

# The Birch Rod

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## FALL WELCOME A GREAT SUCCESS

Many Members of Alumni Present, Especially of the Class of 1912.

One of the most interesting and notable fall welcomes ever held at the Normal was given Saturday evening, September 7, from eight to ten o'clock in Haven Hall. Delightful opportunities to spend a pleasant evening were offered by the clever arrangements of the faculty for the reception of the guests and students and for their entertainment during the evening; by the congenial atmosphere and by the resources of the student body. In carrying out the plans for the evening the faculty was assisted by two committees, appointed from the members of the senior class, the committee of ushers and social entertainers and the committee of serving.

The corridors and reception rooms were artistically decorated with asters, ferns and golden rod. An orchestra selected by Principal Baker furnished music during the appointed hours. The evening was an ideal one in every aspect. At eight o'clock the guests began to arrive. For a time they were ushered into the parlors and reception rooms but the rooms soon proved to be too small for the increasing numbers, and the spacious corridors were used for accommodation. A large representative of the various county alumni associations, also many friends of the school and the students were present.

The reception committee, composed of Principal and Mrs. Baker, Professor Siddell, chairman of committee, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Tanner, Miss Ham, and Miss Highland, eager to receive all and to extend to each one an individual welcome, reserved the south reception room for that purpose. The gentlemen ushers gallantly escorted the lady guests singly before the committee and formally introduced them to each member of the committee. The lady ushers took special care that none of the gentlemen might escape the pleasure.

Any report of this welcome is not complete unless particular mention is made of the cheer-

## Coach Hayes and Football.

Under the efficient management of Coach Hays a body of recruits is rapidly being transformed into a football team, or rather, into what will become a football team, provided the coach and team have the undivided support of the students.

With a coach like Mr. Hayes, there is no reason why Edinboro may not have a winning football team, as well as a winning team in basket ball or base ball. Mr. Hayes understands football thoroughly, and is not afraid to get into the game himself. His smile of genuine enjoyment when he has been completely mauled by half a dozen men has already become a feature of his coaching which the men have learned to look for.

While a good showing has been made, there is need of more men coming out for practice. It is true that there are enough men on the field every afternoon to make up a good team, but to become a winning team, these men must have a second team to give them practice. Remember that when you are playing on second team you may be doing more to win for Edinboro than the man who makes a touch-down at the critical point in a game.

It is useless, doubtless, to urge attendance at games. Probably every student will be on hand long before the opening of each game. But why retain all your enthusiasm for the games? Why not expend a part of it at practice? It will not be wasted and, anyway, you can only do about so much yelling in an hour.

We want—you want—a team that can and will win. You want a team that will get revenge for past defeats. The only way to get such a team is to let that team know that every one is doing his or her part in the way of individual support. Many of us cannot play on the field, some of us cannot cheer loudly, but every one of us can join the Athletic Association and help along in that way.

The schedule has not as yet been completed, but the first game is to be played with Cambridge High School at Edinboro. This will probably take place on September 21, and following this on successive dates will be Erie High School at Erie, Warren High at Edinboro, and Meadville High at Edinboro. In addition

## ALUMNI INTEREST IS SOLICITED

Urged to Help Make The Birch Rod More Interesting to Themselves.

Dear Alumni:—You are interested in The Birch Rod because it contains news from your alma mater. You like to read the thoughts of those who now sit in the seats where you once sat, recite from the same board that you recited from, and loiter in the shade of the same tree that cast a shade for you.

The next issue of the paper may contain an article written by a friend and classmate of yours. So our humble but honest little paper may be the means of re-locating some very near and dear friends for you. We hope that we may be able to do it.

Many of you have now entered the highest ranks in the educational field. Your letters on practical school problems and lessons learned by experience will be of interest to all who are engaged in school work. You catch a glimpse of the mission of The Birch Rod when you know that its subscribers extend from Canada to Tennessee, and from California to New York. It is read by hundreds of boys and girls who are intensely interested in the Edinboro Normal and the work it is doing. We shall publish some fascinating and glowing descriptions of this great country and of the brightness of life as seen by our own Normal boys and girls.

You, as alumni, know how useful as well as pleasurable a paper of this kind may be made. If you want to write to your class, or to the school, send your letter to The Birch Rod. We shall do all that we can to keep the alumni in close touch with the school and with one another. If you wish it we shall enlarge the paper for you.

We shall send this issue of The Birch Rod to over one thousand alumni. If you know of anyone who has not received a copy of the paper kindly let us know and we will mail a copy at once. We do this so that you may know what we are doing at the dear old Normal, also that you may join with the alumni in making this paper a fully adequate school and

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## THE BIRCH ROD

### Literary Societies

#### PHILO EVERETT SOCIETY.

At the last meeting of the spring term the society elected the following officers: President, C. E. Marsh; vice president, Ruth Kidder; secretary, Esther Averill; treasurer, Norris McQuiston; critic, Donald Richey.

With an eye single to the development of literary talent, the work was resumed with interest. The enthusiasm shown by the Philos has been caught by the new students and all hope that this year will be the best in the history of the society.

The following program was given Sept. 7:

Devotional Exercises.....	Mr. Marsh
Reading.....	Ruth Kidder
Parody of "The Tent Scene".....	Donald Richey, Charles Marsh.
Piano Solo.....	Rena Ritchey
Reading.....	Hubert Bentley
Vocal Solo.....	Esther Averill
Impromptu.....	Vincent Hayes
Adjournment.....	

The following program will be rendered Saturday, Sept. 14. All are cordially invited to attend our meetings and join with us:

Recitation.....	Joseph Tucker
Essay.....	Marjorie Fisher
Vocal Solo.....	Mr. Gleason
Impromptu.....	Viola Moore
Debate—Resolved, that the length of term for grammar schools should be nine months. Affirmative. Emmitt Mondreau, Elmo Houtz; negative, Roy Dearment, Ethel Case.	

#### POTTER SOCIETY.

The class of 1912 took with it a goodly number of our most competent members, yet we are not at all discouraged. We feel that the class of 1913 will take out just as many good members and leave as good a background as the classes of former years.

The prospects for this fall term seem good. We have a loyal bunch to start us in our work and a large new student body to work among.

The first meeting for this new year was held Saturday evening, September 7, at six o'clock. A short program was rendered, after which business pertaining to the society was looked to.

The society will hold its meetings regularly every Saturday evening at six o'clock in Potter Hall. You are invited. Come and see what we can do.

The program for Saturday evening, September 14, was as follows:

Opening Exercises.....	Society
Roll Call.....	Quotations from Home
Piano Solo.....	Leah Crandall
Political Contest.....	
Wilson, speaker.....	Joseph Carpenter
Bull Moose.....	John Krasinski
Taft.....	Carl Joslin
Solo.....	Arthur Johnson

Reading.....	Ellen Morgan
Darkie Stories.....	Hayes Proper
Suggestions and Criticisms.....	Mr. Siddell

#### Reeder Hall Notes.

Our Hall is filled to its utmost. This shows that Reeder Hall is becoming the standard social factor for the boys of the school.

Mr. LaBounty came to Reeder Hall this year to take the place of Mr. Frost in supervising and looking to the wants of the occupants of the third floor. He has had varied experience in this capacity at different places, as was shown last year, when he gave that very tender care to Josephine.

Mr. Snyder has resumed his watch on second floor. During his summer vacation he secured a pistol, and when he showed it to the boys they decided to be quiet. But, alas, Mr. Snyder desired to show his skill as a marksman. The result is that he is unable to keep order.

Graham, Rappald, Webb, McKelvey and Krasinski have not yet been weaned from the habit of home-going.

(Saturday night gossip.) Edward—Will poison turn green? Daley—Sure, my father was bit on the foot with a copperhead and his shoes turned green.

Grover Congdon is attending Erie Business College this year.

Say, we have some coach this year. He knows the game, believe me. J. K.

#### Haven Hall Notes.

Back again. Last week the level of Edinboro lake was considerably raised by the tears of the Freshmen. We seniors, however, have them almost cheerful again. Weeping-bees are nearly out of fashion.

It seems good to see yellow pudding again.

Vi Moore has a perfectly good diamond ring. "Her father gave it to her."

An Interesting Item—The Haven Hall piano is tuned.

Miss Powell is not wilfully wasteful. She brought a ten-cent bottle of ink wrapped up in her bath robe, from New York, and then cut her hand on a rusty knife trying to get out the cork. Any one wishing to donate sympathy please call at Room A.

Several of the new girls are complaining of pin holes found in their walls. It is strange how they got there as pins and tacks were strictly forbidden last year. (Nails and needles make holes, though).

We are congratulating ourselves that Miss Ham has moved over from Reeder Hall to live with us this year. We always knew we were more attractive than the boys.

Frances Hannah was one day late to school. No one has been able to find out how she spent that twenty-four hours.

Heard in the corridor:

Senior girl—I'm sure our class will be managed harmoniously this year.

Second Senior—Yes, so am I. The class officers seem so perfectly suited with each other.

Madonna talks to "Ob" out on the veranda every night—except the nights Vi talks to "Ob."

There are nearly as many people in the dining room now as there were last spring term. See how popular we're getting.

#### The Senior Class.

The class of nineteen hundred thirteen is quite well known by its pessimistic members as the unlucky class. But those who cast luck and superstition to the winds, and believe that brain, brawn, and perseverance rule the world, are alert to meet every emergency.

The class met September 5, and elected officers for the year. Arthur Johnson was re-elected president by a large majority. Marion Judd will be responsible for the dignity of the office when Arthur is not there. Ruth Proudfit will keep a record of everything that we do. Charles Marsh kept five dollars of the class money all summer, so he will be trusted with the money this year. Hubert Bentley—and thankful we are that Hubert is with us, for there is not another boy in the class just like Hubert—will write, write, write, and Hubert can write.

Before a week had passed the class met again. This time the question of a year book was discussed and the deciding vote was unanimous. Neff Cass was elected manager. Cass is always on the job and we feel confident that our 'Vita' will be as complete as possible to make it.

#### NORMAL LECTURE COURSE

##### FALL TERM

Sept. 28.....Haig Arklin  
Art and Art Interpretation.

Nov. 11.....Hon. Frank J. Cannon

Dec. 7.....Dixie Chorus

##### WINTER TERM

Jan. 13.....Seumas MacManus

February 19.....Aida Quartette

March 1.....Byron J. Piatt

##### SPRING TERM

April 12.....Edward Reno  
The Magician

May 2.....Edward Amherst Ott

Last number to be filled later.

**Alumni Interest is Solicited.**

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alumni paper. A paper of this type is indispensable and deserves the support of all who are interested in the Edinboro Normal.

We have been requested to publish the name and address of each alumnus who subscribes for the paper. In this way you will be enabled to locate many old schoolmates. If you are not already a subscriber send in your subscription as soon as possible so as not to miss the next number. It may contain a letter of importance to you.

We take the liberty to print below the name and address of a few of our subscribers. More will appear in the next issue.

John L. McCommons, Craig, Nebraska.  
 J. J. VanderVort, Brockwayville, Pa.  
 Robert L. Roberts, 7th and State Sts., Erie, Pa.  
 Cyrus Quick, Redondo Beach, California.  
 Fred P. Stafford, Briarcliff Manor, N. Y.  
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 J. Red St. John, Edinboro, Pa.  
 J. George Morrison, Ohio, Pa.  
 Frank McEntire, Yacont, Washington.  
 James W. Phillips, Centerville, Pa.

**Alumni Notes.**

Miss Elizabeth M. Roberts has spent the summer vacation in Germany. A full account of the trip will appear in a later issue of The Birch Rod.

Mr. Siddell and Mr. LaBounty enjoyed a two-thousand mile cruise on the Great Lakes during the summer. A reporter has been sent to interview them, and the result will be known later. We hope it will be favorable to our readers.

Cyrus Quick stopped at Edinboro September 7, on his way to California, where he will be engaged in teaching. Many cards have been received from Cyrus, mailed at various stops on the prairies and over the Rockies. Quick has gone, but his heart is still in Edinboro.

Lewis Dundon, '10, left Tuesday for Allegheny College, at Meadville, Pa. Lewis has been the Edinboro agent for the Erie Traction Company for the past two years. We all wish him success in his work.

William Oakes, '11, will take up work this fall at the Chattanooga Law School, Tenn.

The next issue of The Birch Rod will be sent only to those whose names appear on our subscription list.

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**TERMS**---This newspaper will be supplied for the school year, 1912-13, for the sum of fifty cents, or five cents a copy.

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EDITORIAL STAFF

EDITORS.....Charles Marsh; Donald Richey  
 ATHLETIC EDITOR.....Hubert Bentley  
 NEWS EDITOR.....Alice Walker  
 ALUMNI EDITOR.....David S. McGuire  
 MANAGER.....William T. McKelvey  
 ASSISTANT MANAGER.....John Harbaugh

There is much discussion at present whether the students of the Normal should maintain two or four literary societies. The general feeling of the school is that it would be better to maintain two good rousing societies rather than four poorly supported ones. There is an advantage in having two societies, and having contests: something that will put more spice in society work. But The Birch Rod is too considerate to say that it must be done. We are personally acquainted with many good whole-souled Clionians and Agonians, so we hesitate before casting our vote, because we know how loyal an alumnus is to his or her society. So if we should be patriotic enough to sacrifice our society to form two strong societies we will do it feeling that we have done the right thing for the best interest of the school.

We are all very well pleased with the improvements which have been made on our campus. The flower beds have been well kept and are very beautiful. The ivy which was planted last spring is slowly rising higher---symbolic of the class it represents. Our new hedge is performing its part well in decorating the campus. The plants carry an extraordinary heavy foliage of rare beauty, characteristic of the California privet.

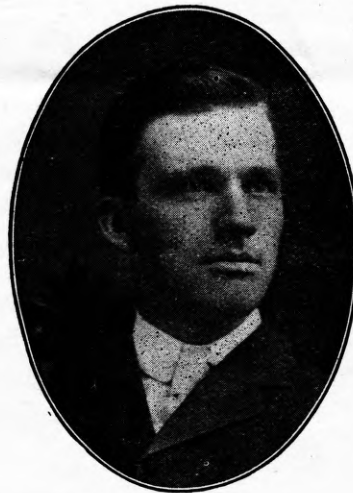
Indeed, we think that one glance over our campus would appeal to the aesthetic sentiment of the most melancholy spirit. May we ever

continue to make our beautiful home more beautiful.

There is no better game in the curriculum of school athletics than tennis. How strange that in the face of that truth we see so few real lively tennis games, especially between secondary colleges and normal schools. We see no explanation for it except that tennis is not "in style." It is something of an acquired art to be a handy man with a "racket." One must have the faculty of keen discrimination as well as speed. From the psychological point of view, tennis is not to be compared with any other game for recreation and exercise. We are delighted to see our courts so well filled, and see no reason why we may not have a winning team in tennis as well as in other sports.

**Congratulations to Mr. Frost.**

The Birch Rod has become acquainted with Mr. Frost and has learned to love him. So like a thoughtful parent we watched him. Still we could not explain why he went to Meadville every week last term. But now we know and are going to tell. Uncle Mike told



MR. GEORGE B. FROST

us last summer that George Frost and Catherine Nesley, of Meadville, were going to be married. We only laughed. But sure as you live, when Mr. Frost returned to school this fall to take up his work in the manual training department he was accompanied by his wife. We are very glad that Mr. Frost is with us this year. The many friends of the school extend a hand of welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Frost, wishing them a happy and prosperous life.

**"'Tis Distance Lends Enchantment."**

New Student—Who is that leading chapel this morning?

Miss M.—That is Mr. LaBounty.

New Student—I thought it must be a visitor; he is so good looking.

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**Other Athletics.**

Coach Hayes has made it evident that he does not intend to confine his activity to foot ball alone. He is already getting active on the basket ball and base ball men and there are rumors of a track team.

As our basket ball and base ball teams of last year were both winning teams little need be said concerning them at present. Their success is assured.

We should be able to put out a track team equal to that of any other secondary school of Northwestern Pennsylvania, and Coach Hayes evidently intends to do it.

**The New Manual Training Department.**

On account of the wonderful success achieved last year in the manual training department, the management of the school decided to better this department.

Mr. Frost, the very efficient instructor of last year, was again engaged for this year. Last year although the department was poorly supplied with tools and apparatus, Mr. Frost had each pupil produce something useful. Many of the articles could not be bought for twenty dollars.

The manual training department rooms in the basement of Reeder Hall have been greatly improved. All the walls have been white-washed. The floors of all the rooms have been cemented. This is a great improvement on the earthen floors. Mud will no longer be carried from the basement of Reeder Hall to all the recitation buildings and dormitories. Another great improvement is the installment of two new electric motors. One of these is five horse power and the other is three horse power. The students will not have to teach their feet perpetual motion before they can start any piece of work. The finishing room has been carefully ceiled in Georgia pine. It will not be necessary now to hold an umbrella over a newly varnished table. Adjoining the finishing room is a new fuming room for finishing oak by ammonia fumes. One of the greatest additions to the machinery is a new band saw. This saw, which is one of the best of its kind, cost eighty-five dollars. A new circular saw has been installed. New hand tools of all kinds have been purchased. One of the most attractive additions to the apparatus is a splendid set of grinding stones for hand machine use, all in an elegant wall cabinet. This addition is the gift of Mr. Welker, of Mill Village. Students will not now need spectacles while working in the manual training rooms, for a complete set of new electric lights have been installed.

Mr. Frost has taken active measure toward carpeting the floor. We hope he will succeed. Judging from the work done last year and the improvements made in the apparatus, the work for this year should be almost unequaled.



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## FIFTY-SECOND YEAR OPENS AT NORMAL.

The enrollment for the fall term was, at the end of the second week, two hundred and forty-eight. This stands just thirteen below the total enrollment of last fall's term. Considering that school opened two weeks earlier than last year, and that all the work of the busy country season is much delayed, it is altogether probable that the total student roll will be considerably larger than a year ago.

### New Course.

The new four year course of study is in full effect with practically all who enroll this fall. This appreciable lengthening of the course will undoubtedly make some difference at the beginning in the size of the classes. As soon as the purpose of the course is more generally understood it is expected to tend towards an increase in the student body. Already one thing is noted in the preparation of those who are entering; it is estimated that the number of high school graduates has increased twenty-five per cent over last year. A large number of students are coming from Erie City, Meadville, and the larger towns of the district. This feature of the new year is particularly gratifying.

### New Equipment.

The redecorating of many rooms, the refurnishing of the classrooms, the increased equipment of the manual training department all speak of the constant watchfulness of the board of trustees over matters conducive to the efficiency of the school. No one thing has added more to the material appearance of the school than the equipment of Recitation Hall with the comfortable tablet-arm chairs. With the background of freshly decorated walls, these chairs make the rooms of most agreeable appearance. The extensive additions to the work in manual training, it is hoped, will be duplicated at an early date in the domestic science department. The increased call for teachers in manual training and domestic science makes the need of this equipment imperative. Ability to teach either of these branches increases the earning capacity of a teacher about one third; this is estimated from the calls for teachers that come to the office. It is hoped that Edinboro may be a source of efficient teachers in these important fields of the modern school program.

### The Outlook for the Year.

The outlook for the year inside the school is a bright one. The routine of work has been entered into much more rapidly than a year ago, when the peculiar needs of the school were not so well known to many of the new

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teachers. There seems to be a feeling with both students and faculty that everything is most auspicious for a sturdy advance in scholarship.

### Young Men's Christian Association.

Come, boys, and see what we have for you. We can help you. Give us a chance and see.

Last Sunday at two o'clock the first meeting for this year was held. Charles Scott, the president, conducted the meeting, giving an interesting talk on thoughtfulness. This year the Y. M. C. A. should be as beneficial and instructive as in preceding years. The older students appreciate the benefits they have derived from the association and wish to show their gratitude and appreciation by helping the new students. The meetings will be held every Sunday afternoon at two o'clock in the association rooms of the gymnasium. Next Sunday afternoon the meeting will be conducted by Donald Richey. The subject is "Mercy."

### Young Women's Christian Association.

The Young Women's Christian Association of the Edinboro State Normal School is one of the main factors of the school. It is a wide awake association consisting of lively girls, that are ready for a good time, but yet have deeper and more serious thoughts. This is why the association is a success. The girls realize their need of such an association and they give their loyal support to it.

The Young Women's Christian Association inspires a feeling of comradeship and friendliness among the girls that otherwise would be lacking. In the weekly meetings this is especially shown.

The aim of the association is to bring the girls of this school into touch with the higher ideals of life, to help them to fit themselves to reach the standard of true womanhood.

The weekly meetings are well attended by the girls and members of the faculty. The meetings are led by the girls and every one does her share in the meeting. The pastors of the different churches in Edinboro have a strong interest in the association and give their loyal support.

There is an enrollment of over one hundred and fifty members but there is room for much improvement in this line as the new girls are sure to take an interest in our work and join us.

We ask your hearty cooperation with us and we would be glad to have you attend our weekly meetings in the association rooms in the gymnasium Thursday evening, from six until six forty-five.

### Reminiscence and Great Expectations.

We have a splendid forgetting faculty, still we have not forgotten, never can forget, a certain evening last fall spent on the athletic field, south of the gymnasium.

The new students hear us talking about it. They refuse to believe that the occupants of Haven and Reeder Hall were allowed out at night, even if Mr. and Mrs. Baker were along. It sounds like a fairy story to them. But we know that it is true, really true. Moreover, when we say that we hope for another such evening soon their eyes open with wonder, and fairly sparkle with delight at the expectation of being out doors just one evening.

Some Freshmen have been heard to say that they never saw a game of foot ball played after dark. They do not even surmise that we refer entirely to Mr. Dundon's corn roast.

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**NORMAL DIARY.**

SUNDAY, SEPT. 1.

Johnson and Daley arrive at Edinboro.

MONDAY, SEPT. 2.

Labor Day.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 3.

School opens for the fifty-second year. Many new students arrive.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4.

Students continue to arrive and register. Chapel at four o'clock. Meeting of The Birch Rod editorial staff. Meeting of Philo executive committee.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 5.

Classes today. Senior class meeting at six o'clock. The officers for the year are as follows:

Arthur Johnson, president; Marion Judd, vice president; Ruth Proudfit, secretary; Charles Marsh, treasurer; Hubert Bentley, editor.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 6.

Emmett Mondreau got a black eye in foot ball practice.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7.

Potter and Philo each had a program. Welcome given by the faculty in Haven Hall. Teachers, students, alumni and friends spent a pleasant evening together.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 8.

Breakfast at 8. Sunday school at 9:30. Preaching at 10:30. Dinner at 1. Y. M. C. A. and Bible study at 2. Supper at 5:30. Students' prayer meeting at 6. Preaching at 8. Wrote to mother. Very tired.

MONDAY, SEPT. 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker play tennis. Obert got his hair cut. In foot ball. Coach Hayes gives lectures after supper.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 10.

Sophomore class meeting. Mr. Snyder broke his glasses.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11.

Permanent seating in dining hall for the term. Class was elected manager of the year book.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.

Junior class meeting. Hood is president. Mr. Baker talks with society presidents.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13.

Mr. La Bounty got a bicycle. Now he will ride. It costs too much to keep a pony.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14.

The Birch Rod goes to press.

**The Sophomores.**

The Sophomore class held its first meeting last Tuesday evening and elected their officers. The class may well take credit to itself for its judgment in selecting officers. The following were the officers elected: president, Mr. Harbaugh; vice president, Miss Harvey; secretary, Miss Howland; treasurer, Mr. Hummer, editor, Mr. Daley; assistant editor, Miss Wade. Although the class of 1915 is not as large as it was last year, yet its prospects are brighter than ever. Every member of the class is loyal to the school and proud of his class, and working to make the first organized Sophomore class the greatest Sophomore class.

It beats all how a little girl can boss a big fellow around.—Arthur Johnson.

Love is better than spectacles to make everything seem great.—Philip Sidney.

There are three kinds of friends: those who love you, those who are indifferent to you; and next friends, these being the people who want something that is yours.—The FRA.

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**THE BIRCH ROD**

**Fall Welcome.**

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fulness and enthusiasm recognized in the voice and manner of Mrs. Baker and the royal reception she extended to all.

Various amusements made the evening a pleasant one. Dainty refreshments consisting of ice cream, nabisco, and punch were served at 9:30 o'clock. The hands of the clock pointed to the hour of ten all too soon and after the alumni and senior class yell all started reluctantly homeward.

Every friend reported a pleasant evening and the students join in the chorus. So say we all of us. Long live Principal Baker and such welcomes. For the students recognize in him as their leader a man who understands that the true end of the Normal, as any other mode of education, is attained only when due proportions of work and pleasure are intermingled, in order that they may have healthy minds to carry on the work of making the world, or that little corner in which they may be placed, the better for having lived in it.

**Coach Hayes and Football.**

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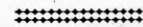
to these are returns to Warren, Conneaut, Fredonia, Jamestown and Thiel College, at dates which have not been decided upon. The last game will be played on Thanksgiving Day and, if possible, at Edinboro. Of course all these games will not be scheduled, but to fill in dates when the first team does not play. Manager White expects to schedule second team games, two or three of which are to be played at Edinboro, and, if possible, one trip will be made away from home. These second team games will probably be played with Cambridge and Waterford.

**Accidents Will Happen.**

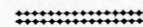
The five minute bell had rung. As usual Obert and Mr. Snyder were in the lead, heading for the dining hall. On the stone walk, just south of Haven Hall, Karl remarked that Mr. Snyder's arm is rather short. Mr. Snyder, always ready to settle a question by practical demonstration, held his arm up to measure with Obert. Karl upon finding his arm to be the longer of the two, thought it a good plan to gently tap Mr. Snyder on the cheek. But crash! Mr. Snyder's glasses hit the stone walk. Nuf ced. "Just two dollars," said Mr. Snyder and poor Karl replied in the affirmative with a nod of his head. It is a lucky thing for Karl that he had his hair cut recently, but sorry to say, this sad accident will go hard with the Y. M. C. A. because they will have to patiently wait for Karl's society dues.

M. L.

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