

## OFFICIAL TITLE OF THE NORMAL SCHOOL DECIDED UPON

**Hereafter to be Known as the Edinboro State Normal School—Change to Go Into Effect at Once—Catalogue and all Advertising Matter to Bear the Name**

At the April meeting of the Board of Trustees a resolution was passed declaring that the official title of the normal school at Edinboro should hereafter be The Edinboro State Normal School. The change fills a long felt and almost unanimous desire upon the part of the friends of the Edinboro institution. The decision was reached in time to take effect in the new catalogue which has just gone to press at the local printing office.

The fitness of the order is at once apparent. The name Edinboro is that by which the school is known most widely, the attempt to change it to the Northwestern State Normal has met with nothing but disparagement from the very beginning. The Birch Rod rejoices in the change.

### The Spring Term.

The following is a list of the new students who had enrolled before Monday, April 8. There is a change of number from day to day, so that no exact figure is given out, what would be correct one day would be an error on the next. The list is:

- Acker, Lewis F., Meadville.
- Anderson, Jennie, Conneautville.
- Babcock, Gerald, Russell.
- Bierworth, Adria, Cambridge Springs.
- Blakeslee, Bernice, Union City.
- Boyer, Donald, Meadville.
- Calvin, Ferne L., Atlantic.
- Chandler, Ethel, Bear Lake.
- Clapper, Lillian L., McKean.
- Crandall, Evelyn, McLane.
- Crawford, Catherine, President.
- DeArment, Roy, Conneaut Lake.
- Dickey, Adlia, Hartstown.
- Dickey, Ethel, Hartstown.
- Donaldson, Archie, Emlenton.
- Donnell, C., Venango.
- Doing, Ethyl, Edinboro.
- Drake, Archie L., Cambridge Springs.
- Flick, Cora, Spartansburg.
- Foster, Johnson, Waterford.
- Gidner, Ruth, Cranesville.
- Graham, Carl, Saegerstown.
- Griffey, Netta, Albion.
- Gross, Inez, Waterford.
- Hamilton, Leona, Meadville.
- Hague, Sara, Springboro.
- Hartley, Harry, North East.
- Harbaugh, John, Victoria.
- Hitt, Jessie, McLane.
- Hollabaugh, Savilla, Cochranon.
- Humes, Ethyl Eugena, Cambridge Springs.
- Jones, Cecil E., Meadville.
- Jones, Mildred, Meadville.
- Kingsley, Anita, Cambridge Springs.
- Lamb, Lucy A., Conneautville.
- Lawrence, Leona, Edinboro.
- Long, J. S. Earle, Waynesburg.
- McCartney, Agnes, Randolph.
- McCray, Ethel L., Spartansburg.
- McCray, Sadie, Spartansburg.
- McDaniel, Rubie, Cochranon.
- McElhatten, Beulah, Cranberry.
- McFeeters, Ruth, Springboro.
- McGuire, David J., Meadville.
- McGill, Lula, Cambridge Springs.
- McKinley, Frances, Jamestown.
- Maffitt Marion, Meadville.
- Martin, Mildred I., Spartansburg.
- Mead, Henry, Spartansburg.
- Miller, Harold S. Meadville.
- Miller, Nellie, Conneaut Lake.
- Mills, Ethel, Edinboro.
- Mitchell, Florence, Mill Village.
- Mitchell, John L., Oil City.
- Mitchell, Sylvia B., Oil City.
- Mundt, Hazel, Grand Valley.

- Mundt, Zoe, Grand Valley.
- Neland, Virginia, McKean.
- Nichols, Adelaide, Cranesville.
- Northrop, Thelma A., Girard.
- Norris, Celia, Conneautville.
- Nye, Clair, Edinboro.
- Pettit, Ellen A., Conneautville.
- Raymond, Dorris, North East.
- Reed, Berdena, McKean.
- Rhodes, Iva M., Franklin.
- Roberts, Roscoe, Hadley.
- Roberts, Ruby, Harborcreek.
- Rodgers, Clark J., Conneaut Lake.
- Ross, Nelson, Conneautville.
- Scott, Cary, Girard.
- Sheakley, Robert L., Alantic.
- Slaven, John, Kennard.
- Smith, Belva, Cambridge Springs.
- Smith, Clarence H., Spartansburg.
- Smith, Grace M., Waterford.
- Smith, Frances, Saegerstown.
- Smith, Augusta, Guys Mills.
- Soderholm, Mabel, Aiken.
- Spence, Ruth, Oil City.
- Stewart, Jennie, Centerville.
- Staley, Edgar M., Mill Village.
- Steadman, Glenn, Conneaut Lake.
- Suttles, Ruth, Cranesville.
- Taylor, Ethel, Spartansburg.
- Thayer, Fern, Youngsville.
- Trax, Dorothy, Franklin.
- Unger, Pearl, Atlantic.
- Vincent, Ruth, Grand Valley.
- Vincent, Winifred, Grand Valley.
- Waite, Olite, Atlantic.
- Walbourn, Edith, Franklin.
- Wells, Laura, Springboro.
- West, Edith O., Espyville Station.
- Welton, Buena V., Polk.
- White, Florence, Russell.
- Whitman, Wally, Utica.
- Whitney, Nina, Harborcreek.
- Woods, Grace E., Cambridge Springs.
- Wimier, Ann, Cambridge Springs.
- Wood, Iris, Franklin.

### A CORRECTION.

#### B. R. Kline Sets The Birch Rod Right On Several Matters Relating to School Journalism.

New Kensington, Pa., March 23, 1912.  
Dear Editors of The Birch Rod:

The Birch Rod for March 14 has just been laid on my desk. On turning to the editorial page I notice "History of School Journalism." The article seems to leave the impression that The Sphinx originated in the spring of 1899. I have no doubt that it was published at that time, and while I know that editors do not like being corrected, on reading the article I have pulled down an old scrap book from the top shelf of my book case and find on file the following:

THE SPHINX  
Vol. I. Edinboro, Erie County, Pa.,  
May 15, 1885  
Published semi-occasionally by G. A. Langley and Mary Lee.  
Editors:

E. M. Reed, T. J. George.  
Printed at the office of the Edinboro Independent.  
This edition is devoted almost entirely to the class day exercises which took place April 6, 1885. The program and class exercises are given in full, starting as follows:  
Met in chapel Hall, 3:30 p.m. The Seniors, about sixty in number, with Professor Cooper, occupied the rostrum.  
The class officers President, H. J. H. Grimes; Secretary, Miss Emma Whiting, in their places. The meeting was called to order by the president, and devotional exercises by Professor Cooper.  
Song, "The Grand Old Oak," of which the verses are published.  
Two addresses were delivered by Miss

Hettie Moore and G. M. Bradshaw, the text of both being published.

Then followed the class poem by C. W. Trow, which list is published in full. The tree was then planted and christened Compton. The tree died, but was replaced the next year by Mr. Grimes and some of his classmates, and although I looked for it last June I could not find it, and I think it was removed when the new library building was erected, for it stood between that building and old North Hall. The remainder of the paper is filled with old chapel lessons, wit, humor, jokes and a few news items.

I ask you to make mention of this in the "Birch Rod," as it is asking no more than justice for the teachers and the class gone before.

Yours truly,  
B. R. KLINE, New Kensington, Pa.

#### Edinboro Alumni Defeated by Varsity.

What proved to be the best and most interesting game of the season, was the game played Saturday evening, March 30, between the Normal alumni and the 1912 team, in which the varsity team won by the score 32 to 30.

The alumni team that clashed with the students Saturday night was practically the same which opposed the varsity team last year. The Normal team never shot or displayed such team work and basketball science during the whole season as they did in this last game. Hardly had the game started before Obert located the net for the home team. Caulkins followed "Skin" with two more field baskets. At this point Thompson scored for the alumni, and then Rose gave the graduates courage with a field basket. About this time Elmer Obert got the only basket he got during the game. Hood and White each added two points to the score and Thompson and Rose then located the net for two field baskets apiece. Caulkins shot a foul goal, and the first round was ended, the alumni being at the heavy end of an 18-17 score.

The second half was a repetition of the preceding half, and when the final whistle blew the scorer announced the game to be a tie, the score being 30 to 30. The ball was then put in play, each team fighting hard for the winning basket. The game had progressed but a short time when White caged the ball, thus winning the game for the varsity. Every man played his best. Quick, of the home team, played a fine game, breaking up play after play.

With this game the season of 1911 and 1912 ended. Next year's team will lose two of its players, Quick and Caulkins, being seniors, but, with the material that is here now, the team next year should be one of the best in the history of the school. Line up:  
Normal Alumni  
Hood.....L. F.....Rose  
C. Obert.....R. F.....Thompson  
White.....C.....E. Obert  
Quick.....L. G.....Hutchison  
Caulkins.....R. G.....Glover  
Field goals: Caulkins 7, Thompson 5, Rose 4, C. Obert 4, White 2, Glover 2, Hutchison 2, Hood 1, Quick 1, E. Obert 1.  
Foul goals: Caulkins 2, E. Obert 2.

'Tis not in seeking,  
'Tis not in endless stirring  
Thy quest is found.  
Be still and listen;  
Be still and drink the quiet  
Of all around.  
—Edward Rowland Sill (Peace.)

### THE QUESTION

Were the whole world as good as you—  
Not an atom better—  
Were it just as pure and true,  
Just as pure and true as you,  
Just as strong in faith and works,  
Just as free from crafty quirks—  
All extortion and deceit;  
Schemes its neighbors to defeat,  
Schemes its neighbors to defraud;  
Schemes some culprit to applaud—  
Would this world be better?

If this old world followed you—  
Followed to the letter—  
Would it be a nobler world,  
All deceit and falsehood hurled  
From it altogether;  
Malice, selfishness, and lust  
Banished from beneath the crust  
Covering human hearts from view—  
Tell me, if I followed you;  
Would the world be better?  
—Selected.

#### Baseball Outlook.

As the grounds are yet too wet for baseball practice, Coach Foster has not called for candidates, although some of the more enthusiastic fans are taking advantage of the sidewalks and can be seen daily throwing the ball. The team this year should be one of the best in the history of the school, as many of the players of last year's team are now attending school. In addition to these, many new students are here, and, according to reports, they are fast in handling the ball. A few games have already been scheduled, and as soon as the weather permits the players will get down to hard work; as every man is anxious to win a position on the varsity team.

#### That Supper.

On Wednesday evening, April 3, the festive air was again prevalent when the students residing in Reeder and Haven Halls were given a formal dinner at six o'clock. The boys were received by the girls in the upper corridors. All were in the best, the happiest mood, which could not but make just such a delightful occasion as they had. After the pleasant and gay preliminaries there was feast in another form. Donald Richey acted as toastmaster and spoke on "A penny for Your Thoughts."

"Great fleas have little fleas upon their backs to bite 'em,  
And little fleas have lesser fleas and so on ad infinitum.  
And the greater fleas themselves in turn have greater fleas to go on,  
While these again have greater still,  
And greater still, and so on."

Was the caption used by Victor Snapp, senior class president, who gave a toast to the senior, middle and junior classes.

"Eased the putting off,  
These troublesome disguises which we wear."

Carrie Walters told of the St. Patrick's Day celebration in Haven Hall—of splendid spirit of classes—how, when occasion requires, that each class can throw off its class distinction for one evening, yet, maintain the dignity of it. This is as it should be.

Arthur Johnson, president of middler class, told of the virtues and weaknesses of the junior class in a most appreciative, sympathetic and discreet way in response to:

"Be to her virtues very kind,  
Be to her faults a little blind."

All concluded that Arline Smith does not agree with Robert Browning when he said:

"Grow old along with me,  
The best is yet to be."

Arline loathes the thought of growing

old. This she told by the comparison she made of the faculty and students in answer to

"From ignorance our comfort flows,  
The only wretched are the wise."

Fay Daly gave a toast to the April Fool parade which did not take place: "They never taste who always drink, They always talk who never think."

"It is an irrepressible conflict between opposing and enduring forces."

Ora Kopf told of the impertinent and forward ways of Josephine and the retiring, quite ways of lovable James and Hattie and yet the never ceasing conflict for prominence between these two characters.

Wm. McKelvey artfully told of the skillful workmanship of Ned Dearborn, when he served a part of his finger by sawing—in answer to

"They say a carpenter is known by his chips."

"This grief shall tread upon the heels of pleasure," declared Bertha Wallace in reviewing the senior-middler basketball game—the middler celebration of the victory in form of bonfire—their consideration in clearing the campus of the debris left by the sleet storms. However, Bertha has faith in the development of the middle class. In a dignified way she expressed her good will by saying she was sure that by next year the middlers would have learned to take victories calmly; and by wishing that the middlers may enjoy their senior year as much as the seniors now are enjoying theirs.

"We bear it calmly, though a ponderous woe,  
And still adore the hand that gives the blow."

To this Hubert Bentley responded by speaking in a definite way of the merits of the different members of the basketball team and especially of the splendid plays made during the Alumni-Edinboro game. The spirit shown on both sides; the tie; then the final goal made by Charles White, which gave the victory to our team.

Marion Judd reviewed the whole affair of the evening. Beginning with the plannings and anticipations and frustrations of the girls, even twenty four hours before the time when all the boys should come in the front door. She gave natural little sketches of the high pitch of excitement about 5:30 that evening. She was called on to respond to

"Still to be neat, still to be drest  
As you were going to a feast."

"Hail fellows, well met!" was answered in a chummy way by Marley Leach. He told of life as it really is in Reeder Hall; of the advantages and disadvantages of having a transom, a

THE BIRCH ROD

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TERMS

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Inspiring Verse.

At the special request of President Baker of the board of trustees The Birch Rod reprints the following inspiring verse. Its application to school life is too evident for comment.

Columbus.

By Joaquin Miller.

Behind him lay the gray Azores,
Behind the gates of Hercules;
Before him not the ghost of shores,

My men grew mutinous by day,
My men grew ghostly wan and weak.
The stout mate thought of home. A spray
Of salt wave washed his swarthy cheek.

They sailed and sailed, as winds might blow,
Until at last the blanched mate said,
'Why, now, not even God would know
Should I and all my men fall dead.'

Then, pale and worn, he kept his deck,
And peered through darkness. Ah that night
Of all dark nights! And then a speck—
A light! A light! A light! A light!

Clonian Literary Society.

At the last meeting of the winter term the following executive officers were elected:

- President—David Beightol.
Vice President—Susie Baker.
Secretary—Edna Bortz.
Treasurer—Gladys Brown.

The program for April 13 is as follows:

German Program.

Devotional exercises—Cora Mischler.
Roll call answered by quotations from German writers.

German Recitation—Emeline Reed.
Biographical Sketch of Schiller—Blanche Howard.

Vocal Solo—Florence Russell.
Original German Conversation—Alice Townsend and Edith Cook.

Select Reading—Jennie Hazen.
German Contest—Naida Callahan, Cora Durfee.

Impromptu—Gladys Brown.

Potter Society.

The following program will be given in Potter Hall Saturday evening, April 6:

Quotations from Freshmen.
Society Scream—Ada Abbey.
Reading—Chas. Caulkins.

Piano Solo—Leah Crandall.
Essay—Lillian Wiard.
Dialogue—Arthur Johnson, Marley Leach.

Question Box—Charles Kough.
Vocal Solo—Etha Burdick.
Select Reading—Gretchen Greminger.

Philo Everett Society.

At the last meeting of the society in the winter term, a special program was prepared in the form of a mock faculty meeting. Many of the faculty accepted the invitation to 'come and see them-

selves as students see 'em,' and an enjoyable evening was spent.

After the program election of officers for the spring term was held. The following officers were elected: President, Mont Hanna; vice president, Allen Babcock; secretary, Hattie Morrison; treasurer, Donald Ritchey; critic, Charles Marsh; tellers, Morris McQuiston, Vincent Hayes.

The programs for the term have been very interesting and well rendered.

Many new members have been added to the society roll.

At present each and every member is enjoying the new songs under the direction of Mr. Gleason.

The following was the program for April 6, 1912:

Roll call answered by quotations from Milton.

Piano solo—Arzie Gillaspie.
Reading—Elfrieda Campbell.
Newspaper—Minnie Pierson.

Debate—Resolved that labor unions are detrimental to the best interests of the working man. Affirmative, Cyrus Quick; negative William Greenlee.

Vocal Solo—Blaine Williams.

Impromptu—George Morrison, Winifred Nickle.

Haven Hall Notes.

The population of Haven Hall has increased since last term. Every room has been engaged.

Lillian Christenson returned to school Wednesday.

The girls of Haven Hall are taking advantage of leap year; Wednesday they escorted the boys to dinner.

Ruth Proudft has been home for a few days. She came back Thursday afternoon.

Two of last year's students, Mabelle Soderholm and Florence White, are numbered with the Haven Hall girls.

Ora Kopf has been ill for a few days. She went home Friday morning to rest for a short time.

Minstrel Show Notice.

The following persons are those who will be responsible for the evening of April 22:

- Ned Dearborn.
Forest Knapp.
Arthur Johnson.
Dan Barney.
Harold Hood.
Blaine Williams.
Cyrus Quick.
Marion Negus.
John Scott.
Maurice Port.
Paul Harvey.
Leo Armagost.
Byron Hoover.
Charles White.
Carl White.
Wm. McKelvey.
Elmer Frontz.
Neff Cass.
Stuart Graham.
Carl Graham.
Grover Congdon.
Carl Joslin.
Marley Leach.
Carl Ober.
Hubert Bentley.
Fred S. Gleason.

Young Women's Christian Association Notes.

The election of officers for the new year was held on Tuesday evening, April 2. The following officers were elected:

- President—Ruth Brown.
Vice President—Lillian Christenson.
Secretary—Nina Swift.
Treasurer—Ruth Proudft.
Corresponding Secretary—Esther Averill.

Assistant Treasurer—Margery Fisher and Elmo Houtz.

On Thursday evening, April 4, the consecration service was held, at which 'the new crew for the old ship' was installed. All are looking forward to a successful year for the Young Women's Christian Association.

On Monday afternoon, April 1, the members of the Association gave a reception to the new girls in Potter and Philo Halls from two until four o'clock. A dainty lunch followed the program, after which the guests took their leave.

Alumni Letters.

Edinboro, Pa., Feb. 23, 1921

F. P. Stafford, Briarcliff Manor, N. Y.

In reply to your letter of recent date I will say that I graduated from Edinboro Normal in 1895, later completing the new course in 1903. From 1895 to 1902 I was secretary and bookkeeper in the office of Edinboro Normal, since which time I have been librarian for the same institution. From September, 1908, to February, 1909, was on leave of absence from my work and spent the time in attending a library school in Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Very truly, ANNIE L. WILSON.

I am a member of the 'Birch Rod' family; I nearly forgot to state.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 22, '12.

Mr. Fred P. Stafford:

Dear Friend—Your letter received and glad to hear from you, being an alumnus of Edinboro Normal.

I guess I am one of the missing links. I graduated in 1889 and came to this city the same year and have been teaching in the same school ever since. 'The Washington Public School,' 40th street, Pittsburg, Pa.

I was back at Edinboro one summer about five years ago. I saw Professor Cooper who remembered me very well. He walked over the grounds with me and showed me around. He looked just the same and just as young and active as ever and interested in everything.

Alison Moorhead, a member of my class, is a very successful attorney in this city and I believe married.

Ella Paul, class of 1888, married to Charles Fehr and lives at No. 8 Woodlawn Avenue, Bellevue, Pa. They have two nice little girls.

Hattie Henderson of class of 1891, is like myself, still whole hearted and fancy free and is teaching Fourth Ward, North Side, Pittsburg, Pa. Her address at her school.

Mr. Wm. Cole and Alice Crawford, married. I think Mr. Cole was of my class and Miss Crawford did not graduate. They live in this city but I do not know their address.

I do not take the 'Birch Rod.' I knew nothing of it.

I have very fond memories of the dear old school and, bless his dear heart, Prof. Cooper. I often think it all over and wonder where all our friends and schoolmates are and I really feel sad.

Thanking you for your letter I am Sincerely your friend ANNA C. SINNING.

Waterford, Pa., Feb. 23, '12.

Fred P. Stafford, Briarcliff Manor, N. Y.

Friend and Fellow Alumnus—It is with pleasure I comply with your request. I graduated in 1900 in a class of eighty-seven in number, a great many of whom I have never seen since. I taught for six years in the country schools of Erie county. On account of poor health I spent the next three years at home. In the spring of 1900 was elected to fill a vacancy as teacher of the seventh and eighth grades in the village of Waterford, and was reelected for four consecutive years.

Feeling it my duty to care for my parents in their feeble condition, I resigned the last year (1904) and have been at home since.

Yours sincerely, LIZZIE B. BITTLES.

Sharon, Pa., Feb. 22, 1912.

Mr. Fred P. Stafford:

Dear Sir—After severing my connection as teacher in the Edinboro Normal, I remained briefly in Sharon and then went to St. Paul, Nebraska. There I taught in the high school. Lilla A. Rooney (my chum and classmate) was teaching in St. Paul. I went to Dillion, Montana, where C. S. Birchard and Mary E. Hawkes were teaching. There I had the novel experience of a summer term on Horse Prairie. There were ten pupils enrolled. All came to school on horseback or by cart, except two, who had a mile to walk. The

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others came a distance of from three to five miles.

I did considerable sightseeing all the way from Sharon to Montana in general. I was called back to Sharon by family sickness. I attended school for two years in Philadelphia. I returned to Sharon and have been variously housekeeper, nurse and business head of the family. We have had much sickness. Literally I am the head of all family business.

If you address Ella Skiff, lock box 753, Connellsville, Pa., she can give you the address of every member of our class, except Josie Wright.

We have never been able to locate her. My class has been organized for a few years, and Miss Skiff is the secretary. She possesses considerable information about our class.

Sincerely, but hurriedly, MARY LEE.

134 West Nineteenth Street, Erie, Pa.

The following Normal graduates are with The Spirella Company, Meadville, Pa.:

Class 1906, Miss Zoe Ryerson, 996 Bessemer street, Meadville, Pa. Stenographer.

Class 1901, Mrs. Elizabeth Bossard, nee Hart, 1040 South Market street, Meadville, Pa. Clerk.

Class 1902, Miss Ruth Fox, Saegertown, Pa. Correspondent.

Class 1898, Miss Elizabeth McFate, Meadville, Pa., accounting department.

Class 1895, Miss Birdena Hickok, 996 South Main street, Meadville, Pa., credit department stenographer

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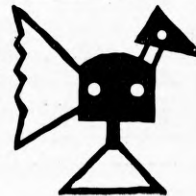
Miss Laura Francis, 1000 Liberty street, Meadville, Pa., clerk.

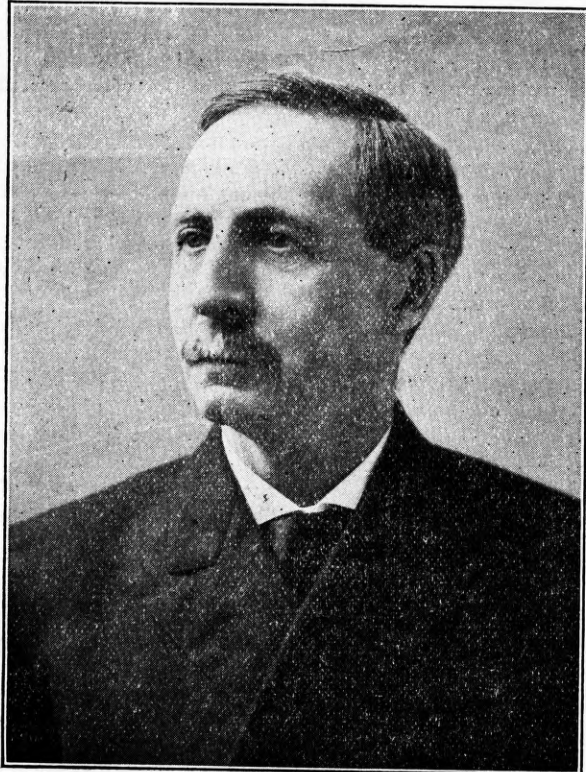
Class 1906, Miss Myra Whipple, Saegertown, Pa., R. F. D., correspondent.

Class 1908, Mr. Willis Whipple, Saegertown, R. F. D., bookkeeper.

Puzzle Picture

What is it?





James D. Roberts, '73.

Graduated at the Edinboro State Normal School in 1873. After his graduation he taught school for a few years then entered the law office of Hon. John J. Henderson at Meadville, Pa., as a law student, and was admitted to the bar of Crawford County, Pa., in 1876. He opened an office in Meadville where he has pursued the practice of his profession since. In 1887 he was elected district attorney of Crawford County on the Republican ticket, and served three

Charles F. Armour, '06.

Charles F. Armour graduated from Edinboro in June, 1906. He was a member of the famous basketball team that was never defeated. He entered the freshman class at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., in September, 1896, was a member of the football team at that college. In September, 1897, having completed nearly all the work necessary to be a member of the junior class, he became a member of the junior class at Bucknell University, with only a few conditions. In June, 1898, he had completed all of the work required for entering the senior class. As he was working his own way through college it was necessary to earn more funds before completing his senior year. In June, 1898, Mr. Armour was unanimously elected principal of the Spartansburg schools. In the fall of 1899 he took up his work at Bucknell University and graduated in the Latin and Philosophical course in June, 1900, in the magna cum laude division. At Bucknell he was a member of the football and basketball teams. The same year he was again elected principal of the Spartansburg schools, but resigned this position early in the term to accept a better position as head of the science department in the East Liverpool High School. This position he filled for two years and was reelected for the third year with an increase in salary, but he did not accept the position for the third year as he was chosen principal of the Girard public schools. He served in the Girard schools from September, 1902, till June, 1906, at the end of which time he decided to give up the teaching profession. In August, 1906, he purchased the Girard Cosmopolite plant, and for three years and a half he published this weekly paper, and did a thriving job printing business.

In December, 1909, he sold the Cosmopolite plant to S. B. Bayle & Son, and moved to Pittsburg, where he had become associated with the Ellwood Coal, Oil and Gas Company, of which Chas. J. Boak, a former Edinboro mathematics teacher, was the manager. In February, 1910, Mr. Boak died, and the newly organized company had a hard struggle, but it is still in existence with prospects of eventually being very successful. Mr. Armour sold some of his stock in the above named company and again purchased of Bayle & Son The Girard Cosmopolite in December, 1910.

years. He is now serving his second term as County Solicitor of Crawford County. In 1880 he was married to Miss Flora Forbes, of Linesville, Pa. To this union one child was born, a daughter, who was educated in the public schools of Meadville and graduated from Allegheny College in 1904 after which she was married to Robert R. Philp and resides in Oil City, Pa. Mr. Roberts continues his interest in the Normal and served as a trustee from 1908 to 1911.

It was at this time that this paper and the Girard Herald were combined as one paper and at present the paper is printed under the name of The Cosmopolite Herald, Armour & Sherman, owners and proprietors. The job department is one of the leading features of the plant. The circulation of the Cosmopolite Herald is about 2,000. Mr. Armour owns his own home in Girard and devotes some time to fruit growing, which enterprise can be carried on successfully in the section where he lives.

M. R. Sheldon '95.

M. R. Sheldon, '95, is at present serving the Arlington Street Baptist Church of Akron, Ohio. He is a graduate of Bucknell University, class of 1903, and of the Rochester Theological Seminary, class of 1906. He also has a master's degree from Bucknell. He served as missionary for the Baptist Home Missionary Society in Rapid City in South Dakota from June, 1906, to June, 1909. After this post he went to Akron. He was married to Miss Ethel Cook Dickenson, of Cleveland, Ohio, on June 28, 1911. He is also on the mailing list of The Birch Rod.

Alumni Letters.

The following letters to Mr. Stafford will prove of interest to many alumni of the Normal.

Ashtabula, Ohio, February 17, 1912.

Fred P. Stafford, Briarcliff Manor, N. Y.  
Dear Mr. Stafford—In replying to yours to old alumni of recent date, beg to report as follows:

After graduating from Edinboro in the class of 1895 I went to Ann Arbor, finishing there in law and receiving a degree of LL. B. in 1901. Since that time have been practicing at Conneaut, Ohio, seven years, and the last two years in Ashtabula, both cities being in the same county, but Ashtabula being near the county seat. My practice has been largely criminal and personal injury practice, although I spend a great deal of time in the formation of corporations in this part of Ohio and in Cleveland. Have held the offices of mayor and of city solicitor of Conneaut.

Dr. Mabelle Spaulding of the class of 1894, now Mabelle Spaulding Watson, M. D., a sister of mine, is practicing medicine at Ashtabula. Is probably enjoying one of the largest specialist practices in Northeastern Ohio. She

is also the owner of the Conneaut General Hospital, to which she devotes a part of her time. After leaving Edinboro, she finished at the Cleveland Hospital of Medicine and Surgery, graduating in 1898.

Leslie Peck, who was in my class in Normal School and also law school, is practicing at 702 State Street, Erie, Pennsylvania, in associated offices with John Firman, also Edinboro and University of Michigan graduate of two or three years later than Peck. Peck is at the present time in Phoenix, Arizona, where he is spending the winter for his health, and I understand is thinking some of changing permanently to the south-land on account of the unpleasantness connected with the northern winters.

Peck's wife, who was Miss Edith Dules, of the class of 1895, is with him.

I think Dr. Eades, of Conneaut, could probably give you as large a report as anyone of the class, and could probably locate any absent members for you; as he has taken a great deal of interest in this work in times past, and at one time had a complete list of just what they had all done.

I do not take "The Birch Rod," but I am ordering it today. I have not received sample copies of it, but shall be pleased to receive it.

Yours truly,  
MOTT G. SPAULDING.

Springfield, Mass., February 19, 1912.

Fred P. Stafford, Briar Cliff Manor, N. Y.  
My Dear Mr. Stafford—I know nothing of "The Birch Rod" to which you refer, but I am very glad to help "supply news" for it in accordance with your request.

My address in this city is 238 Union street, and I am at present assistant superintendent of schools, having special charge of the first four grades, the kindergarten, and the elementary evening schools. Immediately after leaving normal school I taught for some years in Tidioute, Pa., leaving there in 1891 to take charge of the normal practice school connected with the New Britain, Connecticut, State Normal School. This practice school is situated eight miles from New Britain in the town of South Manchester, Connecticut. In 1902 I left South Manchester, and came to Springfield to take up the duties of the position that I am now occupying.

In the hope that this brief history of my professional career may meet your wishes, I am,  
Sincerely yours,  
BERTHA M McCONKEY.

Germantown, Philadelphia.

Fred P. Stafford, Briarcliff Manor, N. Y.

My Dear Sir:—In response to your request I take pleasure in giving you the information desired. After leaving Edinboro I taught school one year. Entered Westminster College, New Wilmington, fall of '92. Did the four years' work there in three. Won the intercollegiate oratorical contest in Meadville, 1895. Was graduated from Westminster June, 1895. Entered Western Seminary fall of 1895 (Presbyterian church); was graduated 1898; May 5 ordained and installed over First Presbyterian church of Sheridanville, Pittsburg, Pa., May 6, 1898. Six years there. Installed over Hazelwood church, Pittsburg, April, 1904-1906, two years pastorate. Came to Philadelphia April 8, 1906. Installed over Market Square Presbyterian church, Germantown. Called last night to be pastor of the Presbyterian church of Grove City, Pa. Home address 5515 Market Square, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Am not a subscriber to "The Birch Rod." Did not know there was such a paper.  
Very truly,  
HERBERT HEZLOP Feb. 20, 1912.

Delta, Colo., February, 20, 1912.

Fred P. Stafford, Briarcliff Manor, N. Y.  
Dear Sir and Former Fellow Student:—I am in receipt of your favor of the 8th instant, and hasten to reply. I agree with you heartily when you say it should be that the old students of Edinboro State Normal should hear from each other oftener. I graduated

in 1894, and know the present address of very few of my classmates. In regard to "The Birch Rod," I had not even heard there was a "Birch Rod," but feel I would like to have one taken to me. Uncle Sam will bring one and I will apply it and report upon its effects.

Since my graduation in 1894 I taught in Pennsylvania several years nearly all of which I was principal of graded or high schools, and will say with flattering success.

After the death of my father in 1899 I left off teaching for five years and engaged in farming. I then served as principal of the high school at Deckard's Run and also at North Shenango Central High School in Crawford county.

In 1910 my wife and I came to sunny Colorado, where we have taken up ranch life. I am now engaged in ranching and preaching.

My wife, who was also a member of the class of 1894, taught with me during the time we were engaged in school work.

I wish I might hear from you often, through "The Birch Rod" or otherwise, for as you may remember, I was also a member of the class of 1893, during the fall of 1892, after which I quit the Normal to teach. Yours for success,  
F. L. SMITH.

Pulaski, Pa., February 22, 1912.

Mr. Fred Stafford:

Dear Friend—I received your letter and was glad to hear from an Edinboro alumnus. I graduated in 1888, and soon lost track of nearly all of my classmates. There were sixty-two of us. I was at the semi-centennial, and found just eleven of our class. I got track of a few others. The rest—where are they? One, Jennie Foster, is dead. I would certainly be glad to see or hear from the rest.

Nearly twenty-four years have gone since I left the educational halls of Edinboro. My history since then can be written in a short space. I taught four years, but could not stand the confinement. For seventeen years I have been a farmer. Our farm is on the Sharpville railroad four miles from New Wilmington, the seat of Westminster College, nine miles from Sharon, in Mercer county, Pa.

If you, or any of my class, or any other Edinboro alumnus, stray down here, I would be glad to meet them. Our latch string is always out to our friends, and all Edinboro graduates I am sure are my friends.

I do not take "The Birch Rod." In fact, I did not know of it.

I received a sample copy of "The Edinboro Independent" a few days ago. I did not find a single thing in it that I knew anything about. Edinboro is practically a blank to me except the fact that Prof. J. A. Cooper lives there.

You addressed me as Miss but I am a man.  
Sincerely yours,  
E. E. ARTMAN.

Meadville, Pa., February 21, 1912.

Dear Friend and Alumnus:—Your letter of February 8 received and should have answered sooner, but have been collecting news for "The Birch Rod."



J. B. Laughrey.

Jamestown, Pa., March 12, 1912.  
Fred P. Stafford, Briar Cliff Manor, N. Y.

Dear Friend and Alumnus of the Edinboro Normal—Your letter of February 8, '12, is at hand. I have not received a sample copy, nor have I heard of the "Birch Rod" published by the students of the Normal. I will be glad to supply what I can in the way of news, for I am intensely interested in the alumni association and alumni day.

I was a member of the century class, graduating June 28, 1900. Taught school two years; township high schools in Mercer County one year; in Washington County one year. I had a night school in Washington County which paid me more than the regular day school. My advice to young teachers who need the money, organize a night school. I went into the employ of the Pittsburg Coal Company in 1903-4, and worked in various departments and held various clerical positions, both at the mines and in the offices. I kept books for Gillespie Curll Company wholesale grocers, Pittsburg, but the desire for a medical education became so pronounced that I spent two years in Baltimore and two years in Philadelphia, graduating at Jefferson Medical College in 1908. I did hospital work a year, and have practiced medicine since my graduation, locating at Sistersville, Pa., and relocating at Jamestown, the town of my birth. Yours sincerely,  
J. B. LAUGHREY, M.D.

There are several girls in the office where I am that have been Edinboro students, and they know of several others, so I hope soon to send their names, together with my subscription, to the editor of the Birch Rod. Have had samples of the paper but did not find it very interesting, so never signed. But if every one tries to collect news I think the paper will be a grand success.

Since leaving Edinboro I have taught several years in Crawford county, Pa.; also one year in western Vermont. Three years ago last October entered the employ of The Spirella Company, Meadville, Pa., as stenographer, in whose employ I am at the present time.

Trusting that the future of the Birch Rod is already an assured success, and appreciating the fact that we, the alumni can make it so, and with kindest wishes, I am

Most sincerely yours,  
MISS BIRDENA HICKOK

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**That Supper**

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window. a fire escape (connected with one's room), pillows when one wants to spend a quiet Sunday morning, or when one wants to sleep.

He told of the many and congenial acquaintances and friendships formed, how this mingling, this good brotherly fellowship, is after all the greatest thing in life.

"A song for our banner  
The watchword recall,  
Which gives the public her station.  
United we stand, divided we fall,  
It made and preserves us a nation."

Charles Marsh responded by reminding all of the greatness of our nation; that this greatness is due to a great extent to such institutions as our Edinboro Normal Institutions which educate the middle classes of this nation's population. He spoke of our sense of duty, our reverence, our patriotism, in regards to our nation and institutions. "Here's to E. S. N. S."

Here's to the red and white,  
Our hearts, our hopes, are all with thee.  
Our hearts, our hopes, our prayers, our tears,

Our faith triumphant o'er our fears,  
Are all with thee, are all with thee.

At the conclusion the party sang "Hail Edinboro." This was followed by "The Star Spangled Banner." Then with that spirit of enthusiasm all marched from the dining room into the large reception hall above. S. H.

**Edinboro Students in Reunion.**

Members of the Alumni of the Edinboro State Normal School of Pittsburg and vicinity held a reunion and banquet at the Fort Pitt Hotel Friday evening, March 8. Eighty-eight members responded to the invitations sent out, and a most enjoyable time was spent. Prof. A. A. Chatley, of the Pittsburg High School, was toastmaster for the occasion and with Miss Mary Lee, of

Sharon, represented the faculty. Toasts were given by Attorneys A. J. Eckles and B. R. Kline, Drs. Pettit, Moyer and Sweeney, Prof. T. J. George and Miss Mary Lee. All of these expressed appreciation for what the time spent at Edinboro had done for them and many reminiscences were recalled. Old time chapel lessons were repeated and words of love and gratitude were spoken of the faithful work of Prof. J. A. Cooper by those who had graduated while he was principal of the school, and with the more recent graduates expressed hope in the greater prosperity for the school in the future. The occasion was enlivened by the presence of Fred P. Stafford, '94, president of the Alumni Association, who made a short talk and expressed his firm belief and faith in a greater and better Normal School at Edinboro. It was decided to make this event an annual occurrence.

Names of those who attended the banquet are as follows:

Miss Ella Skiff, Connellsville.  
Miss Mary Deloe, Crafton  
Miss Mary Hardie, Pittsburg.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Golden, Pittsburg, N. S.  
N. McBride, Pittsburg.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Patterson, Butler.  
Miss Maude McClymonds, Pittsburg.  
James R. McClymonds, Pittsburg.  
Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Squibbs, McKeesport.

Dr. Wm. M. Beach, Pittsburg.  
Hattie Henderson, Pittsburg.  
Mrs. Crete Berlin, Pittsburg.  
Mrs. Carrie Thounhurst, Wilkinsburg.  
Minnie L. Swift, Wilkinsburg.  
Annie Swift, Wilkinsburg.  
Irene Phillips, Canonsburg.  
Jeanette Huston, Canonsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawton, Pittsburg.  
Prof. A. Chatley, Pittsburg.  
Mrs. Bertha Dubbs, Pittsburg.  
Wilbur Goodrich, Pittsburg.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. DeVinney, Pittsburg.

Mr. Fred Stafford, Briar Cliff Manor, N. Y.  
Dr. and Mrs. Sweeney, Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ferson, Ingram.  
Miss Dena Snyder, Swissvale.  
Miss Mary Lee, Sharon.  
Miss Nannie Lee, Sharon.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Daugherty, Pittsburg.  
Mr. and Mrs. T. J. George, Carnegie.  
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kribbs, Knox.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Nelson, New Castle.

F. S. Patterson, New Castle.  
Dr. Charles Davis, New Castle.  
Nellie Patterson Weidler, Oil City.  
Caroline Malick, Pittsburg.  
Miss F. Snyder, Swissvale.  
Miss Anna Rhodes, Erie.  
Grace Widemire, Pittsburg.  
Miss Matilda Rhoney, Braddock.  
Mrs. Ella Paul Fehr, Bellevue.  
Ralph Zindle, Wilkinsburg.  
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Redmond, Ingram.  
Mr. J. H. Holmes, Turtle Creek.  
Mrs. M. B. Proudft, Turtle Creek.  
Mrs. Kate Orr, McKeesport.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Chatham, Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Kline, New Kensington.  
J. B. Frazier, Butler.  
Miss Jennie Frazier, Butler.  
Dr. and Mrs. Albert Pettit, Pittsburg.  
Miss Bess Houlden, Pittsburg.  
Mrs. W. E. Snyder, Pittsburg.  
Mrs. W. R. Hadley, Wilkinsburg.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Richey, Pittsburg.  
Mr. Clinton Mathewson, Oakmont.  
Dr. Harry Zimmerman, Youngstown, O.

Miss Anna Sinning, Pittsburg.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Eckles, Pittsburg.  
Mr. and Mrs. Serena, McKeesport

**The Clark Club.**

One of the most interesting, most important, and best of the many societies, clubs and organizations in the school is the Clark Club. It consists of twelve robust and healthy boys who are always on time for breakfast, dinner and supper unless some unforeseen duty keeps them until late, even then they are sure to get something to

eat, although they have stayed in front of the Dorm or on Normal Street a few minutes past the hour of dining.

It also represents the three classes of the school, and as a result many important discussions take place. These are always settled in a peaceable way.

It also takes a great interest in athletics, as all of its members take part in some way, in football, basketball, gym team, or all of them. They also have the promise of several good baseball players.

As a whole, the members agree that they are a good crowd in every way, which is more than can be boasted by many organizations. W. A.

**Of Local Interest.**

The Birch Rod detects the hand of a member of the Edinboro faculty in the following sketch from the Editor's Drawer of Harper's Monthly Magazine for April.

**Persevering.**

Aunt Julia, Mrs. B——'s colored

washerwoman is a thrifty, respectful and self respecting representative of her race, but is unfortunate, however, in having an utterly worthless scapegrace son, who lately served a richly deserved sentence in the penitentiary at Pittsburg. Notwithstanding his disgrace, Aunt Julia is exceedingly proud of him and misses no occasion in chanting his praises. The other day, on her weekly mission at the B——'s, she observed:

"Ah s'pose yo' all didn't know ah'm gwine to hab my boy home for Christmas."

"Indeed?"  
Yes ma'am, he done wrote yesterday he comin' home Tuesday."

"You must be very glad, Aunt Julia. How long has he been away?"

Eighteen montns. Ah tell you, honey, he just stuck right to it!"

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