

# The Birch Rod

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### Numerals.

Tuesday morning, May 27, the exciting announcement was made that numerals and letters would be given out on the following morning. Next morning Coach Hayes gave out the names of those who were to receive the initiation. The Senior girls were the first ones called, having won the championship. Next came the Juniors, having done their best, even though it only entitled them to second place. The Sophomores, having been defeated by the Juniors, were entitled to third place. Last but not least came the Freshmen, trembling and ill at ease, to think that they had only gained fourth place.

Next, the boys stood up to receive their emblems. The Juniors having hauled down the colors of the Seniors by winning the championship stood up midst a tumultuous hand-clapping. The Seniors having swallowed the bitter pill of second place in the series next received the numerals. The Freshmen, not being daunted by their greenness, established their right to third place. The Commercials, having fought hard, managed to secure fourth place. Lastly came the Sophomores with downcast eyes, filled with the thought that they had let the Freshmen beat them.

As all good things are saved to the last so the presenting of the letters to the Varsity team came at the end. Each one mounting the rostrum, was presented with a large N as a reward for all the sacrifices he had made to be on the team.

Sad to relate all the members of our dear old school do not seem to care whether they observe school etiquette or not. After deciding to reward the students who have spent their spare moments knocking their shins and skinning their elbows, certain persons come on the campus proudly displaying a large N or their class numerals. When asked what they had done to deserve it they invariably replied "I thought it would be fun to wear it." We know that in their hearts they do not mean it, so let's all join together in what we do and display a courteous regard for all.

I love this school and all its activities; I appreciate the efforts of the Faculty in my behalf; but the thing from which I have received the most benefit and pleasure has been furnishing my friends with grammatical errors.—Laura Wells.

### Nine Loses at Randolph.

An inexcusable delay, caused by three members of the team failing to reach the station in time to catch the scheduled car for Randolph, rendering the "send off" to the nine on Friday morning rather an attenuated performance, and would have fatally disarranged the day's program had the Erie train not been equally belated at Cambridge Springs. However, the team, despite ill-kept appointments, reached Randolph duly and played an excellent game with Chamberlain Military Institute, losing by the close score of 2-0. Chamberlain scored one run in the fourth on two hits and a sacrifice, and again in the sixth on a hit and two sacrifices. Their batsmen were unable to hit Patterson hard and their seven hits were kept well scattered. Patterson made six assists, and in the eighth, with the bases full and none out, he worked out of a bad hole by striking out one man, making the next batter hit an easy grounder to him which he played to Drake, who made a perfect throw to Shriver, enabling the latter to tap a runner off third and retire the side. Drake's playing was a feature. He caught four fouls, threw well to second and made three hits at four times at bat. Chamberlain gave their pitcher perfect support. The team was most hospitably treated by both Chamberlain students and Randolph people and after spending the night at the Everett House in Jamestown returned to Edinboro on Saturday morning with the Jamestown High school team that played in Edinboro that afternoon. The return game with Chamberlain will be played on Normal field next Saturday. The teams played as follows:

Edinboro  
Fuller, l. f.  
Drake, c  
Shriver, 3  
Babcock, c. f.  
DeRemer, r. f.  
Trejchel, 2  
Welker, 1  
Jewell, s. s.  
Patterson, p.

C. M. I.  
Dunlavy  
Clark  
Gerard  
Fowler  
Curtain  
McIntyre  
Chesbro  
Colgate  
Falkner

Two-base hit—McIntyre. First on balls—off Patterson, 2; off Falkner, 1. Struck out—by Patterson, 3; by Falkner, 7. Double plays—Jewell to Trejchel, Patterson to Drake to Shriver. Umpire—Carpenter. Time—1 hour, 20 minutes.

"Be polite; perhaps your roommate wont mind if you practise on him."

### E. S. N. S. Loses to Jamestown High.

The Normal nine lost a hard fought game to Jamestown High on the home grounds Saturday, May 31, by a score of 5 to 3. The home team showed up much better than some thought they would as they just arrived home at noon before the game, from Randolph, New York, where they played Chamberlain Military Institute. Ross, for the Normal, pitched sensational ball for the first eight innings, striking out twelve men.

#### The Score By Innings. First Inning.

For Jamestown—Wakeman struck out Agden, hitting a slow roller to Rose who threw him out. Hunt struck out.

For Edinboro—Babcock flied out to Wakeman and Shriver beat a slow grounder to first. DeRemer hit to Carlson, forcing Shriver out at second and Drake hit to Carlson, forcing DeRemer out at second.

#### Second Inning.

For Jamestown—Strum hit to DeRemer who fumbled, and stole second on the throw in. Eccles flied out to Ross and Loomis and Carlson struck out.

For Edinboro—Ross hit safely through short and Trejchel flied out to Ogden. Welker hit to Carlson, forcing Ross to second and Jewell flied out to Hunt.

#### Third Inning.

For Jamestown—Akin and Carlson struck out and Wakeman grounded out to Ross.

For Edinboro—Fuller and Babcock both grounded out to Wakeman and Shriver grounded out to Strum.

#### Fourth Inning.

For Jamestown—Ogden grounded out to Trejchel. Hunt struck out and Strum flied out to Fuller.

For Edinboro—DeRemer grounded out to Akin and Drake hit safely over third. Ross sacrificed Drake to second and Trejchel grounded out to Ogdens.

#### Fifth Inning.

For Jamestown—Eccles hit a liner which Jewell handled and Loomis grounded out to Ross. Carlson beat out a slow grounder to Trejchel but Ross caught him napping at first.

For Edinboro—Welker hit safely over first and stole second. Jewell struck out and Fuller hit safely over second. Babcock hit to Wakeman who made a wild throw to his catcher who allowed Welker to score.

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Loomis threw wildly to Wakeman, allowing Fuller to score. Babcock scored from second on Shriver's clean hit through short. DeRemer flied out to Eccles and Drake grounded to Strum, who threw wildly to first. Ross grounded out to Ogdens.

### Sixth Inning.

For Jamestown—Akin grounded out to Ross and Thayer (substituting for Carlson) struck out. Wakeman hit safely over third and stole second. Ogdens grounded out to Welker.

For Edinboro—Trejchel struck out and Welker beat out a grounder to Strum, who fumbled. Jewell flied out to Thayer who threw Welker out at first.

### Seventh Inning.

For Jamestown—Hunt flied out to Shriver and Strum hit to DeRemer who fumbled. Eccles hit safely to the outfield, scoring Strum. Loomis hit to deep left field for two bases, scoring Eccles. Carlson grounded out to Trejchel and Akin hit to Jewell who fumbled. Thayer struck out.

For Edinboro—Green grounded out to Wakeman and Babcock hit safely over third. Shriver sacrificed Babcock to third and DeRemer flied out to Hunt.

### Eighth Inning.

For Jamestown—Wakeman struck out and Ogdens hit safely through Ross, but was caught stealing end. Hunt struck out.

For Edinboro—Drake hit safely to left center and Ross hit to Ogdens, forcing Drake out. Trejchel flied out to Thayer and Welker grounded out to Strum.

### Ninth Inning.

For Jamestown—Strum grounded out to Trejchel and Eccles hit through to him. Loomis hit a drive through Shriver and Carlson hit to left field, scoring Eccles. Akin sacrificed Loomis home and Thayer struck out.

For Edinboro—Simpkins (substituting for Jewell) flied out to Wakeman. Green grounded out Loomis to Akin. Babcock struck out.

The line up:

Edinboro		Jamestown
Babcock.....	C. F.....	C. Carlson, Thayer
Shriver.....	3d B.....	Wakeman
DeRemer.....	R. F.....	Eccles
Drake.....	C.....	Loomis
Ross.....	P.....	Strum
Trejchel.....	2 B.....	Ogdens
Welker.....	1 B.....	Akin
Jewell.....	S. S.....	Carlson
Fuller.....	L. F.....	Hunt
Green, L. F., Simpkins, S. S, Subs.		

My school life in the Edinboro State Normal has always been pleasant. I have been impressed by the "good fellowship" of the students and the faculty.—Roy DeArment.

### Potter Picnic.

About two thirty o'clock Monday afternoon people began to arrive in Mr. Amieon's grove. When all had assembled, there were found to be about sixty-five members and friends of Potter society.

At first the greatest attraction seemed to be a small spot where wild strawberries were growing in great abundance. About a dozen ripe ones were found and perhaps half as many green ones. When everyone had eaten all the strawberries he wanted, Mrs. Baker and Mr. Siddell entertained with such games as "The Magic Spot," and "The Moon's as Round as any Cheese," and so forth. "Twenty Questions" pleased everyone until Freda, fearing she could not guess correctly, cleverly suggested that we play something else. Nothing else was needed, however, for Mr. Titsler was drawing girls to his side like magic. He was reading their palms! Some of the girls were well pleased his predictions but others threatened to pull his hair "all out." Perhaps those who enjoyed it the most were the boys, at first they laughed, but when they found Mr. Titsler was holding the girl's hands, they declared that they too could tell fortunes. Mr. Dickey being perfectly shocked at such performances, finally succeeded in stopping it and soon all were enjoying themselves in a game of drop the handkerchief. After several other games the welcome cry of "supper" was heard. There was a grand rush and soon all were seated on the ground enjoying the best supper ever eaten in Edinboro. When each one had finished the pleasant part of eating a "little of

everything," Mr. Siddell announced that it was half past six. Each one expressed his opinion of the picnic, and each told the same story—a dandy time. Then they started home and soon the little town of Edinboro was again alive with Potters. It is to be hoped that they will have a picnic every spring.

### SENIOR FAREWELLS.

Of the many benefits I have received during my years in the Normal school, the meeting and associating with different students of various localities and the literary societies have done me the most good.—Eva Kline,

As our happy days at the Normal are fast drawing to a close, I begin to realize what it means to leave this dear place, which holds so many fond recollections for each of us.—Grace Dunn.

Although all the features of Edinboro Normal school life have been a great benefit to me, I think the greatest has been the practical knowledge derived from Miss Sturgeon's class in "Methods."

During my stay in Edinboro I have especially enjoyed the companionship of the girls in Haven Hall. The beautiful campus and halls have been a great help in the development of my aesthetic sense—Almeda Kilgore.

As I am about to leave school at Edinboro it is only fitting that I should in some way show my appreciation of the kindness of the Edinboro faculty, students and residents. I also like the school spirit shown here.—Freda Bowersock.

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The entertainment given in Normal Hall May 30 reflects great credit upon the Philo society.

The first part consisted of a special musical program which delighted everyone, even the Potters. The orchestra contributed its full share to the evenings entertainment, not a little of which was due to the musical ability of the four Rusterholtz brothers. A cornet solo by Mr. John Rusterholtz, brother of our friend, Jerome, was sufficient to make even Jerome proud of some one else.

Everyone can appreciate moonlight and all who heard, "Moonlight on the Rhine," as rendered by Miss Thomas and Mr. Gleason, enjoyed it to the full. The encore reminded one of the lines beginning, "In the spring a young man's fancy—"

One would have to use a number of superlatives to express our keen enjoyment of the play, "Holly Tree Inn," given under the able direction of Miss Bauman.

Charles White made a splendid "Cobbs," even if he did forget occasionally that he was suffering from rheumatism. No wonder the children called him "Dear Old Cobbs." Olive Cooper, as Mrs. Cobbs, made a very devoted wife and thrifty housekeeper. Edna Seavy's curiosity in matters of romance proves that, "Betty," the housemaid, was not unlike girls of today. John Harbaugh's natural dignity of bearing showed to good advantage in the military role of Captain Walmers. We feel safe in saying that Charles Stewart, acting the part of a red-headed stable-boy, would faithfully perform all the tasks incumbent upon him. Since "all the world loves a lover," it is not surprising that Lois Williams, as Harry Walmers, and Grace Dunn, as Norah, Harry's sweetheart, were such favorites, and judging from his ardent devotion at this tender age we might imagine that Harry later became the prince who rescued the sleeping beauty.

When the curtain fell, the audience sat perfectly still, hoping that the children would grow up in just a few minutes, and that the curtain would rise again and we would witness the termination of a romance begun at such an early age.

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American Patrol.....F. W. Meacham  
Orchestra  
Cornet Solo .....Selected  
Mr. John H. Rusterholtz  
Spring Maid (Die Sprudelfee).....Heinrich Reinhardt  
Orchestra  
**HOLLY TREE INN**  
Cast of Characters  
Jabez Cobbs, landlord of "Holly Tree Inn".....  
Charles White  
Captain Walmers, of Walmers Court... John Harbaugh  
Tom, stableman of "Holly Tree Inn" Charles Stewart  
Harry Walmers, only child of Captain Walmers  
Lois Williams  
Mrs. Cobbs, landlady of "Holly Tree Inn".....  
Olive Cooper  
Betty, Chambermaid ..... Edna Seavy  
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### Apology.

We present our abject apologies to Mr. Jerome Rusterholtz, of the editorial board, for having placed him, a wise and learned Sophomore, in the boots of a trembling, timid Freshman; and to the Hon. Fay Daley, our illustrious exchange editor, whom in the excitement of preparing our first Birch Rod, we entirely forgot to include on the staff.

Of all the enjoyable phases of Edinboro life, the most prominent in my mind is the discipline. Only those who have experienced it can appreciate the sense of pleasure at being awakened from profound slumber by the vigorous clamor of an alarm clock.—The discipline comes later.—Helen Bathurst.

I think one of the greatest benefits which I have derived from the Edinboro Normal school is the freedom and pleasure of action with which I have been able to conduct myself during my career in this institution. This is due to the atmosphere of freedom that exists among the students. The fellowship is constantly rising among the students and from this and my association with the teachers has been of much benefit to me.—Carl White.

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Vim March.

Vim, the Edinboro State Normal School march, composed by Miss Olivia J. Thomas, of the music department, is a very good march for school use. The title page is done in the Normal school colors, red and white, with the picture of Normal Hall in the middle of page. Every Normal school graduate or student should have a copy of this music. It is being arranged for orchestra and will be played commencement day by the Normal orchestra.

The thing in Edinboro school life that I shall remember longest with the greatest amount of pleasure is the exceptional scholastic honesty and the spirit in athletics that puts a reputation for fair dealing above a high average in games won, existing among the members of the school.—Bentley.

I will never forget the loyal fellowship of the students. Their friendship has done me more good than any of my text-book learning.—Margaret Harrison.

That, which I consider greatest in the Edinboro State Normal school, is the spirit of willingness shown in all school activities; work as well as play.—Marley O. Leach.

Farewell dear old School, Friends and Classmates. Although I am leaving, I carry with me the tender memories of wonderful spirit of friendliness, kindly sympathy and loyal comradeship.—Mearl Griswold.

I have learned two valuable things at Edinboro; promptness and the art of getting along with people.—Ella J. Mays.

I have enjoyed myself in all my work in the Normal but as my motto is, "Help others as much as lieth in you," when it isn't hard, I have contributed very largely to my friends in their dictionary of errors and here's hoping that everyone will receive the coveted book.—Sylvia Mitchell.

I think my greatest benefit received from Normal life has been the association with the members of the faculty and the student body.—Glenn Steadman.

The association of teachers and students has been the greatest pleasure and help to me in the time that I have been at Edinboro. I will always remember the helpful and friendly attitude of all.—Katheryn Sayre.

In the time that I have spent here in the Normal school I have enjoyed all the work, but what I especially enjoyed and found the most helpful was the work in the Model school.—Margaret L. Robinson.

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**Potter Society.**

A good business house never considers its year's works complete until all the accounts and other business matters are settled, and neither does Potter. For the purpose of settling these affairs, a special business meeting was held May 31. The treasurer's report was read and nominations of officers for the Fall term of 1913 were made. We believe Potter is in a strong condition for the coming year.

The program for June 7 was as follows:

Roll Call .....	Quotations from Favorite Poems
Quartet .....	{ Marley Leach, Paul Bellows
	{ Carl Joslyn, Arthur Johnson
Reading .....	Knee Deep in June
	Verna Markle
Newspaper .....	Freda Mitchell
Essay .....	Characteristics of Spring in Edinboro
	Florence Hutchinson
Impromptu Debate .....	
Piano Solo .....	Leah Crandall

**Philo Society, June 7**

Roll Call—Quotations, Stories, Proverbs, Errors in English, etc.	
Vocal Solo .....	Esther Averill
Select Reading .....	Sara Woods
Duet .....	Theresa Spacht, Ethel Case
Essay .....	Madonna Boyle
Impromptu .....	Floyd Gray
Piano Duet .....	Marjorie Wade, Ethel Howland
Nomination of officers.	

They say we must settle our accounts with Edinboro Normal. We'll do our best, but we know we cannot pay rent for the place we've held in the friendship of those with whom we've associated.—Mabel Sammons.

My studies at the Normal have been interesting with experienced teachers to lead the way. The various school functions have been a help and inspiration, and I shall never forget the Edinboro spirit.—Hazel Irene Marsh.

While attending the Normal that which I have enjoyed and appreciated most is the kind fellowship that exists among all, and the encouraging words that the members of the faculty offered when the days were dark—Lulu McGill.

I believe I have received as great a lesson from the loyalty shown by the students to their school, their co-operation and team work, as from anything else. Also the hearty co-operation of the faculty and students. When anything was to be done it had the co-operation of every student—Carl Joslin.

Because it has been a busy life with an undercurrent of good fellowship, because here I have felt a stronger influence for good than I have known in other places, I regret that my days in Edinboro are now so few—Lena Andrews.

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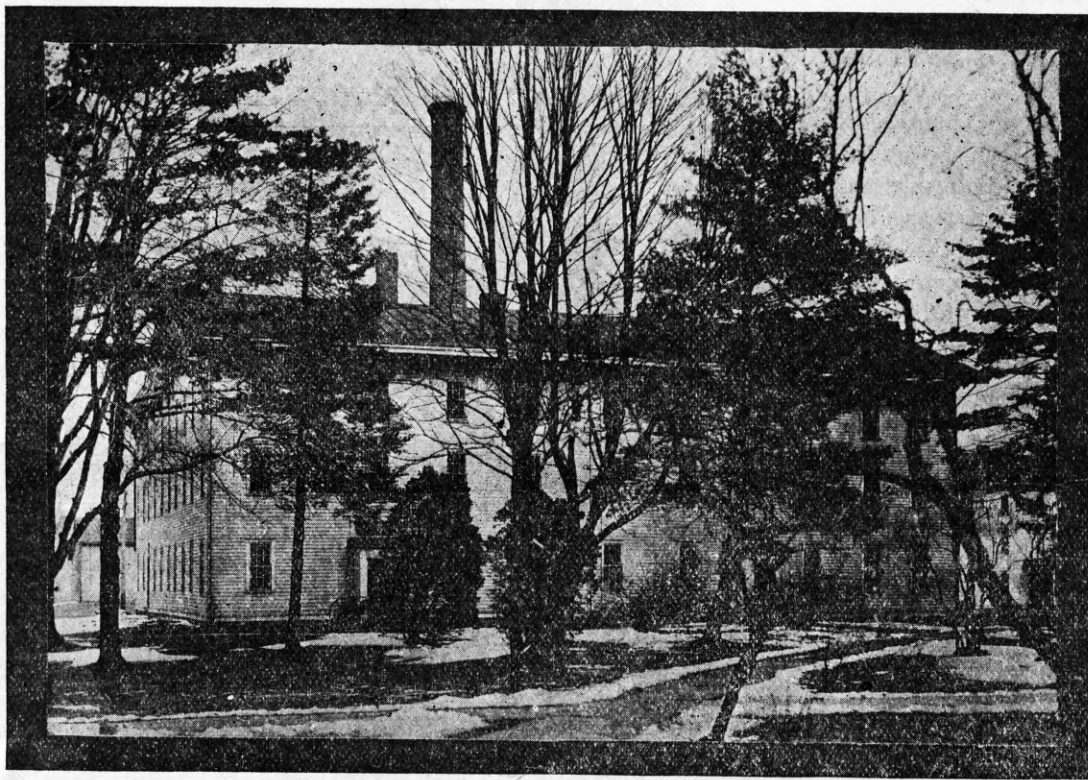
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### The Love We have for Our Alma Mater.

Twelve years have passed since our class met in Normal Hall for the last time as an organization. It was a sad as well as a glad time. I shall never forget that day. High hopes, impossible plans, and visions of honor and fame awaiting us. Yet such is the asdor of youth and who would have it otherwise.

We had worked, played and planned together for months and knew each other's hearts, for where do boys know each other better than in school, and where is there a place where democracy is more pure?

Had we not learned enough to conquer the world? Had we not "orated" in Chapel Stage about the "Power of Genius," solved the question of the "Power of Mind over Matter," torn the spirits of Philip and Alexander to shreds, and shed tears with Anthony over Caesar's body?

Yet when we went out how much harder it was to conquer the members of a small village school board than to be-head Charles I, and how much more difficult to move a city superintendent than to gain the applause of Rome!

And how well we remember the talks in chapel when some old timer would return to the school and be invited to say a few words. He usually started by saying he was no orator, and took about forty minutes to prove it. Since then on two occasions I have wandered back to visit the scenes of my youth and through the charity of the principal have faced

the pupils, but never a word of advice from me, at least until the present generation have passed away; for twelve years is not very long and there are some who remember and might say, "What did you do while here that entitles you to advise?"

Yet looking for a moment on the serious side, what can give us more pleasure than the prosperity of our Alma Mater? Does it not represent a time of pleasure and profit? As we stroll about those grounds, do not the strange faces disappear, and again the campus become peopled with the forms of those yet near and dear to us? We see no North Hall save in memory. Nature has enlarged the trees and art has constructed new and finer buildings. The trolley has replaced the old stage line, and time has scattered our friends, but there yet remains that spirit of love for our old school; that desire to meet our old classmates, and though twelve years has changed our view of life, given us a better understanding of duty, we live again the care free life of dreams and hopes.

Yet high above our humble lives, for most of us know our lives are such, still stands our Alma Mater. Stands for something greater than any man. Stands for a cause and that, the cause of making a community better. Stands upon the foundation of principle, honor, morality and christianity.

EARLE D. BRUNER, '01.

The good is the enemy of the best.

### Interesting Letter from Washington

Yacolt, Wash., May 18, 1913.

Dear Friends:—I had not forgotten to write another article for "The Birch Rod" readers, but I had been waiting for an opportune time to write. You may consider this the time.

The school which I am now teaching in is a fine wooden structure which contains six large class rooms, an auditorium and a good basement. The building is equipped with electric lights, a good water system, and a heating system. Yacolt feels pretty proud of her school, and justly she may, for one seldom finds such improvements back in the mountains so far. There are four teachers employed besides myself, and we teach ten grades in which there are 125 pupils. My teaching work has been divided among five grades, as two of the teachers and myself have followed the plan of teaching special subjects, as arithmetic in so many grades, history in so many grades, etc. I have had the Latin and scientific subjects, and some minor work, as spelling.

Our eighth grade took their final examinations, which are given by the State Board of Education, May 15-16, and we think that they all passed. Our other examinations will be given about May 22, as school lets out on May 29. At present we are preparing for the Clark county track meet, which will come off May 23-24. The grammar school section will be held on the 23d, and we expect

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The Edinboro of today is the Edinboro satisfactory to all who have kept in close touch with its progress, but the Edinboro to be, will surpass all possible expectations of such an institution, in every kind of work attacked by such a rising spirit now within the school.—William T. McKelvey.

We leave you, Old Normal, yet we'll revere thee, love thee, serve thee ever, and believe in your traditions.—J. H. Scott.

No class I ever attended in Edinboro has failed to bring me some pleasure, at least when it was over; also, my digestion is better since I can't eat between meals—Alice Walker.

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**Memorial Day at Edinboro.**

The people of Edinboro have always made a great deal of Memorial Day and this year even more than the usual interest was taken in the services.

Normal Hall was beautifully decorated with flags, bunting, flowers and palms. The exercises began at two o'clock. program as follows:

- March.....Orchestra
- Song.....America
- Medley—National Airs.....Orchestra
- Scripture Lesson.....Rev. Ivan M. Shreve
- Invocation.....Rev. Frank B. Bonner
- Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.....Rev. B. Mason
- Solo—Star Spangled Banner.....Miss Olivia Thomas
- Prayer.....Rev. C. H. Sweet
- Chorus—The Army.....Model School Boys
- Address.....Dr. Thomas R. Thoburn
- Quartette.....Tenting on the Old Camp Ground
- Miss Thomas, Mrs. Cole, Mr. Gleason, Mr. Sackett

Dr. Thomas R. Thoburn is pastor of the First Methodist church of Erie. His address was very interesting and instructive and all who heard it went away with renewed patriotism and a deeper reverence for the old soldiers.

He said that no word of any speaker could add to the honor of the old soldier or the appreciation of his services that every one of us should feel. No event can be found in history of individual valor, heroism or human sacrifice, but that it can be duplicated in the Civil war. It was no pleasure excursion for men to enlist in those days. It meant privation, suffering, perhaps loss of life and the knowledge that at home wife and babies were suffering from want. We cannot appreciate it. The Civil war is too close to understand how great and magnificent it was. Standing near Pike's Peak one cannot estimate its great height. It looks no higher than the other mountains near. Then go to Denver ninety miles away and Pike's Peak looms large and great against the vision, and the smaller mountain has sunk from sight. So will it be in future years that the Civil war will be better understood and appreciated than now.

After the addresses everyone was invited to join the march to the cemetery. The line of march was as follows:

- Band
- Ministers of the town
- Members of the G. A. R.
- Members of the I. O. O. F.
- Public School Faculty
- School Children
- (Each child carrying a plant.)
- Normal School Faculty
- Normal Students
- People of the town.

At the cemetery the children placed flowers upon the graves of the departed soldiers and sailors. Services for the unknown dead was held at their monument in the new cemetery.

*It's a store that was founded  
in 1852 on such principles  
that have built for Erie  
a great store.*



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### THE BIRCH ROD

#### Interesting Letter from Washington.

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our boys to win a number of points on such events as 50 yard dash, 100 yard dash, mile run, putting the shot and throwing the discus. In all, we have a good school, and are endeavoring to live up to the high standard which the Washington board of education has set for her schools.

Clark county is situated in the western part of Washington, and is bounded by the Columbia river on the south and west. It is directly across the river from Portland, Oregon, the Rose City of the United States, which is one of the most beautiful cities I have ever been in. Clark county's valleys are very fertile, and in them may be found many beautiful farms and prune orchards, while back in the foothills of the Cascades dairying and lumbering are the chief occupations.

The sights here which have made the greatest impressions upon me are the vast burned sections, the immense forests of fir and cedar, the beautiful Columbia river and the snow capped volcanic peaks of Adams, Hood and St. Helena. I do not think that it is possible for one to appreciate these sights, especially the last named, until he has really looked upon them and lived with them a while. As I think of them it calls to my mind the grandness of the work of our Creator.

I will also mention the climate, of course you all know it is wet, but when I tell you that the people are the healthiest here in rainy weather, even though they have to work out in it, you may be surprised. At first the rain was disagreeable to me, but I have now become accustomed to it and can stand it three or four days a week this time of year, but don't understand from this that it rains here all the time for it does not.

Let me tell you how the logger usually dresses and then you will see how he faces the rainy days. He wears a slouch hat, a blue flannel overshirt which comes down over his trousers like a sweater coat, a pair of thin pants, heavy duck pants which have been soaked in paraffine, and a high top pair of oiled boots with caulks in the bottom of them.

Since Christmas I have become very much fascinated with this country and I am planning to teach here at least two years more, probably not here in Yacolt but I mean in this state. Next year I will be at LaCenter, eighteen miles west of Yacolt and near the Columbia river. I have been elected there as principal of a nine grade school, one hundred and twenty five pupils and in this place I hope to still do my Alma Mater honor for the training which she has given me.

Wishing you all the best of success for next year and trusting to meet with you at Edinboro in 1914 (the special '12 reunion) I remain,  
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