by the Lotus Glee Club, assisted by Minnie Marshall Smith, reader. The Glee Club, consisting of four male voices, gave one of the most finished musical programs that has ever been heard at Millersville, while Mrs. Smith's readings added much to the entertainment. The second number on the course was a lecture, "A Summer Flight over the Sea," by Dr. A. A. Willits, whom many remember as the genial apostle of "Sunshine." The concluding lecture of the course is "Abraham Lincoln" by Rev. S. Parkes Cadman, which will be given on June 9th. Dr. Cadman comes to Millersville with the highest recommendations as an orator.

Dr. Byerly was absent from school part of last week on account of the death of his brother, Jacob R. Byerly, of Lucky, York Co., who died of pneumonia on May 22d. Dr. Byerly has the sympathy of the entire school in his loss.

More interest has been taken in baseball this spring than has been shown for years. A strong second team has been organized, composed as follows: Brooks (Capt.), catcher; Stokes, pitcher; Howes, first base; Raker, second base; Seamon, short stop; Strohman, third base; Light, right field; Blocher, centre field; Neff, left field.

The Natural Science Club is the latest organization at the Normal. Under the leadership of Mr. Roddy the members study Geology and Physiography, and make weekly excursions to points of interest. Among the places visited by the club recently are Turkey Hill, Cully, Pequea, and the Tucquan Gorge. The trips give the students an excellent opportunity for field work in Geology and are decidedly pleasant occasions besides.

The students in the Manual Training Department are doing some extra work which speaks well for their proficiency in that branch.

The *Wickersham* of 1900, the annual published by the present Senior Class, is now in the hands of the printers, and the book will be ready for delivery about June 15th. It is to be a larger book than last year's, and no pains have been spared to make it a fitting souvenir of the school.

Miss Barnhart and Miss Raymond have joined the band of cyclists at the Normal.

A clump of Scotch broom on the North side of the lake is very beautiful just now with a profusion of bright yellow flowers.

The tulip beds which were remarkably handsome this spring have been replanted by florist Wilson with cannas, etc.

On Saturday, May 19th, Miss Barnhart, as president of tha Y. W. C. A., gave a most enjoyable reception to the ladies of the Faculty and of the Senior Class. It was held in the Gymnasium which was transformed by means of rugs, couches, plants and screens. Miss Barnhart received most gracefully, being ably assisted by the officers of the Association, Misses Closs, Sawyer and Black. The Junior orchestra played for the occasion and the ladies of the Scientific Class presided over the refreshments.

We were very much pleased to have a short visit from Miss Gilbert in the latter part of April. She stopped on her way to Chicago to spend some time with her sister. Miss Gilbert is well and looks well, but has not entirely regained her strength.

Every year our campus puts on a more enchanting beauty. This year it seemed as if the horse-chestnut and locust trees and the many flowering shrubs seemed to vie with each other in profuseness and beauty of bloom. The increasing size of our new trees, many of them rare and beautiful, also aids in making our grounds seem more beautiful this year than ever before.

At the annual meeting of the Teachers' Natural Science Club of Lancaster County, held at Ephrata, Mr. Ahrens delivered an interesting address on "The New Nature Study."

One of the most interesting games of baseball that has been seen on the Normal grounds was played on the afternoon of Page anniversary, between the School team and the Alumni. Up to the eighth inning the score was 3 to 1 in favor of the School: in the ninth the Alumni tied the score; the tenth and eleventh innings made no change, until in the twelfth inning the Alumni brought in two more runs, giving them the victory by a score of 8 to 6. Several fine double plays were made and but few errors on either side. Two members of the Pennsylvania Legislature, Messrs. Shutt and Reitzel, were on the Alumni team and their work showed that politics need not spoil a good ball player. The line-up was as follows: School team; Heim (Capt.), catcher; S. Brown, pitcher; Bush, first base; H. Brown, second base; W. Hershey, short-stop; Ely, third base; W. Evans, right field; Hurst, center field; Fisher, left field. Alumni: Reitzel, catcher; Blough, pitcher; Shutt, first base; Sheely, second base; Kilheffer, short-stop; H. Brady, third base; Taylor, right field; Mentzer (Capt.), center field; Winter, left field.

THE SOCIETIES.

Alumni Notice.

The regular meeting of the Alumni Association of the First Pennsylvania State Normal School will be held at Millersville on Wednesday, June 27, 1900. The private session will be held in the Model School Chapel at 2 p. m., followed by the alumni banquet given by the authorities of the institution.

By a time-honored custom the history of each class is read every ten years. The histories of four classes will be read this year, as follows: class of '60, class of '70, class of '80, and class of '90.

Dr. A. N. Raub, Newark, Del., will read the history of the class of '60. This class consisted of Dr. Thomas R. Baker, Winter Park, Fla.;

Mr. John A. M. Passmore, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. A. N. Raub, Newark, Del., and Thomas M. Coulson, deceased.

Miss Marianna Gibbons, Bird-in-hand, Pa., is historian of the class of '70. Thirty years ago, when this class graduated, it numbered twenty-six in the Elementary Course and two in the Scientific Course. Only four of this class have died.

Wm. I. Hibbs, Esq., Pittson, Pa., is historian of the class of '80. Twenty years ago when this class graduated, it numbered thirty-seven. Only three of this class have died.

Prof. David S. Hankins, Camp Hill, Pa., is historian of the class of '90. Ten years ago when this class graduated it numbered 46. Three of this class have died.

It is hoped that all the members of these classes will send their histories to their historian at once.

The following members of the alumni have died this year :

Mrs. Anna Wise Palmer, '86, Philadelphia ; Rev. C. G. F. Miller, '83, Millersville, Pa.; Mr. Gideon C. Miller, '89, Columbia, Pa.; Miss Lillie J. McClure, '98, Bart, Pa.; Mr. Geo. G. McCullough, '90, McCullough's Mills, Pa.; Miss Ida May Ebert, '82, Pottstown, Pa.; Mr. Frank Greist, '71, Lancaster, Pa.; A. O. Newpher, Esq., '59, Millersville, Pa.; Mr. G. A. Hendricks, '73, Minneapolis, Minn.; Miss Frances J. Fraser, '75, Buffalo, N. Y.

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 returning to his *Alma Mater* will be to record his name in the register and obtain a badge provided by the Institution, on which is printed the year of his graduation.

We are anxious to accommodate the Alumni as far as it lies within our power, although we are compelled to say that there is not a vacant room in the ladies' building at present. All who expect to attend the meetings of the Alumni and wish accommodations should notify Prof. H. Justin Roddy, Millersville, Pa., as early as possible.

We hope all the members of the Alumni Association who can find time in their busy career, will return this year to the scenes of their happy school days.

All communications relating to the Alumni Association, except requests for accommodations, should be addressed to the chairman of the Executive Commitee.

GEO. W. HULL,
Chairman of Executive Committee.

The Page Literary Society.

ANNA LYLE.

As usual the June number of THE JOURNAL presents an account of the anniversary of the Society. We take the following from the Saturday evening editions of the Lancaster *Examiner*, and the Lancaster *Intelligencer*:

The annual literary festival which celebrates the anniversary of the Page Society was held Friday evening, May 25th, in the chapel of the Normal School.

The room was specially decorated and arranged for the occasion. Plants, flowers, banners, flags and mottoes, amid evergreens and sparkling lights, produced the feeling of quiet beauty and restful pleasure. A densely crowded house awaited the opening of the evening's exercises.

The officers were : President, Hon. William W. Griest, '76, Lancaster ; secretary, Miss Mary H. Riddle, '95, Lancaster. The programme of exercises consisted of the following: President's address, Hon. W. W. Griest ; music, harp solo, selection from "Aida" (Verdi), Signor Giavanni Setaro, Philadelphia ; Page oration, "The Student Finding His Life Work," M. Mosser Smyser, '95, Carlisle ; violin solo, "Zigeunerweisen" (Sarasate), J. Stewart Thorbahn, Lancaster ; reading, "Melindy's Encumbrance" (Winston), Miss Florence Boyd, Philadelphia ; music, song, "Rose senza odor" (Moderati), Miss McIntyre, harp and violin obligato ; honorary oration, "An Optimist's Message," Hon. Charles B. Landis, Washington, D. C., music, harp solo, "Spring Flowers" (Gounod), Signor Giavanni Setaro, Philadelphia ; reading, "Mrs. Brown's Experiences with the Drama" (Sketchley), Miss Florence Boyd, Philadelphia ; music, octette, "The Page" (Prof. B. A. Heydrick), Messrs. Armstrong, Harbold, Dreshman, Stewart, Brown, Morning, Dodd, Glasgow.

PRESIDENT GREIST'S ADDRESS.

The president in assuming the duties of his office welcomed all to the anniversary exercises. He paid a glowing tribute to David Perkin Page, in whose honor the society was named. He showed that when Page was a mere boy the successful training of a colt gave him the idea that he should be able to train men ; how he strove for an edncation, and at the early age of eighteen conducted an academy in New Hampshire for the training of teachers and the preparation of students for college. Although Page died at the early age of 38 yet he left his mark upon the educational thought of the world. His books are still standard authorities among teachers. An unforseen little thing, a chance like the breaking of a colt, often leads to important results. The slightest act and the smallest word have their influence. Chance-haps do not bring immediate success ; they may awaken and arouse one to the importance of acting, but only persistent industry brings final success.

The harpist, Professor Setaro, is a favorite with Millersville audiences, and was given a hearty reception. His harp has lost none of its sweetness, and the long-continued applause showed that his solos were enjoyed. He was twice recalled, and responded each time with a choice selection.

PAGE ORATION.

The Page oration was a clear, earnest and eloquent appeal to all young men to carefully consider the great needs of mankind before deciding upon their life work. Egotistic pleasure is not a proper motive in selecting one's life work. The Great Ruler of all things has a special work for each, and it is our duty to find what this work is. The special call does not come to the minister any more than it comes to others. It comes to all.

Three questions should be carefully considered by each :

1st. What and where are the greatest needs of humanity ?

2d. Where are the great opportunities ; the unsupplied needs ?

3d. What is the service for which my talents best fit me ? What can I do most successfully ?

To illustrate he showed how Harriet Beecher Stowe felt the need of humanity, burdened by the curse of slavery. She also saw the opportunity. The proper time was at hand. When the public mind was prepared, she also felt that she had the power to do something, to help to destroy slavery, and her "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was a success.

In the same way, if not in the same degree, each student by making proper choice of his life work, may be an inspiration and a blessing to the present generation.

The violin solos of J. Stewart Thorbahn were selected from the most classic authors and were given to the audience with artistic skill. He delighted everybody.

The reading of Miss Boyd was a pleasing feature. Modest, graceful and natural in voice and gesture, she won the sympathy of the audience and added much to their entertainment.

Miss McIntyre sang with her usual excellence and taste. A sweet voice under perfect control, with a pleasing manner, make her singing especially enjoyable. For an encore she sang a brilliant aria.

Miss Westlake's skill as an accompanist added greatly to the success of the music.

ORATION BY HON. C. B. LANDIS.

The feature of the programme was, of course, the address by Congressman Landis. He is a man of medium height, well-proportioned, and his round, smooth-shaven face, now beaming with his gospel of optimism, now earnest as he speaks earnestly of his convictions, is an index to his character. As a speaker he is fluent and at times eloquent. He has an apt way of enforcing his points by humorous anecdotes. He began by referring to himself as "no orator, but just a plain country newspaper man from the Wabash." He said in part :

"I never like to talk about the bad things in life. It's a good world, and I take my view of it from the Psalms, not from Jeremiah. It is a better world than it ever was in the past. The church is better: it is rational, and practical. Denominationalism is dying out, dogmas are disappearing, creeds simply mark stations on the religious highway.

"The State is better. It now has a heart. All our reformatories and asylums are of recent establishment. A hundred years ago, in one State, criminals were chained in an unused copper mine, in total darkness. Murderers and thieves, debtors, young boys and hardened criminals, men and women all together. In Delaware there were twenty offenses punishable by death ; in Pennsylvania, ten.

"The nation has a heart, a heart that throbbed in sympathy to the sufferings of our oppressed neighbors in Cuba. You know the rest of the story ; how, for the first time in history, Anglo-Saxon blood was shed in a Latin harbor, and how Columbia, not in haste, but calmly and resolutely, drew the sword to avenge that bloodshed, and the other nations drew back and raised no hand to interfere. And let me give you a message to-night from the House of Representatives : Men may embarrass, circumstances for a time may vex, but this Government will perform its mission to that island in the sea, and when it is over no man can point his finger at this Government and say it has been faithless to its mission.

"Politics is better that formerly. A good name and a good character stand for more in this country than ever before. To be known as a frequenter of saloons and gambling places would be fatal to the chances of re-election of most men in Congress to-day. You hear people say that there is no place in politics for the poor man. If all the representatives from my State would put their wealth together it would not reach the hundred thousand dollar mark."

The oration was patriotic and full of hope and cheer. Its tone was full of enthusiasm and promise. Its delivery was eloquent.

The anniversary closed with the singing of a song entitled "The Page," by eight stalwart Pageites. The words of this song were composed by Professor Heydrich, the popular teacher of English, and the deafening applause which greeted and followed this number was a compliment to the composer and the singers.

The Normal Literary Society.

H. JUSTIN RODDY.

Our last report on the Normal Literary Society gave an account of the Anniversary meeting. Usually the exercises on that occasion not only stimulate the workers in the regular meetings to greater efforts, but they also give the work that follows a more decided literary flavor.

A number of carefully prepared orations have been delivered during the summer. We can give the subjects of only a few of them and name the orators. John D. Palm delivered an oration on "The Present Moment"; Russell Barnett, one on "Garfield"; John S. Hoover on "Height of Power"; John K. Lehman on "Our Gift"; J. Clyde Peightel on "Your Place in the World"; Harry Bitner on "The Question at Issue"; H. T. Wentz on "Success in Life ;" Harold Weiss on "James G. Blaine"; and James H. Martin on "Young Men, the Strength of a Nation."

Some of the orators became eloquent, both in style of composition and manner of delivery .

Both ladies and gentlemen take part in the debate. Among those who have recently participated in this most valuable exercise of the

society we may name Messrs. Hoover, Martin, Grove, Peightel, Reist, Palm, Minnich, and Bitner, and Misses Snell, Nightlinger, Mock, Wilcox, Thompson, Horner, Seitz and Confer.

The subjects of debate are often vital questions. Among them we may mention: *Resolved*, That the Liquor Question can be better solved by Education than by Prohibitive Legislation; *Resolved*, That Ancient Oratory is Superior to Modern; *Resolved*, That the United States should adopt the Referendum; *Resolved*, That Strikes are Justifiable; *Resolved*, That Colonies are beneficial to the Mother Country; *Resolved*, That the United States should interfere in the present War in South Africa; *Resolved*, That Trusts are of more good than harm to the American People; *Resolved*, That a Lawyer is justified in trying to secure the Acquital of his Client: *Resolved*, That the promises of a Democracy have been fulfilled; *Resolved*, That McKinley in his Administration of Public Affairs has reached a high standard of Leadership.

The essays during the session have been excellent. They were distinguished chiefly for grace, simplicity and beauty of illustration. Some of the essayists were Miss Leopold whose subject was "My Hero Justified"; Miss Walton on "Old Glory"; Miss McKerihan on "What Becomes of our Normal Graduates"; Miss Gardner on "The College Girl"; Miss Weil on "Little Things"; Miss Fry on "Turning Points in Life"; Miss Rowe on "What Shall We Read"; Miss Baker on "The Music of Silence"; Miss McLaughlin on "Experience of a Breaker Boy," and Miss Anders on "Through Trials to Glory."

The recitations are always awaited with anticipation of pleasure, and the anticipations are nearly always realized for the reciters are almost always chosen because of their recognized talent for elocution. Among the reciters and subjects we may mention the following: Miss Kelly, "The Christening"; Miss Herr, "Lydia's Ride"; Miss McLaughlin, "The Legend of King Nilus"; Mr. Howard Miller, "Aux Italiens"; Messrs. Gherst and Miller, "The Unforgotten Foe"; Miss Anders, "Old Ace"; Mr. Hipps, "The Raven"; Miss May Hull, "Triumph Through Faith"; and Miss Grunden, "The Sioux Chief's Daughter."

The music is always one of the entertaining and instructive features of the Society's meetings. Some of the music rendered is of a high order and since the Society has besides the Lyrian Glee Club, an orchestra and a Mandolin Club, as well as a number of good vocalists and pianists, the special music furnished gives variety and beauty to the regular program. Some of the persons who have appeared on the program are Misses Confer, Leopold, Lehman, Lear, Wentzel, Eshelman, Baker, Bausman, Overholser, Rynear, Baur, Keiper, Hartman, Gardner and Hull; and Messrs. Light, Reist, Lehman, Peightel, Ranck, Palm, Meyer, McClain, Lear, Steese, Bitner and Hull.

The officers at the present time are Mr. Harry Bitner, President; Miss Edith Eshelman, Secretary; Miss Mary Underwood, Critic and Mr. George Ely, Vice-President.

The meetings of the Junior Society have been held regularly and have been excellent. The officers are Mr. John A. Runk, President; Mr. Enos Royer, Vice-President; Mr. Harry Huber, Secretary, and Mr. Wm. Horrocks, Critic.

The debates in this Society have been lively and interesting. Some of the debaters are Messrs. Hartman, Norris, Zimmerman, Runk, Workman and Shenberger. Recitations have been given by Messrs. Frank Hipps, and Lawrence Bitner.

The regular meeting of the Senior Society after the Page Anniversary is always looked forward to as an event in the summer session. The program is specially prepared and the interest in every exercise is greater than usual. The following was the program rendered on that occasion (May 26th):

Calling to order by the President. Mr. Joseph Stokes.

Music—by the orchestra.

Reading of minutes—by the secretary, Miss Georgia Myton.

Song—by Miss Nancy Keiper.

Oration—"The Power of Music," by Mr. Graybill Minnich.

Piano Solo—Miss May Hull.

Essay—"The Mission of Music," by Miss Stella Leopold.

Regular debate on the question—*Resolved*, That music has had more influence on the world than poetry. On the affirmative by Mr. Erwin W. Grove, Mr. Charles Workman and Miss Elva Horner, and on the negative by Mr. C. Oscar Hawn, Mr. John Erb, and Miss Emma Weil.

Vocal Duet—by Misses' Wentzel and Singleton.

Song—by Mrs. H. F. Bitner.

Recitation—"I Shall be Satisfied," by Miss May Hull.

Piano Duet—by Miss Helen Keiser and Miss Mary Lehman.

Sentiment Roll.

Critic's remarks by Miss Anna W. Baker.

Since the last report many new books have been added to the library and several have been presented. Books are now added to the library almost daily, and usually as soon as a good book issues from the press it may be found on the shelves of the library. This adds much to the usefulness of and interest in new literature.

Y. W. C. T. U.

AMANDA LANDES, PRESIDENT.

The Normal School "Y" has been especially favored this session by having a number of prominent visitors who gave us practical and inspiring talks. On the 5th of April, Miss Elizabeth Lloyd of Darby, one of the instructors at the Lancaster City Teachers' Institute, spoke to us most inspiring and helpful words on the subject of the "Whole Armor of Christ." On the 19th of April, Rev. Chas. Knox told of his interesting work in the "The Stranger's Mission" and "The Door of Hope" in Lancaster. The interest in his talk was shown by a voluntary contribution from the Union to help along his work. On the 3d of May, Mrs. Olive Pond-Amies, the State Secretary of Penna. W. C. T. Unions spoke to the Union on the subject of "Young People's Work." And on the 17th of May, the Rev. Mr. Sangree of Harrisburg impressed all who heard him by his earnest words on the subject of the temperance reform. These friends were sowing seed by the way.

Since writing for the February Journal, our "Y" has had an interesting Scientific Temperance Meeting, in which Miss Myers discussed Scientific Temperance Instruction, and Mr. Harbold the much talked of Atwater Experiments. The conclusion reached was that the truth of the danger in the use of alcoholics was not affected by the experiments; and the necessity for scientific temperance instruction is very great in the face of the widespread ignorance on the subject. On March 28th of the opening week of the session the "Y" joined with its sister societies, the two Christian Associations, in giving a sociable to teachers and students, at which the aims of the three organizations were presented, and a good social time enjoyed by all.

On May 4th, our Union joined with the Union in the village in entertaining the Mid-Year County Convention. The day sessions were held in one of the village churches, and the evening session in the Normal School Chapel. Madame Layyah Barakat gave us her interesting address, "A Message from Mt. Lebanon."

Our school is so large and so busy during this session that we congratulate ourselves that we have been able to do as much as we have recorded. We are now planning another meeting and a Flower Mission celebration, and pray most earnestly for a blessing on our work.

Y. M. C. A.

HOWARD K. MILLER, PRESIDENT.

Another term has opened and with it came a large number of new students, whom we gladly welcomed to our midst.

On the first Wednesday evening of the term, the Christian organizations united in giving a reception to the new students. Nearly all of the students and members of the faculty attended and we believe it proved very helpful in our work.

We are pleased to report that a large number of the students attend the regular devotional meetings of the Association on Sabbath morning.

A few weeks ago the election of officers for the Association took place and resulted as follows: President, John A. Runk; Vice-President, Chas. E. Workman; Recording Secretary, Wm. E. Snader; Corresponding Secretary, Elton E. Peterman; Treasurer, Milton W. Phillips. We congratulate these newly-elected officers and wish them abundant success during the year.

The Association Lecture Course is largely attended. The opening number was a concert by the Lotus Glee Club; and on May 12th, Dr. Willits, the Apostle of Sunshine, lectured to us. The closing number will be given Friday evening, June 8th, and will be a lecture on "Abraham Lincoln" by Rev. S. Parkes Cadman.

On Sunday morning, April 22d, Dr. Byerly, very kindly preached a most helpful sermon to the students, in the Chapel.

The newly-elected President, Mr. Runk, attended the Presidents' Conference, held at Dickinson College, in April. He received many valuable suggestions for strengthening the work here. We hope to send a strong, representative delegation to the Students' Conference at Northfield.

In conclusion, at the close of two years' work as President of the Y. M. C. A., we leave this as a parting message—"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made you free." "Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

Y. W. C. A.

ELIZABETH BARNHART, PRESIDENT.

Another year's work has passed, and the juniors are taking up the duties performed by the seniors with such credit to the Master's cause. The officers for this year are as follows: President, Elizabeth Barnhart; Vice President, Alma Rice; Recording Secretary, Anna Belle Cairnes; Corresponding Secretary, Edith Young; Pianist, Gertrude Kearcher. The various committees will soon be appointed and will receive help from the experienced workers.

We hope to send three girls to Northfield as usual. Mrs. Lowry, our State Secretary, cannot be with us this summer on account of her work in western Pennsylvania. We are sorry to miss the inspiration which her visits always give.

Our meetings continue to be well attended. The resident graduates and the new girls have greatly helped and encouraged us. At our last Missionary meeting a collection amounting to ten dollars was raised and sent to the famine sufferers in India. We enter upon this new year trusting in your interest in and prayers for our Association.

ALUMNI NEWS.

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

MARRIAGES.

MARRIED.—On January 10th, Dr. Quinton D. Arner, '93, and Miss Emma Peters, of Cementon, Pa.

Dr. Arner is practising his profession at the latter place, which is, Mr. Harry V. Sieger, '90, says, in the midst of the richest cement region of the Lehigh Valley.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to our young friends.

MARRIED.—At Gettysburg, Pa., on November 16th, '99, Miss Anna R. Foster, '99, and Mr. John D. Brooks, '93. Mr. Brooks entered the Junior class at Gettysburg College after completing the Scientific course here last year and spends his summers teaching at his Alma Mater. We hope for Mr. and Mrs. Brooks a life full of happiness and abounding in usefulness.

MARRIED.—On Tuesday, April 17th, in Lancaster city, Pa., Miss Anna N. Mumma, '96, and Mr. Harry R. Bassler, '96. Mr. and Mrs. Bassler will reside at "The Maples," near Roseville, Pa. The JOURNAL sends to them congratulations and wishes them many years of happy married life.

MARRIED.—On May 2d, in St. Peter's cathedral, Scranton, Pa., Mr. Francis Martin Lynch, of Scranton, Pa., and Miss Helen Merriman, of Dunmore, Pa. Mr. Lynch was a student with us in '89 and '90. After leaving here Mr Lynch entered Yale University and graduated there. He is now one of the prominent young members of the Lackawanna county bar. The JOURNAL extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lynch.

MARRIED.—On March 29, 1900, Miss Katharine E. Beck, '93, Millersville, Pa., and Mr. A. Stehman Herr, '93. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Herr is Marietta, Pa. THE JOURNAL sends to both its heartfelt wishes for a long, a happy and a useful life.

MARRIED.—On May 10th, at her home in Wisner, Nebraska. Miss Helen C. Mansfield and Mr. Andrew R. Oleson. Miss Mansfield had charge of our Kindergarten department for two years. While with us she made many friends. We all join in extending good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Oleson.

MARRIED.—Miss Mary Boyle, '85, of Sebastopol, Pa., and Dr. P. H. Kearney of Scranton, Pa. The wedding took place in St. John's Church, Pittston, Pa. Dr. and Mrs. Kearney will reside at 312 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. THE JOURNAL takes pleasure in making this announcement and extends congratulations to Dr. Kearney and his bride.

MARRIED.—On February 21st, at her home in Rohrerstown, Pa., Miss Dora Elizabeth Mayer and Mr. Harry Elmer Hershey. Mrs. Hershey is a daughter of one of our most prominent and popular trustees. Many of the students of '86 and '87 will recall Miss Mayer who was a student during that time, and will read with interest this account. Mr. and Mrs. Hershey will reside in Lancaster City. We send a message of hearty congratulations to them, and wish them the fullest measure of life's blessings.

MARRIED.—On Thursday, March 9th, at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Mr. William Magee Taggart, '89, and Edith Alice Davis. Mr. Taggart has been principal of the schools of Mayfield, Pa., for several years. It gratifies us to hear that he is making a success of his profession. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Taggart our heartiest congratulations.

MARRIED.—On April 11th, at the Methodist parsonage in Millersville, Pa., Miss Lydia G. Baker, '95, to Mr. James Monroe Gochenour of Petersburg, Pa. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. A. Warden, pastor of the church, assisted by Dr. George W. Hull. Mr. and Mrs. Gochenour will reside at Petersburg, Pa. We send our congratulations to them through THE JOURNAL, accompanied by many good wishes.

MARRIED.—On June 5th, in Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Pa., Miss Clara May Stauffer, '95, and Mr. John Frederick Long. The home of our young friends will be Lancaster, Pa. May they enjoy a full share of life's richest, rarest blessings.

MARRIED.—On May 19th, at her home in Philadelphia, Pa., Miss Mary H. Shoemaker, '85, and Mr. William H. Sexton. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Sexton will be 2021 North 18th, St., after June 10th. THE JOURNAL will convey to them our earnest wishes that their home may be one filled with life's choicest blessings.

DEATHS.

Frank Greist, '71, editor of *The Inquirer* and oldest son of the recently deceased editor and proprietor of *The Inquirer*, Major Ellwood Griest, died suddenly of heart failure in Lancaster, on Monday afternoon, March 5th. He had been unwell for some days, but serious result of his illness was not in the least anticipated. He was born in Bart township, this county, May 10, 1854. After graduating from the Millersville Normal School in 1871, he worked for a time at the printing business and subsequently taught school in Mount Joy township, this county, and for several years was principal of a boys' grammar school in this city. From 1882 to 1887 he was chief clerk in the office of the county commissioners. He then moved to the Shenandoah valley in Virginia, locating there on a farm which he conducted until 1896, when he returned with his family to Lancaster county for the purpose of assisting his father in the management of *The Inquirer*. His wife, who was Ellen S. Preston, '71, of this city, survives with two children, a girl and a boy, aged respectively 11 and 8 years. His funeral was held on Thursday afternoon, March 8th, interment being made at Woodward Hill cemetery, beside his father, who was laid to rest but a month previously. The services were those of the Society of Friends, of which deceased was a member.

The news of Mr. Griest's death will be a mournful message to his classmates and many Normal friends.

Mr. John A. M. Passmore, forwarded to us a notice of the death of Dr. Robert M. Girvin, which we insert here. Mr. Passmore's fitting and kindly words find a response in the heart of every one who knew Dr. Girvin. He was one of earth's noblemen. It is an interest ng fact that he was the second student to be enrolled when this school began, April 17, 1855.

Dr. Robert M. Girvin died suddenly at his residence, 3912 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, March 17, 1900, in his 65th year.

Dr. Girvin was a student at Millersville during the sessions of 1855-6 and after completing his scholastic education, entered upon the study of medicine and graduated from the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia in 1862, and immediately entered upon the practice of his profession in which he rose rapidly and soon became one of the most prominent physicians in the city of his adoption. Few men were more honored by their brethren in the profession than Dr. Girvin; he was an eminent physician.

I desire to say a few words of Dr. Girvin as a man and a friend. I knew him for over forty-four years; he was always the soul of honor, loved by and lovable to all who were fortunate enough to have his professional services or acquaintance, noble, and dignified when necessary, always pleasant and cheerful, his sunshiny smile and kind words will ever be remembered by his hosts of friends. Of him it may truthfully be said, the world was better for his having lived in it. Farewell, dear friend!

We insert a notice of the death of Mrs. Caroline Gibbons in this number of the JOURNAL. Although Mrs. Gibbons was never a student here, her sister Marianna was one of the three who have the distinction of being graduates in the classical course, and Mrs. Gibbons herself was always a devoted friend of the School.

The causes of woman's rights, temperance and justice to the negro lost a warm friend and untiring advocate in the death of Mrs. Caroline Gibbons, in this city, on Monday. She was the second daughter of the late Dr. Joseph and Phœbe E. Gibbons and widow of William G. Gibbons, president of the Pusey & Jones Company, of Wilmington, Del. She was born November 6, 1848, and for thirteen years taught, mainly in Philadelphia, but also in Salem, N. J., and in Upper Leacock Township, this county, everywhere being highly esteemed for her earnestness, culture and fidelity to duty. Her husband was one of the greatest mechanical engineers that this country has ever produced. He died in 1886. Mrs. Gibbons was a prominent member of the Lancaster County Equal Suffrage Association, superintendent of the department of hygiene and heredity in the county W. C. T. U., recording secretary and superintendent of literature of the Bird-in-Hand Union, and corresponding secretary of the Iris Club.

The hard question "why any one so useful in influence and as capable in doing good, should have been taken away," presents itself to us.

ITEMS.

"Final" Examination, June 18.

The edition of the Bedford *Inquirer* of March 9th, contains a very interesting article on our friend, Hon. John M. Reynolds, '67. Mr. Reynolds has made for himself a most honorable record. He is the leading member of the Bedford bar, and served as assistant Secretary of the Interior during Mr. Cleveland's second term. He is now a candidate for Congress in the twentieth district. If his fellow members of the Alumni and of the Page Society had the privilege of voting for him, his election would be assured. We hope his district will not fail to do themselves the honor of electing him.

Mr. Theodore C. Search, of Philadelphia, whose name has appeared in our columns several times recently, has been the recipient of a very flattering testimonial in the shape of a beautiful loving cup. This was presented to him at the recent meeting of the Manufacturers, Club in Boston.

George R. Earlenbaugh, '94, seems to be one of the successful members of our Alumni. He holds the position of assistant superintendent of the Prudential Insurance Co. His office is in the Mateer Building in Altoona, Pa.

Caleb H. Bucher, '89, has recently been appointed to take charge of the Preparatory Department of Shorthand, in the Pierce Business College in Philadelphia. Mr. Bucher leaves his position as principal of the Everett, Pa., school to take this. An extract from the editorial page of the Everett *Republican* denotes the high estimation in which Mr. Bucher was held in that town. "For the past six years Mr. Bucher has been a conspicuous figure in the history of Everett, taking an active part in almost every event, and withal bearing himself so creditably as to make him popular with all classes. As an instructor he has few equals, and Everett has never had his superior. We but express public sentiment when we wish Professor Bucher success wherever he may go, with long life and health to enjoy it."

Rev. J. A. Ressler, '91, writes us from Dhamtari, C. P., India. He says "we are in the midst of the famine relief-work here. I had at one time an army of nine thousand people working under me. The work is so pressing we have hardly time to breathe." The reward of the "good and faithful servant," will be fairly won by our friend, Mr. Ressler.

The class that graduated at Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida, on May 24th, has enrolled a name that is familiar to a large number of our alumni. Norman Lockyer Baker, the son of Dr. Thomas R. Baker, '60. When he left us he was a sunny-haired boy in kilts. That was in '86. He is now a young man of eighteen, and a college graduate, ready to enter the lists and challenge the world for a share of its triumphs. We hope for his success.

Miss Lavinia J. Coates, '79, had to give up her position as teacher in the Friends' School in Philadelphia in consequence of ill-health, induced by a severe attack of grip. She is now at Colorado Springs, Col., on the recommendation of her physician. A letter from her dated May 17th, reports that she is feeling stronger, and is enjoying the "wonderful atmosphere" of Colorado Springs. Miss Coates' Normal friends wish for her a speedy and a complete recovery.

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