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NORMAL NOTES.

This number of the REVIEW is given over chiefly to the paper read by Professor G. G. Hertzog to the "Old Timers" at our last commencement. Many news items are therefore laid aside for the December number.

In a business way may we respectfully call attention to the obligations our subscribers are under to the REVIEW in the matter of keeping subscriptions paid up? We are going to great expense to give our patrons a good journal, and we are therefore hoping that notices of delinquencies we send out will not be treated lightly.

The items for this month, placed under the head of Normal Notes, were written chiefly by Miss Susan C. Moore of the Senior class, to whose painstaking care and accurate observation we are indebted for much that might otherwise have escaped being recorded.

The attention of all our subscribers is called to our excellent and attractive combination offer, viz: The NORMAL REVIEW and Teachers Magazine one year for \$1.15. The Teachers Magazine is easily the best dollar a year teachers' journal published. We shall also be glad to send the Youth's Companion to any of our subscribers who is not now taking the Companion and the REVIEW for \$2. This is an offer worth thinking about. Send in orders soon.

It was found necessary at the beginning of the fall term, to organize a third Liter-

ary society called the Junior society. It is composed mainly of students from the Preparatory and Junior classes. This gives many students a chance to work and to prepare themselves for strong work in either society they may choose to join next year.

Rev. R. B. Wilson of the Cumberland Presbyterian church of Coal Center delivered a very interesting lecture on Palestine, at the evening exercises on Sept. 24.

Miss Nancy Crane, of Canonsburg, one of last Spring's Juniors, married Mr. Harry McConnell, of Houston, Sept. 8, 1905.

The piano duets by Mrs. Hockenberry and Miss Noss on the mornings of Sept. 25 and 27, were very much enjoyed by the students.

The Model school children enjoy their recess on the campus—an innovation on the practice of former years.

Mr. Clark M. Snyder, '99, who is now attending college at Oberlin, O., spent Sept. 20, at the Normal.

Mrs. Morgan, of McKees Rocks, spent Sept. 23 with her niece Miss Essie Morgan.

Mr. Grant Furlong and Mr. Benton Welty were visitors at the Normal, Sept. 23.

On Sept. 16 the students' reception in the library was enjoyed by all. The evening opened with the usual line up of the faculty. After a short musical program

the students and faculty spent the remainder of the evening in getting acquainted with one another.

Mr. W. T. Noss, director of music in the Charlevoix schools, led in the singing of a piece of his own composition on the morning of Oct. 5.

Mrs. Clara Park, '88, a sister of Dr. Noss, visited Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Noss recently.

Recreation, as the name implies, is genuine recreation. This magazine has life in abundance streaming through its pages. It is worth far more than it costs.

The morning exercises in the Chapel are made interesting and more inspiring by the rendering of vocal or instrumental music in connection with the devotional exercises.

A meeting of the young women of the school was called Sept. 23, for the purpose of electing officers for the Young Woman's Student Government Association. Following are those chosen:

ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

President, Miss Mira McCleary; Vice President, Miss Jean Moon; Secretary, Miss Alberta Reed; Treasurer, Miss Anna Wientge.

ASSISTANTS.

Miss Elizabeth Stine, Miss Millie Snider, Miss Lulu Ferguson, Miss Emma Carrick, Miss Lillian Crow, Miss Mabel Berkey, Miss Harriet Steen.

Professor Harmon—If ten apples were given to ten children how many apples would each receive?

Miss S. (thinking it was a problem in Physics) Ten.

Miss Mary Noss returned to Wellesley Sept. 28, where she will resume her work in music and other branches.

Professor N. B. Hammond has fitted up a new studio adjoining Professor Cornell's music studio. It is a beautiful room and tastefully furnished. With such pleasant

surroundings the work in elocution will grow.

The first foot ball game of the season was played at Normal Athletic Park Sept. 23. The score was California 18, Roscoe 6.

On the evening of the 23d a lecture with stereopticon views, showing the scientific tactics of foot ball, was given by Professor Harmon.

Prof. Morse played Mendelssohn's "Consolation" Oct. 4, at chapel exercises.

On Sunday evening Oct. 8, the Methodist choir of California gave a sacred concert in the Chapel.

Among the Normalites in the W. U. P. are Messrs. George Gill, Frank Duvall, and Albion Marston. The two named first have been entered as Freshmen Meds. Mr. Marston on account of meritorious work has been appointed resident physician in the college dispensary. In a letter to Dr. Noss he speaks in high terms of the value of the training he received while a student at the Normal.

From statistics recently computed for a special purpose, it is found that the average age of the fifty-nine members who constituted the class of '05 was nineteen and three fourths at graduation and that the average time spent at the Normal was three years.

Mr. H. Geo. May, class of '00, Principal of the New Haven schools, was married late in the summer to Miss Harriet W. Cook of Connellsville, Pa. The happy couple spent their honeymoon at Niagara Falls and Toronto.

Mr. Ross A. Snyder, class of '99, is a student in Ashland College, Ohio.

Miss Stella S. Beard, class of '83, is a teacher in the High school at Far Rockaway, N. Y.

Miss Anna C. Hill, class of '99, now a teacher in the Homestead, Pa., schools, was the first reader of the Review to take

advantage of our liberal offer to send both the REVIEW and the *Teachers' Magazine* for little more than the price of one.

Mr. A. M. Uphouse, class of '02, is taking a medical course in the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati. He reads the REVIEW regularly.

Miss Mabel Long, class of '99, is taking work in the New Haven, Conn., School of Gymnastics.

Miss Lillie M. Eisaman, class of '94, was recently elected assistant principal at Belzhoover, 38th Ward, Pittsburg, at a salary of one hundred dollars per month. This advancement is an example that illustrates the fact that opportunity usually comes to those who are prepared to go up higher.

On Sunday evening, October, 22, Mrs. Noss delivered an interesting and instructive address to the students on the subject of Angels in Scripture and in Art. Pictures were thrown on the screen by the use of the lantern and the new reflectoscope.

The Cleveland Ladies' Orchestra gave the first performance in the new entertainment course on the evening of October 21. The Orchestra is composed of Artists each of whom does her work well. The selections from Tannhauser and The Lost Chord were especially well rendered. Mr. Bechtel Alcock, tenor soloist, pleased the audience with his singing. Mr. Alcock also sang for the students on the following Sunday evening.

We congratulate Mr. Albert Colmery, class of '02, in that he is one of the successful one hundred and twenty to be admitted to the new Carnegie Technical school. Mr. Colmery will take a course in electrical engineering.

The following readings have been given in Chapel: "The Weaver's Dream," Bessie Aunks; "The Shipbuilder," Mira McCleery; "Rabbi Ben Levi," Edith Bald-

wiu; "Raphael," Grace Baird; "Bells of Shandon," Ruth Barnum; "King Robert of Sicily," Helen Meese; "Crusades," and "It Might Have Been," Mary Byers; "Landing of the Pilgrims," Dora Minehart; "The Old Homestead," Blanche Brightwell; "Story of Evangeline," Martha McKnight; "The Reaper and the Flowers," Grace Burket; "Nuremberg," Jean Moon; "The Barbarous Chief," Della Magee; "Footsteps of Angels," Mary Bowman; "Black Hawk's Address," B. S. Boyer.

Miss Beatrice Riebling of the Middle class played an appropriate violin solo during the devotional exercises of chapel on the morning of October 18.

Mr. William Miller, State Secretary of the College Y. M. C. A., in Pennsylvania, addressed the students at Chapel on October 18.

Among the interesting articles of the October *Pearson's* we note the Eskimo Dog in Harness, A Wonderful Goose, and Audiences with the Austrian Emperor.

"Wal," said Farmer Wilkins to his city boarder, who was up early and looking round, "ben out to hear the haycock crow, I s'pose?" and he winked at his hired man.

"No," replied the city boarder, "I've been out tying a knot in a cord of wood."

Farmer Wilkins scowled at the hired man, and wanted to know why he was not getting to work at milking those cows.

"Gracious, Mr. Halton, you have eaten all the birdseed."

"You don't say? I thought it was a new breakfast food.—*Chicago News*.

A teacher was trying to illustrate for a class of boys and girls the meaning of some long words. "What is polygamy?" The answer was, "When a man has several wives." "What do we call it when he has only one?" "Monotony," was the prompt reply.—*Ladies' Home Journal*.

EARLY HISTORY OF CALIFORNIA NORMAL SCHOOL.

[Paper read by Professor G. G. Hertzog before the "Old Timers" at the reunion held during Commencement week, June, 1905.]

The State Normal school at California, Pa., is not only prominent among the educational institutions of the state but is the chief factor in the public school system in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

As when the explorer comes suddenly upon a great river, a desire is awakened to ascend the stream and find its secret sources, so when a great school attracts attention it is natural to inquire what gave rise to it? What have been the impelling forces?

This brief historical sketch to be adapted to this occasion, the reunion of the "old timers," will deal largely with the period prior to 1874, the date of State recognition.

California, the seat of this school, is located in a graceful bend of the Monongahela, on its left bank fifty miles above Pittsburg. A magnificent bluff is on the east, while a gently-rising and rolling surface extends to the south and west. It is a town unsurpassed in the valley for its scenic beauty and rapid advance in educational affairs. The town was laid out by Job Johnson, a surveyor and attorney at law, W. W. Jackman and others in 1849.

The first step in the development of the school was the founding of an academy or high school in 1852. This was not done without effort and much was due to the public spirit and leadership of Job Johnson. The building as first constructed was a substantial two story brick, entered by a central hall-way from the front, with recitation rooms to the right and left, and stairway leading to the hall on the second floor, known as "Seminary Hall." At a later time as the demand came an addition of two recitation rooms was constructed to the rear, same height as the others, making the entire building have the form of the letter L. The upper room could as occasion required be opened up so as to form part of the assembly room, thus giving a seating capacity for say three hundred, but more than that number have been crowded into it. The building is located near the corner of Liberty and Fifth and doubtless not a few of those present will during their stay try to see the old building once more. It was never well adapted to the work for which it was used but served an important purpose in the evolution of the state normal school.

S. S. Rothwell was the first teacher in the new

building but at the stated time Prof. E. N. Johnson of Alliance, Ohio, a nephew of Job Johnson, a man of fine presence and a successful teacher, was called to the head of the school and thereafter for a period of eight years it was known as an academy. The purpose of the school was the education of the young of both sexes in the higher branches, thus not only avoiding the necessity for the citizens to send their children to distant and expensive institutions, but attracting large numbers of excellent young people from other communities.

Under the skillful leadership of Prof. Johnson, ably assisted by Prof. N. D. Panning, who came from near Lima, Ohio, and Miss Jane Scott, who came with Mr. Johnson to the work, whom he married a year later, and who still continued to teach for several years, the academy took high rank among the educational institutions of this part of the state. Prof. Johnson was educated at Malbro Seminary. After leaving here he served two sessions in the legislature of his native state and was during seven years in the treasury and pension department at Washington, D. C., under John Sherman. He died July 19, 1892.

Five years after the founding of the academy, that is, in 1857, the Act of the Legislature dividing the state into twelve normal school districts, made Washington, Fayette, Greene and Somerset counties the tenth normal school district.

In Wickersham's History of Education in Pennsylvania, it is stated that "from the time the success of the experiment at Millersville in 1855, became known, the undertaking of a similar enterprise at California was freely discussed. Foremost in pushing forward the movement was Job Johnson, a Quaker, in this Scotch-Irish country and a man of great public spirit."

The first to receive recognition was the school at Millersville, Lancaster county. Under the lead of Prof. Jas. P. Wickersham that school was largely attended and was so well provided with buildings and other equipments that the state was glad to accept it as the normal school of the second district. The enactment of the normal school law and the discussion leading to it, as well as the success of the school at Millersville, had attracted wide attention in the state; and California, centrally located in the district and wide awake to her interests, took active steps to have a charter granted to her academy conferring the title and powers of the state normal school for the tenth district; and accordingly a bill was prepared and after passing both Houses, was vetoed by Gov. Packer. This came to the friends

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of the enterprise as a bitter disappointment, as the nipping frost and freeze came to a large section of the country June 5, of the same year. And yet in the light of the after years are not the friends of the school ready to say it was a blessing, that it would have been a misfortune had the measure succeeded? But while hope was deferred and the work delayed plans began to be formulated to overcome the obstacles that caused the Governor's veto. But the prostration of the industries of the valley and the beginning of the Civil War two years later caused still further delay. In the meantime Prof. and Mrs. Johnson left the field, Prof. Fanning still remaining, and in Aug. 1860, Prof. J. C. Gilchrist was called to the work.

This brings us to the second step of the school's development, that in which it assumed the character of a Normal school. Prof. Gilchrist was born in Allegheny City and educated in Poland Institute, Antioch, Ohio, under the instruction of Horace Mann, the noted educator. He and Profs. Fanning, Maynard, W. N. Hull, Mrs. H. C. Gilchrist, T. J. Teal, Geo. L. Osborne and others continued the work, though not all at the same time. In 1863 Prof. Gilchrist went to Fayette City and taught a select school continuing a year and a half. During his absence Prof. W. N. Hull served the school as principal, coming from the normal school at Millsboro, Pa., to California, Sept., 1863. He was born in Woodbury, Conn., 1839. Now living at Youngstown, Ohio, 1905. He had had long training in academy and college and a successful experience as a teacher and was a fellow worker with Prof. Gilchrist and Job Johnson in securing the charter, and promoting the interests of the school. In 1878 he rejoined Prof. Gilchrist at the State Normal school at Cedar Falls, Iowa, remaining in that school ten years.

Prof. Gilchrist in a letter dated Oct. 19, 1889 says: "I wrote the first letter initiating the movement, meaning the movement to obtain a charter, from Fayette City in 1864, to Job Johnson and shortly after went up and had a conference with him, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Sickman, Mr. Hornbake and many others. I prepared its charter and attended to its interests while before the legislature, assisted by others, of course."

The period reaching from the financial crisis of 1857 to 1863, was a dark one not only for the country but for the school at California.

From the beginning it was intended to make the school self supporting from tuition charges. But the income seldom covered the expenses and the academy was never a success financially. "The school at times was in a precarious condition and

would have been closed permanently had it not been for the faithfulness of a few leading citizens, among whom were Job Johnson and W. W. Jackson."

In those days it sometimes happened that the teacher boarded around among his patrons, but the principal of this school, Mr. Gilchrist, in the winter of 1864-5 served as principal of the Brownsville public schools in order to give employment to his associates in this school and hold his faculty together. Mrs. Gilchrist in a letter dated Nov. 18, 1897, says: "My heart is moved to tenderness when I revert to California friends. Life seemed at times a veritable struggle, especially during the Civil War period. Had we not enjoyed the friendship which secured to us, in some instances, the necessary material comforts of life, I don't know how we should have come through."

Early in 1864 subscription of stock for the purchase of grounds and the erections of buildings was begun, and a constitution and by-laws adopted later, and trustees elected. The first recorded meeting of the stockholders took place in Seminary Hall June 18, 1864. Prof. T. J. Teal, County Superintendent of Greene county, but also at that time a teacher in the school, was called to the chair, and an election held for trustees. The trustees organized immediately after, choosing Jos. A. Lambert, President; L. W. Morgan, Vice President; and Samuel Sickman, Secretary. At this meeting Profs. Bullington, Teal and Yeagley, Superintendents of Washington, Greene, and Fayette counties, respectively, were appointed to select a site for the Normal school building.

The town of Millsboro, situated ten miles above Brownsville, where Washington and Greene corner on the Monongahela with Fayette across the river, was the location of a normal school during this period under the lead of Thomas and Hamilton Horner and others and became an earnest competitor for the State Normal school. None of the larger and wealthier towns such as Monongahela and Brownsville seemed to realize the importance of having the Normal school until the work had too far advanced.

The records fail to show that the committee on location took action and the inference is that it did not act, for at the September meeting a committee consisting of Abner Jackson, J. C. Momyer and Job Johnson was appointed to secure a site for the Normal College. Various sites were considered such as the Gregg site above the academy building, the Rothwell site above these grounds, but at the next meeting the committee reported that they had procured ten acres of land from Edward Riggs for \$133.44. At the October meeting

L. W. Morgan, George W. Hornlake and Job Johnson were appointed a committee to close the contract. The copy of the agreement in the handwriting of Prof. Gilchrist is carefully preserved in the Secretary's book of that time, and is dated Nov. 14, 1864.

The charter of incorporation was approved by Governor Andrew G. Curtin, March 16, 1865. Section 1, says that the corporate name and title of this institution shall be Southwestern Normal College of Pennsylvania until and before the time it may be recognized as a state normal school under the Act of Legislature passed April 15, 1857, when it can take such name and title as may be consistent with that act. Section 2, says the object of the association is to found a normal college, in which shall be taught a course of study consisting of the English branches, the natural sciences, mathematics, the languages, metaphysics, music, and the science and art of teaching.

The granting of the charter was a great event in the history of the school. In order to create favorable public sentiment it was decided to have a public meeting and a formal opening. The announcement read: "Inauguration Ceremonies of the Southwestern Normal College to be held at California, Washington Co., Pa., April 12, 1865, at 4 and 7 o'clock p. m. Rev. Abner Jackson president of the day."

In the extensive program appear these items: "Investure of Office—Address to the Principal elect on delivering to him the charter and keys, by Job Johnson, Esq. Reply, Prof. J. C. Gilchrist." The circular is signed by J. K. Bilingsley, John N. Dixon and L. W. Morgan. It is an interesting fact that while nearly all of the men prominent in the early struggles of the school have passed away, the members of that committee are still living, and active members of the Board of Trustees. L. W. Morgan of the committee has in his possession an original copy of the announcement. The charter members of the Board of Trustees were Jos. A. Lambert, L. W. Morgan, Samuel Sickman, Job Johnson, J. C. Monyer, W. W. Jackman, Abner Jackson, G. W. Hornlake, Edward Riggs, H. S. Chalfant, Benj. B. Coursin, Jos. B. Welsh, Isaac Powell, John White, J. C. Gilchrist and John N. Dixon. The charter provided for the annual election of twenty trustees by the stockholders the first Monday of May, to manage the pecuniary affairs of the school and to have general control of its educational interests. The first officers of the Board under the charter were L. W. Morgan, President; Abner Jackson, V. Pres.; Samuel Sickman, Sec'y, and G. M. Eberman, Treas. These were elected in June, 1865.

July 3, 1865, the following teachers were elected:

Prof. J. C. Gilchrist, Prin.; Geo. L. Osborne, Prof. of Mathematics; W. N. Hull, Prof. of Language and Penmanship; Mrs. H. C. Gilchrist assistant teacher; Miss Caroline Knox, sister of the present Senator Knox, teacher of Music, and Mrs. S. C. Hays, of Beaver, Pa., teacher of Primary Department. The records show that during this period a determined effort was made not only to increase stock subscriptions but to collect what was due to meet the urgent needs of the school. The shares of stock were \$25 each and were taken without promise of any percentage in return, but to aid in the establishment of a state normal school and to meet as far as possible the requirements of the normal school law as to grounds, buildings, etc. They gave the holder the right to become a trustee and to vote for trustees, but no one, however large his stock, could have more than five votes. Seldom have these shares of stock sold for more than five dollars.

At the regular meeting in June the Board authorized the expenditure of \$150 in the purchase of books and apparatus and this was the beginning of the present grand library of the school.

In the catalogue of 1865, under the heading "Southwestern Normal College" the following statements are made:

"The labor of founding this institution has been begun at California, Washington Co., Pa., in the earnest desire to promote the qualifications of that worthy and useful class, common school teachers. A building fund of \$50,000 is being subscribed for the purpose of erecting elegant and spacious structures, on ten acres of ground now purchased. It is the intention to offer the institution as soon as prepared to the proper authorities for acceptance as a State Normal school. The friends of the enterprise believe that the teacher is the great center which supports the common school system, and which gives thereto whatever efficiency that system may possess. The common school cause is reprobated because teachers are not capable to meet the standard demanded of the public. Because they are lacking, a most Christian and gigantic cause is held in disrespect. Yet little blame can attach to the teacher; and censure must not be directed against him. Opportunities for professional culture have not been presented to him; and no duty is more incumbent on the state and on society than the establishment and support of Normal schools."

At the meeting in January, 1863, the principal reported the resignation of Profs. W. N. Hull and Geo. L. Osborne. Prof. Hull had been a teacher in the school more than three years and did much to build up the Normal school and to pave the way

for its successor the Normal College.

Prof. Osborne was a graduate of Waynesburg College, then presided over by A. B. Miller, and was an able and scholarly man. He went west and in 1875 became head of the great Normal school of Warrensburg, Mo., of which Prof. Geo. P. Beard was first principal, from 1871 to 1872, and continued until the date of his death in 1898. Teachers elected for the spring term were Miss Morivi Carter, and J. Gibson Wood, a graduate of Oberlin, but then a law student under Job Johnson, Esq., for the Normal school; Mrs. Hays, for the intermediate; and Roxana Whitsett for the primary. Prof. Gilchrist having been elected county superintendent of Washington county tendered his resignation to take effect at the end of the spring term. At the June meeting L. W. Morgan was re-elected president, H. S. Chalfant, V. Pres. and Samuel Sickman secretary.

At this meeting the committee on Library reported that the library was still in existence, thus showing that serious doubts existed as to its continued well-being. It seems to have been a source of income, for it was stated that it had paid some of the expenses of the last year. Its history for a dozen years at least justified the doubts intimated above. Sometimes it was lost to view, being concealed by the accumulated rubbish of months if not of years, then dug out and restored and enriched by some enterprising teacher. It had had its burial and resurrection more than once, and perhaps more than one teacher in the present faculty entertains the view that he helped make it live and develop as it appears today.

The writer of this sketch moved to California from Southwestern Fayette Co. in the spring of 1866, and entered the Normal College as a student. Prior to this he had taught eight terms of school and attended George's Creek Academy one year. While Prof. Gilchrist was principal of the Brownsville schools and Prof. Osborne of the Bridgeport schools 1864-5, he was principal of the West Brownsville schools and had known something of these men and their work for years.

Prof. A. J. Buffington, the retiring county superintendent and a man of considerable experience as a Normal school teacher, was employed as principal for the summer term beginning early in July, and nominated as assistants Miss Morivi Carter, Mrs. H. C. Gilchrist, G. L. Osborne and G. G. Hertzog. This term reached the high water mark of attendance at that time, there being about 125 advanced teachers and students in attendance. Even in that time, crowded as the school was, and with poor facilities, something was done in practice teaching under the supervision of principal

teachers. It was a time also for teaching subjects by topical outline in such branches as history, geography, school economy, etc. We also had both mental and written arithmetic on the program for each day and there are still some living of that period who hold that such training made thinkers and did much to prepare for after subjects and for the business pursuits of life. It was a day when the relative merits of teach as came up for discussion. It was nothing unusual for the students of Profs. Johnson and Fanning to sound the praise of these teachers and to relate how Prof. Johnson detected wrong-doers and scored them before the assembled school. In those days and later there was a noted "rule twelve," relating to the conduct of young gentlemen and ladies toward each other which was thought to be rather strenuous, at least to interfere seriously with personal rights. Fortunately this view was held only by a limited number and a hearing before the principal led them to see that a would-be-Romeo-and-Juliet affair could defer to the general good and wait to a later time. But sometimes, then as now, "love was blind" and under instruction from the "office," a trunk was hastily packed and father and mother surprised to see their hopeful home before the set time. Later the rule in its formal statement was expunged, but its essence still remains.

At the meeting of the Board March 1867 Prof. J. C. Gilchrist though county superintendent was again elected principal of the school and J. Gibson Wood, G. G. Hertzog and Mrs. Gilchrist assistants. The school really needed Prof. Gilchrist's leadership. It was he that planned the work for the Board and led the way. Any one reading the records of these times extending from 1864 to 1874 will be impressed with the herculean task of raising the funds needed to erect such buildings as the state demanded in order to be accepted as a state normal school. The people of this section were not rich. A gift of as much as \$500 toward the work could be made only by a limited number. Some who gave \$25 at first, thinking that was all they could do, as the need for money became apparent made their subscription \$500 and a few like Mr. Dixon even more. It was roughly estimated that it would take \$40,000 to \$50,000 to erect the needed buildings and yet up to 1867 only \$12,000 had been subscribed and it took to 1874 to raise the amount to \$24,500. Notwithstanding these facts, the board at this meeting took action as follows: "Resolved that this board, impelled by an earnest desire to prosecute the work of erecting the normal school buildings, shall immediately take the preparatory steps." A com-

mittee of five on plan of building and location on the grounds was appointed. Com. J. C. Gilchrist, Sol. Fry, A. O. Hunter, Job Johnson, and Samuel Sickman.

The plans were drawn by Barr & Moser of Pittsburg for the central building and two dormitories, but only the central building was at first undertaken; and instead of letting the contract entire to one firm, on account of a lack of funds, the work was let out in parts and during 1867 nothing was done beyond the burning of two brick kilns on the grounds near the river and the sheriff's tab was on these before they were paid for.

A loan not to exceed \$15,000 was authorized by the Board Apr. 20, 1868. This was recommended by S. W. Craft, then an active member of the Board, and by the May meeting our efficient agent and treasurer, A. P. Smith, aided by members of the Board, had secured \$10,000. In the meantime Job Johnson, then in failing health, appeared upon the grounds with his compass and fixed the courses and distances of the new buildings, including the dormitories, Sol Fry driving the stakes. Soon after the contract was let to the Meredith Bros. of Monongahela for the stone and brick work, and to Jno. R. Powell & Bros. for the wood work. The laying of the corner stone with appropriate ceremonies took place Aug. 26, 1868, in the presence of a large concourse of people. Gen. John W. Geary, then Gov. of the State, was the orator of the day and delivered a fitting and eloquent address.

Before the event occurred one of the leaders, Job Johnson, sickened and died, but not until he had seen the work well under way. In the resolutions adopted by the Board occurred these words: "Resolved, That in the decease of our friend the cause of education has lost an untiring and zealous advocate, that temperance and human rights have suffered irreparable loss, and that we are deprived of the advice and assistance of an able counselor." When the winter of 1868-9 came on, the brick walls were well under way but without the protection of a roof. At the December meeting of the Board a committee of two consisting of J. C. Gilchrist and L. W. Morgan was appointed to attend the sitting of the legislature and create an influence still more favorable to normal schools.

In the year 1869 the legislature passed a bill to aid the Southwestern Normal College in the sum of \$15,000 to be paid in three equal annual installments and in June the state superintendent, Jas. P. Wickersham, made an official visit to examine the grounds, plan, and buildings. He was

well pleased with the grounds and plan, and also with the work as far as it had progressed and stated that upon his return to Harrisburg the first installment of \$5,000 would be paid.

In the fall of 1870, although the new building was far from completion and poorly furnished the school was transferred from the old building to the new and shortly after Sept. 5, Prof. Gilchrist, wearied with long waiting and insufficient support, tendered his resignation to become principal of the State Normal school at Fairmont, W. Va. This left G. G. Hertzog acting principal till the advent of Dr. Ehrenfeld in 1871. He was also principal of the public schools taught in connection with the Normal school from 1867 to 1877 and was acting principal almost continuously during the three years Prof. Gilchrist was county superintendent.

During the summer vacation of the Normal



PROFESSOR G. G. HERTZOG.

school at Fairmont, Prof. Gilchrist did institute work in the school at California, and during his stay recommended this series of resolutions to the Board.

Resolved 1. That the true policy of this board in regard to additional buildings is to go forward without interruption to the full completion of the central building and the erection of dormitories according to the original dimensions except that the length shall not exceed one half the length proposed (192 ft.) in the plan of the buildings.

2. That we proceed to the execution of a mort

gage to an amount not exceeding \$50,000 to run six years and borrow this sum with which to liquidate present indebtedness and secure the erection of dormitories.

3. That immediate effort be made to borrow the amount proposed in the mortgage and have the erection of dormitories begin if possible this fall.

These resolutions forcibly illustrate the skillful leadership of Prof. Gilchrist and were at once adopted after some modifications by the Board, and the attempt was made to move along these lines. The legislature authorized the loan on a first mortgage but money was not so abundant then as now, the riches that lay concealed under these hills had not been developed, and although the rate was made 8 per cent. and the time fifteen years, bonds to the amount of only \$16,000 were sold. Meanwhile Prof. C. L. Ehrenfeld was elected principal and entered upon his duties July 1st, 1871. Prof. Ehrenfeld brought not only ripe scholarship, but also the confidence of the school department, and soon attained prominence among the Normal School men of the state. Prof. Ehrenfeld continued as principal until his appointment in January, 1877, as state librarian. He was afterwards elected to a chair in Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, but returned to this school in 1893, as acting principal during the year Dr. Noss was abroad and has continued as an honored member of the faculty and vice principal of the school till the present time.

Through the persistent efforts of Prof. Ehrenfeld aided by Hon. Geo. V. Lawrence, Sen. Rutan and others, \$10,000 additional was secured from the state in 1872. In this connection it should be stated that the school is greatly indebted to Mr. Lawrence, Jas. K. Billingsley, Dr. Anderson and others for their interest and service in the state legislature in behalf of the school.

The central building now went forward towards completion and the ladies' dormitory was erected in 1872 and the gentlemen's in 1876.

Among those who served the school as teachers from 1866 to and prior to acceptance by the state and not yet named were Anna Hornbake Intermediate 1864, Mary E. Wells Model school 1867. In 1868 Miss Anna M. Hurford, H. D. Patton, David A. Pierce, Normal; Miss Hattie N. Jiggs, three successive years, Model school; Miss Lou Smith teacher of Music. In 1869 Mrs. Anna Hurford Pierce, Normal. In 1870 Augustus Lyons, Music. 1871 N. N. McCullough, Normal. Mrs. N. H. Morgan, Model school. 1872 C. J. Adams, Prof. Fulton Phillips, him of the "Notes" and the "Outlook," a man of ripe scholarship and

an efficient teacher, Normal; Miss H. M. White, Model; Miss Mary McFall, Music. 1873, H. F. Bailey, Miss Jennie Smith, Thomas L. Axtell, Normal. These were all faithful and helpful teachers.

Among trustees not yet named were Sol Frye, A. O. Hunter, D. H. Lancaster, E. M. Melchi, J. W. Phillips, J. B. Williams, E. N. Lilley, Solomon Sibbitt, S. W. Craft, Wm. G. Hubbs, Wm. Forsythe, G. G. Hertzog, A. P. Smith, Geo. V. Lawrence, Wm. McFall, S. M. Binns, Gibson Binns, A. J. Burlington, Geo. W. Eberman, B. C. Jackman, A. B. Duvall, J. S. Newkirk, Thos. Johnson, A. A. Devoe, J. G. Huggins, Eli Forsythe, Jno. W. Stephens and Chill W. Hazard.

The records show that in 1870 the principal, Prof. Gilchrist, received \$100 per month for school months, he to pay the incidental expenses. Assistant teachers were paid \$70 a month and Model school teachers \$35 per month. Tuition for Spring term \$7, Summer term \$8, Institute term \$6, Winter term \$12, total \$33 for the year. Teachers had shorter vacations then, as they had to teach nearly all the time to live. But with such students as T. B. McCain, H. T. Bailey, Jas. Mickey, Wilbur F. Jackman, Geo. Spindler, Wm. H. Cooke and many others altogether too numerous to mention, the teachers were kept busy and had the promise of a better day when the school should rise out of its poverty and be able to pay a better salary.

The literary exercises of the school in those days took place either on Friday afternoon or Wednesday afternoon, under the direct supervision of the teachers and a public entertainment was given at the close of the winter term. Some of these, as the play, "The School Exhibition of Fifty Years Ago," given in the Academy in 1869, and the salutatory by Kate Rothwell, and the valedictory by Taylor F. Phillips, given the first year in the new building, are still remembered. Nor was music entirely wanting. The school had the honor of furnishing the vocal music five or six years in secession for the Washington county Institute.

L. W. Morgan was president of the Board two years closing June, 1867, Job Johnson, one year to 1868, Samuel Siekman two years to 1870, Jno. N. Dixon, who was elected president in 1870, first appears as a charter trustee, 1865, was elected vice president in 1869; and has continuously served as president of the Board to the present time. Undoubtedly the school, the community and the state are more indebted to him than to any other man, for his distinguished service.

in watching over and guiding with a steady hand, through all these years, the affairs of the school. He was brought up on a farm northeast of the town in Fayette county less than a mile away but the intervening river and steep hill seemed to add to the distance. He was a man of large business interests for that period but found time to give help by his presence, his counsel and means to the struggling enterprise at California. He is now well advanced in years, has recently made California his place of residence and still has a close supervision over the doings of the school, even to athletic sports. It was, however, a heroic band that he led to victory. So evenly were the chances of success and failure balanced in the long struggles to found the school, that if any one of a dozen had failed to co-operate, the enterprise must have failed.

May 28, 1874, is a day memorable in the annals of the school. This day had been appointed by the State Supt. for the inspection of the grounds, buildings, etc., with a view to state recognition.

The committee consisting of Dr. Wickersham, Hon. A. B. Young, of Pittsburg, Hon. G. V. Lawrence, of Monongahela, Hon. J. C. Fleimiken, of Waynesburg, Hon. W. H. Sanner, of Somerset, Hon. Daniel Kaine, of Uniontown and Superintendents Fee, Gibbons, Teal, and Will, the Board of Trustees, and other friends of education met in the chapel at 10 o'clock of that day. The inspection having been made everything was satisfactory to the committee except that the accounts showed an indebtedness of \$25,000, \$5,000 more than the statute limit.

The Trustees met and authorized the President of the Board, Mr. Dixon, to assume the surplus of debt in behalf of the members of the Board and the community. This being done, Mr. Wickersham announced the official recognition of the school and delivered a forceful address. During a period of 22 years the school was largely devoted to the training of teachers, sending out many hundreds, some of whom have risen to distinction, now with enlarged powers it entered upon a still wider field of usefulness. The struggles of the last ten years had been in some measure rewarded.

Two or three of the heroic men who had entered upon these struggles, had yielded up their lives, and mingled feelings of sorrow and rejoicing, as well as the prospect of continued toils, for future years, to complete the work, subdued the tendency to an outburst of joy.

The splendid work done by the men and women under the leadership of Prof. Geo. P. Beard from 1877 to 1883, a period of 6 years, and later by Dr. T. B. Noss from 1883 to the present, a period of 22

years, must await another occasion and perhaps another pen.

A few words more must conclude this narrative and they relate to Prof. Gilchrist and his last visit to California. After going west he established a State Normal school at Cedar Falls, Iowa. While principal of the last named school he was invited to attend our Quarter Centennial Celebration of the granting of the charter and the investiture of the principal into office. This occurred in the college chapel April 11, 1890 and was an interesting and memorable occasion to all the friends of the school. Prof. Gilchrist delivered the opening address and reviewed in strong clear language the early struggles and successful career of the school. Addresses were also made by Mr. Lawrence, Dr. Ehrenfeld, and Prof. Johnson, principal of the academy 38 years before. There were present also on that occasion many other distinguished men such as Dr. E. A. Wood of Pittsburg, a pupil of Prof. Johnson; Chill W. Hazzard, Supts. Luckey and Morrow, and Hon. Henry Houck, many of whom made addresses. Prof. Gilchrist remained a week or more visiting old-time friends and delivered several excellent addresses before the school.

Concluding his pleasant stay, proud of the progress of the school, he turned his face westward and we saw him no more. After a few more years of service he closed his eventful life at his home, at Laurens, Iowa, Aug. 12, 1897. Following is a resolution adopted by our Board of Trustees Oct. 6, 1897. Resolved that it is due to the memory of Prof. J. C. Gilchrist that we record our high appreciation of the work he wrought in our midst as an educational leader and for the abiding interest he took in establishing this institution of learning, for the indomitable energy and faith exhibited during the trying period of our history, when it seemed to most minds that the enterprise must fail, for his Christian bearing, for the goodwill he bore towards his fellow workers and his desire to help and bless all.

In acknowledging a copy of the resolutions sent to the family Mrs. Gilchrist writes: "Words of mine cannot express the depth of appreciation I feel for this set of resolutions, a loving tribute to my husband showing that his name and service still live at California, and that our former associates delight to honor his memory. Please assure your President, Dr. Noss, Board of Trustees and all concerned of our heartfelt thanks as a family."

Thus ended the successful career of this educational pioneer and leader of the educational forces both here at California, and yonder at Cedar Falls and Algona. This school delights to honor

his memory and the memory of others who stood with him, and to cheer onward the men and women to whom the work is now committed of making the Southwestern State Normal School more than the fathers dreamed it would ever be in its chosen field of preparing young men and women for the work of teaching.



J. A. BERKEY, ESQ.

Mr. Berkey, member of the class of '84, and a leading attorney at the Somerset Bar, was recently appointed Commissioner of Banking for the state of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Normal Board of Trustees, in which body he is enrolled with the committee on Public Relations.

Charles Martel was sulking after the battle of the Tours.

"Think what a glorious victory we won!" urged his generals.

"I know," replied the conquerer, "but what's the use of being called 'The Hammer' when George Washington will overshadow me with a hatchet?"

Turning his face to the wall, the brave Frank wept bitterly.—*New York Times*.

The troubles that never come are the spectres that frighten us most.

CLIO NOTES.

Clio is still progressing as finely as ever. She can boast of members who are always ready to do their very best for the advancement of her work along all lines.

Every meeting of the past month has been well conducted. The best of order prevails in Clio. The programs have all been instructive and well carried out.

Clio has taken another step in advancement by deciding to have the weekly periodicals bound in thesis form. This will, we hope, not only be a means of securing better periodicals, but also prove of much interest to succeeding Clios.

We were much pleased to have with us during the month, Miss Anna Moon, Miss Cora Soles, and Miss Sara Sheplar, of the class of '05.

Our society should pay more attention to general debate. This exercise, with some little preparation on the part of members, could easily be made the most interesting part of the evening's program.

The following officers were elected Sept. 29th: President, Mr. Paul Elliott; Vice President, Miss Laura Cupps; Secretary, Miss Muriel Packer; Treasurer, Miss Nellie Dale; Attorney, Mr. Raymond Drum; Critic, Miss Blanche Brightwell; Marshal, Mr. Frank King; Choristers, Miss Mary Byers and Miss Jean Moon.

JEAN MOON,

Reporter.

My Comrades Three.

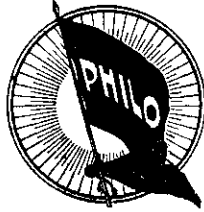
The blackbird is the parson,
And he preacheth all the day;
The blackbird is the parson,
But I never heard him pray!

The bluebird is the poet,
I know it by his song;
The bluebird is the poet,
And he pipeth all day long.

The redbird is the soldier,
For his is a bugle call;
The redbird is the soldier,
And I love him best of all.

—Frank Leo Pinet in *Recreation* for October.

PHILO NOTES.



Philo's programs have been both entertaining and instructive since the opening of the fall term. The interest might be increased by introducing more spicy jokes and more current events into the program. Perhaps the miscellaneous debate could be made more interesting if the young ladies of the Society would take part.

It has been suggested by those whose names appear on the programs, that programs be made out at least three weeks in advance.

The question for debate on Sept. 22, was Resolved: That the treaty of peace between Japan and Russia was fortunate for Japan at the present time and under the present circumstances. Mr. Hedge took the affirmative while Mr. Masters defended the negative. This was one of the best debates we have had this year.

The following is an item from a Magazine report by Miss Marian Hagan, Sept. 15th: The United States has built and is building twenty-five first class battle ships, besides two more authorized by Congress, one second class battleship, twelve armored cruisers, ten monitors, nine scout cruisers, sixteen torpedo boats, and eight submarines. To man these vessels alone 1,570 line officers and 35,000 men are needed.

We enjoyed a solo by Mr. Cameron on the evening of Sept. 15th.

A piano solo by Professor Morse Sept. 29, was thoroughly appreciated by all.

Miss Dessie McCain and Miss Jean Hawthorne played a piano duet, Oct. 6.

On the evening of Oct. 6 an original play in three scenes was conducted by Miss Clara Moore. This was something entirely new on the literary program. It

has been suggested that more of this kind of work be done in the Society.

The following officers have been elected for the current term: President, Mr. Hedge; vice president, Mr. Haberlin; secretary, Miss Aunks; attorney, Mr. Fausold; critic, Miss Tarr; treasurer, Miss Snider. SUSAN C. MOORE,
Reporter.

"Sad case of that Kansas farmer."

"What about him?"

"Why, his son went east and got rich and paid off the mortgage, and the old man went crazy for the want of something to worry about.—*Washington Times*.

Judge—Did the defendant, to your knowledge, ever invite another to commit perjury?

Witness—Yes: I once heard him ask a woman her age.—*Boston Globe*.

"But you are not really ashamed of me, are you, dear?"

"Certainly not. That would be too severe a reflection on my good taste in selecting you."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

The successes of this world are the rewards of persistent trying.

There is a welcome over every door for the man with the glad hand.

Our education was so limited that we are unable to tell the difference between ruffianism and college "spirit."—*Atchison Globe*.

When you hear a woman boast that she is going to marry a man to reform him, the chances are that she was unable to get a man that didn't need reforming.

Do not be discouraged because your work is not appreciated. God never tires of making flowers and sunsets, although so few stop to admire them.

Willie saw some dynamite,
Couldn't understand it quite:
Curiosity never pays;
It rained Willie seven days.

Notes of Y. W. C. A. Conference at Lakeside.

Reasons why some of the girls went to the conference:

Interest in other college women.

Interest in the religious work.

Interest by some girl who has attended a summer conference.

Helps obtained from the student sessions:

Christ is the one who should direct our life. Loneliness means failure. Life never brings happiness if Jesus is far away.

What is prayer?

Prayer is communion.

Prayer is vital.

Prayer means fellowship.

What prayer does:

Prayer transforms life.

Prayer transfigures life.

Prayer brings vision into our life.

The religious meetings require (1) careful thinking, (2) careful planning, (3) careful praying.

Objects of our association:

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To win at least one girl to Christ.

To be strictly honest in all class work.

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A local poet indited a sonnet to his sweetheart entitled, "I kissed her sub-rosa." The compositor knew better than that, and set it up, "I kissed her sub-nosa."—*Wyoming Student*.

The correspondent wrote "Sic transit gloria mundi," but as the communication reached its destination a little late, the type-setter made it read, "Sic transit gloria Thursdi."

"Early to bed and early to rise"

May do very well for most folks and guys,
But I vote for a life of pleasure and ease,
For we'll die all the same of some Latin disease.
—*Cornell Widow*.

The prince who kept the world in awe,
The judge whose dictate fixed the law;
The rich, the poor, the great, the small,
Are levelled; death confounds them all.

Little Katie fell in the well,
Jakey saw, but wouldn't tell,
Pa went out to get a drink;
Saw her floating on the brink,
"Don't cry, Dad," Jake said with glee,
"She's as well as well can be."
—*Cornell Widow*.

Susan put some Paris green
In her Aunty's tea,
Just to see how she would look
When she ceased to be.

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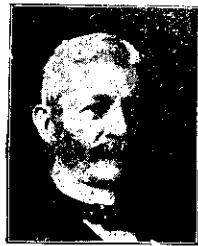
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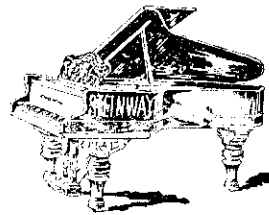
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