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NORMAL NOTES.

It was a great commencement.

The weather was made to order.

Four hundred and eighty-six people sat down to the banquet table.

What is the matter with making a new dining room out of the gymnasium?

President A. T. Morgan is proud of the occasion.

The entertainment committee was equal to the requirements.

So say we all of us.

That was a great speech—we mean Jeffries'.

R. W. Irwin, Esq., of the Washington bar spoke at the banquet in behalf of the invited guests.

Miss MacLuckie and Mr. Tannehill of the class of '05 are model amateur after dinner speakers.

The baccalaureate sermon by Bishop Cortlandt Whitehead was well delivered and well received. It was full of thought and wise counsel.

And what shall we say of the great Messiah Oratorio as it was given on Monday afternoon? That was a matchless chorus.

California may well be proud of Mrs. Mabel Hugus Drum who sang the contralto part in the Messiah.

Prof. Morse's friend, Mr. John Atkinson, Detroit, Mich, was the basso in the Messiah.

The Normal Male Quartet is bent on increasing the sales of Mrs. Winslow's soothing syrup.

Mr. Edward Vaughn and Miss Louise Combs of Pittsburg made many friends at commencement by their delightful singing.

Miss Mary T. Noss, class of '04, played a piano solo at the Middle Class Day exercises.

Prof. G. G. Hertzog's interesting paper, read at the "Old Timers" meeting, is well spoken of for its historic value. We hope to publish it in the NORMAL REVIEW later on.

The Normals won over the Alumni at the Tuesday afternoon base ball game.

The annual contest between Clio and Philo was certainly never excelled in the school's history. All the performances were of a high order.

Of course any account of the commencement would be incomplete if it failed to recognize the superior work done by the Pittsburg Orchestra and by Mr. Charles F. Morse, the pianist on nearly every occasion.

Charles S. Cornell was the conductor of the great Oratorio. He is the master of those who sing.

The Senior class play "Barbara" was a sweet performance, full of pretty sentiment and tender pathos.

How to accommodate more than two thousand people in space designed for but one thousand—that is the question that

puzzles the will as well as the understanding during commencement.

The four characters in "Barbara" were represented by Florence Mitchell, Mary Gregg, James Killius, and Gilbert Meade. They are all "star" players.

Indian Progression.

To one coming among the Indians for the first time, it might seem as tho' their condition could hardly be worse, and that the reports of *Indian Progression* could be nothing more than a creature of the imagination; but, to one who has lived among them, the changes have seemed almost miraculous. From personal work among them, I can speak only of the tribes found in Oklahoma and Indian Territory; but, as one interested in Indian work everywhere, my heart has been made glad at the news of progress among the people everywhere the Gospel has penetrated. This work seems to have been given especially to the Presbyterian Church, and is a long and interesting story from early Colonial efforts, beginning with the Long Island Indians, to this the twentieth century, which sees the significant spectacle of the tribal interchange of the blessings of the Gospel, when one band of Christian Indians carries the good news to another tribe and the red man gives the church a lesson in *giving* and *telling*. Back in the 36's, four Nez Perces braves came across the mountains of the Northwest, looking for the Book of Heaven. Marcus Whitman was the answer to that appeal and all the world knows his history, if not theirs. The martyred Whitman, the Spauldings and others served and suffered and conquered for Christ and the Nez Perces came into the light. So enlightened are these awakened Indians that they are reaching out helping hands to the tribes that sit in darkness among them. Had the Gospel of Jesus Christ been preached among them in the past as in the present, how many

bloody pages of history would have been blotted out—nay, need never have been written; for it is thro' the church and its agencies and they alone that these things have come to pass.

"What!" say you, "does not the government spend millions for their betterment?" True, but in 16 years' observation, I have yet to see *one* Indian educated in a government school, or *one* camp Indian, provided for in every way by the government, who, (without the help of the missionary or Christian school), has been an uplift to his people. On my first introduction to government work, the men and women employed, were (with few exceptions) infidels or godless people, putting in the *least* time possible, to draw the *largest* salary possible. With Commissioner Morgan's advent, a new regime began, and today the government has in its employ thousands of men and women of whom the church is proud. Their influence is all for good—so far as it goes—but, the object of the system for which they work, is not to make Christians, (altho' the government regulations require that the Lord's Prayer be taught and passages of Scripture be read at stated times.) I have no hesitancy in saying that to the missionary and mission school belong all the credit of the progress that the Indian has made. For proof we need only look at the 40 some tribes who have not yet been reached by the Gospel. I could tell you some things in my own experience, which make one's blood run cold to contemplate; and yet these same Indians, who, (in their idol worship) *horrified* the *name* of *civilization*, are today found in God's house, worshipping him there; and some, who have come to die, have passed triumphantly beyond. Where once the government clothing was thrown out on the prairie, or ripped and tacked in contempt on the outside of their tepee walls, many have discarded the blanket; the tepee, in many instances, has

been superseded by the neat little cottage, where—wonder of wonders—are lace curtains and a brass bedstead! I shall never forget my feelings the first time I ever saw and Indian woman with a baby carriage! *Soap*, that great forerunner of civilization and Christianity, has at last found a place in the Indian home; and for this we devoutly give thanks. I can well remember the day when every bar of soap given to the Indians on the Kiowa and Comanche reservation was speedily sent flying to the winds.

These are material things, you say; but it is only through the material striving after better things that the spiritual finds its place. The religion of Jesus Christ is one by which all should live as well as die; and if these material evidences are lacking, we may be pretty sure the spiritual is lacking. It is true, "and pity 'tis, 'tis true," that the white man's sins have degraded many beyond what it is even possible to conceive or tell; but God's light has broken over these dusky countenances; and while their progress may seem slow to us, it is progress; and progress, despite such obstacles before which we of boasted white blood and Christian ancestry would flinch and—fall.

ANNA R. FAIT, '83,
Chickasha, Ind. Ter.

Faculty Notes.

Miss Buckbee will spend the summer and early fall in England, France, Belgium, and other parts of Europe. While abroad she will read a paper before the educational convention which meets at Liege this year.

Dr. Ehrenfeld will spend the summer at the home of his son in Springfield, Ohio.

Mr. Sisson has accepted a position with the Northwestern Insurance Co. as a manager at Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Noss will attend the N. E. A. at Asbury Park. They will spend

several weeks by the seashore.

Dr. Lukens will attend the N. E. A. and will afterwards visit in Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Miss Mountsier and Miss Lilley will attend the Fall term of Chicago University.

Mr. and Mrs. Hockenberry expect to spend the summer in the classic shades of Cambridge, Mass.



JAMES KILLIUS.

Mr. James Killius, of California, Pa., is the youngest alumnus of the Normal. He belongs to the class of '05.

Dr. Schuh will spend the summer in southern Indiana.

Miss Lilley will spend three months of the coming school year in the school of education, Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Meese will spend most of their vacation in Pittsburg and among the hills of old Somerset.

Miss Rothwell will attend the Philadel-

phia Art school during the coming Fall.

Miss Truman will study for a time in the University of Chicago:

Mr. Cornell will divide his time between recreation in Vermont and a student's life in New York.

Some of Your Neighbors.

CONTINUED.

141. Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward, author of *The Gates Ajar*, *Beyond the Gates*, and many other volumes, lives in Newton Center, Mass. Born in 1844. Is a pleasing writer.

142. Booker T. Washington, president of the Tuskegee Industrial School, is the best known colored man in the world. Born in Virginia, 1856.

143. George A. Wentworth, whose texts in arithmetic and geometry are well known to our boys and girls, lives in Exeter, N. H., where he is professor of mathematics in the Phillips Exeter Academy. Born 1835.

144. Lieut. General Young, of the U. S. A., was born in Pittsburg, 1840. Served in the Civil War and in the Philippines. Has a strong record as a soldier.

145. Donald Grant Mitchell, the well known *Ik Marvel*, is one of our oldest authors, having been born away back in 1822. He is a Yale graduate. Author of *Reveries of a Bachelor*. Resides near New Haven, Conn.

146. John Mitchell was born in 1869. He is at present the best known and certainly the most powerful labor leader. Resides at Spring Valley, Ill.

147. Silas Weir Mitchell, author of *Hugh Wynne*, *Free Quaker* is a native of Philadelphia where he still resides. Is a practising physician. Born 1830.

148. Helena Modjeska plays leading Shakespearean characters. Born in Poland in 1844. Resides in El Toro, California.

149. Winfield S. Schley is a native of Maryland. Born 1839. Fought in the late civil war. Did service on the Chinese coast. Hero of Santiago in the Spanish war. Resides in Washington City.

150. Jacob G. Schurman, president of Cornell University, was born in 1854 on Prince Edward Island. Has written much on Evolution. Lives at Ithaca, N. Y.

151. Charles M. Schwab, well known in this valley as a capitalist, was born in Williamsburg, Pa., in 1862. Built a complete industrial school at Homestead. Connected with the U. S. steel corporation. Home in New York City.

152. Nathan S. Shaler is professor of geology in Harvard. Writes interesting and simple texts. Born 1841 in Newport, Ky.

The First Commencement,

We are indebted to Mrs. W. H. Winfield, California, Pa., for a program of the first annual commencement of the S. W. S. N. S. The exercises took place August 17, 1877. The following is a copy of the program:

Music.	Prayer.	Music.
Breadth of Culture.....	W. S. Fry	
The Beautiful.....	Donetta Newkirk	
Representative Teachers.....	J. W. VanDyke	
	Music.	
Authorship and Oratory.....	J. B. McCollum	
The Cary Sisters.....	Mary P. Crookham	
The Progress of Literature.....	Frank Frye	
	Music.	
Bryant's Flood of Years.....	H. S. Kiehl	
The Cross and the Crescent.....	A. W. Newlin	
The Struggles of Light.....	W. S. Jackman	
	Music.	
Baccalaureate Address.....	The Principal	
	Conferring Degrees.	
	Doxology.	

A remarkable duck story comes from Nantes, France. Some fishermen were out at sea during a terrific thunderstorm, when suddenly a number of roasted ducks fell into their boat. The lightning had struck a flock and cooked the birds to a turn!—*Argonaut*.

DRAMATIC WORK FOR CHILDREN.

BY MABEL MOUNTSIER, TRAINING TEACHER.

A visit to the Model School within the last few months might have led the visitor to declare that all the school's a stage, and all the pupils in it players. A number of dramas, tableaux, and pantomimes have been used to illustrate work in history, geography, and literature.

In the sixth grade the children took great pleasure in presenting the pantomime of Rip Van Winkle, historical scenes from the Revolutionary period, and a dramatization from Enoch Arden. Rip Van Winkle and his termagant wife trod the boards as in the days of Joe Jefferson; British officers received the delegation of protesting Boston boys; General Greene found shelter in the home of a generous widow; the British emissary dined with the trooper Marion; and André was searched for evidences of his guilt.

The dramatic form of Enoch Arden was thus arranged in acts and scenes:

ACT I. SCENE 1. The children at play. 2. Enoch's proposal. 3. Enoch's farewell.

ACT II. SCENE 1. Philip's offer of friendship. 2. Philip's proposal. 3. Annie's dream and marriage.

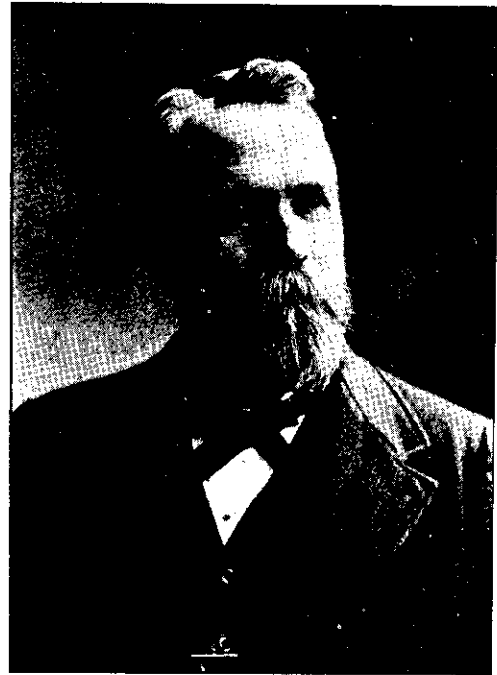
ACT III. SCENE 1. Enoch's homecoming. 2. Enoch's death.

The pupils of the seventh grade gave the casket scene from the Merchant of Venice, with a cast of characters composed of girls, who felt free to enact the love scenes with much fervor. The trial scene, too, showed a power of interpreting character which is remarkable in pupils no older than twelve or thirteen. The mocking Gratiano, the grave Antonio, and the revengeful Shylock were represented in a way that would have done credit to more mature students.

In connection with their study of the far East the pupils of the same grade gave various scenes from Chinese and Japanese life: the schools of both nations, a visit

to a Chinese home, a court of justice in China, a Japanese tea-party, Chinese and Japanese children at play, and Japanese nursery rhymes.

Though costumes are not indispensable, these scenes are made much more effective by them. A red cotton coat and a sword change a boy's nationality; a bright



GEORGE E. HEMPHILL.

George E. Hemphill, Esq., of Douglas, Arizona, is the oldest living member of the first class graduated at The Normal.

lounging robe and a turban made of oriental drapery, dress the Prince of Morocco; and a kimono, fan, and Japanese sunshade transform a little brunette into a charming Japanese lady.

In the normal department two of the classes are dramatizing Snow Bound for use in elementary schools. The first scene represents the Whittier family looking forth from their home on "a universe of

sky and snow." Into their conversation are woven the signs of the approaching storm as described in the opening lines of the poem. The scene closes with the father's command, "Boys, a path." The second scene represents the fireside group, who tell tales of simple New England life a hundred years ago until the early bedtime at the hour of nine. The third scene brings the doctor, the postman, and the neighbors, with whom the men go forth to break the highways, so that the Whittier family may be no longer snow-bound.

These plays are only a few of the great number that may be used to lend color and background to subjects which otherwise would have but little interest. Dramatic work fulfills this purpose because it is an appeal to the imitative instinct of the child, and this instinct is thus utilized in the teacher's attempt to make real to the child the various phases of life. He must live the life of the characters of literature and history in the attempt to represent them, and he thus acquires freedom both of mind and body.

INTERESTING LETTERS.

At the Alumni banquet President Morgan stated that he and Dr. Noss had received many interesting letters from those who had been invited to attend the exercises, but who could not be present. We have not space for all these letters but submit the following as fair samples of those received:

KNOXVILLE, TENN., June 12, '05.

Dr. T. B. Noss:

DEAR SIR:—Appreciating very keenly, your kind invitation to attend the Alumni reunion, in commencement week at the Normal, I have delayed response, hoping to see my way clear to accept and attend.

But, seeing no good prospect of compliance, I write this word of grateful appreciation for the kindly invitation, and assure

you, and all interested, that I sincerely regret to deny myself the pleasure of meeting the oldtime friends of the 70's and 80's in the old Normal.

Those seven years in California Normal are filled with pleasant memories to me. It is the pleasant incidents and experiences I delight specially to recall. I will surely be with you all in spirit, at the reunion, though absent in body. Be assured of my grateful appreciation of the personal loyalty of students and teachers, their industry and fidelity to duty and splendid record as teachers, and in other callings since they graduated. You have all helped to erect a high standard of merit and attainments, by your records for the school we all love so well. I did what I could to aid you and the school in achieving success, and am more than satisfied with results.

No events in my life, in these later years are more pleasant than just such reunions as you are enjoying on this occasion. I regret sincerely my absence from a fellowship that is personally only pleasant to me.

Be assured of my most earnest good wishes to each and all graduates and teachers of the S. W. S. N. S. in the years of '77-'84.

Always and cordially your friend,

GEO. P. BEARD.

TOKYO, JAPAN, May 22.

Friends of Normal Days:

Although the missionary is proverbially "short-handed," I reach out a hand to you from 8000 miles over "sea and mountain" and ask for a share in the joys of this reunion day. As a student and teacher in the Normal most of the time from '81 to '90 and a member of the class of '87, I should be able to recognize a goodly number of the faces now turned toward the reader of this letter. In the light of the progress made by the school in the past fifteen years I presume any men-

tion of the days of Geo. P. Beard, D. C. Murphy, James Eldon, Miss Stuart, Miss Mahaffey and Mrs. Kellogg, would be considered ancient history. However, some teachers were trained and characters formed in those days as in these and attachments formed for the school we all delight to honor.

I am asked for a few notes concerning myself. After graduating I spent three years in the West Newton schools, three years in Bethany College, a term in Wooster University, five years preaching in Canada, three years recovering from a stroke of paralysis, then came to Japan in 1901 as an independent missionary. My Normal training has stood me in good stead as a teacher in the Nobles College here. Among my students are sons of Gen. Oyama, Admiral Togo, a Prince, and other titled folk. I publish a mission paper, the *Tokyo Christian*, a limited number of copies of which are in the hands of the secretary of this association for free distribution to-day. Send fifty cents and get the paper for a year. Miss Buckbee will show you some Japanese curios in the museum.

In '98 I married Miss Emily Boyd of New Haven, and two little girls brighten our home.

May the Normal's best days be the days yet to be. May Philo's star never grow dim. Yours,

W. D. CUNNINGHAM.

"Pretty tiresome, isn't it?" remarked the first man at a reception. "It is so," replied the other. "I'd sneak out if I could, but my wife would get mad. She's a friend of the hostess." "I'd sneak out, too, but my wife would be furious. She's the hostess."—Philadelphia Press.

Evelyn—Yes, my great-grandfather eloped with my great-grandmother.

Cholly—Just fancy! Old people like that.—Smart Set.

ALUMNI NOTES.

Miss Anna Reed, '90, has been elected to teach in the Allegheny City schools.

Mr. Arthur W. Smith, '00, was graduated recently in the Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee.

Professor J. D. Boydston, '93, has been elected principal of schools at Donora, Pa.

Everybody except the residents of Avalon Pa., is glad to learn of the advancement of Professor Charles E. Dickey, '91, to the position of assistant superintendent of schools for Allegheny county.

Miss Evelyn G. Day, '97, has been elected to teach in the Wilkesburg, Pa., schools.

Miss Edith Mae Stout, '97, was married June 14 to Mr. Albert W. Kelley of Derry, Pa.

Mr. R. Hummel, '93, is a missionary in Western Africa.

Mr. G. P. Kunkleman, '94, resides at 321 Atwood street, Pittsburg. He is the general agent for the Prudential Insurance Company,

Miss Edith H. Day, '99, has been re-elected at an increased salary to teach at Munhall, Pa.

Mr. R. N. Hay, '00, taught a summer normal at Confluence, Pa, during May and June,

Mr. Chas. S. Duvall, '00, is in the banking business at Hazelwood, Pa.

Miss Wilhelmina W. Taylor, '04, has recently been elected to be a teacher in the Haines Normal and Industrial School, Augusta, Ga.

Miss Nannie E. Freewalt, '02, has been re-elected at Duquesne.

Miss Florence Mitchell, '00, has recently been elected to teach in the Edgewood school, Wilkesburg, Pa.

Never repudiate a time-tried friend.

Philo Items,

By Clara Campbell
and Edna Hornfoch.



New chandeliers have improved the appearance of our society hall.

The Glee club favored the society with music on the evening of June 2nd.

Mr. Clarence Tannehill was appointed valedictorian for the Spring Term.

The periodical by Miss Bernice Peterson was one of the best given this term.

Mr. Hastings, a former member of the society, was present on the evening of June 26th.

A very unique program entitled "The Twentieth Century Magic Music Box" was rendered with success on June 9th.

At the opening of the Spring Term Philo handed new students a neatly printed folder which contained among other good things the following:

The Spring Term is now a matter of history. Although much good work has been done, there is always room for improvement, and we hope to see each member in his place at the beginning of the Fall Term ready for active work.

Philo society extends a cordial welcome to all new students.

We invite your consideration to these facts:

1. We have an elegant up-to-date hall, in which all are welcome.
2. Our literary and musical programs are artistic in every sense of the word.
3. Our past records reveal strength, victory, and honor.
4. We stand for the strong development of the intellectual and moral faculties.
5. Philo should have your consideration

because it is the Society that co-operates for the best development of its members.

6. If you wish to carry away pleasant memories of your school days place your name on our roll.

7. Join us and wear a pennant of red and white.

RECOLLECTIONS.

EAST MILLSBORO, PA., May 6, 1905.

To the California Normal Review:

If you have space for the enclosed recollections, they are gratis.

Yours truly,

G. O. HORNER, class 1879.

How high must you go to see one third the earth's surface?—EDWARD BROOKS.

From the supposed position, let one line fall tangent to the horizon and another to the center of the earth. Draw radius connecting those two points, forming a right angled triangle. Next, from the tangent draw a line through the center plane of the horizon forming a second right angled triangle of which the radius in use is the hypotenuse.

Comparing the two triangles we find our starting point to be the radius or twice the radius from the surface.—H. H. HACKNEY.

How many see that?—HERTZOG.

A man saw a bear 40 rods due east of him. He aimed his gun due north, fired, and killed the bear. Illustrate.—JACKMAN.

Hold the concave mirror in a certain position, I can see my image. Hold it a little farther, or nearer, I only get snatches of it.—J. B. SMITH.

Familiarity is more dangerous than formality.—G. P. BEARD.

Tomorrow, bring to the class-room Shoemaker's Elocution, Shoemaker's Recitations, your Sixth Reader, and a copy of Shakespeare's works.—J. SHARP.

A few more books, Professor, and we will have to get a wheelbarrow to fetch them in.—B. W. CRAFT.

MR. CROWTHERS may be regarded as one of the successful graduates of The Normal, although he has not engaged in the profession of teaching.

Following his graduation in '85, he taught school for one year, after which he entered Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., from which institution he received the degree A. M. For nearly fourteen years he has been located in Cincinnati and has



ROBERT COULTER CROWTHERS.
Class of '85.

been engaged constantly in the wholesale commission coal business.

At present he is devoting most of his time to trade newspaper work, being the Cincinnati representative of several of the high class trade journals. His weekly report of the Cincinnati coal market in The Black Diamond is regarded throughout the coal trade of the country with absolute trust as to its accuracy and reliability. The amount of advertising business he gets

from Cincinnati coal dealers and shippers shows that he is especially popular in the trade in which he is best known. Mr. Crowthers retains much of his old time enthusiasm for The Normal, and sends his best wishes for the continued success of the school.

Class of 1905 Notes.

Miss Moon is elected to teach at Homeville, Pa.

Miss Bailey will teach in the Meadville, Pa., schools.

Miss Mary Gregg will teach near West Brownsville.

Miss Mary E. Gregg will teach at Zonessen next year.

Miss Ackard will teach in Room 3, West Homestead schools.

Miss Henshaw will teach in Bridgeport, Pa., the coming term.

Miss Aston has been elected as a teacher in 35th ward, Pittsburg.

Miss Whigham has been re-elected as a teacher in Duquesne, Pa.

Miss MacLuckie and Mr. Walton will teach in the Model school.

Miss McCleery will swing the birch in one of the Munhall school rooms.

Miss Scott will do post graduate work in the Normal during the next school year.

Misses Ethel and Mary Wakefield will teach near their home in Jefferson township.

Miss Chester, Miss McMichael, and Miss Titzell will sway the scepter in McKeesport.

Miss Price will be found in the public schools of Charleroi during the coming school year.

Miss Mamie Raffle, Miss Jeane Hawthorne, and James Killius, will teach at East Pike Run Township, the coming year.

Program of the Annual Contest.

PHILOMATHEAN.	
Solo—"Aria and Cabaletta".....	<i>Verdi</i> Chas S. Cornell.
Essay.....	The Passing of the Old Speller Mabel Campbell.
Solo—"Dich theure Halle".....	<i>Wagner</i> Louise L. Combs.
Oration.....	The New South Ethel Wakefield.
Solo—"Waft Her Angels".....	<i>Handel</i> Edward Vaughn.
Reading.....	Sergius to the Lion Garnet Colvin.
Trio—"Te sol quest anima".....	<i>Verdi</i> Louise L. Combs, Edward Vaughn, Charles S. Cornell.
Debate.....	Charles Hertzog
Question:—Resolved, that combinations of labor are more detrimental to public welfare than combinations of capital.	
CLIONIAN.	
Essay—Excalibur.....	Ella Pollock
Oration—Beyond the Footlights.....	Thos. Walton
Reading—The King's Pardon.....	Georgia Long
Debate.....	J. Leslie Roberts
Judges:—Supt. Grant Norris, Braddock, Pa.; Prof. Conley of the Carnegie Institute, and Dr. C. L. Ehrenfeld of the Normal.	

By the decision of the judges, Philo won the most points. The winners were Miss Pollock, Miss Colvin, Miss Wakefield, and Mr. Hertzog.

Commencement Program.

Song.....	"I Cannot Always Trace the Way" Normal Male Quartet.
Oration.....	The Burden of Hamlet Blanche Elrick.
Oration.....	Why Alexander Succeeded Oretha Baer.
Oration—Sun Power.....	Martha Titzel
Music—Greeting at Night.....	Marguerite Scott
Oration—Greater Pittsburg.....	Helen Bailey
Oration—The Modern Jew.....	Mary Wakefield
Piano Solo—Concert Mazurka.....	<i>Jonas</i> Charles S. Morse.
Reading—Silence.....	Cora Soles
Oration.....	The Thousandth Rose Clarence Tannehill.
Song—Love's Dream After the Ball.....	<i>Housely</i> Girls' Choral Club.
Oration...New Phases of the Immigration Problem	May MacLuckie.
Granting of Certificates.....	The Principal

Lead Pencils.

Every American man, woman and child uses two pencils annually at the lowest calculation. Our per capita consumption is double that of Europe, perhaps because there is more illiteracy across the ocean, or perhaps because we are more extravagant and waste quite as many pencils as we use. There are six lead pencil factories in the United States; two in New York, two in New Jersey, one in Illinois and one in Massachusetts. Together they employ more than 2,000 people, pay nearly seven hundred thousand dollars in wages annually, and their yearly output, at the rate of 12,-000 gross daily, is worth more than two million dollars. We are now making as many pencils as all of Europe combined; we supply nine-tenths of our home demand and ship a considerable quantity abroad. And yet, despite the growing importance of the industry and the fact that millions of people could not get through a working day without the use of a pencil, how few are there who can tell how this indispensable little article is made.

Structurally speaking, the lead pencil consists of an outer shield or covering and of an inner piece of round, solid graphite. The wood, which is of prime importance, must be durable and compact; straight-grained and soft, so that it may be alike easy to polish and to whittle; if it is fragrant, so much greater its value. Now of all the trees in the world our Virginia or red cedar, which grows so luxuriantly in the South, particularly in Alabama and Florida, is the only one whose wood meets all these requirements. Our pencil manufacturers own their own cedar mills; but the European makers, much to their dislike, are obliged to purchase their pencil covering from us.—*Pearson's Magazine for May.*

Do your best in the highest service and God will accept your endeavor.

BRIEFS.

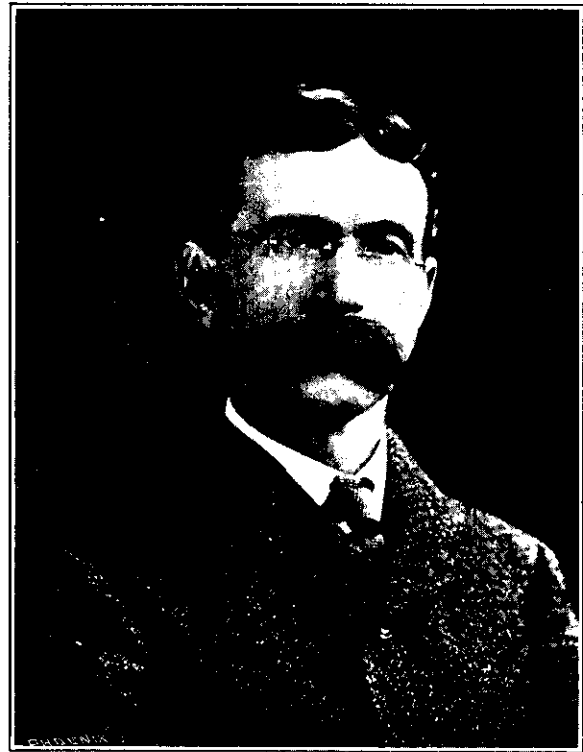
J. A. Berkey, Esq., class of '84, spoke at the alumni meeting as a representative of the Board of Trustees.

Jacob Schrorck, '82, now a contractor, living in Johnstown, Pa., was the first alumnus to come from a distance to the reunion.

Dr. J. F. Bell, '84, of Elgin, Ill., was present at the reunion. So was Eberman, '78, Kendall, '80, Smail of '80, Bryan of '81, Tombaugh, of '83, Dr. Meyers of '87, and a hundred or more other boys.

The girls were here too: Mrs. L. Z. Birmingham, '82, Mrs. W. H. Winfield, '77, Mrs. W. S. Bryan, '83, the Misses Billingsley, '88, and '92, Mrs. R. K. Richardson, '88, the Misses McKinley, '94, and '98, the Misses Day, '97, and '99, Mrs. L. R. Lewis, '93, Mrs. C. A. Glasser, '06, Miss Mary J. Donaldson, '97, Miss Eva G. Brass, '04, Miss Dora Foster '00, Miss Mary A. Pollock, '99, and Miss Clara StClair, '97 are only a few of the large number of our alumnae that sat down to the banquet on Monday evening.

Wm. H. Cooke, Esq., of Morgantown, West Va., D. M. Hertzog, Esq., of Uniontown, Pa., Mr. T. B. McKean, Wilkesburg, Pa., Mr. William Baker, Charleroi, Pa., Mrs. Scott Bryan, Denver, Colorado, Mrs. Alberta Forsythe, McKeesport, Prof. W. N. Hull, Youngstown, O., H. T. Bailey, Esq., Washington, Pa., Capt. J. K. Billingsley, California, Pa., Hon. A. J. Buffington, Bentleyville, and E. P. Douglass, Esq., Pittsburg, were some of the



W. D. BRIGHTWELL.

SUPT. W. D. BRIGHTWELL, class of '92, has not missed a commencement since he was graduated. Supt. Brightwell has been re-elected at an advanced salary as Superintendent of the New Brighton, Pa., schools. He is one of the successful school men of the Keystone state.

Advice is a good thing to keep under lock and key until called for.

"Old Timers" present at the Tuesday meeting. Hon. J. A. McIlvaine presided over the assemblage.

"Open your mouth a little wider, please," said the dentist.

"My friend," replied the professor, with some impatience, "I can't open my mouth any wider. But I can extend it vertically a little more, if you insist upon it."—*Chicago Tribune*.

Marginalia,

By Helen Bailey, '05.

Prof. J. G. Steffy, Pittsburg, conducted Chapel exercises May 29.

Miss Gladys Greenlee, a former student, visited the Normal recently.

Miss Anna Buckbee left the Normal for her European trip on the morning of June 24.

State Board Examinations began Wednesday, June 21, and lasted until Thursday noon.

Mr. J. A. Berkey, '84, a trustee of the school, paid a visit to the Normal on June 7, 1905.

Mr. Miller, State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., visited the school and conducted Chapel exercises May 23.

Prof. J. D. Meese attended the convention of the Consistory Masons held at Uniontown on the evening of June 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Craven entertained the members of the faculty on the evening of June 23. All report having had a delightful time.

Rev. Harry M Chalfant, pastor of Penn Ave., M. E. church, Pittsburg, was in Chapel June 5. Rev. Chalfant is a member of the class of 1886.

Miss Margaret Craven and Miss Anna Reeves, who have been attending Woman's college at Baltimore, have returned home for their summer vacation.

Miss Evelyn G. Day, '97, and her sister Miss Edith Day, '99, arrived June 23 to attend the Commencement exercises. They were the guests of Mrs. Meese.

Friday evening, June, 24, was Dramatic evening. Three plays were given by the students of the school. Every one did his part well, and the evening was enjoyed by all.

Dr. and Mrs. Noss gave a reception to the members of the faculty on Saturday evening, June 24.

Mr. Charles D. Dumbauld, a graduate of the Normal commercial department, has secured a remunerative position with the Penn'a., R. R. company at Pittsburg.

The sudden death of Mr. N. G. Wiley, June 17, shocked all the members of the school who knew him. Mr. Wiley was kind and obliging to every one. He was a favorite with the students.

The following addresses have been given in Chapel: The Scientific Development of Artificial Life, Mr. Charles Bennet; The Newspaper, Miss Blanche Reed; Frances Willard, Miss Bertha Reese.

On the evenings of May 19-20 a cantata "The Coming of Ruth" was given by the three Glee clubs of the school. This cantata, written by Dr. W. T. Noss, was well rendered and was enjoyed by all.

Prof. John Alfred White, of Illinois, and Dr. Charles McMurray have been elected to become members of the Faculty. Prof. White takes Prof. Sisson's place. This school has done well in securing such a great educator as Dr. McMurray for one of its instructors.

On Saturday, June 17, was held the first Field Day exercises, which consisted of 100, 220, yard races, wheelbarrow race, three legged race, base ball throwing, high hurdle jump, vaulting, etc. Mr. Kennedy won first prize, Mr. David Smith, second, and Mr. Ray McPhail, third.

A large number of out of town people came for the cantata, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. A. J. Stephens, Miss Myrtle Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Lynch, Miss Bernice Lynch, McKeesport; Miss Beulah Remington, Braddock; Mrs. W. C. Smith, Dunbar; Miss Katherine

McCool, Miss Zelt, Washington; and Mr. Thompson, Springdale.

The following base ball games were played during the months of May and June.

State College 0.....	California	3
Pittsburg College 1.....	"	5
St. Vincent 0.....	"	12
State 10.....	"	0
Bolivar 3.....	"	13
Pennsylvania R. R. 2.....	"	11
W. V. U. 9.....	"	8

Questions Used in the Recent State Tests.

CHEMISTRY—MIDDLE EXAMINATIONS, 1905.

1. Define matter, molecule, atom, element, metal, physical, change, valence.
2. Give the molecular theory, distinguishing between solids, liquids, and gases.
3. Give the physical and chemical properties of Hydrogen gas, and illustrate by equations, one or more ways of preparing it.
4. Tell all you can, explaining gravitation, giving the law of gravitation.
5. Give three methods of preparing salts and illustrate by an equation.
6. What is Boyle's Law?
7. How many groups of metals are there, and give an example from each group.

LATIN GRAMMAR—JUNIOR CLASS.

1. Decline together *alter ille puer*.
2. Compare *acer, magnus, gravis, similis, bonus*.
3. Give the participles and infinitive of any deponent verb.
4. Classify the following verbs and give the principal parts of each: *audio, possum, volo, audeo, coepi*.
5. State the chief uses of the genitive case.
6. What case or cases follow *padet, ator, credo, dignus doceo*.
7. How may a purpose be expressed?
8. Distinguish between the gerund and gerundive as to form, meaning, and use.

GEOGRAPHY—SENIOR EXAMINATION, 1905.

1. What are the following: Atmosphere, climate, ocean current, talus, tides, detritus, ox-bow loops?
2. Sketch the Mississippi river, showing its four leading branches, and the location of four cities.
3. Define plains, plateau and mountain system, and name the plains of Asia, the plateau of North America, and the mountain systems of Europe.
4. In going from New York on the most direct commercial route around the world, name the important ports you would touch.
5. State where the following commercial products are obtained principally: tin, copper, iron, coal, salt, gypsum, petroleum, diamonds, ostrich feathers, ivory, opium, tea, coffee, cork, lead, silver, and gold.
6. Describe the Gulf stream and state what action it has on the climate of certain countries.
7. What and where are the following: Cyprus, Bombay, Portland, Erie, Yukon, Dardanelles, Suez, Astrakan, Volga, Pamir, Manchuria, Sabel, Yangtze, Comorin, Ormus?
8. What importance do you attach to map drawing and moulding?

Booker T. Washington tells of a shrewd preacher of his race, Rev. Washington Johnson by name, who resorted to the following method to raise funds: At the conclusion of his sermon one bright Sunday morning, he said: "Brethren and sisteren, I have demonstrated abstrusedly dat de Lord hates a thief—dat he is not to be propigated by no offering; tee'fo' I beg de pusson or pussons who stole yo' pastor's hog to make no contribution at the circulation of de offertory platter." The collection beat all previous records.

He who is content with surfaces will never strike the richest ore.



MISS ESTHER MAC-PHERSON, who was formerly a member of The Normal faculty, is now a teacher in the Mary Allen school at Crockett, Texas.

Miss MacPherson was a visitor at The Normal during the recent commencement season, the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Noss.

Items of Interest.

Dr. W. T. Noss, brother of our principal, has been elected as supervisor of music in the Charleroi, Pa., schools.

Mr. D. C. W. Birmingham, formerly a student at the Normal, is now cashier of the Clairton, Pa., National Bank.

"The Coming of Ruth," by Dr. Wm. T. Noss, is a neat, clean, instructive and pleasing cantata in which there is an exceedingly harmonious adjustment between the words and the music. There are a number of thrilling incidents in the vari-

ous scenes, yet none of these incidents is either overdrawn in execution or underestimated in importance. The performance of this cantata was given on two consecutive evenings in our Normal Chapel recently. The fact that not a few of those who were present the first evening returned the second evening is in itself sufficient evidence that the production is popular.

Prof. J. A. Snodgrass, of the Charleroi schools, has been elected to a principalship of one of the ward schools in Pittsburgh.

Miss Louise M. Taylor, of Canonsburg, Pa., formerly of the Normal faculty, was married on May 17 to Mr. W. P. Rodgers. Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers will reside in Hedley, British Columbia.

Youth's Companion is an excellent paper to help one spend an hour interestingly on what might otherwise seem to be a dull summer day. The Unwilling Guest, The Day of the Tortoise and By Strength of Arm, are among the recent attractive titles of short stories in its columns.

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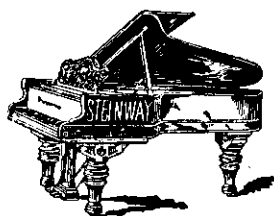
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