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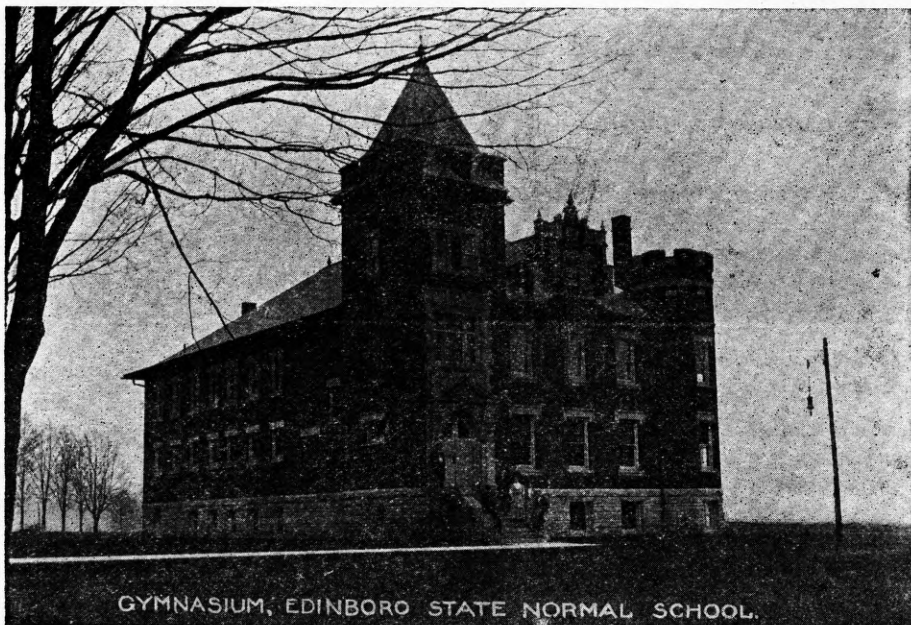
# The Birch Rod

OF THE EDINBORO STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

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GYMNASIUM, EDINBORO STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

## Shannon at Edinboro.

Professor T. W. Shannon, A. M., one of the world's leading lecturers of to-day on sexual hygiene, gave many interesting and instructive talks to the young people of the school. The meetings were held at four fifteen and six o'clock in chapel: and at ten o'clock talks were given to the boys in Reeder Hall

Mr. Shannon has many good lectures on heredity. He has made a scientific investigation of the subject, and it is wonderfully fascinating how he tells the truths of heredity and the influence of the mind on the body.

Mr. Shannon is not surpassed by many men who lecture for one hundred twenty-five dollars a night. Indeed, he is on a par with Dr. Edward Amherst Ott as authority on his special line of thought.

We sincerely wish we could have listened one evening or a whole afternoon to this accomplished student and lecturer.

## Contribution to Flood Sufferers.

The school and town joined in freely giving both money and work to the poor unfortunate people who lost their homes in the recent floods. The Christian Associations took an active part in the work, and did what they could. The following report tells what was done:

### RECEIPTS.

Received from teachers .....	\$12.65
Received from friend .....	.50
Received from Mrs. S. E. Folts .....	1.00
Received from girls .....	5.80
Received from boys .....	9.00

\$28.95

### EXPENDITURES

Materials from which were made 6 baby muslin night gowns, 6 baby outing flannel gowns, 3 baby outing flannel petticoats, dozen diapers, 3 baby dresses, 3 boys' rompers .....	\$5.80
Materials for Miss Powell's sewing class to make baby clothes .....	3.00
Seven pairs shoes .....	6.85
Six boys' shirts .....	1.50
Three girls' shirts .....	.60
Six baby shirts .....	1.50
Six boys' drawers .....	1.50
Three baby sacks .....	.75
Six pair baby stockings .....	1.50
Ten pair boys' stockings .....	1.30
Eight pair girl's stockings .....	1.20
Three pair baby booties .....	.45
Two girls' dresses .....	2.00
On hand to be given in cash .....	1.00

\$28.95

## Financial Report of Athletic Association April 1.

### RECEIPTS.

Football games .....	\$159.75	
From various sources .....	87.30	
Basketball games .....	334.45	
From various sources .....	80.50	
		\$662.00

### EXPENDITURES

Paid visiting football teams .....	\$217.55	
Sundries .....	46.15	
Paid visiting basket ball teams .....	249.88	
Sundries .....	134.54	
Arthur Johnson for goods .....	128.80	
A. G. Spaulding .....	167.34	
E. S. N. S. .....	125.00	
A. G. Spaulding .....	8.97	
		\$1078.23

The above report of the Athletic Association includes the cost of new and complete equipment for all teams this year.

We can never expect to make athletics boom until the three hundred students who are pulling the other way turn and pull with those who are working for athletics.

One morning in a mass meeting in Chapel the students gave one hundred and fifty dollars toward athletics. Now it is up to the present officers of the association to get the remaining amount or the students should elect officers who would do it.

The money could easily be raised if all the students would join the association and one half of them buy a season ticket. A little enthusiasm and tact on the part of the leaders would accomplish the required results.

## Edinboro is Victorious in First Baseball Game.

The High School boys at Cambridge Springs came to Edinboro, April 5, to play the Normal. Neither team had played before, and the Cambridge boys said they had not been on their diamond this year. Their playing supported their words,

Shriver and Patterson pitched for Edinboro. Both showed up well, not giving their opponents a hit. Shriver is a good man in the box as soon as he works into good control.

The game was slow and many errors were made on both sides. Bad throws were prominent. The score was 19 to 2.

## Baseball Outlook for this Spring.

Although the boys showed up well at the first game, Coach Hayes says he cannot tell what the boys will do when they step up to a strong pitcher, but will have a better idea after the game at Warren.

Edinboro, with the exception of one old player, has a weak battery. Their field work seemed exceptionally strong. Drake's lightning like ability, on second base, to get the ball caused many cheers the first game. May all the boys keep up their good work.

Coach Hayes is on the field every night, doing his best to see that the right man is in the right place, and to train him to capably fill that position.

## THE BIRCH ROD

## The Welcome.

"What was going on in the gymnasium of the Normal, Saturday night?" asked the Stranger, and the Student answered.

"Oh, sir! Didn't you know? That was the Spring Welcome. Too bad you weren't there. Didn't you get a ticket?"

"No I'm a stranger here. Tell me about it."

So the Student sat down on the steps of Normal Hall and the Stranger sat down beside him.

"Well, I'll tell you just how it came about," began the Student. "At the beginning of every term a reception is given to the new students. We call this reception 'The Welcome.' In the fall term it was given by the Faculty; in the winter term by the Seniors, and this term the work was done by the members of the two religious associations and the literary societies."

"What work was there to do?" asked the Stranger, with a puzzled look.

"Heaps," answered the student with a superior air. "But I'll just tell you what you would have seen and heard if you had been there. The work doesn't matter. At the door, each of us was given a card upon which was written half of a book title. We were later instructed to hunt the other half. It didn't always prove to be the better half either."

"After we were well inside the gymnasium, everyone—bashful and bold alike—was introduced to the reception committee. This committee consisted of Mrs. Tanner, Mr. and Mrs. Snyder, Marion Judd, Donald Richey, Vincent Hays, Esther Averill and Mr. Stancliffe. We tried not to seem frightened for they were so very hospitable and pleasant."

"A short program was given, consisting of an address of welcome by Mr. Baker, solos by Helene Jackson and Nina Swift, an instrumental solo by Vere Steadman and music by the orchestra. You should have been there. It was great. After the program, those interested in singing gathered around the piano and sang some rousing school songs. We owe those songs to the kindness of Mr. Barnes."

"While the singers were exercising their lungs, the members of the refreshment committee began to distribute ice cream cones and nabisco wafers. Of course they left the group around the piano until the last for who could sing with an ice cream cone in his hand?"

"A quiet dance ended the evening's entertainment. They used a very unique method of dismissing the visitors. After the orchestra had played two selections and been persuaded to play a third, Arthur Johnson stepped to the center of the floor and said,

"The orchestra will play one more selection and then—it's time to go home."

The Student stopped for breath. Truth to

tell, he felt rather proud of himself. He hadn't used a bit of slang and had made very few grammatical errors. The Seniors wouldn't get his name in their dictionaries of errors.

The Stranger arose.

"You must all have had a very pleasant time," he said pleasantly.

The Student grinned.

"You bet we did," was his reply.

## AD LAUDATORES IPSORUM.

"Quid nunc vos, asini, litteras doceam? Non opus est verbis, sed fustibus."—Cicero.

Methought it was the wind as through  
The campus trees it loudly blew  
In tones sonorous; I looked around  
But not a reed swayed; on the ground  
The dry leaves held their peace, nor stirred;  
It could not be the wind I heard.

Just then I spied some objects small,  
Each open mouthed, and from them all  
Notes of self praise, and when the moon  
At length appeared, still rang the tune,  
"We are the class, 'tis plain to see  
Such students never lived as we."

It was the Sophs, now older grown,  
And, as of yore, they sang alone  
The virtues—which but their ranks knew—  
Yet took a microscope to view,  
To anyone outside the class  
They looked like microbes on the glass.

## EPILOGUE:

They "dread a second childhood," no  
They need not, for their speed's so slow,  
That ere the first one finds an end  
Their class will to its grave descend.

—INGRATA, '13.

## Haven Hall Notes.

Our number has quite increased this term. There are twelve new girls already here, and Mrs. Tanner says that eight more are expected.

Esther Averill entertained Flora Dawley over Sunday. Flora is a loyal alumnus and comes back to see us quite often.

Eleanor Morrison is back for the spring term.

Viola went home ill last Thursday, and we hope she'll soon get well, for it is so quiet here without her that it's uncanny.

The D. D. D.'s seem to have survived the flood and are back in full force. They are as hilarious as ever, and are planning a celebration soon.

Minnie Pearson visited us Saturday for perhaps the last time in a long while. She is going west soon for an indefinite visit.

We are all glad to see Anna Zacks, who was obliged to leave school on account of illness in the fall term, back again, quite recovered and ready for work.

It is undeniably trite to quote, "In the spring a young man's fancy—" but we can't help but notice, nevertheless, that it is as appropriate this spring as ever.

You can always tell a Senior  
For he's so sedately gowned  
You can always tell a Junior  
From the way he sports around  
You can always tell a Freshie  
From his timid look and such  
You can always tell a Sophomore  
But you cannot tell him much.

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## Alumni Notes

Ward Marsh, a graduate of the class of 1910 is attending school this term "brushing up" as he terms it.

Florence Goodrich, a graduate of 1910 is going to take up Music and Solid Geometry at the Normal this term.

The Birch Rod has received announcement of the engagement of Miss Mabel Oakes, '08, to Mr. Protsh, of Redondo Beach.

John L. Preston of the class of 1911 is now superintendent of the Mercer Light and Heat Company of Mercer, Pennsylvania.

Hayes Hawkins '09 is at home this spring after spending some time at State College. Mr. Hawkins is well remembered at Edinboro, how he climbed the brick smoke stack with one hand and took a picture from it's top.

A number of alumni attended the Spring Welcome. Some stayed over Sunday visiting their friends. Among these were Flora Dawley, Marjorie Smith, Laura Draper, Minnie Pierson, Sarah Harvey, Jennie Magnuson, Claude Whittenberger, Mont Hanna, George Amidon, William Greenlee, Forest Knapp and Ray Bunting.

### Strange Experience of Teachers.

Editor Birch Rod:

It is rather an unusual thing for people to step off their front porch into a boat and go for a row across the lawn and up the street, but that is just the experience of two '12 girls.

We are teaching in the East Hickory Public Schools, and are situated a half mile from the Allegheny River on Hickory Creek in Forest County. The recent flood caused the river to overflow it's banks and back water up the creek and over the surrounding land for a distance of over half a mile.

As our boarding place happens to be in the lowest part of the town, we awoke one night to find our end of East Hickory submerged. The water encircled twenty houses to an average depth of two feet.

Since we had learned the habit of stick-to-it-iveness at Edinboro, we would not allow the high water to keep us from our work. So we telephoned one of our good friends who came for us in a boat to the corner of the porch. In the evening he met us at the Post-Office, the front of which was a regular boat-landing. This continued for three days. For recreation after supper we would go for a row out through the fields and over fences.

The trains stopped running and we got no mail between Monday and Friday.

The flood did very little harm as it came up

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#### Matrimonial.

Mr. Wallace J. Snyder, of Edinboro, Pa., and Miss Ada B. Martin, of Stroudsburg, Pa., were married at Philadelphia on March 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Snyder are living on the second floor of Reeder Hall. Their presence makes the floor seem even more homelike. We bid them a hearty welcome.

By the way, there is a singular loneliness on first and third floor. Such a self conscious loneliness as to attract attention, even in the classroom. We are partly in sympathy with those afflicted and wish them Godspeed.

Mrs. Tanner quotes from Ruskin: "Because you have passed your time in noise making, not in lesson getting; because you have labored always for the disturbance of others, and have chosen rather to make me blame your roommate or next door neighbor, than to confess or acknowledge the blackness of your own guilt; because you have ruined your reputations and insured uncomfortable study-hours to your poor neighbors, instead of taking from me the advice you so much needed; because you love the town streets better than the campus walks, and would rather have a midnight spread and eat it, and when you hear a teacher come, then beat it; finally because you have ever disobeyed your teacher; because you have honored all men with a solemn worship and have been impudent to your benefactors and betters. Therefore, we, the faculty of Edinboro State Normal School wag our heads at you."

### Echoes from "Hoodoo Alley" on Second Floor.

There was an awful noise in room 18 Sunday afternoon. We wonder what it was. It kept all the girls from sleeping.

Later—Two of the girls disappeared for some time. After a long search they were found up on "third" munching cake and pickles.

Faculty sleighride, hence no hall teacher; the sink must have run over, because the hall floor was wet and also Francis McKinley's feet.

Lois Williams was seen down town ordering an immense amount of eatables. No further remarks are needed, unless we say that the affair was necessarily a very quiet one.

The whole corridor was aroused over the circus advertisements appearing on a certain door. Judging from sounds and appearances one would have thought "Ringley Brothers" were established in said room. Investigation proved it to be only a small piece of chalk in the hands of a malicious senior.

X. Y. Z.

#### Reeder Hall Notes.

Mr. Edwin Edwards, Mr. Siddell's college friend and fraternity mate spent Sunday at Edinboro.

Mr. Siddell addressed the teacher's institute of Mill Creek township, at Erie, Saturday. John Rusterholtz '10 presided.

Knapp, Hanna and Whittenberger spent Sunday with the boys.

William Greenlee was here for the Welcome.

One day last term a quart box of ice cream disappeared from a window on first floor of Haven Hall. Some time later a young chap was seen beating a hasty retreat to his room on second floor of Reeder Hall with said box carefully concealed. Several boys gathered triumphantly around the box, each with a spoon in hand. The box was opened and each one eagerly devoured a heaping spoonful of the contents and found to his surprise that it was nothing but snow.

For further information inquire of A. R. McKee.

One morning Coach Hayes made definite announcement that there would be an inter-class track meet on April 19, for the purpose of finding out what the prospects were for a school track team. The announcement won the applause of the students.

Later Mr. Baker said he thought that Normal students were too busy to take time for track athletics, and the whole affair came to a standstill. There will be no track meet at Edinboro this year.

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Reno has the usual light paraphernalia, but



performs his tricks while in ordinary evening dress, and so adroitly as to escape detection in every case. In this respect he is a wonder. He does things that seem absolutely impossible of execution without the aid of supernatural agency.

One of his performances that never fails to amaze his audience is known as the "dove trick." He burns a piece of common paper and a dove rises phoenix-like from the ashes. He apparently tears the dove in two, only to find that he has two doves in his hands.

**Football Enthusiasm.**

So determined are the boys to have a star football team next year, that they may be seen at six o'clock in the morning on the athletic field kicking and passing the frosty old football as if their lives depended on the success of each kick or pass.

Coach Hayes is right there giving the boys systematic practice. It is seldom one finds a coach so willing and loyal as Mr. Hays, that for the love of the game and the success of the next fall's team, he would rise at six to line up the boys for practice.

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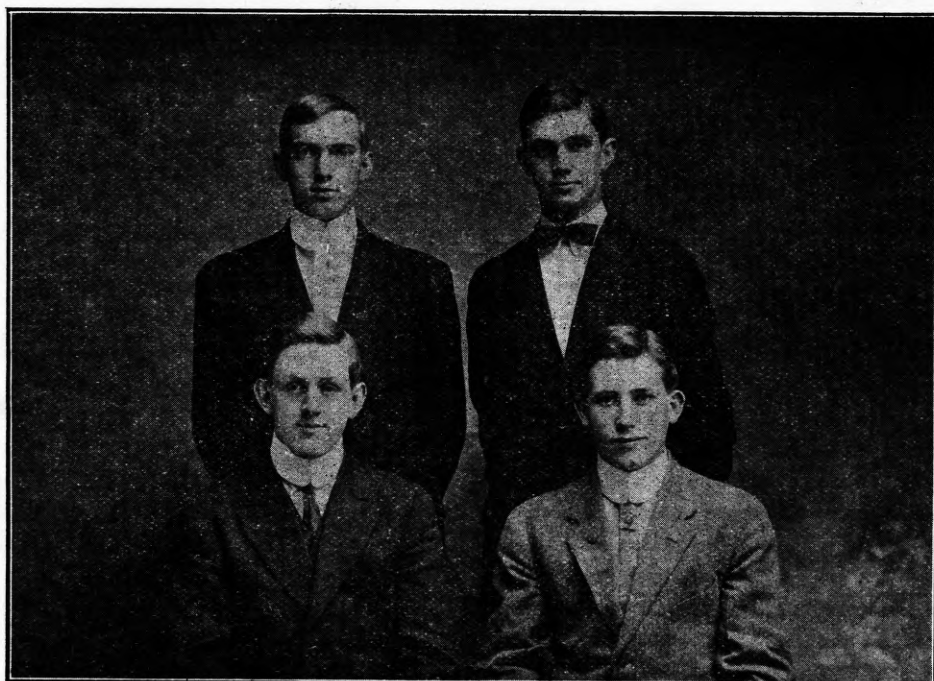
Donald Richey led the first meeting for the spring term and gave a very thoughtful talk on the topic "What we are here for".

The new Cabinet showed that they were very capable, energetic young men by the interest they took in the meeting.

The new president, Vincent Hayes, performed the duties devolving upon him in a capable, pleasing manner. We are sure of a successful year for the association with Vincent at the head. The vice-president, John Harbaugh, has taken great interest and

an active part in all meetings. We are glad that we have such a willing, strong man as John on the new cabinet. Harry Hummer, the secretary, is a very reliable, trustworthy young man. We can depend on him to be always present. He has been our pianist for the past year and we know he will willingly and capably perform that duty for the coming year. Fay Daley, the new treasurer, has taken an active part in association work for the past year and is deserving of a place on the new cabinet.

The association feels that it has chosen well, and wishes the new Cabinet a profitable and prosperous year.



1912-13 CABINET

Charles Marsh  
Marley Leach

Charles Scott  
Donald Richey

**Tennis Tournament.**

The Athletic Association has planned a tennis tournament, which will take place this spring. The first prize to the winner in the singles is a tennis racket, and to the winners in the doubles a pair of tennis balls.

Any student in school is admitted to this tournament if he is a member of the Athletic Association. The two courts are in good condition, and tentative measures have been taken to build more.

Hurrah for tennis! where we may rise with the sun and fill our lungs with exhilarating morning air.

A complaint was made about the boys rising with the chickens, and the six o'clock football practice must stop.

Join the Athletic Association.

Warren canceled the game that was scheduled for April 12.

Will you fellows do it, or will we get some one outside the Senior class, "some man".

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**Allegheny is Coming April 25.**

Edinboro! Edinboro! Get out and root! This is the big game of the season for Edinboro, and if you ever cheered for a baseball game, come and cheer for this one.

Students! Students! Members of the faculty, and everyone who has lungs and spirit! Work up about eighty pounds of enthusiasm and let it go for a good rousing cheer for Edinboro. The boys need cheering to win the game. And if we cheer they will win it.

They are coming! They are coming on April 25, full nine strong. Let us be ready with a hearty welcome cheer. They are good scouts every one, and our best friends. Make this a day never to be forgotten by either Allegheny or Edinboro.

**The Reverend Mr. John Curry Visits Edinboro.**

Monday evening, March 3, at seven o'clock the Methodist church was filled to the doors with an eager congregation. Reverend Mr. Curry, who was passing through town on his way to Springboro where he will begin meetings, gave a short talk. The announcement of his coming was received only a short time before, and the welcome extended was most hearty. The theme for his talk was "How I May Know I Am Saved." In his plain, winning way Reverend Mr. Curry delivered a simple, but impressive message. The most striking of the many thoughts was "A delight in the study of the Bible and a delight in prayer is an evidence of one being saved."

In a few weeks Rev. Mr. Curry will spend a short time in Edinboro and help in the meeting that is being held. We welcome his coming.

Baby (Howard Green)—Mama, am I a lad?  
Mama—Yes, Baby.

Baby—And is my new papa my step-father?  
Mama—Yes.

Baby—Then I'm his step-ladder.

Rusterholtz—Who broke that glass in my door?

Wildman—Oh Bellow's head (in front of a tremendous pressure) blew through it.

Miss King's father being a blacksmith was intending to buy a new Bellows, but he seems to have given up the prospect.

Mr. LaBounty's "Special" in Lit. was well attended.

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