

"The Edinboro athletes are as clean a set of men as ever played, and the feeling between the two schools has been of the best since relations were opened during the baseball season four years ago."—Greenville Advance-Argus.

Football.

The Normal squad met a foeman worth their steel on October 28 when they faced Thiel College, and after hard fighting for four periods of fifteen minutes each the final result was a 21 to 0 score in favor of the college boys.

No scoring occurred in the first and second quarters, but the Normal team was on the defensive all of the time. Thiel took liberties with the Normal flanks and they always gained from five to ten yards by this means. Thiel resorted to trick plays, and forward passes. End rushes by McCready and Haworth netted gains every time they carried the ball.

In the third quarter, Thiel, by means of end runs and forward passes, managed to secure three touch downs. In the last quarter they again annexed six points to the score by a forward pass and McCready kicked the goal. Many players of each team were injured in the second and third periods of the game, but managed to play the entire game. In two branches of the game the Normal was strong—kicking and tackling. Without these assets, Thiel would have played more havoc than they did. Urban, left end for the varsity squad, played a great game, breaking up many plays. Quick also played a strong game of ball, it being his first appearance at quarter back.

The line up of the two teams is as follows:

Normal	Thiel
Urban.....L. E.....	Diemer
Rickenbrode.....L. T.....	H. Miller
Greenlee.....L. G.....	Baker
Johnson.....C.....	G. Miller
Obert.....C.....	G. Miller
McQuiston.....R. G.....	Lucas
De Reamer.....R. T.....	Kischler
White.....R. E.....	Peterson
Leach.....R. E.....	Peterson
Caulkins.....L. H.....	Getter
Kough.....F. B.....	McCready
Quick.....Q. B.....	Gerberding

Cambridge Springs Again.

A return game was played with the Cambridge Springs High School on Saturday, November 11. A full account of the game will be given in the next issue of The Birch Rod. Every report says the game was a clean, sportsman-like affair. The score was seventeen to three in favor of The Northwestern State Normal School.

Lack of Sympathy.

The following lack of appreciation to The Birch Rod unsigned. If the author is caught he will be prosecuted.

One night about two weeks ago, well, to be exact, it was October 27, a crowd of juveniles from the junior class wanted to have a "big time," as they called it. Some of the village cut-ups who are members of that class, carried the contagion to younger members so all agreed to have a parade. It would never do for these young people to be out without proper chaperones so a few of the most dignified members of the middle and senior classes played that role. The cut-ups marched around the campus yelling like Indians on the war path, rang the bell in Recitation Hall and did several other harmless stunts. After an hour of this strenuous amusement, they retired to their rooms thinking they had had a gloriously big time. They must be watched a little closer lest they get into trouble by their young pranks.

Camden M. Cobern.

The next lecture on the Normal Lecture Course is to be by Dr. Camden M. Cobern, a professor in Allegheny College. Dr. Cobern is known everywhere as the man who discovered the "bricks without straw" which the Israelites made in Egyptian bondage. He was with the world's most famous excavator, Dr. W. M. Flanders Petrie, visiting him, while he was digging up several cities in Egypt and Palestine. He has written a large work on Egypt which is used as a reference book in various universities, and also a Commentary on Ezekiel and Daniel (Whedon Series) and several other books. Some of these have been honored with translation into other languages. He also contributed several important articles to Dr. Hastings' new "Dictionary of Christ and the Gospels" (Edinburgh, 1908).

He is one of the few men who unite technical knowledge with popular gifts. He has been pastor of several of the largest churches in the country including Ann Arbor (which is the largest university congregation in the world) and St. James, Chicago, where he was preceded by Dr. (now Bishop) McIntyre and followed by Dr. (now Bishop) Quayle. He also followed Dr. McIntyre at Trinity Church, Denver. As a lecturer on the Bible he has recently taken first rank. His audiences at Chautauque, N. Y., ran from 1,500 to over 3,000.

Here is what some of his friends say about him:

"He is amazingly well informed upon Biblical and archaeological subjects and has a kind of genius in the popular and attractive presentation of these great themes."—Bishop McDowell, of Chicago, (Methodist Episcopal.)

"These messages are not only timely; they are an epoch in the spiritual life of those that hear them."—Theodore S. Henderson, of New York City, Chairman of Commission on Evangelism.

"He rings true for the Christian fundamentals, and his appearance on the Christian assemblage platforms of the Pacific States, is one of my fondest hopes. His message is clear and convincing, his style bright and sparkling."—Bishop Bell, of Los Angeles, (United Brethren in Christ.)

The lecture that Dr. Cobern will give on the evening of November 20 is entitled, "Personal Adventures Among the Arabs." This contains personal experiences of a very exciting character, as Dr. Cobern visited many places, at the risk of his life, where tourists never go. This is very popular with city lecture courses. It is the only lecture of the kind on the American platform.

Y. M. C. A. Reception.

The Young Men's Christian Association gave a reception to the Young Women's Christian Association Saturday evening, November 4, in the Potter and Philo halls. The program was short and interesting; it was a scene, "Student Life Among the Boys in the Dormitory." No practice had been given to it and everything that was said or done was impromptu. Booklets containing conundrums were distributed. The one who answered the greatest number was given a box of candy, and the one who answered the least was given an appropriate prize. Refreshments consisting of grapes, cake, cookies, candy and cocoa were served. Thanks are due to the Young Men's Christian Association for the very enjoyable evening's entertainment.

The Middle Year Masquerade.

Monday evening, October 30, the class of 1913 gave a Halloween party to the students and faculty. The State Normal gymnasium was grotesquely decorated with class colors, corn stalks and jack-o-lanterns for the occasion. At half past seven masked figures of all descriptions marched into the gymnasium in a continuous stream. By seven o'clock the balcony was filled to its utmost. On the first floor the middle class gave the pantomime, "The Witches' Flight." The boys of the class, dressed as devils carrying pitch forks, made an elaborate picture by mixing in with the girls who wore black suits and carried brooms to represent witches. The most interesting part of the pantomime was the feast prepared on the witches' fire. In the grand march the devils and witches marched in pairs about the gymnasium cutting antics that would shame "Old Nick" himself.

After the pantomime refreshments were served, doughnuts being served from the handles of the witches' brooms, and apples and sandwiches from the tines of the devils' pitchforks. After refreshments had been served, every one took part in the jolly social hour. The costumes of the people, as a whole, were the best that have been seen in a gathering of this kind for a long time. The party was so enjoyable that it is remembered by all those who attended.

The success of the pantomime was in no small way due to the fact that Miss Hauser had charge of it, and that Mr. Snyder had done the electrical work in making the witches' fire.

Normal Lecture Course

1911-1912
October 22.....Strickland W. Gillilan
November 20.....Camden M. Cobern
December 9.....Dudley Buck Concert Co.
February 7.....Ex-Governor Joseph W. Folk
February 28.....Redpath Concert Co. with Mr. Carl Duft
April 27.....Edward Amherst Ott
May.....Allegheny College Glee Club
May.....Dr. S. Parke Cadman

Heaven.

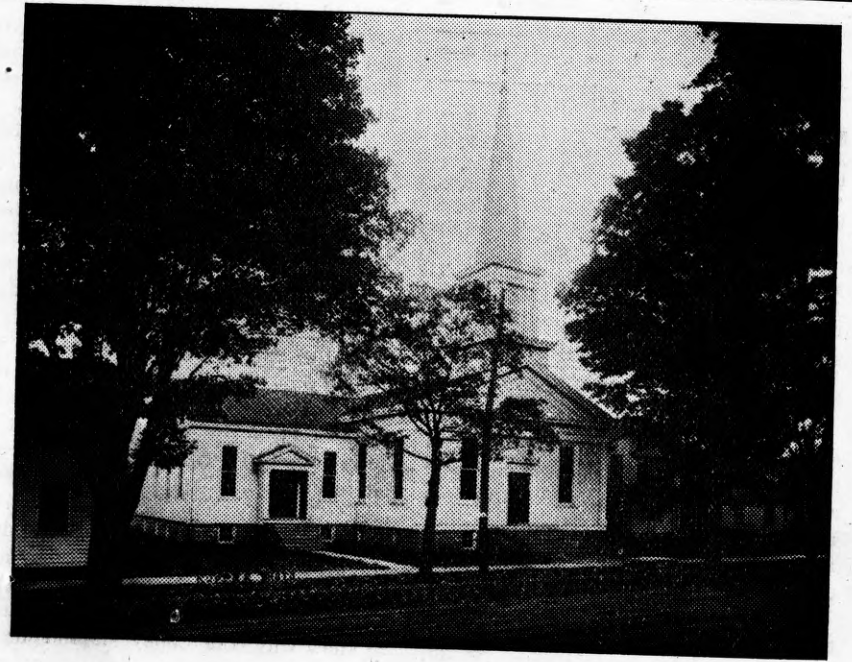
The Birch Rod herewith presents to its readers a copy of one of Mr. Gillilan's poems. Due apology is made to the person who holds the copyright.

Heaven is a bed
With a light at the head,
And an uncut magazine;
Or a crust of bread
To the long unfed
Whose hunger pangs are keen.

Heaven is a smile
From a soul wrth while
And a hand clasp full of trust;
'Tis a tender word
From a heart love stirred
When your spirits trail in dust.

Heaven is to feed
On your chiefest need,
Be your need or work or rest.
And the God who knows
Why he barbed the rose—
He plans your Heavens best.
STRICKLAND GILLILAN.

For the first time in 275 years of Harvard's existence a blood relative of the founder of the institution matriculates—Lionel De Jersey Harvard, a member of the class of 1915. He was prepared for college at the same London school at which John Harvard prepared for Emmanuel college, Cambridge, 300 years ago.



"The Old Presbyterian Church."

In the ceremonies of the last Alumni Day, there was no one thing mentioned more often than "The Old Presbyterian Church." Well it deserved the prominence given it, for without doubt it has ministered much to the welfare of many generations of students at the Normal School. The Birch Rod takes this occasion to make mention of the rededication ceremonies which took place on Sunday, November 5. Although recently remodeled the building stands today, as it has always

stood, as a rare example of New England church architecture. The picture presented above will bring back rich memories to many students of the years gone by.

The Birch Rod hereby expresses its congratulations to the congregation that has been so successful in the adornment of their church, and predicts that the care they have exercised in the recent improvements will have great influence in the school for years to come.

Student Volunteers of Western Pennsylvania Assemble.

The second annual conference of the Western Pennsylvania Association of Student Volunteers for Foreign Missions was held at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., November 10, 11 and 12. About thirty-five delegates from the various schools were registered. The delegates were an earnest body of workers who gathered together to study the problems confronting missionaries at the present day and to get new light on the work contemplated in the future.

The program included enthusiastic workers and nothing but inspiration came from the meetings. Among the speakers were Bishop J. M. Thoburn, of Meadville, a former student of the college also missionary worker, the Rev. W. L. King, a missionary of India, who has had a long and successful experience of over twenty years in the field, and the Rev. F. P. Turner, secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement, each taking for his motto or topic "The World Wide View."

All the evening sessions and these on Sunday were held in the chapel and the remainder in the oratory of the chapel. The delegates were entertained by the Young Women's and Young Men's Christian Associations at the fraternity houses, Huling's Hall and in town. The Young Women's Christian Association of this Normal was represented by Alice Townsend and Ruth Brown, and the Young Men's Christian Association by Howard Tiffany and Chas. E. Scott.

A Middler's View.

The Birch Rod prints below a slanderous account of the first senior rhetoricals. The author is unknown. The first division of the senior rhetoricals was well attended by students and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Mr. Baker spoke of the rhetoricals as a school tradition which was of unlimited value to both the school and the senior class. Reading.....The First Settler's Story Carrie Walters. Oration.....The Necessity of an Education Forest L. Knapp. Oration—Pioneer Influence on Coun-

try Life.....George Mont Hanna. Vocal Solo.....Etha Burdick Oration.....Heredity vs Environment Elmer Frantz.

Essay.....The Toilers Jennie Magnuson.

Carrie Walters carried all the scenes and parts to the complete satisfaction of her audience.

Forest L. Knapp blushing impressed upon us the need of education.

George Mont Hanna handed the listeners just what his subject implies.

Etha Burdick sang like a morning lark bird.

Elmer Frantz expressed his opinion on the much disputed psychological argument, Heredity vs Environment.

Jennie Magnuson presented, in a magnetic manner, The Toilers.

More than 650 Chinese students are enrolled in the American schools and colleges. Of this number Cornell gives instruction to fifty. There are also a number of natives of India studying at Cornell.

With the coming of the first snow flurry the dining room windows in Haven Hall burst into bloom. Lean souls who dread winter's keen tooth took heart and fell to breakfasting with unwonted gusto.

"Would you have pleasant yesterdays and welcome tomorrows—let today be busy and confident.—Brinton.

The Northwestern State Normal School

CALENDAR

1911-1912

School year begins.....	Tuesday, Sept. 12
Thanksgiving Day.....	Thursday, Nov. 30
Fall Term ends.....	Saturday, Dec. 16
HOLIDAY RECESS	
Winter Term begins.....	Tuesday, Jan. 2
Washington's Birthday.....	Thursday, Feb. 22
Winter Term ends.....	Saturday, March 23
SPRING RECESS	
Spring Term begins.....	Tuesday, March 26
Decoration Day.....	Thursday, May 30
State Examinations.....	Week of June 17-22
Baccalaureate Sermon.....	Sunday, June 23
Meeting of Alumni.....	Tuesday, June 25
Commencement Exercises.....	Wednesday, June 26

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Abject Apology.

Mr. Strickland W. Gillilan has soothed the feeling of this paper by an abject apology of the most gratifying sort. Mr. Gillilan realizes that he was in error in his remarks about dogs and in a personal letter to the editor has this to say:

"It served me right. I knew all the time it was your dog. But you weren't a lady who had committed peroxide, and as the dog I used as a stage 'prop' had long white hair I thought I had saved the day.

"The Birch Rod is a smart little school journal—very smart. But (and here comes the mean jab again) I used to have some teachers who convinced me that most anybody could make a birch rod smart."

Social Hour.

We missed our after supper social hour in Haven Hall this week. When, like the Yankee, we wanted to know, the authorities smiled mysteriously; we are to be made to cry for it next time.

We protest that we do appreciate the after supper singing and want it to continue. If we seemed bored or unappreciative it was not because we found it rather uncomfortable to sit (and sing) about the board after it had lost its first, fresh beauty and had taken on the appearance of a deserted battle field. If we sang we must gaze directly into the eyes (and too often into the mouth) of the table fellow opposite. Now we like to sing for our friends, or to our friends, but we object to singing at them. If we did not sing we sat and looked foolish, feeling keenly every inch of our length that projected above the table.

Then, too, we knew the possibilities that splendid hall upstairs had to offer for a pleasant social hour. Didn't the authorities remark with what eagerness we ran up the stairs that first night of the change? The cabin below does very well for meal times but for seasons of rejoicing give us the upper deck.

School Music.

John Ruskin, in his early years, had a very poor opinion of music. With advancing years, however, his appreciation constantly increased, until he gave it a high, if not the highest, place in the subjective arts. He said: "Every child should be taught from its youth to govern its voice discreetly and dexterously, as it does its hands; and not to be able to sing should be more disgraceful than not to be able to read or write."

The Schoolmaster was interested in an editorial preface to an article on "Music and the East Side (New York) Children," in the "Outlook" for February 22, 1908. The editorial is as follows: "Owing, perhaps, to the influence of the rebellion of the Puritans against what they believed to be the malign influence of aesthetic beauty in a world of sin, we are only just beginning to recognize in this country the educational and civilizing function of the arts. Music is the last of the arts to feel this new forward impulse. As recently as thirty years ago in New York, then as now the metropolis of the Western World, the boy or man with a taste for music had a hard struggle.

It was well enough for girls to study music, but the boy who wished to devote himself to the piano or to the violin or to the cultivation of the voice was considered guilty of abnormal weakness. In the last twenty-five years, there has been a marked improvement in the attitude of the public towards music in a scheme of education; and yet today it is not an uncommon thing to find university men who boast, with some degree of complacency, of their inability to tell "Yankee Doodle" from "God Save the King," and this inability is somehow or other accepted as a mark of great intellectual development. There are, to be sure, some university men who cannot spell accurately, or who are unable to distinguish the seven table from the eight table in multiplication, but they do not boast of it. The truth is that the man of well rounded education ought to know something about music just as he is supposed to know something about literature and the pictorial and plastic arts. He may not know how to write a book, but he ought to be able to distinguish between Laura Jean Libbey and Robert Louis Stevenson; he may not wish to paint a picture, but he ought to know why the Coney Island artist who does a portrait with colored chalk and both hands in three minutes is really not an artist; he need not play the violin or the piano, and perhaps wisely does not sing, but he ought to be able to discriminate somewhat intelligently between Schumann and John Philip Sousa.

"Every serious attempt, therefore, which is made to develop and direct sound and discriminating musical taste in this country, and a respect as well as a love for music, deserves public recognition."

About six weeks ago there was held in New York City the "Child Welfare Exhibit." The music for the occasion was furnished by many choruses, bands and orchestras composed of children from the public schools and private institutions. Again quoting from the "Outlook" of March 4, relative to this event: "The question may be asked: 'What is the use of all this teaching of music?' And one practical answer is that those children who have special musical ability are given a start from which they can, if they choose, develop themselves as professional musicians, and so earn a better living than they might otherwise earn. If, however, this were the only answer, it probably would be said that the number who are likely to develop musical ability is comparatively small, certainly not enough to justify all the musical training. The real answer lies in the fact that it is quite as important to provide amusements for people of every age and condition as it is to provide food, clothing and shelter. It should, therefore, be a part of all educational and charitable work to teach children of the city how to provide for themselves sane and uplifting forms of pleasure. The development of the mental, spiritual and imaginative side of life is of the first importance."

The Schoolmaster recalls the reading of a magazine article a year or more ago, in which the author asked such questions as: "Is music a luxury or a necessity?" "Is it merely an art, a genteel plaything for an aristocracy of sensitive souled specialists, or a democratic utility, with a direct influence on the health, morals and efficiency of the common mass?" "Can it be used by a practical people for a material purpose?" Let me ask with this author: "Is entertainment a necessity?" It certainly is necessary that we have emotional exercise as well as mental activity and physical exercise.

"There is evident need," to quote further, "for entertainment. The present methods of entertaining the American public are far from ideal." Inasmuch as, first: "Music is universally a source of pleasure." Second: "The musical capacity of the average person has been underestimated, because of the exaggerated importance of the virtuoso." Third: "The nature

of music makes it especially fitted to provide emotional exercise, which is a prominent part of recreative entertainment." Let us encourage especially self-made music as a wholesome, satisfying substitute for the questionable means of entertainment now in vogue. To encourage self-made music is one of the purposes of music in the public schools. The Schoolmaster is reminded to say in this connection that much harm has been done by parents in making such remarks to their children as "O, you can't sing; there is no music in our family," etc. Every normal person has a capacity for learning music, just as every normal person has a capacity for learning arithmetic, history, business, householding, etc., but not every one may be a master in each of these lines. The musical faculty is not an exclusive gift of the favored few.

If music is to become a social force, we cannot depend upon private teachers and private institutions to make it so, any more than we can depend upon such means to educate the masses in other branches of learning.

It is proper, therefore, to place the teaching of this subject in the public schools with other subjects. In this way the rich and poor are alike richer. It is certainly not the purpose of public school music to make musicians of all the children, a criticism that is frequently advanced; neither is it the purpose to make mathematicians of all the children because they are all taught arithmetic. It is the purpose and the hope, however, that they will become musical enough to appreciate and enjoy and want good music.

Perhaps, as to music's being a necessity to life and the things of life, as we consider some other school subjects necessities, has not been fully shown. The Schoolmaster noticed the heading to an article in one of our best magazines, "The World's Work," for March: "Music rose sought than read."

Supt. J. W. Ireland, of Stanford, Kentucky, has issued this appeal to all educators of the state: "It should be the desire of every right minded person, having the interests of the young at heart, to see music form a more important part of the curriculum of our public schools in Kentucky. Are we to make reformed progress or drift into deformed desuetude? Are we to awaken to the necessity of progress along the line of music in Kentucky? Do we need a refining crucible? Music furnishes it. Do we need greater cultural facilities? Music supplies them. Do we need more heart and soul awakening as well as mental aptitude? Music is ever the ready handmaid to arouse the lethargy. It is stated on best authority that music education will lift into efficiency a greater proportion of the community than can be brought into a high degree of efficiency through any other subject. Why, then, should we not be deeply interested?"

THE SCHOOLMASTER.

ALUMNI NOTES.

- Harry Obert, '11, is teaching in Montana.
- Madge Kerr, '09, is attending Oberlin College.
- Berniece Brant, '11, is teaching near Tionesta.
- Rena De Vore, '11, is teaching in Meadville.
- Ethel Phillips, '11, is teaching at Warren, Pa.
- Lillian Frame is teaching at New Brighton, Pa.
- Gladys White, '11, is teaching at Barnes, Pa.
- James Smith, '07, is in Tacoma, Washington.
- Lucy Benedict, '11, is teaching in Goodwill Hill.
- Clara Benedict, '11, is teaching near Petroleum Center.
- Gerald Decker, '11, is teaching at Cochran, Pa.

Eleanore Dunlap, '11, is teaching at Jeanette Pa.

James Phillips, '10, is attending Oberlin College.

Ethel Buckley, '11, is teaching at Hammonton, N. J.

Floyd Bathurst, '10, is teaching in the Hydetown High School.

John Preston, '11, is teaching in the East Millcreek High School.

Rupert Peck '10, post graduate '11, is teaching in Florence, Montana.

Ray Bradshaw, '11, is teaching at the Chandlers Valley High School.

Jessie Tillotson, '09, is teaching in the primary room at Bear Lake High School.

The following alumni were at the Nomal last Satuday: Elizabeth Donor, '11, Ruth McReary, '10, Lyle Baldwin, '11, Fannie Fellows, '10.

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Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The Young Men's Christian Association well attended on October 29. Mr. Wallace J. Snyder had charge, the topic was, "The Profits of a Christian." The subject was taken up with enthusiasm and interest. The discussions were treated from the standpoint of national and spiritual gain. This gave a wide field for thought. Many illustrations were brought to bear upon the subject, showing that if the hereafter is disregarded the profits on earth are great enough to make the christian life far superior to any other.

The meeting of November 5 was a very successful and interesting meeting. Marion Negus, the leader, treated on facts relating to the subject "Temptation." Interesting talks were given by those present, and all left feeling they were greatly profited by the meeting. Regular meetings are held at two o'clock in the afternoon of each Sabbath at the State Normal gymnasium. The leaders and topics are as follows: November 12—Leader, Charles Marsh; topic, "The Fight for Character." November 19—Leader, V. A. Snapp; topic, "True Living." A cordial invitation is extended to all young men.

Students' Prayer Meeting.

Topic November 12—Society versus the Saloon. Isaiah 5:11-25. Leader, Charles Scott.

Y. W. C. A.

The usual meeting of the Y. W. C. A. will be held November 9. Topic, Ideal Women; leader, Mrs. Bonner.

The Potter Society.

The following program was given in Potter Hall, November 13: Roll call answered by Irish stories. Irish Song—Forest Knapp. Irish Song—Arthur Johnson. Essay, "Ireland"—Ada Abbey. Recitation—John Krasinski. Vocal Solo—Ora Kopf. Irish Reading—Francis Hanna. Irish Medley—Louise Hess, Andrew Frame, Ellen Morgn. Piano Duet—Alice Woods, Alice Walker. Debate—Resolved that Ireland should be freed from England. Affirmative, Charles Scott, Hazel McClaughry; negative, Knight Smith, Carrie Walter.

The Philo-Everett Society.

The society so far has held its meetings on Monday evenings, but it has been decided for the present to hold them on Saturday evenings. The program for November 11 was as follows: Quotations from Burns. Reading—Irene Crouch. Current Events—Vincent Hays. Dialogue—Mont Hannah, Ethal Seddon. Debate—Resolved, that the United States should permanently retain the Philippine Islands. Affirmative, Cyrus Quick; negative, Claude Whittenberger. Select Reading—Minnie Pierson. Impromptu A cordial welcome is extended to all.

Clonian Literary Society.

The program for October 30 was both interesting and successful. The debate, Resolved that Canada has lost a national opportunity in defeating her measure of reciprocity, was decided in favor of the affirmative, Edith Cook and Victor Snapp. The following program was given November 13: Devotionals—Glenn Greenman. Roll call answered by quotations from John Milton. Declamation—Roy Mosier. Essay, "Uprising in China"—Susie Baker. Song—Society. Reading—Florence Hutchison. Debate—Resolved that country life is the greatest life of the twentieth century. Affirmative, Alice Townsend, Carol Blakslee; negative, Amy Wilder, Blanche Howard.

Senior Rhetoricals.

Second Division.

The second division of senior rhetoricals appeared on the afternoon of November 3. The program was as follows:

- Oratio.....Carl L. Holder
What is Fate?
- Oration.....William Frantz
The Mission of Culture
- Oration.....Clyde Joslin
The Modern Farmer
- Dialogue.Ned Dearborn, Charles Caulkins
Quarrel Between Brutus and Cassius

Third Division.

The third division of senior rhetoricals was given on Friday, November 10. Miss Hauser presided. The program appears below:

- Essay.....Cora Durfee
Friendship
- Reading.....Lillian Wiard
From a Far Country
- Oration.....Sarah Harvey
Polish the Heel of the Shoe.
- Essay.....Beulah Crawford
The Happiness of Duty
- Reading.....Ruth Richardson
Rollo Learning to Dress
- Oration.....Clarence Bell
Robert E. Lee

Fourth Division.

The following program for senior rhetoricals will be given on Friday afternoon, November 17:

- Essay.....Bernice Gregory
Influence of Music on Human Action
- Reading.....Agnes Swaney
- Oration.....Gladys Brown
Joan of Arc
- Vocal Solo.....J. Blaine Williams
- Essay.....Lucile Marsh
Invincible Allies
- Oration.....Charles Kough
Success Through Self Reliance

The Funny Side of Exams.

The following selection of mistakes in examinations may convince almost any one that there are some peaks of ignorance which he has yet to climb: "Mute, inglorious Milton." These epitaphs are used by a writer who was envious of Milton's being Poet Orient Magna Charta said that the King had no right to bring soldiers into a lady's house and tell her to mind them. Shakespeare made a mistake in mentioning Galen, who did not live till a hundred years after his time. Panama is a town of Colombo, where they are trying to make an isthmus. The three highest mountains in Scotland are Ben Nevis, Ben Lomond and Ben Jonson.

Wolsey saved his life by dying on the way from York to London. "Those melodious bursts that fill the spacious days of great Elizabeth" refers to the songs that Queen Elizabeth used to write in her spare time. Tennyson wrote a poem called Grave's Energy. The Rump Parliament consisted entirely of Cromwell's stalactites. The plural of spouse is spice. Queen Elizabeth rode a white horse from Kenilworth through Coventry with nothing on, and Raleigh offered her his cloak. When England was placed under an Interdict the Pope stopped all births, marriages and deaths for a year. "The Deserted Traveller" is the most famous of Goldsmith's works. The Pyramids are a range of mountains between France and Spain. The gods of the Indians are chiefly Mahommed and Buddha, and in their spare time they do lots of carving. Every one needs a holiday from one year's end to another. —University Correspondent.

All stockholders of the Northwestern State Normal School are requested to meet a committee of the State Board of Education in the auditorium Monday, Nov. 20, at 10:30 a. m.

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Haven Hall Notes.

Miss Viola Moore spent Sunday with friends in Slabtown.

Hester Rowell has left for her home. She will not be in school until after the holidays.

Anna Billington and Mildred MacMullen, of Albion, attended the Hallowe'en party.

Jane Collins and Letna Stowell were the guests of Eleanor and Hattie Morrison Saturday night.

Much to the displeasure of many, the dining room seating of the general public was changed last week.

Ethel Case, Frances Hannah, Louise Hess, Ruth Kidder, Lulu Glenn, Ruth Smith, Arline Smith, Florence Joles, Bertha Wallace, Margaret Robinson and Martha Irwin spent Sunday last at their respective homes.

Haven Hall has had a number of visitors of late among whom are Ruth McCreary, '10; Elizabeth Donor, '11; Okla Kline, '11, of the alumni. Those visiting friends were the Misses Jackson, Webster, Benninger, Fleischman; also Mr. and Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Swenarton, Mr. and Miss Dawley, Mr. Seavy and Mr. Swenarton.

Wednesday evening a little change in the order of singing was made by Mr. Gleason. Orders were given for "the boys not to hike out of the door and the girls not to scoot to their rooms" for all were invited to Haven Hall parlors for a general good time. Through the strategy of Mr. Gleason and Miss Powell, the lads were finally seated in the parlor. After the usual songs Miss Hauser gave a few readings. With some effort Mr. Gleason got the boys started home, all of whom expressed a wish to come again.

Exchange Notes.

The Rayen Record, of Youngstown, Ohio, is very interesting. The current number contains a particularly clever story, "The Queen of Hearts." The paper needs more cuts.

The Argus of Findlay College, shows what a few people can do if they work. The paper is well edited and we hope to see it on our exchange table each month.

The middlers who wrote a composition on "Dr. Meryck's Chickens" will enjoy reading "A Night Raid" in the Collegian.

Get to work and make an artistic cover for your Collegian. Your stories are short and clever and you have a lot of club and class spirit.

St. Peter—"Did you take your college paper?"

Student—"Yes, sir."

St. Peter—"Did you pay for it?"

Student—"No."

St. Peter—"First elevator down."

—Ex.

"He did his share" is a better epitaph than "he got his share."

—Ex.

A School Idyl.

Ram it in, cram it in,
Children's heads are hollow;
Slam it in, jam it in,

Still there's more to follow—
Hygiene and history,
Astronomic mystery,
Algebra, histology,
Latin, etymology,
Botany, geometry,
Greek and trigonometry—
Ram it in, cram it in,
Children's heads are hollow.

Ram it in, top it in,
What are teachers paid for?
Bang it in, slam it in,
What are children made for?
Ancient archaeology,
Aryan philology,
Prosody, geology,
Physics, clinicology,
Calculus and mathematics,
Rhetoric and hydrostatics—
Hoax it in, coax it in,
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—Puck

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