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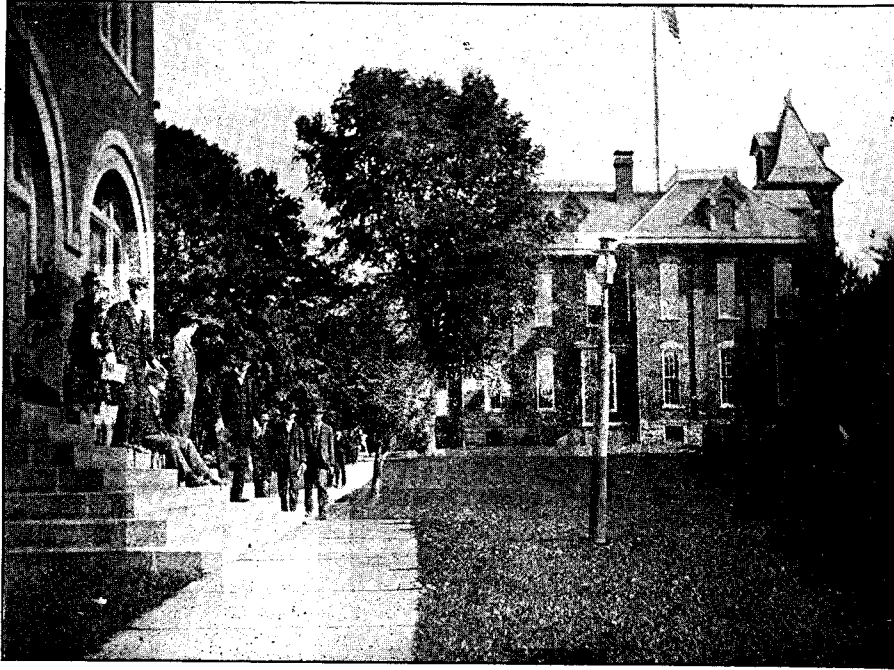
State Normal School,

Twelfth District.

Edinboro, Pa.

Founded in 1861.

Comprising the counties of Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Lawrence and Venango.



Fall Term of Fourteen Weeks
Begins September 18, 1899.

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Begins January 1, 1900.



The Edinboro State Normal is next to the oldest Normal School in the State, but is second to none in the work it has done and is doing in the training of teachers for the common schools of this commonwealth.

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COMMENCEMENT, 1899.

On Thursday, June 29th, 1899, the thirty-eighth class graduated from the Edinboro State Normal School, and another school year had ended. Forty-nine Seniors completed the elementary course, two students graduated in music, and the same number from the department of elocution and business respectively, making fifty-five graduates in all. We never had a more successful Commencement. The splendid class of '99 went out from us in a blaze of glory and with the hearty God-speed of every teacher and schoolmate. The Commencement day exercises were all of a high order. An immense audience of almost a thousand people filled our beautiful chapel. The stage was tastefully decorated with ferns, lilies, roses, begonias and geraniums. The class colors, lavender and white, were largely in evidence. The class came into the hall across the rostrum and filed to their seats in front of it. Thus for the last time the class of '99 took their accustomed seats. A feeling of sadness arose in the hearts of teachers and pupils as this thought took form in the minds of each. On the platform were Principal Flickinger, Hon. Geo. S. Criswell, the eleven speakers of the class and Revs. Marlin and Dewing. Music was furnished by the Riverside orchestra under the leadership of Prof. N. D. Hawkins, our popular teacher of the guitar and mandolin. We have not space to specify the many excellences of the orations of the graduates, let it suffice to say that they were all of a high order and creditable to the class, the teachers and the school.

Judge Criswell's address was full of good sound advice. He told the class that success in any department could only be obtained through persistent study, and that they should not imagine that now their education was complete, as persons who cease to study cease to grow mentally.

The address was an able effort by a distinguished jurist and it held the undivided attention of the large audience. His closing words were especially complimentary to the Principal and school, when he congratulated the friends of the school on its splendid growth during the past three years. The following is the entire program:

"God gives all things to industry."

Orchestra	Overture	<i>Rossini</i>
Invocation.....	Rev. T. B. Marlin	
The Influence of War on Literature.....	Beatrice Dearing	
The Downfall of Spain.....	William B. Cole	
Our Responsibility Towards Education.....	Texie Reeder	
Women of the French Revolution.....	Lona Wright	
The Disenfranchisement of the Negro and its Relation to the Constitution.....	Earl Shaffer	
The White Man's Burden.....	J. Lloyd Spittler	
Tennyson as the Poet of Man.....	Blanche Sheldon	
Orchestra	Selection	<i>Chopin</i>
Wordsworth as the Herald of Nature Poets of the Nineteenth Century.....	Iva Carpenter	
The Dramatic Characterization of Hamlet...	Homer Griswold	
Burden Bearing.....	Georgia Waterhouse	
Our Silent Influence.....	W. W. Pearson	
Address to Class.....	Hon. Geo. S. Criswell, Franklin, Pa.	
Presentation of Diplomas, Prin. J. R. Flickinger Orchestra	Serenade, "The Dove"	<i>Balfour</i>
Benediction.....	Rev. G. S. W. Phillips	

(Music by Riverside Orchestra.)

The Alumni Banquet.

The Alumni banquet was held in the afternoon and was well attended. A number who were on for toasts were unable to attend, while several were compelled to leave before their turns came. Of those thus situated were Hon. Geo. A. Allen, Hon. P. A. Gibson, Dr. Isaac C. Ketler and Supt. J. F. Bigler. Dr. Ketler was present but had to leave early in order to catch a train.

Hon. J. D. Roberts of Meadville was the efficient toast master and presided in a happy manner. The following were the toasts:

"Science in the Public Schools," by Supt. E. M. Mixer of Crawford. He recited a humorous original poem and was loudly applauded.

"The County Superintendent as an Educational Factor," was ably responded to by Supt. Morrison of Erie. Prof. J. I. McLallen '93, principal of the Girard schools, eloquently responded to the "Class of '93." Louis Reeder '96, a soldier in the Spanish war, interested all by his fine speech on "The Spanish War and the Normal."

Miss Ida Most '95, spoke intelligently and pleasantly for "Our Graduates."

Miss Della Curry ably sustained the reputation of the "Class of '97." Miss Nellie Byham '99, spoke beautifully and impressively for "The Alumni Babies." Prof. C. A. Peters, our able teacher of Science gave a humorous talk on "The Fool and the College Professor." Rev. D. L. Johnson '80, of Monongahela City, although not on the program, was called upon to respond to a toast of his own choosing. He proved himself to be a finished post-prandial speaker and he soon had the undivided attention of all. He had not visited his alma mater for many years and was therefore especially welcome. His speech will be long remembered by all and especially by the younger alumni to whom he gave much good advice.

Toastmaster Roberts then made a neat speech and concluded by calling upon Princi-

pal Flickinger for a few closing words. His response was in the nature of felicitations to all friends of the school on what had been accomplished. He especially thanked the alumni for their presence and for the aid they had given him in his efforts to restore the pristine glory of old Edinboro. He closed his remarks amid much applause. Thus ended the most successful banquet the Alumni of Edinboro have ever held.

The following splendid menu was prepared and successfully served by our obliging steward Wellman and his able assistants:

MENU.

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Fish

Radishes Sliced Cucumbers Chips

Fried Spring Chicken

Roast Veal

Cold Tongue

Peach Fritters

Creamed Mashed Potatoes

Rolls

Tomatoes

Salted Almonds

Olives

Fruit Salad

Saltines

Strawberries

Ice Cream

Assorted Cake

Fruit

Coffee

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Other Commencement Exercises.

The exercises of Commencement week began with an entertainment by the Model School on Thursday evening, June 22. The principal of the Model School, Miss McCloskey, had the chief share in its preparation, although much credit is also due to her assistants, Miss Wade, Miss Reynolds and Mrs. Curry. It was a juvenile entertainment but was nevertheless one of the most interesting of the week. All the young people did so well that we dare not specify any one specially. The following was the program:

PART I.

Duet—Andante.....Haydn
 Master Guy Morrison, Master George Amidon.
 The Blacksmith } Parker
 Sewing Song } Jenks
 Model School Primary Chorus.
 Cradle Song, Pianoforte.....Behr
 Master Guy Amidon.
 Little Boy Blue } Eugene Field
 Wyken, Blynken, Nod } Miss Blanche Billings.
 Solo—Cornet.....Selected
 Master Earl Hawkins.
 Valse Eb.....Durand
 Miss Nettie Wade.

Wilhelm and Mina from Germany.
 Master Guy Morrison, Miss Della Steinhoff.
 Gaetano and Gabriella from Italy.
 Master Don Perry, Miss Vera Britton.
 Carlos and Isabella from Spain.
 Master Robert Morrison, Miss Flora White.
 Peter and Kathrina from Holland.
 Master Henry Peavy, Miss Matilda Steinhoff.
 Setti and Rosy from Switzerland.
 Master Ralph Griswold, Miss Lillian Reeder.
 Gustav and Christine from Sweden.
 Master Burney Gross, Miss Ethel Amidon.
 Olaf and Laura from Norway.
 Master Paul Billings, Miss Ethel King.



AFTER A RUN.

The Night Wind.....Eugene Field
 Miss Opal Billings.
 Listen to My Tale of Woe.....Smith
 Master Paul Billings, Master Burney Gross,
 Master Frank Proudfit, Master Floyd Hawkins.
 Happy and Light Chorus from the Bohemian
 Girl.....Balfe
 Model School Chorus.
 Orchestra.....

Ivan and Sophia from Russia.
 Master William Most, Miss Inez Baldwin.
 Hop Sing from China.
 Master Claud Morley.
 Kioy from Japan.
 Miss Opal Billings.

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Music Recital.

PART II.
 Cantata—A Meeting of the Nations.
 John and Edith from England.
 Master James Goodrich, Miss Jessie Baldwin.
 Bruce and Bessie from Scotland.
 Master Roy Amidon, Miss Sarah Hardman.
 Terrence and Katy from Ireland.
 Master Bruce Proudfit, Miss Mary Steadman.
 Pierre and Lucile from France.
 Master Robert McWilliams, Miss Harriet Morley.

On Friday evening Miss Louise Reeder and Miss Laura Minckley, of the music department, gave their graduating recital. They were assisted by Prof. N. D. Hawkins, viola, and Mr. William Pearson, tenor. They had a fine audience and both acquitted themselves in an excellent manner. The

stage was tastefully decorated with ferns and marguerites. The program follows:

Concerto in D, First Movement.....	Haydn	
Miss Laura Minckley.		
Second Pianoforte, Miss Reynolds.		
Minuet Antique.....	Paderewski	
Spring Song.....	Mendelssohn	
Miss Louise Reeder.		
Song—Calvary.....	Rodney	
Mr. Pearson.		
Confession.....	Thome	
Spanish Dance.....	Wachs	
Miss Minckley.		
Valse.....	Jael	
Miss Reeder.		
Viola—Songs {	a. National Hymn.....	Haydn
	b. Melody.....	Joaquin
	N. D. Hawkins.	
Barcarolle.....	Hunt	
Polonaise in F.....	Hascall	
Miss Minckley.		
Concerto in G Minor—Allegro con fuoco.....		
.....Mendelssohn, op. 25		
Andante.		
Allegro.		
Miss Reeder.		
Second Pianoforte, Miss Reynolds.		

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Graduating Recital, Department of Elocution.

There were two graduates in this department, Miss Blanche Amidon and Miss Blanche Cole. They gave their graduating recital on Saturday evening and were greeted by a large audience. For this occasion the stage was decorated with roses. Both graduates showed careful training and their work was especially effective. This was the program:

(a) The Bells.....	Poe
(b) Besieged Castle.....	Scott
Blanche Cole.	
(a) Silent Tower of Botreaux.....	Anon
(b) Hiawatha's Wooing.....	Longfellow
Blanche Amidon.	
Club Swinging.....	
Miss Hamilton, Teacher of Physical Culture.	
(a) Scene from "Queen Mary".....	Tennyson
(b) Gates Ajar.....	Anon
(c) Money Musk.....	B. B. Taylor
Blanche Cole.	
Violin Solo.....	Selected
Prof. N. D. Hawkins.	
The Sicilian Captive.....	Hemans
Blanche Amidon.	
Cathedral Scene from Faust.....	
Blanche Cole.	

The music of Prof. Hawkins and the Club Swinging by Miss Hamilton, while only incidents on the above program, were especially fine. Prof. Hawkins is too well

known to need our adulation, but we feel it a duty and esteem it a pleasure, to digress for the purpose of saying a word concerning Miss Hamilton's excellent work. Her work as a teacher during the term has been above cavil, but her personal ability in swinging clubs artistically is not well known simply because she has appeared so seldom before our audiences. Her work on this evening was the very poetry of motion and elicited rounds of applause. She is graceful, modest and has all the skill of a professional. We doubt if she has her equal in the State. It was a rare treat to see her execute many intricate movements.

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The Baccalaureate Sermon.

Rev. A. C. Ellis, D. D., pastor of the First M. E. church, Erie, delivered the baccalaureate sermon in Normal Hall, Sunday morning. All the congregations of the town united in these exercises. Many visitors were also present, thus making a very large audience. Dr. Ellis chose as his text, First Corinthians 13:12: "For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face; now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known."

The sermon was an eloquent one and fully sustained the minister's reputation. The graduating class marched into the chapel from the rear. They made a fine appearance. Rev. Dr. Hervey and Rev. George Dewing together with Principal Flickinger, were on the stage.

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Anniversary of the Religious Societies.

The anniversary of the religious societies of the school was held on Sunday evening before a large audience. The following is the program:

Invocation.....	Rev. Phillips
Religious Training in the Public Schools.	
Herbert Trace, Y. M. C. A.	
The Friendship of Jesus.	
Gertrude Tanner, Y. W. C. A.	
The Influence of Environment.	
Walter Williams, Y. M. C. A.	
Music.....	Congregation
The Leper.....	Frances Burchfield, Y. W. C. A.

The Coming Christian Manhood.
 Orville Lewis, Y. M. C. A.
 The Literature of the Bible.
 Millie Byham, Y. W. C. A.
 Quartette. . . Messrs. Gehr, Sheldon, Hall, Spitler
 Address to the Societies Dr. A. C. Ellis
 Quartette.
 Misses Henry, Sheldon, Messrs. Gehr, Hall.
 Benediction Rev. Phillips

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Junior Night.

Monday evening was given over to the jovial young men and women of the Junior class. They rendered a very enjoyable program, and their quips and jibes on the "grave and reverend Seniors" and on the faculty, were greatly enjoyed. The class yells added zest to the entertainment. The "Century class" has reason to be proud of its record during the year. In numbers it is quite large, there being 102, and in brightness they are much above the average. What a fine Senior class they will make next year! The following was the program:

Overture *Schlepegrell*
 Orchestra.
 J. F. McArthur Universal Peace
 Agnes Tiffany The Power of a Purpose
 Lulu Chaffee The Vision of Handel
 Ray Gehr Class History
 John Steves Clouds
 Grace Pelton Sunshine
 Ora Cooper Class Poem
 Vina Bole Crown of Love—*F. N. Lohr*
 Dumb Bell Drill.
 Blanche Cole A Ghost Story
 A Banquet.
 Bernie Tanner Thoughts of the Future
 Class Song.
 March—Priscilla *Clark*
 Orchestra.

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Field Sports.

The annual Field day contest between the Potter and Philo literary societies was held Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. The events consisted of running high jump, standing broad jump, one-half mile bicycle race, high kick from ground, 100-yard dash, slow bicycle race (100 feet), ladies' bicycle race, hop-step-jump, three-legged race (100 yards), relay race (eight men, one mile), tug of war, wrestle, two-mile bicycle race,

tennis game, pole vault, and putting the shot. The Potters won by a score of 73 points to 55 for the Philos.

All of the events were hotly contested and enthusiasm ran high. The base ball and tennis games were played on Wednesday. The field day sports were more interesting than usual.

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Senior Class Day.

On Tuesday evening the Seniors held the rostrum, and a fine performance it was too. The class of '99 had prepared a very interesting program. The way they went after the Junior class was a caution. The stage was beautifully decorated and everything moved off smoothly. A large audience was present, many of them being friends and relatives of members of the class. The popularity of the Senior class was evidenced by the many visitors. This was the program:

Piano Solo Selected
 Mabel Hanson.
 Class Essay—Our Symbols
 Jessie Bole.
 Class Oration—"God Gives Everything to Industry." Carl Sheldon.
 Class Historian
 Raymond Prather.
 Vocal Solo—"Darling, Do You Love Me?"
 Inez Smiley.
 Class Pessimist
 Leonard Twitchell.
 Class Optimist
 Gertrude Coyle.
 Cradle Song—Senior Glee Club
 Messrs. Pearson, Cole, Sheldon, Shaffer, Spitler.
 The Chronicles
 Minnie Gilmore.
 Class Poem
 Jessie Butler.
 Class Prophecy
 Minnette Christy.
 Class Song Good Bye, Old School
 Misses Carpenter, Christy, Gilmore, Byham.
 Messrs. Cole, Dearing, Sheldon, Shaffer.

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Music and Elocution Recital.

Wednesday evening, students of the departments of Music and Elocution gave an excellent program. All the exercises were of a high order and reflected great credit on the performers and their teachers, Misses

Reynolds and Schillinger, respectively.

The following was the program:

Sword Drill	Original
Eight Students of Delsarte.	
Hark, 'Tis the Trumpet Sounding	
Chorus Class.	
Duel Scene from "The Rivals"	<i>Sheridan</i>
Earl Shaffer and Lloyd Spittler.	
Alpine Bells	<i>Oesten</i>
Maude Ekas.	
Tennis Drill	Original
Nine Students of Elocution.	
Song—For all Eternity	<i>Maschnoni</i>
Raymond Thomas.	
Shakespeare Convention	<i>Pauline Phelps</i>
Nine Students of Elocution.	
Valse	<i>Jael</i>
Louise Reeder.	
Snap Drill	Original
Eight Students of Delsarte.	

as stars for this performance the eminent soloists, Dr. C. G. Woolsey, baritone, Miss Bessie L. Dunn, soprano, Miss Sherwood, pianist, and Mr. C. T. Hawkins, clarinetist. They were assisted by the Riverside Orchestra. Prof. N. D. Hawkins was the violin soloist. A fine audience greeted the performers, and they were all greatly pleased. The program follows:

Trio—Piano, Violin and 'Cello	<i>Haydn</i>
Miss Sherwood, Messrs. Hawkins and Proudfit.	
Solo (Baritone) The Bandolero	<i>Stuart</i>
Dr. Woolsey.	
Solo (Piano) "Rondo Brilliant"	<i>Weber</i>
Miss Sherwood.	
Solo (Soprano) The Swallow	<i>Cowen</i>
Miss Bessie L. Dunn.	



CROQUET GROUND.

Indian Club Swinging	Original
Messrs. Griswold, Fish, Gilmore.	
Summer Invitation	<i>Veazie</i>
Chorus Class.	
A Set of Turquoise	<i>Aldrich</i>
Homer Griswold, Iva Carpenter, Velma Ellsworth.	
Quartette—There was a Man of Thessaly	
Messrs. Freeman, Gehr, Hall, Spittler.	
Revel of the Naiads	
Nine Students of Elocution.	
Misses Florence Greaves and Kathryn Spittler, Accompanists for the Drills.	

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Commencement Concert.

The musical concert given on Thursday evening, under the auspices of Prof. Hawkins, was a rare treat. He had secured

Solo (Clarinet) "Fantasie"	<i>Behr</i>
Mr. C. T. Hawkins.	

INTERMISSION.

Duet—I feel Thy Angel Spirit	<i>Hoffman</i>
Miss Dunn, Dr. Woolsey.	
Solo (Violin) "Mazurka de Concert"	<i>Musin</i>
Mr. N. D. Hawkins.	
Solo { (a) Old English Air	
{ (b) When I'm Big I'll be a Soldier	<i>Molloy</i>
Dr. Woolsey.	
Solo—The Danza	<i>Chadwick</i>
Miss Dunn.	
Orchestra—Serenade	<i>Yradier</i>

The energy and industry of Prof. Horton enabled about half of our Seniors to read one book of Cæsar instead of the 29 chapters as the law requires.

PERSONALS.

G. D. Marsh '78, is in business at Sherman, N. Y.

Charles T. Wade '94, is a Junior at State College.

Miss Mary Kistler '96, will teach at Caledonia, Pa.

Miss Helen Selinger '97, taught in McKean township.

Burton Mershon '97, taught the McKean school last year.

Miss Edyth Palmer '96, taught in Titusville last year.

Miss Gladys Benjamin '97, taught the past year in McKean township.

Miss Susie Zents '97, was a teacher in Washington township last year.

Mr. F. V. Emerson '94, is teacher of science in the schools of Warren, Pa.

Miss Minnie Steinhoff '97, taught a successful school in Erie county last year.

The *Normal Herald*, published by the Indiana Normal School, is a fine school paper.

Miss Ida Frontz '95, has been teaching the primary room in the school at Ludlow, Pa.

Miss Lillian J. Wade '94, has been re-engaged at an advanced salary at Escanaba, Mich.

B. G. Smith '96, was the successful principal of the schools at Columbus, Pa., last year.

L. V. Marsh '98, Harley Wood '98, and Alice Mead '98, were active in helping along the '98 reunion.

Harry A. Neyland '98, was a student in an Art school in Brooklyn, N. Y., last year. He was at Commencement.

Don E. Smith '98, is now a student in Allegheny College. His friends were glad to see him at Commencement.

The DIAL in behalf of Principal Flickinger acknowledges the receipt of an invitation from Supt. J. M. Berkey to be present at the dedicatory exercises of a new high

school building in Johnstown, Pa., June 1, 1899.

Miss Bertha Harter '97, has been teaching in Wesleyville.

Miss Pearl Campbell '96, taught last year at Branchville.

Miss Florence Bryan '97, was a teacher in McKean township.

Miss Erma Maloney '97, taught the past year near Wayland.

It is reported that there will soon be a wedding from the '97 Class.

Miss Madge Cole '96, is now Mrs. Elias Drake, of Drake's Mills, Pa.

Miss Daisy Homan '97, taught the past year near her home, Venango.

Charles W. Birchard '87, is a prosperous real estate agent in Twin City, Montana.

Miss Mae Thickstun '97, taught a successful school near Crossingville last year.

Miss Clara M. Coulter '93, taught last year near her home, Crawford's Corners, Pa.

Sherman E. Nason '88, is the proprietor of the Ridgway Sanitarium at Hydetown, Pa.

Goffrey Lyons '98, will teach a Crawford county school next year at a good salary.

Miss Alice Maynard '98, a teacher near Girard, was glad to get back for Commencement.

I. Charles Palmer '97, was a teacher near his home, Manito, for the past two years.

Miss Alice A. Scrafford '78, has just closed a very pleasant school year at Pleasantville, Pa.

Miss Georganna McKay '97, taught for the past two years in Richmond township, Crawford county.

J. D. Roberts '73, a prominent attorney of Meadville, was toast master at our annual Alumni banquet, June 29th.

During the month of roses just past, Miss Alice Brightman '98, was married to Mr. Henry Buxton, a wealthy and prominent

citizen of Titusville. The DIAL extends congratulations.

Miss Grace Miller '96, taught near Edinboro the past year.

Andrew A. Culbertson '93, is a student in Allegheny College.

J. Sylvanus Hoyt '99, is clerking for Mr. Stanford of this town.

Miss Nora Leehan '95, taught last year in Greene township, Erie county.

Miss Joanna Connell '96, taught last year in Greene township, Erie county.

Miss Ada Burroughs '95, taught near her home, Miles Grove, during the past year.

Lee McCommons '99, won first prize in the 100 yard dash at Cambridge Springs on the Fourth.

Charles J. Wright '95, is now at home after having graduated from the Medical College in Cleveland, Ohio.

Albert G. Owen, a student in Edinboro Normal in the sixties, is now Superintendent of Schools in Nashville, Illinois.

B. H. Rhinesmith '97, has been so successful as the principal of the Caledonia schools that he has been reelected for next year.

Miss Alice Hunter '96, for several years past has been a popular teacher in James-town, Pa. She was a welcome visitor during Commencement.

Prof. C. M. Miller '97, Coudersport, is compiling a history of education for Potter county. He is also a frequent contributor to the *School Gazette*.

John A. Erbe '91, after a successful course of teaching, graduated from Grove City College last year. His present address is Upper St. Clair, Pa.

Miss Pearl Taft, a '98 Junior, taught last year in Titusville, and has been reelected for next year. Her many friends were glad to welcome her to Commencement.

J. T. Hadley '91, and wife, of Oil City, met a number of friends during Commencement. Mr. Hadley is one of the enterprising

business men of Oil City and is a member of the Joseph Reid Gas Engine Company and is secretary of the same.

Lawyer Freeman and wife, of Erie, were welcome visitors at Commencement. They were both former students at Edinboro.

Leonard Twitchell '99, will teach in Washington township, Erie county. His father presented him with a gold watch on the day of his graduation.

Mr. and Mrs. Darling of Warren county, both former students, pleased their friends by coming back to Commencement. This was their first visit after many years.

Much of the success of the Alumni banquet was due to the untiring efforts of Prof. J. M. Morrison, Miss Margaret Wade '92, and Prof. Frank Goodwin '89, all of our faculty.

Wayne Stancliff '97, was recently elected principal of the Edinboro public schools. Miss Grace Caulkins '98, and Miss Anna Reeder '92, also have positions in the same schools.

Miss Grace McBride '98, now a teacher in Minneapolis, greeted her classmates at Commencement. Her friend and classmate, Miss Graham, who taught in Corry, was with her.

Almost all of this year's class have secured good positions for next year. Our graduates are being appreciated. Recently a school board in Elk county elected seven teachers to fill their schools, and five of them were Edinboro graduates.

Dr. Isaac C. Ketler '74, President of Grove City College, spent two days with us during Commencement. He was greatly gratified to meet here his former classmate, Miss Clara Kline, a successful teacher of Schuylkill county. She had not been back for many years.

Among the teachers of Forest county we notice the following Edinboro graduates: Mr. W. J. Bloomfield '91, Fagundus; Mr. E. L. Hayes '94, Endeavor; Mrs. Lora (Turner) Hayes '94, Endeavor; Miss Edith Jackson '95, East Hickory; Miss Mae Jackson '98,

East Hickory; Miss Ida Paup '90, Tionesta.

Archie Torry '95, taught in Lowville last year.

Miss Jessie R. Boyd '96, taught in Hayfield last year.

Miss Kate Thickstun '96, taught last year in Michigan.

Louis Most '95, taught at Dent's Run, Pa., during the past year.

Mott G. Spaulding '95, is a student in the University of Michigan.

Miss Maud Quay '95, was teaching in West Mill Creek the past year.

Miss Cora Henderson '95, taught last year near her home, Miles Grove.

Miss Alice M. Wymer '95, has taught the past two years in Venango county.

Mr. Charles F. Armour '96, was the efficient principal at Spartansburg last year.

R. R. Liebendorfer, class of '90, is principal of the High school at Mt. Jackson, Pa.

Miss Dena Snyder '97, taught in North Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, last year.

Miss Jennie McKenzie '97, has taught for the past two years near her home in Venango county.

Miss Ida D. Most '94, returned recently from her work at Rossville, Ill., where she has been teaching the past year.

Mr. Louis Reeder '96, was honorably discharged from Company B, having spent the winter at Sheridan's Point, Va.

Durant L. McMurren '93, recently closed a successful term at Corydon, where he has been principal of schools for several years.

Mr. John W. Coulter '93, is an attorney at law in Butler, Pa. He has been there over two years. He was recently elected borough auditor.

Mrs. Celia (Benjamin) McLaughlin '95, after spending the winter in Cuba, will remain at her home in Edinboro during the summer months.

Mr. Claude E. Root '94, a prosperous real estate and insurance agent of Cambridge

Springs, was married recently to Miss Mattie Thomas of the same place. The DIAL extends congratulations.

Miss Martha Pond, class of '91, is teaching in DeKalb, Ill. From the notice of the graduating exercises, sent us recently, we can see that she is doing good work.

The parents of several of the graduating class were here at Commencement. We noticed Mr. Spitler, father of Lloyd. He is one of the progressive farmers of Crawford county. The father of the Misses Morrison was also here. His home is in Forest county. He was greatly delighted with our school.

Supts. Houck and Missimer and Dr. Lyte, members of the State board, paid the graduating theses of the Senior class a high compliment. They all acknowledged that they had never seen better work of this kind, and that hardly any other Normal school pretended to produce theses of such high literary and pedagogical value.

During Commencement week our office was honored with a call from W. E. Farrell, Corry, Pa. Mr. Farrell was a student here about 1878. He is now the popular representative of the Owego Bridge Co. and the Climax Road Machine Co. He has just closed a contract for a bridge with the road commissioners of Washington township. Mr. McLallen, one of our trustees, also one of the road commissioners of Washington township, accompanied Mr. Farrell.

While speaking of the Alumni banquet we said a few words concerning Rev. Dr. D. L. Johnson, but we deem that something regarding his successful career will be interesting to our readers. He graduated from our Normal school in 1880. He taught for several years and then enrolled as a student at Allegheny College from which he graduated with the degrees of A. M. and Ph. D. He then soon after entered the Methodist ministry and is now the popular pastor of a prosperous church in Monongahela City, Pa.

L. M. Reno '95, now a student in State College, was at the reunion of his class dur-

ing Commencement. He with Chas. T. Wade '94, were two of the three members chosen as the Sophomore debaters of State College.

Miss Sara Hamilton is at her old home in Chester, Pa.

Prof. Horton will oscillate between Wattsburg and Warren.

Miss Hattie Lill Marsh '78, is now a resident of Sherman, N. Y.

Miss Dora Morrison '99 will teach near her Marienville home, Forest county.

Miss Jessie Boyd '96 has recently gone to Salt Lake, where she will teach during next year.

Prof. Goodwin will not be far from Titusville during most of the vacation. This is no joke.

Principal and Mrs. Flickinger and little Jean will remain in Edinboro during most of the summer.

Another recent wedding is that of Miss Nellie Hotchkiss '97, and Mr. W. R. Beedy '95. The DIAL extends congratulations.

Miss Schillinger after spending a few weeks at her Ohio home will attend a prominent summer school of elocution and d'el'sarte.

James A. McCommons '94, is a trusted agent of D. C. Heath & Co. He has charge of three States with headquarters in New York.

Rev. Frank Beistel '90, is the popular pastor of a prosperous church at Jeannette, Pa. He kindly prepared the directory of his class for our new catalogue.

A recent letter from Supt. J. W. Sweeney, of Elk county, Pa., closes with the following: "The Edinboro teachers are doing excellent work in Elk county."

Prof. Most is drawing inspiration from his hillside farm, while Prof. Peters and wife are enjoying their vacation in and about their old haunts in Edinboro.

Eugene H. Brock, a former member of our Normal faculty, is a member of the '00 class at Dickinson college and editor-in-chief of the Dickinsonian, the college monthly.

Miss Wade will vegetate at her home near Edinboro, but will add an intellectual condiment to her diet by reading David Harum, etc., and Cicero's Tusculum Disputations.

John E. Sibble '93, a student in the University of Penn'a, was a Commencement visitor. He is an agent for the publications of D. C. Heath & Co., during the summer months.

Prof. Dewing is traveling in the interests of the University Association Reading Course, and Prof. Peavy is on the road in the interests of the R. L. Myers & Co. publishing house.

On the Tuesday of Commencement week, June 27, two members of the class of '95 were made one: Miss Emma Peffer and John Timmons. We extend congratulations. Their address is Lavery, Pa.

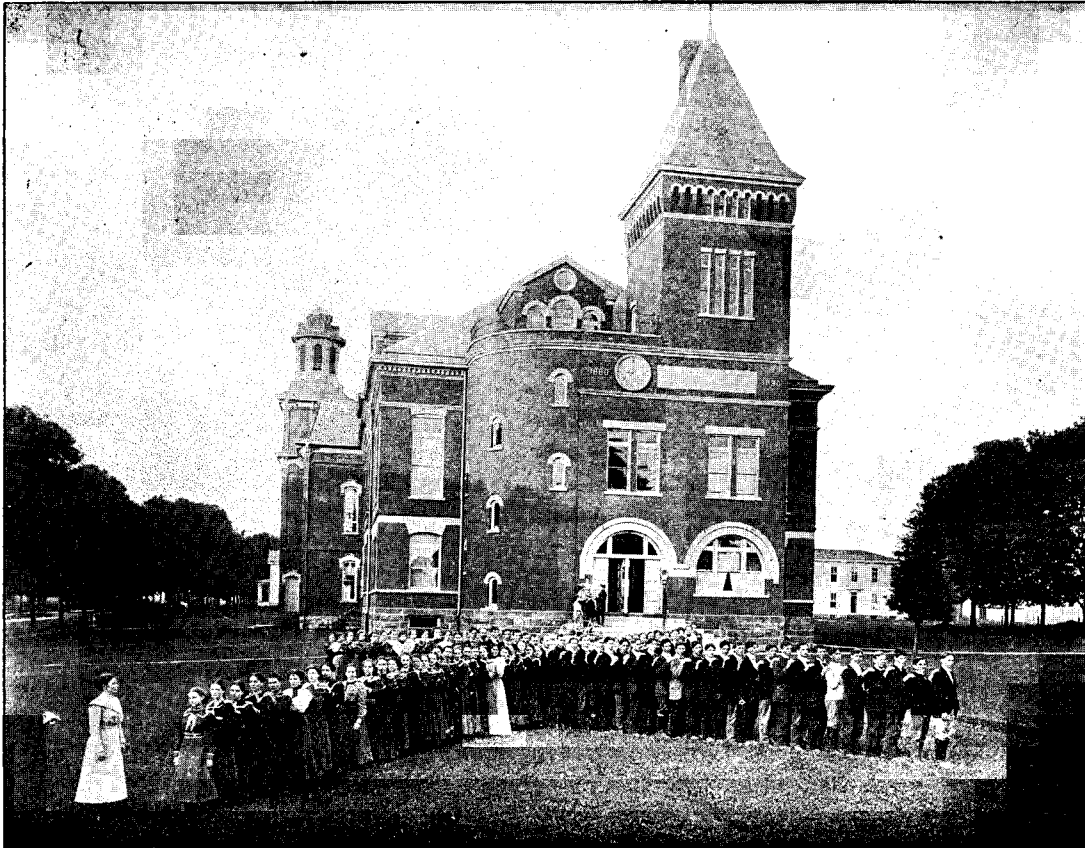
One of our most interesting exchanges is the Home and School Visitor, edited and published by Prof. Burdette Bayle, principal of the Milesgrove schools. Three of his last year's graduates enrolled with us during the spring term and successfully passed the State Board examinations and were admitted to the Senior class.

A Meadville paper of recent date mentions the granting of a marriage license to two of our favorite students of 1898, viz: Mr. Don E. Smith and Miss Susie Ladds. We have not yet heard of the wedding, but we will nevertheless extend the hearty congratulations of the DIAL, and through it extend to this happy couple of splendid young people, the best wishes of our faculty and students.

Miss McCloskey and Miss Tucker, after spending the first week of vacation at Gettysburg attending the State Association of teachers, separated for the summer. The former went at once to Clark University, Mass., to take a summer course under Dr. G. Stanley Hall. At its close she goes to Ohio to do institute work, where she is a strong favorite with Ohio teachers. She then goes to her home in Lock Haven for a

few days' rest, after which she goes to the Harrisburg institute for one week. She is thus kept quite busy during the eleven weeks vacation. Miss Tucker left Gettysburg for Toronto. Her paper on Literature read at the State Association was scholarly and suggestive and attracted the most favorable comments from the leading teachers of the State. These two ladies ably sustained the

teacher, Miss Hamilton, is in front just on the left. Through her able instruction the class became very proficient in their physical work. Herself a graduate of Anderson's school at New Haven, she inspired her students with a full appreciation of the relation of the physical man to the intellectual and moral; hence it was not simply the learning of fancy drills and graceful move-



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ments, but the spiritual life of each was shown in its proper correlation. Physical education is the proper word, for it is a developing process. Our students all enjoyed the work and the state board was profuse in its praise, saying that it was much above the average seen in Normal schools. Miss Schillinger is at the head of the department of Elocution and Physical Culture, but the latter subject, with Delsarte, was put in charge of Miss Hamilton.

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WITH this number of the DIAL the school year of 1898-9 ends. The year has been a prosperous one for the Edinboro State Normal School. The gain in the number of students over last year in the Normal School proper has been forty-four. Almost half a hundred of a gain in one year is the best evidence of the school's growth in popularity. The total enrollment was four hundred eighty. The growth of the school in numbers during the last three years has been little less than phenomenal. But this is not all. Our school has expanded along all lines. We have now one of the best educated Normal School faculties in the State and the effect of its work is seen in the high standard of scholarship of our students. All who tried them, without exception, passed the rigid examinations of the State Board this year, and last year there were only two failures. During the last three years, not a Senior has been rejected by the State Board. No higher evidence is needed of the efficiency of our teachers. Additional apparatus has been added to our scientific department; our pedagogical library has been increased; the business department has been inaugurated and has had a successful year. [The department of Music has grown during the past year to such an extent as to require the hiring of an additional teacher.] In Elocution, the work also has required an assistant. All of the buildings have been kept in good repair so that now a student at Edinboro has

all the comforts that are enjoyed anywhere. The *esprit de corps* of our school during the past year was most admirable. No finer body of students was ever gathered together, and as a consequence the moral tone and the intellectual atmosphere were both highly commendable. The home life of our school was also ideal. Through the kindness of our steward and his worthy assistants, the physical wants were well provided for. The DIAL takes pleasure in mentioning these features of the year just closing. Honor to whom honor is due is our motto and we have said the above in accordance with that sentiment.

This issue of the DIAL consists of fifteen hundred copies which will not only reach a large number of subscribers but will be sent to our friends throughout our Normal district. If any reader is thinking of a Normal course for himself or a friend, we invite him to come to Edinboro and if he accepts our advice, we are quite sure that he will say with us that the Northwestern State Normal School, the second oldest in the State, located in the beautiful little village of Edinboro almost on the shores of Conneauttee Lake, is an ideal place for him. We wish all our friends and readers a pleasant and profitable summer vacation.

SENIOR RECEPTION.

Among the many pleasant social functions established by Dr. and Mrs. Flickinger during their regime in the Edinboro State Normal school none is more pleasurable and more eagerly anticipated than the reception given at the end of each year to the members of the graduating class. A week in advance invitation cards were issued for the event of last Thursday evening, and when the appointed time arrived the guests assembled at the Principal's home. In entering the drawing room they were presented to the host and hostess by the President of the class, Mr. Carr. The rooms were decorated with all the skill and artistic perfection for which Mrs. Flickinger is so famed,

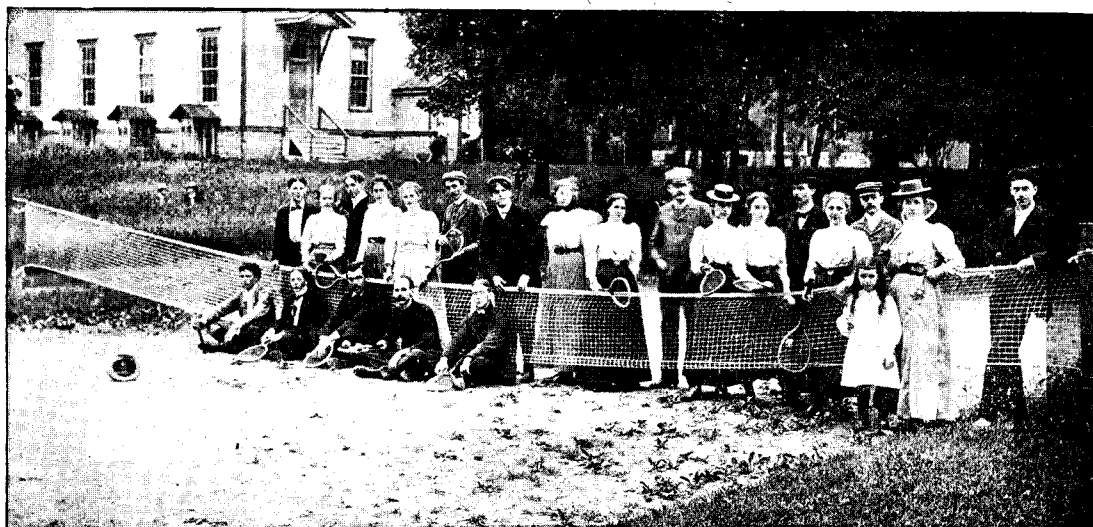
Her kind thoughtfulness was evidenced in the choice of the class colors, lavender and white, as the prevailing tones in flowers, drapery and bric-a-brac.

In the drawing room were jardinières of beautiful canterbury bells, arrayed very effectively with long grasses, while here and there stood vases of the royal *fleur de lis*. Profusions of roses, the class flowers, palms and ferns added much to the beauty of the room, all being exquisitely harmonized by subdued light from under lavender and white shades.

A further compliment was paid to the class in the fact that Jean, the principal's

win assisting Mrs. Flickinger most efficiently in entertaining her guests.

At 10 o'clock a delicious supper was served, followed by coffee and confections. The hostess then announced a game entitled The Class Dictionary. This consisted of dainty cards inscribed with a number of words for which synonyms were to be found. The initials of the school, the data, the lavender and white with which the cards were tied, and the pretty white and gold pencils made the game in all its details peculiarly appropriate to the graduating class. Mr. Carr was the fortunate winner of the first prize and was awarded a copy of



TENNIS CLUB.

charming little daughter, wore an exquisite frock of white with trimmings of lavender ribbons, and carried a miniature fan decorated with lavender.

In the library the prevailing scheme of color was carried out and similar artistic effects were obtained. The coffee and bon-bon buffet, bright with sparkling china, crystal and silver, was festooned in smilax and on a table in the corner of the room was a handsome punch bowl from which all were regaled during the evening with iced boisson. The first two hours were spent in delightful social intercourse, Miss Reynolds, Miss Hamilton, Mrs. Curry and Mr. Good-

Crabbe's Synonyms. Mr. Shaffer was the recipient of the consolation prize, a handsome pocket dictionary.

After the game singing was indulged in, and at the close of the evening all joined in "Auld Lang Syne," a song that had an added sadness from the fact that the happy ties of school life were so soon to be broken. The guests then said their adieux, enthusiastic in their praises of Dr. and Mrs. Flickinger's kindness.

Miss Flora L. White, a popular teacher in our faculty in 1897, completes her course at Ann Arbor this year.

PATRIOTIC "AT HOME."

The following social event occurred too late for the February DIAL, but at the request of several persons, and also because of its having been recognized as one of the social features of the year, we gladly give it space. We copy from the Cambridge Springs *Enterprise*:

Unusual brilliancy and *eclat* characterized the "At Home" given by Doctor and Mrs. Flickinger on the evening of February 22d, the anniversary of Washington's birthday. Ten days before the invited guests had received dainty cards of invitation on which were a representation of the American flag and an announcement that the evening was to be one of American history. The host and hostess received with their usual warm cordiality in the drawing room which, as well as the library, was most effectively decorated with national emblems. The stars and stripes were very much *en evidence* and together with streamers of tri-colored ribbons, gave the rooms a charmingly inviting appearance; while festoons of smilax, jars of red and white carnations and vases of blue flowers further carried out the scheme of color. The favors of the evening were dainty knots of star and stripe ribbon.

After a short time spent in pleasant social converse the Rev. Doctor Hervey entertained most delightfully as a *raconteur* while Miss Tucker followed with an anecdote concerning a love episode of Washington's early life. An exceedingly enjoyable part of the evening's entertainment were the artistically rendered piano and violin numbers by Miss Reynolds and Mr. Hawkins. Miss Schillinger also bestowed pleasure by giving a recitation and encore in her usual happy manner, while little Jean warmed and captivated the hearts of all present by reciting very sweetly two child poems patriotic in their eulogy of Washington. About 10 o'clock dainty refreshments were served from a *buffet* supplied with scalloped oysters, cheese straws, lettuce sandwiches, olives, delicious cakes, ice cream in the national

colors, coffee and confectionery. An evidence of kind thoughtfulness on the part of Mrs. Flickinger was the handsome punch bowl filled with iced lemonade standing during the evening on a decorated table in the library.

The crowning *divertisement* of the evening was a unique and cleverly arranged game in United States History. Cards formed with the tri-colors and containing numbers with corresponding blank spaces were given to the guests. In addition each was presented with a mysterious slip of paper on which none but the possessor must look. An immense easel-blackboard, draped patriotically, was then brought in and the hostess informed her guests that each was expected to draw on the board the subject indicated on his slip of paper, while the others were to guess what the artistic effort represented. Many were the ludicrous attempts made and many were the absurd guesses which resulted, amid much laughter and merry jest, Prof. Most declaring his intention of starting a drawing class for the faculty of the school. At the conclusion of the game it was found that Professor Peters had the greatest number of correct guesses, while Miss Morrison enjoyed the distinction of having the least. The first prize was an exceedingly handsome copy of Ford's *Life of Washington*, the latest and best biography written. The consolation prize was a little hatchet made from a Mt. Vernon tree and decorated with a picture of the well known Virginia mansion. After further merry conversation the guests made their adieux, each and all congratulating Doctor and Mrs. Flickinger on the surpassing success of their patriotic evening, and expressing sincere appreciation of the charming and enjoyable function.

The following is a list of the guests: Doctor and Mrs. Hervey, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Most, Mr. and Mrs. Peavy, Mr. and Mrs. Peters, Mr. Horton, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Dewing, Miss McCloskey, Miss Schillinger, Miss Reynolds, Miss Wade, Miss Tucker,

OUR MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

During the school year just closed one of the most pleasant and most profitable features of our school has been the monthly recitals given by the students of the Music department. Miss Reynolds, director of the department, believes that such recitals are of great benefit to the students, as they inspire confidence and are an incentive to work. We give below three of the programs:

PROGRAM APRIL 7TH.

- Trio—Spanish Dance.....*Holst*
Maude Goodell, Nettie Wade, Maude Ekas.
- Duet—O, That We Two Were Maying...*Hereschell*
Miss Vina Bole, Mr. William Pearson.
- Barcarolle.....*Hunt*
- Polonaise in F.....*Hascall*
Miss Laura Minckley.
- Violin Duet.....op. 51—*Dancla*
Miss Georgia Price, Mr. N. D. Hawkins.
- Song—Because I Love You, Dear.....*Hawley*
Mr. Raymond Thomas.
- Duet—Trust Her Not.....*Sudds*
Miss Kate Saley, Miss Iva Carpenter.
- Santa Lucia.....*Rees*
Messrs. Thomas, Gehr, Anderson, Spitler.
- Mazurka De Concert.....*Ovide Musin*
Mr. Hawkins.
- Summer Lullaby.....*Root*
- What Care I?.....*Wekerlin*
Chorus Class.
- Wedding March.....*Mendelssohn*
Misses Prather, Waterhouse, Goodell, Barton.
- Song—Answer.....*Robyn*
Mrs. Flickinger—violin obligato, Mr. Hawkins.
- Concerto in g minor.....*Mendelssohn*
Miss Louise Reeder—second piano, Miss Reynolds.

PROGRAM APRIL 14TH.

- Morceau Grotesque.....*Bonheur*
Miss McCain.
- Duet—Serenade.....*Behr*
Guy Amidon, Miss Reynolds.
- Lon Kirsche.....*Holst*
Mr. Motney.
- The Mill.....*Jennsen*
- Fairy Polka.....*Spindler*
Maude Ekas.
- Duet—Irish Dance.....*Kinross*
George Amidon, Miss Reynolds.
- Quickstep.....*Merkel*
Miss Barton.

PROGRAM JUNE 20TH.

- Duet in E flat.....*Haydn*
Guy Morrison, George Amidon.
- Song—Calvary.....*Rodney*
Mr. Pearson.
- Spinning Wheel.....*Bendel*
Miss Pratt.
- Minuet.....*Mozart*
Nettie Wade.

- Song—Thursday.....*Molloy*
Mr. Spitler.
- Alpine Bells.....*Oesten*
Maude Ekas.
- Song—Crown of Love.....*Lohr*
Vina Bole.
- Duet in B flat.....*Von Weber*
Miss Pratt, Miss Spitler.
- Song—Only Tonight.....*Molloy*
Mr. Freeman.
- The Two Skylarks.....*Leschetiszky*
Miss Spitler.
- Song—Dreaming.....*Carter*
Mr. Thomas.
- { Bagatelle..... } *Beethoven*
- { Trio from Sonata in C..... } *Chaminade*
- Les Willis.....
Marie Prather.

STATE BOARD EXAMINATIONS.

This year the state board of examiners consisted of Deputy State Superintendent Houck, Dr. E. O. Lyte, Principal of the Millersville State Normal School, Supt. H. C. Missimer of Erie, Supt. S. B. Shearer of Carlisle, Supt. Gelewix of Chambersburg, Supt. T. M. Morrison of Erie county and Supt. Adams of Lebanon. The *ensemble* of the board could not have been better. Supt. Houck is well and favorably known to almost every man, woman and child in Pennsylvania. His genial face, big heart and witty sayings soon won all hearts. The other members of the board were in a short time equally popular. Dr. Lyte is one of the great educational leaders, not only of our own State but of the nation. He is now the President of the National Educational Association which is holding its annual meeting at the present time (July) in Los Angeles. Our Seniors appreciate the honor of having his name on their diplomas. Supt. Adams being an alumnus of Edinboro was doubly welcome. The examinations began early on Saturday, June 17th, and the announcements were made in chapel at 2 o'clock Monday. The students were kept very busy on Saturday, the examiners feeling that they could rest on Sunday. To our friends it will be gratifying to know that every student recommended by our faculty passed successfully the state board. What a de-

lightful moment for our hard working students it was when Dr. Houck in his genial and happy manner announced to the students that all had passed. What a cheer went up from the four hundred young people. Forty-nine Seniors and one hundred and two Juniors was the record. Then followed a number of pleasant and witty speeches. Dr. Houck referred in a feeling way to Principal Flickinger and complimented him and the school on its wonderful growth during the three years that he has been its principal. Each of the examiners in their remarks complimented the work of the students in their respective branches, and said that they had never seen better examination papers anywhere. When all had spoken the meeting broke up with the happy cheering of the students.

In closing it might be added, just as several of the examiners said in private conversation, that the real secret of the students' success was the thorough work of the Normal school faculty. To them is due the careful preparation of the pupils, without which the examinations by the state board would have been insuperable. Our faculty's work made these examinations easy, and to them are due the thanks of every student. The policy of the faculty during the past three years, to refuse to recommend to the state board any whom they think might fail, has already born excellent fruit. State boards when they now come to Edinboro expect that the faculty has "weeded" the class and on that account they place a high value on the faculty grades.

Surely our Edinboro world is enlarging, thanks to the able minds controlling its interests.

CHEMISTRY.

More than fifty students during the past year have availed themselves of the excellent opportunities afforded by our new chemical laboratory. This is only a beginning, and if we may judge the future by the past in connection with the enthusiasm shown and

the number who have already engaged tables, the number will be more than doubled the coming year. Our facilities for teaching chemistry are surpassed by few similar institutions. In the last three years, by an inventory taken, it is shown that the value of the apparatus available to students in science, has been increased more than nine hundred dollars (\$923.33.) Whilst we have but one student to record as having completed a full year's work, it is gratifying to know that he passed quite creditably under the State Board one of the most technical and searching examinations the writer has ever seen given on similar occasions.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

The business department of our school has been a great success during the school year; we therefore take pleasure in giving space to the "opinions" of some of its patrons:

"I am well pleased with the Book-keeping department of the Normal. I think the course all that is needed for practical business purposes. I would recommend it to any wishing a business training."
HARRY L. BIRCHARD."

"I think this system of book-keeping to be the most simple and the easiest to understand, although embracing everything needed in actual business."
FLORENCE GREAVES."

"The Book-keeping Class at the Edinboro Normal is the best I ever saw. It has every facility for carrying on the work of such a class and with a very competent teacher at the head is entirely complete."

"I think book-keeping a very essential and profitable study to any one who ever expects to do any kind of business, as it enables him to keep a systematic record of his business transactions. I think it is easier to learn how to transact business by the way it has been arranged for our class, by having a bank and money to deal with, as we then do the business ourselves."

"I think I never entered a class where I received better instruction and actually learned more than in the book-keeping class here in the Edinboro State Normal School."

GERTRUDE BURROWS, Spring Creek, Pa."

Miss Mary Ward '97 is a stenographer for a large business firm in Johnsonburg, Pa.

THE EVOLUTION OF THE STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

The evolution of the Normal school idea in Pennsylvania, like that of all other good things, appears to have been very slow and devious. Teachers, like poets, "are born, not made," but only in the same sense as lawyers, doctors, engineers and bankers. With talent of the highest order for the duties of the school room, there is much that must be learned either by personal experience or through the instruction of others.

As early as 1749 Dr. Franklin said that "the country is suffering greatly for want of good school teachers." When the Quakers opened the Westtown boarding school in 1779, one of the good results anticipated from its founding was that it "would produce qualified teachers of the schools in the country." In 1807 the Moravians established at Nazareth Hall a special department for the preparation of teachers. Dr. Benjamin Rush, who had much to do in founding Dickinson College, in 1783, in an address to the Legislature in 1786, favored the establishment of a system of free schools; of one university at Philadelphia, and of three colleges—one at Carlisle, one at Lancaster, and one at Pittsburg, and adds, "that the university will in time furnish masters for the colleges, and the colleges will furnish masters for the free schools."

In 1831, the State gave \$500 a year to Washington College, on condition "that the trustees shall cause that there be instructed annually, gratis, twenty students in the elementary branches of education, in a manner best calculated to qualify them to teach common English branches." In 1832 an appropriation for the same purpose was made to Jefferson College, and also to the Reading academy. The charter of Pennsylvania College (1832) indicates the same thought. In 1834, Allegheny college also received a grant for the same purpose. During the years 1837, 1838 and 1839 respectively, money was appropriated to Marshall College

"to furnish free instruction to twenty students annually in a manner best calculated to qualify them for teachers in the English language."

Several colleges undertook the work of preparing teachers without any pecuniary inducement on the part of the State. Dr. Jenkins, president of Lafayette in 1834, formulated a plan for a teachers' school in connection with that institution, and in 1838 the trustees erected a building for a Model school, established a teachers' course, and called to their aid in the training of teachers a distinguished Scotch educator, Prof. Robert Cunningham, subsequently principal of the Normal seminary at Glasgow. But the public aid did not support this laudable enterprise and the project failed.

Haverford college, founded in 1833, had this same plan in view.

The first school in Pennsylvania and it is believed, in the United States, established especially for the education of teachers, was the Model school at Philadelphia. The first State Normal school in Massachusetts was opened at Lexington, in 1839. Of course there were many private teachers' seminaries in New England, and one of them was started as early as 1823, viz: Concord, N. H., but the Philadelphia Model school was established by law as early as 1818 and especially as a teachers' school "and is therefore the oldest school of the kind in the country."

In 1848 this school became a full-fledged Normal school. In 1859 its name was changed to that of the Public High School for Girls. Up to this time no satisfactory results had been attained, and still the cry went out for better teachers. The experiment of giving money to colleges for the purpose of training public school teachers had failed; and now it was only a step to incorporate into our system the present idea of State Normal Schools. They were working in Massachusetts and it was believed they would work here. Burrowes, as early as 1838, favored the plan of State institutions, and every State superintendent from him down to Curtin in 1857, when the Nor-

mal School law was passed, urged the idea upon the Legislature.

The bill to establish State Normal schools was drawn by Thos. H. Burrowes. It did not have much opposition in the Legislature. Under the provisions of that bill the present admirable system of Normal Schools has grown up in this State, and from that day to this a gradual improvement has been manifesting itself in our common schools. It is true other factors have greatly aided this growth, but the fact remains that they are today as then, the very heart and life-blood of the "common" schools of this commonwealth.

The first six schools founded were: Millersville, 1859; Edinboro, 1861; Mansfield, 1862; Kutztown, 1866; Bloomsburg, 1869; West Chester, 1871.

EDINBORO'S "QUEEN'S DAY."

On Wednesday, May 24th, the members of the table in the dining-room, known as "Miss Tucker's table," indulged in a pleasant little celebration. The day marked the beginning of the eighty-second year in the life of Queen Victoria, and in commemoration of this fact the celebration took place. Any person acquainted with Edinboro's beloved preceptress well knows the love—the almost reverence—which she feels towards her Queen, and knows, too, how sadly she would this year miss the "Queen Day" celebration in her English home. Accordingly the young ladies of her table prepared an enjoyable surprise.

When, on Wednesday noon, Miss Tucker entered the dining-room, such a look of surprise and pleasure passed over her face, that those who had assisted in the preparations, then and there felt amply repaid. Almost the first thing that met the eyes of our astonished preceptress was a large picture of Queen Victoria, which stood on the corner of the table. Opposite it sat the "Queen's birth-day cake," under which was spread the Union Jack, while from the tops of the bouquets with which the table was decorated,

floated the stars and stripes. At each plate was placed a tiny flag, a fire-cracker, match, and a small envelope. On opening the latter, it was found to contain the following words:

"HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.
IN HONOR OF OUR MISS TUCKER.
MAY TWENTY-FOURTH, EIGHTEEN HUNDRED
AND NINETY-NINE.
MAY MISS TUCKER HAVE AS MANY BIRTH-DAYS
AS VICTORIA, THE GOOD."

At the close of the happy dinner hour, the members of the table, under the guidance of Miss Tucker, passed to the north side of the Hall, and there took part in the closing act of the celebration—the shooting of the fire-crackers. This feature was exceedingly pleasant, and would have been entirely successful had it not been for the fact that one of the young ladies neglected to scream until several seconds after the explosion of her fire-cracker.

Thus was passed May Twenty-fourth, "Queen's Day," and thus was expressed that sentiment which shows that the perfect union of the two countries has been almost attained, and that the American people and the English people have learned to understand each other.

ONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS.

CHAPEL STAGE.

During the first six Saturday evenings of the spring term the Seniors gave their annual chapel stage exercises. The class was divided into six divisions, each of which prepared elaborate literary programs consisting of orations, essays and recitations. The stage in each instance was beautifully decorated for the occasion. All the members of the class acquitted themselves in a highly creditable manner, and a large audience was present each evening. These exercises are compulsory and are intended to afford practice in literary composition and in elocution. These exercises are unique among all the Normal schools of the State. It is believed that they are a great help to our students in acquiring facility of expression and confidence in public speaking.

ELOCUTION NOTES.

Our department in Elocution continues to grow very rapidly. The two teachers, Miss Schillinger and Miss Hamilton, find the day too short to accomplish all the work of this department.

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The private recitals given frequently by the students of the Elocution department are among the pleasant functions of our school. In these recitals, each elocution pupil is given opportunities to appear before an audience. In this way he is prepared for public work.

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This year the graduating class in Elocution numbered two. These two Seniors followed the custom of the school in giving private recitals. The high order of their work reflected great credit on both the students and the teacher. Miss Blanche Cole, one member of the class, gave a recital April 28th. The following program was rendered:

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| Needles and Pins. | Aunty Doleful's Visit. |
| My Lady's Leaf. | The Low Backed Car. |
| Lullaby. | How Ruby Played. |

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On May 5th Miss Blanche Amidon gave a recital. Her program was as follows:
 Under The Old Oak Tree. Bessie's First Party.
 The Pickaniny. Budge's Version of the Flood.
 Hiawatha's. Guido Ferranti.

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This term we had four classes in Delsarte, each class representing a different stage of advancement in the work. These stages range from the beginning class, studying the fundamental principles, to the advanced class, studying attitudes and statueposing.

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Our last private elocution recital was given during the first week in June. The program was:

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| The Love-joy..... | Olga Swansen |
| Ask Mamma..... | Lizzie Morris |
| Going on an Errand..... | Opal Billings |
| The Face on the Floor..... | May Abbott |
| The Road to Heaven..... | Mrs. Edith Proudfit |
| My Uncle..... | Hugh Fish |

THE OLD PINE TREE.

To the Class of Ninety-Eight:

How dear to this heart are the scenes of the NORMAL,
 As fond recollection presents them to view;
 The class-room, the campus, reception room formal
 And all its loved corners, which I so well knew.
 The wide spreading lake, the boat rides had on it,
 The bridge and the dam by the old water-fall;
 Miss TUCKER'S table, the fair ones found at it,
 And e'en the "OLD PINE TREE" that stood by the hall.

CHORUS.

That lov-ed "OLD PINE TREE", the dear old PINE TREE,
 ROMANTIC old "PINE TREE", that stood by the hall.

The lov-ed "OLD PINE TREE" I hail as a treasure

For often at noon, when returned from the class,
 I found it the source of an exquisite pleasure,
 While standing in company with some sweet lass.
 And now, far removed from that lov'd situation
 The tear of regret will intrusively fall,
 As fancy reverts to that school of a NATION,
 With sighs for the PINE TREE that stood by the hall.

BASE BALL.

During the spring term the Normal base ball team played several interesting games and were uniformly victorious. Three games were played with Cambridge Springs, two of which were won by the Normal. One game was played with Erie, which was lost by a small margin. We were all glad to see the interest that was taken in this sport and we congratulate the young men on what was accomplished. Much credit is due to Homer Griswold, Ora Thompson, Arthur Allen, Ogden Bole, Ray Thomas, Earl McWilliams and several others. Too much praise however, cannot be given to Lee Dearing and John Harte, who constituted the Normal battery. Their work was uniformly of a high order and the admirable playing of the team was in a great measure, due to their skill and coolness. All honor to the base ball team of the school year just closed.

NORMAL NOTES.

The DIAL takes pleasure in placing on its exchange list the Normal Review of the Southwestern State Normal School at California, Pa.

Much of the success of the Normal during the year was due to the inculcation of high moral principles. The ideals of our school are high scholarship, industrious habits, and above all, the building up of character. Edinboro stands first and foremost for the latter. We want to make good citizens. Students therefore, go out from this school impressed with the importance that the world attaches to men and women who have robust moral characters. Precept and example are the methods used. Students who are incorrigible or depraved are not wanted here. If you mean business, come to Edinboro, but if you are a loafer or immoral this is not the place for you.

A large Senior class is not the only desideratum here. Some schools advertise the great size of their Senior class as if that made their school better. We also want a large class but we do not expect to make our "bigness" stand for quality. The true educator is never deceived by the undue emphasis that some people place upon size. If other things go with it, then it is all right. Last year our school was used as an illustration of a well proportioned school by a certain State Board while holding an examination in a distant school. The effect of the remark was that the school whose Senior class was two-thirds of the school during two-thirds of the year, was out of all proportion and an evidence that the work of the school was out of balance. All of our students are not in the Senior class.

The Junior reading course for next year, as laid down in our new catalogue, was arranged by our preceptress and teacher of English, Miss Tucker. Students will find it both interesting and well chosen. Miss Tucker's work last year both with the

Seniors and Juniors, was most excellent.

State Examiner Shearer complimented Prof. Morrison, teacher of Geometry, on the quality of the class work in that branch. The same thing was said of Prof. Peavy's work in Arithmetic.

The work in Methods during the Spring term was never better. Miss Margaret McCloskey, principal of our Training School, taught the Juniors, and Dr. Frank Goodwin the preparatory class.

Our dining hall during the spring term was taxed to its utmost capacity. The good quality of the board as provided by Steward Wellman has made our school dining room the most popular boarding house in town.

One of the saddest deaths of the year was that of Rose Hanson Stancliff, '98. She died in the early spring beloved by all who knew her. She left behind her an infant daughter and a sorrowing husband.

The young ladies' croquet club, the tennis club and the bicycle club, afforded much out door sport for our students. The pleasant campus, which is such a feature of our Normal, was filled every evening by devotees of these various sports and the scene was animated and inspiring.

The Potter and Philo literary societies respectively, were well supported during the year. They have beautifully carpeted rooms, in each of which is a finely curtained stage and a piano, thus affording opportunity for dramatic and music programs.

The Model school during the past year, under the skillful supervision of Miss Margaret McCloskey, did very satisfactory work. The progress made in writing and reading was especially noticeable. Miss Wade, who for several years past has been one of the critic teachers, directed the color work and drawing in the Model school, and at the end of the year excellent results were shown in both branches. During the spring term

Mrs. Della Curry '97, was also a very satisfactory critic teacher in the Model school. Next year the Model school will remain in the same excellent hands, and a ninth grade will be added. We should like to call the attention of parents to the advantages of this school as a place for the scientific instruction of their children. No slovenly work is permitted.

Our library and reading room still continued to be strong drawing cards. The reading room has more and better periodicals than ever; indeed, almost all of the current standard magazines, literary, pedagogical and otherwise, are now regularly supplied. The library still continues to be the best, with only one exception, Normal school library in the state. Very few of our small colleges have as good a library. Nine thousand volumes, almost, are on its shelves, and additions will be made during the coming summer.

The ten thousand specimens in our museum, have been, as usual, of great service in the "nature work" of our Model school. Several of our teachers have promised to supply the museum with specimens of the "Kissing bug" which they hope to secure during the summer.

The rapid growth of our school has compelled the Trustees to engage an additional teacher for next year. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Frank Goodwin has been engaged for next year. He will assist in methods, language and mathematics. Dr. Goodwin graduated from Edinboro in 1889 after which he took a collegiate course, including the degree of Ph. D. Since that time he has been the successful principal of the schools at Spartansburg and Wilcox respectively. We welcome him as a permanent addition to our already strong faculty.

The officers of the board of trustees for the present year are Mr. O. A. Amidon, president, Mr. V. B. Billings, secretary,

and John Proudfit, treasurer. The board, with characteristic foresight, is planning many needed improvements that we know will be greatly appreciated. The living rooms as well as the recitation rooms are being renovated. The steam heating plant is being thoroughly overhauled, and the water supply has been increased by the addition of a newly driven well with a wind pump attached. All these improvements and others in contemplation, are indications of the liberal and intelligent spirit that characterizes our board of trustees.

Those of us who have been regular attendants at the various school entertainments during the spring term have been greatly gratified, not only at the growing appreciation of our audiences for higher grade music, but also at the large number of our students and teachers who are contributing their help to gratify this growing taste. The many quartettes, solos, vocal and instrumental, the various mandolin and guitar clubs, are all striking evidences of the revival of interest in the divine art of music. Miss Reynolds and Prof. Hawkins, our music teachers, deserve much credit for stimulating this interest, but much is also due to the voluntary assistance rendered by Mrs. Flickinger, with her beautiful vocal solos, to Misses Tucker, McCloskey and Wade with their guitars, and to various pupils as Messrs. Hall, Spitler, Freeman, Cole, Thompson, Gehr, and Misses Smiley, Christy, Spitler, Byham and others. The music during the baccalaureate exercises contributed by Mrs. Flickinger, Miss Reynolds, Mr. Hawkins and a number of students, was especially fine and worthy of the marked compliments it received. The vocal solos by Mrs. Flickinger and Miss Reynolds from Handel's Messiah, of the "Come Unto Me," and "He shall Feed his Flock," respectively, were simply superb. Their voices were unusually effective and the rendering was highly artistic and entrancing. Many have been the compliments heard concerning their singing. Our school can feel

proud of such cultivated voices and we believe they have had a distinct influence in raising the standard of music.

The classes of '98 and '99 showed their high appreciation of Alma Mater by presenting to our library, their respective class pictures enclosed in beautiful frames. Thanks.

It will be pleasant news to all of our students to learn that there will be no changes in our faculty next year, except the addition of Dr. Frank Goodwin.

All our friends will be pleased to hear that the electric car line through Edinboro from Erie to Cambridge Springs, is now in process of building and that the company give every assurance of finishing it by October.

The various class reunions of Commencement week were a success. The classes of '95, '96, '97 and '98 were especially well represented and they each report a fine time. The class of '98 had a splendid program prepared which was carefully carried out. Principal Flickinger delivered the address of welcome. Harley Wood, president of the class, introduced, in a happy manner, the various speakers. Some accidental visitors were present, among them Dr. Kitler, Prof. Goodwin and Mrs. Flickinger. Miss Alice Mead gave a fine recitation which reminded all of her histrionic reputation of last year. Mr. Marsh's history of the class was "clean, clear and incisive." Don E. Smith, Miss Grace Caulkins and the other performers, all did themselves credit and maintained the strong reputation of the class of '98. While the reunions of the other classes were not so elaborate, they were all equally interesting. The class of '95 had over thirty members present which was as large as that of any class. But '95 has always been an intensely loyal and strong class. The class of '97 had also a strong delegation of about 24 loyal members present. Mr. Henry, Mr. Mershom, Mr. Palmer, and Mrs. Curry, Misses Snyder, Bryan, Meehan, Steinhoff, Zents and many

others, strongly recalled the days of '96 and '97. The class of '96 did not give your reporter much information, hence little can be said of its reunion. We have no doubt however, that a class meeting having present such charming young ladies as Misses Campbell, Hunter, Miller and strong young men like Louis Reeder, would be very interesting. The DIAL is greatly pleased to see the increased interest from year to year in class reunions and it respectfully urges upon loyal friends in the many classes that have gone out from our grand old school, that they arrange for annual meetings on the old school grounds and within the sacred walls of the school buildings.

Have you seen our new catalogue? If not write for one. The growth of our school will surprise you. In three years our school has almost doubled its attendance. The new catalogue records almost 500 names, and next year will be a record breaker. Every room in the girls' dormitory, judging from the unprecedented demand for rooms, will be occupied. At present writing the indications point to the necessity of opening the third hall in the boys' dormitory for the fall term. We confidently predict that by the winter term there will be no vacant rooms in either hall. If you expect a room in the halls for the winter and spring terms, engage it now.

NOTICE.

The class of '99 has asked space for the following:

REUNION OF THE CLASS OF '99.

After consultation with a number of the class, the officers have appointed a class reunion to be held at Conneaut Lake on Thursday, August 3d. The members of the class are requested to meet in the Auditorium at 2 o'clock. It is also wished that the class colors be worn.

A cordial invitation is extended to all friends of the school.

Reduced rates are expected on the P., B. & L. E. R. R. PRESIDENT.

COMMENCEMENT VISITORS.

The following graduates and friends of the school registered in the library during Commencement week:

Arinda J. Philp, Oil City.
 Lotta Price, Meadville.
 Alice Hanson '95, Edinboro.
 Bertha Harter '97, Edinboro.
 Rachel Marsh, Sibleyville.
 Eliza Baldwin, Juva.
 Erma Maloney '97, Wayland.
 Dena Snyder '97, Utica.
 May Thickstun '97, Crossingville.
 John Tanner, Mooreheadville.
 Emma Maloney '95, Wayland.
 Maude C. Quay '95, Cambridge Springs.
 Mary H. Force, Cambridge Springs.
 Gladys Maloney '95, Wayland.
 J. E. McKay '95, Venango.
 Janette R. Ross '97, Lincolnville.
 Mrs. R. J. Leavitt, French Creek, N. Y.
 Mrs. W. P. Rouse, Wattsburg.
 Daisy Homan '97, Venango.
 Georganna McKay '97, Venango.
 Jessie R. Boyd '96, Coon Corners.
 Grace Mapes, Miller's Station.
 Daisa Bryan '98, McKean.
 Jessie Wickwire '98, Keepville.
 Lela Bentley, Guy's Mills.
 Etta Mosier, Crossingville.
 Ellen Lavery, Titusville.
 Dan Lavery, Titusville.
 Evelyn Rogers, Pont.
 Lizzie Stuntz, Pont.
 George Stuntz, Albion.
 Clara Shepard '97, Union City.
 Susie Zents '97, Townville.
 Florence Bryan '97, McKean.
 Edna Lininger, Beaver Center.
 Alice Waldo, Blystone.
 Lucia Waldo, Blystone.
 Erma Lewis, Mosiertown.
 Harriet L. Allis '95, Erie.
 Margaret Kent '95, Verona.
 Elizabeth Seib '95, Erie.
 Alice Mansfield '95, Cambridge Springs.
 J. D. Blair '98, Girard.
 H. J. Wood '98, McKean.
 Goffrey Lyon '98, McLane.
 May E. Strang '98, Pleasantville.
 Ella Swaney '98, Meadville.
 Alice Maynard '98, East Springfield.
 Eva Gross '98, Wattsburg.
 Alice I. Mead '98, Utica.
 Mata E. Dexter '98, Mill Village.
 Annette Graham '98, Conneautville.
 Grace McBride '98, Conneautville.

J. Turner '98, Girard.
 L. A. Marsh '98, Union City.
 Linnie Oakes '98, Springboro.
 Alice Hunter '96, Jamestown.
 Pearl A. Cease, Cambridge Springs.
 Will W. Clark, Geneva.
 Irene Wilcox, Miller's Station.
 L. Chas. Palmer '97, Manito.
 Sadie Rowland, Gretnfield.
 M. Agnes Daley '96, Franklin Corners.
 Blanche Benjamin '98, Edinboro.
 Dora E. Morley '98, Edinboro.
 Geo. W. Zaun, Fairview.
 Mrs. J. E. Carpenter, Endeavor.
 Eva Carpenter, Endeavor.
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 Bliss Oakes, Springboro.
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 Flora Byham, Guy's Mills.
 James E. Britton, Andover, O.
 Sarah Chess, Springboro.
 Mrs. L. Chess, Springboro.
 Don Smith '98, Townville.
 W. H. Lupher, Townville.
 H. J. Allen, Wattsburg.
 Mrs. Pearl B. Allen, Wattsburg.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ross, Lincolnville.
 Thos. G. Peffer '97, Sterrettania.
 F. J. Cowen '87, Salmon, Idaho.
 Gertrude Maloney '95, Wayland.
 Willard Leo '98, Wayland.
 Snow Marsh, Sibleyville.
 J. J. Mather and wife, Springboro.
 F. G. Wilson, Springboro.
 Jennie Sturtevant, Springboro.
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