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Theodore B. Noss

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*He was a man, take him for all in all,
I shall not look upon his like again.*

—HAMLET.

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THEODORE BLAND NOSS.



This is the way the telegram read:
CHICAGO, ILL.,
Feb. 28.

J. D. MEESE,
California, Pa.

Mr. Noss died at noon to-day.

MARY G. NOSS.

The message was handed us by another. We could not believe it and at once called up Charleroi, where the telegram had been received, fondly hoping it might all be a mistake.

It was no mistake. Insidious death had broken up the temple and stolen the life thereof. Dr. Noss was dead at the Auditorium in Chicago.

Dr. and Mrs. Noss left the Normal on Friday the 19th for the purpose of attending

the mid-winter session of the N. E. A. at Chicago. They had planned a pleasant little visit to Dr. McMurry at DeKalb; but when they arrived in Chicago, Dr. Noss was already very ill with what proved to be an attack of pneumonia. He was compelled to take his bed at once. He gradually grew worse until the end came.

There were several very helpful friends in Chicago who did much to make the last hours of Dr. Noss's life comfortable and to speak words of sympathy to Mrs. Noss. Probably first and foremost of these was Dr. McMurry who visited the sick room daily and who assisted later on in making preparations for the return home. He accompanied Mrs. Noss to California and

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quit his ministration only when Dr. Noss rested quietly in his grave. Among the others who were exceedingly helpful were Dr. and Mrs. Davis of the Normal, Dr. Lukens, and Mrs. Wilbur Jackman, who had hoped to enjoy the presence of Dr. Noss in her own home during his convalescence. Professor Mann of Chicago University, was likewise a regular visitor and counsellor in those hours of trouble.

It might be well here to state that the physicians employed were men of the highest skill in their profession. They were exceedingly attentive and watchful. Dr. McMurry remarked to the writer of these notes that here is an instance in which the friends of the departed one need harbor no feelings of remorse for any lack of care and attention on the part of any one. Two skillful nurses relieved each other in constant watchfulness over the patient.

At home the preparations for the reception of the body of Dr. Noss and for the memorial exercises were complete in every particular. Prominent educators all over the state were notified of the sad event. Mr. Craven, a master of all manner of details, seemed to think of everything needful to the comfort of the sorrowing ones and to necessary preparations for the memorial exercises. The students were very sympathetic and helpful on this occasion.

The body arrived at California on the 11:15 train, Monday the first. The students, formed in rank under direction of Mr. Ayer and Miss McCalmont, accompanied the remains to the house as a guard of honor. The day was clear and warm. Hundreds of our fellow citizens turned out to bid Mrs. Noss a sympathetic welcome home. The procession from the station to the former residence of Dr. Noss was imposing.

Brief memorial exercises, led by Rev. Mr. Mackey, were held at the home of Dr. Noss on Monday evening. Mr. Mackay

read the twenty-third Psalm and the first eight verses of Second Timothy, Chapter IV. Dr. Meese read *Prospice*, a poem by Browning. Dr. Murray led in prayer. Dr. McMurry read the beautiful poem written by Mrs. Browning, entitled "He giveth his beloved sleep." Mr. Cornell and his quartette had charge of the music. The selections for the evening were taken from the chapel hymnal and were favorite hymns with Dr. Noss. They were Lead Kindly Light, Abide With Me, and Crossing the Bar.

The public memorial exercises were held in the chapel, Tuesday morning, March 2. The opening was delayed somewhat on account of the non-arrival of Miss Mary Noss, student at Wellesley, and Dr. Hockenberry of the Westfield Normal. The two arrived on the 10:30 and the ceremonies went forward. Mr. Cornell's choir paid their sweet tribute of song. "Crossing the Bar" again found place on the program as one of the good Doctor's favorites. The addresses delivered in eulogy of Dr. Noss were remarkable for their brevity, their eloquence, and their literary worth—brief, not because of lack of thought, but because each one felt that he must not consume the other's time. No such array of talent and thought was ever presented on any other occasion in the Normal. Brief addresses were made by Dr. Crissman, President of Beaver College, by Hon. Wm. J. Bryan of Nebraska, by Dr. Murray, formerly pastor of the M. E. church in California, by Rev. Mr. Cameron, also a former pastor of the same church, by Dr. Ehrenfeld, formerly principal of the Normal, by Dr. McMurry of the DeKalb, Ill., Normal, by Dr. Chubb of Ohio University, by Superintendent Hamilton of the Allegheny county schools, and by Principals Maltby of Slippery Rock, Ament of Indiana, and Bigler of Edinboro. Rev. J. W. Harvey of the Presbyterian church, conducted the devotional exercises and

Acting Principal Meese introduced the various speakers.

During these services, and indeed all morning, the remains of Dr. Noss, enshrouded in banks of flowers, the gifts of loving friends, lay in state in the Library, where more than a thousand people came to pay their last tribute and take a last view of the fallen leader. Some one remarked that great as were Dr. Noss's victories during life, his triumph in death was even greater. Such a concourse of people never had gathered before in the Normal grounds and buildings to do any man honor. The order and attention given during the necessarily lengthy proceedings were something remarkable and admirable. Rich and poor, high and low, mingled their tears in sorrowing for the dead. We say the high and the low, for in Dr. Noss's estimation any worthy man was good. The poor loved him for his helpfulness; the rich for his integrity; and everybody loved him for his true worth.

The interment took place in the afternoon at Monongahela. Many of the friends of Dr. and Mrs. Noss gathered in the little chapel in the cemetery to pay their respects to the living and to show honor to the dead. Many friends from California accompanied the remains to Monongahela. The pall bearers were: Dr. Davis, Dr. Mitchell, Mr. Craven, Professsr Gregory, Professor Cornell, and Dr. Meese. The simple ritual of the M. E. church, of which Dr. Noss was a member, was used at the burial.

Such is a simple rehearsal of the facts concerning the last days of our revered principal. We shall miss his presence and his wise counsel in every department of our school work; but inspired by the principles which he advocated the trustees and faculty will move forward to the carrying out every great plan Dr. Noss had in view. He is still with us in spirit. His presence abides in chapel and class room.

So in the shadow of our present grief, we look with hope to the future. We shall honor our chief most when we try our best to perform the task he left us to accomplish.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

WHEREAS: Dr. Theodore B. Noss, the esteemed Principal of this State Normal school, in the providence of God has closed his labors on earth and entered into rest, therefore,

Resolved: That we hold in high esteem his long continued services as the guiding and controlling force of this institution in its educational work and recognize in him a man of superior capabilities, wise in counsel and leadership and as one holding in such large measure the confidence and esteem of those associated with him in the faculty and board of trustees.

Resolved: That we heartily approve the tributes of respect paid Dr. Noss by the distinguished speakers at the memorial exercises held in the college chapel March 2, 1909, and believe that the great gathering of students, alumni, neighbors and friends attests the high esteem in which he was held; that this community has lost its most distinguished citizen and the state and nation, one who took high rank among leading educators.

Resolved: That we highly appreciate his earnest endeavors to make this one of the foremost Normal schools of the state, the high standards he ever kept before faculty and students, and that we accept as a sacred trust the heritage he has committed to us and go forward to make still more effective, if possible, the great purpose of the school, the preparation of the teacher for his work.

Resolved: That we appreciate the splendid example of high Christian character his life exhibited, that we believe he has left an impression for good on the lives of many thousands of his students and fellow

citizens, that he was a man from whose presence men and women went out better equipped for the various duties of life, that in education he was one of the heralds and prophets of good things to come.

Resolved: That we extend to the family of Dr. Noss our most profound sympathy in this their day of bereavement, commending them to Him who brings to every trusting heart the comfort that only infinite love can provide; that these resolutions be of permanent record, that a copy be presented to Mrs. Noss and family, and that they be published in the California Sentinel and NORMAL REVIEW.

G. M. MITCHELL,
G. S. HORNBAKE, SR.
G. G. HERTZOG,
Committee on Resolutions.

Appreciation.

Excerpts from a few of the many letters of sympathy and condolence received by Mrs. Noss or by the faculty.

"Dr. Noss was a man whose qualities of head and heart had endeared him to the educators of the state and the nation, and his unexpected death leaves a void in my group of intimate friends that will never be filled."

NATHAN C. SCHAEFFER,
Supt. of Public Instruction of Pennsylvania.

"I not only esteemed and respected him most highly, but I loved him. We all loved him. He did a great work for education in Pennsylvania and indeed far outside of Pennsylvania."

DR. G. M. PHILIPS,
Prin. West Chester Normal School.

"I mourn the loss of a trusted friend."
DR. E. O. LYTE,
Prin. Millersville Normal School.

"I had come to esteem him as a very dear friend in the twenty years since we met in Europe."

EVERETT O. FISK,
President Fisk Teachers' Agency, Boston.

"We shall miss his splendid help and leadership in everything that makes for the good of Pennsylvania."

DR. M. G. BRUMBAUGH,
Sup't of Public Instructions in Philadelphia.

"What a dear friend I have lost! Our friendship began many years ago. He was always so kind to me."

HON. HENRY HOUCK,
Dept. of the Interior.

"My own regard for Doctor Noss was vastly superior to that felt for the respected citizen. He was always so much the true man and the friend, that I shall miss something very pronounced by missing his influence. In the councils of the Normal School men he will be greatly missed."

ANDREW THOMAS SMITH,
Prin. State Normal School Mansfield,
Pennsylvania.

"I prize his friendship as one of the choicest blessings of my life. He was so genuine, whole-souled, fine-spirited, splendidly optimistic, and rich in the things that make for the abundant life."

J. GEORGE BECHT,
Prin. Clarion State Normal School.

From the McKeesport alumni came a beautifully written testimonial of esteem and sympathy, signed by forty-three graduates. A similar tribute was sent by the thirty-one alumni of Homestead and vicinity.

A BRIEF SURVEY,

Dr. Theodore B. Noss, the son of George and Isabella Noss, was born in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, May 10, 1852. His ancestors were German.

His maternal grandfather was the Reverend John Coulter, a graduate of the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Mrs. Park, Dr. Noss's sister, writes, "That seven of Mother Noss's children were teachers gives her a rather unusual record." While yet a young man, Dr. Noss moved with

his parents to Virginia. Here he often followed the plow while studying the mysteries of grammar or geometry.

Was graduated at the Shippensburg, Pa. State Normal School. Taught for a time in the Shippensburg High School and in Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport. Was graduated in the class of '79 at Syracuse University. Became an instructor in the S. W. State Normal in 1880. Married Miss Mary Graham, May 17, 1883. Two children were born to this couple, Miss Mary T., now a Senior at Wellesley, and Theodore, who is still in the Training School. The same year in which he was married he also became principal of the Normal. Dr. and Mrs. Noss visited and studied in Europe three separate times, in 1889, 1893, and 1906 respectively. Dr. Noss, besides his school work, took an active part in local and national educational movements. He was the compiler of the Chapel Hymnal, a work which has become popular over all the country. He was an active member of the N. E. A. and of several other important organizations. He was a pioneer in things educational, and blazed the way for others to follow. He was ever a leader.

In educational thought Dr. Noss liked Herbart and Pestalozzi. Among educational workers he liked men such as Mr. Jackman, Dr. Lukens, and the McMurrays. Of Biblical characters, he probably liked Job and David as well as any. Of Shakespeare's plays he quoted most frequently from Macbeth. Of the more modern poets his favorites seemed to be Goethe, Browning and Tennyson.

MIDDLER ADDRESSES:

- Miss Isabella Rhodes, Await the Issue, Feb. 1.
 Miss Clara Kane, Songs of Seven, Feb. 1.
 Miss Maude Morgan, Spartacus to the Gladiators, Feb. 2.

- Miss Jennie Mickey, The Man Without a Country, Feb. 2.
 Miss Eva Plotner, The Leper, Feb. 2.
 Miss Lillian Mitchell, The Rose, Feb. 4.
 Miss Eliza Riley, St. George and the Dragon, Feb. 5.
 Miss Grace Morris, Incident of the French Camp, Feb. 8.
 Miss Estella Null, The King's Mountain, Feb. 8.
 Miss Alice Steel, Mary Queen of Scots, Feb. 9.
 Miss Lillian Parry, The Blind Girl Nydia, Feb. 11.
 Mr. Arthur Wilson and Mr. Milton Reiman, Cardinal Woolsey's Lament, from Henry VIII., Feb. 11.
 Mr. S. Braden Schrantz, Our Flag, Feb. 11.
 Miss Josephine Matzelle, Battle of Waterloo, Feb. 15.
 Miss Grace Paxton, The Children's Hour, Feb. 15.
 Miss Leah Snead, The Swan Song, Feb. 18.
 Mr. Clifford Stewart, The Village Blacksmith, Feb. 18.
 Miss Olivia Rhodes, Whistling in Heaven, Feb. 16.
 Miss Georgia Wieberg, Aunt Polly's George Washington, Feb. 19.
 Mr. Perry Morris, The Noblest Public Virtue, Feb. 22.
 Miss Edith Stratton, Regulus to the Carthaginians, Feb. 25.
 Miss Mary Young, The Heavenly Guest, Feb. 25.
 Miss Edna Wood, Hamlet's Soliloquy, Mar. 1.
 Mr. A. M. Titus, Manhood, Mar. 5.
 Mr. Grover Watson, The Tribute to our Honored Dead, Mar. 5.
 Miss Hannah Walker, The Fading Leaf, Mar. 8.

COMMENCEMENT NOTES.

Following are the contestants selected to represent Clio and Philo respectively in the June contest:

Readers—Miss Donna Hague, California and Miss Emma Billingsley, California.

Essayists—Miss Amelia Kirkland, Washington and Miss Margaret McKelvie, Monessen.

Orators—Edward C. Miner, Normalville, and Guy E. Morris, Mt. Morris.

Debaters—Miss Lota B. Wycoff, McKee's Rocks, and Raymond B. Gabler, Brownsville.

Following are the performers chosen by the faculty for Commencement day forenoon.

Music—Mr. Clayton Martin, California; Miss Ethel Harvey, California; and Mr. Roy S. Miner, Uniontown.

Addresses—Mr. Wilmer E. Atkinson, Connellsville; Miss Angeline Boalo, Pittsburg; Miss Effie Dean, Pitcairn; Mr. Ray Hetherington, Bentleyville; Miss Irene Leader, Duquesne; Miss Winifred C. Martin, Charleroi; Miss Elizabeth Mitchell, Monessen; Miss Nelle G. Penn, Connellsville; and Mr. Roy L. Scott, Fairchance.

For the Senior class day exercises the following persons were chosen on February 26th:

President's Address—Lloyd Engle, Elk Lick; Historian, Miss Mary Cross, California; Piano quartet, Miss Grace Robinson, New Haven; Miss Frances Hambry, Donora; Miss Elizabeth Snowdon, Roscoe; and Miss Agnes Nemon, Dunbar; Orator, Mr. Lyman K. Miller, Indian Head; Class song, Miss Clara Gibson, Wilkinsburg, and Miss Jennie Stockdale, Stockdale; Donor, Miss Bess B. Davis, Duquesne; Poet, Miss Florence Elliott, Tunnelton; Cartoonists, Miss Ruth L. Shutt, California, and Mr.

Clarence Hawkins, Jefferson; Valedictorian, Mr. Olin S. Lutes, Coal Center.

If a pup would always remain a pup, we would buy one.—*Atchison Globe*.

The Fare—How dare you use such terrible language to the poor horse!

Cabby—Can't elp it, mum, but if you was a real lady you wouldn't understand it.—*Ladies' Home Journal*.

Boys' Athletics.

The closing games of the championship series of basket ball were attended with great interest and enthusiasm. That the Seniors won the pennant was no great surprise to the many basket ball enthusiasts. The Seniors at no time doubted the outcome but used every endeavor to emerge from the series without losing a game. The nearest approach to defeat was in the third game of the series when they won over the Middlers by a score of 12-11.

In a close game between Juniors and Middlers on February 11, the Juniors won by a score of 11-10. Following is the lineup for the last game of the series:

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Seniors 16. | Middlers 4. |
| Hetherington.....F..... | Stewart, Morriss |
| Burns, Morriss.....F..... | McClure |
| Engle, Burns.....C..... | T. Titus |
| Crispen.....G..... | A. Titus |
| Engle, Gilbraith.....G..... | Lineburg, Stewart |

At the close of the series the standing of the teams was as follows:

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| Seniors..... | 1.000 |
| Juniors..... | .500 |
| Middlers..... | .000 |

The boys are working hard to be in readiness for the Annual Gym Ehibition which will be given on Thursday evening, March 18. The different classes have elected the following track captains:

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| Seniors..... | Garrett Sprowles |
| Middlers..... | Perry Morris |
| Juniors..... | Paul Coatsworth |

The captains are putting their teams through some strenuous practice in prep-

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Exchanges.

The Pittsburg High School Journal is a very interesting exchange. It contains much original work by students.

The Washington-Jeffersonian contains a very unique composition called Human Hearts.

The High School Review of Wilkinsburg, is one of our new exchanges. It is very interesting, we are sure.

The Kiskiminetan needs a few more jokes to make it a lively, interesting school paper.

The *Normal Eye* tells us of the demand for trained teachers in our schools. This shows an upward move of our schools.

We received many other excellent exchanges but are unable, on account of lack of space to review them in this issue.

NORMAL BRIEFS.

Mr. J. R. Taylor of Centerville, was a visitor at the Normal, Feb. 2.

Rev. Wm. Rambo, pastor of the Episcopal church of Brownsville, conducted the devotional exercises in the chapel Feb. 1.

One day the office boy went to the editor of the *Soaring Eagle* and said:

"There's a tramp at the door, and he says he has had nothing to eat for six days."

"Fetch him in," said the editor. "If we can find out how he does it we can run this paper for another week!"—*Exchange* quoted in *The Christian Advocate*.

The Wisconsin Board of Education recently resolved "to erect a building large enough to accommodate five hundred students three stories high exclusive of the basement." Tall scholars!—*The Independent*.

Rev. S. S. McGill and Rev. McKinney, evangelists working at the Christian church visited the Normal Feb. 2. Rev. McKinney sang two very pleasing selections for us in chapel.

Feb. 12 being Charles Darwin's hundredth anniversary, Dr. Meese gave us a very pleasing talk on his life and work.

Miss Anna Buckbee spoke in the chapel Feb. 22 about Washington as a private citizen in the period before the Revolution.

Dr. Davis was one of the speakers at the Bentleyville Institute held March 6.

Mr. Homer Wright '08 was a recent visitor at the Normal.

Miss Ella Pollock '05, spent the week's end Feb. 20, at the Normal.

Miss Sarah Wycoff and Nan Cooper, '08, visited the school on Feb. 19th.

Mr. Chas. Wientge, '08, spent Friday Feb. 5, at the Normal.

The chapel services on Sunday evening, Feb. 29, were very impressive, being held under the strain that followed the news of the death of Dr. Noss. Dr. Ehrenfeld conducted the devotional exercises, assisted by Dr. Meese who read Milton's Lycid.

Mr. Young translating in Caesar "They followed them flying many miles."

Mrs. Chill M. Hazzard and daughter, Miss Harriet, of Monongahela, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Noss on Tuesday, Feb. 16. They remained over Tuesday

night and attended the Century Club Reception in the Normal Library that evening.

Misses Rhodes, Latta, Blakeney, Cameron, Steen, and Griffin, were among the out of town members of the class of '08, who attended the funeral of Dr. Noss.

M. Rea Furlong, class of '98, has been promoted to Lieutenant on the U. S. Battleship Maryland.

On March 20 and 21 Professor Ayer visited quite a number of Otterbein friends in Pittsburg, McKeesport, and Pitcairn.

Drs. Davis and Meese were speakers at the Leisenring Institute, held February 13.

Misses Evelyn Brown and Ruth Mackey spent Sunday, Feb. 7 with Miss Beatrice Brown of the Junior class.

Mrs. C. A. Wood visited her daughter, Miss Edna Wood, of the Middle class, on Feb. 20th.

Mr. R. W. Davis spent Sunday, Feb. 21, with his daughter, Miss Mary Davis of the Middler class.

Miss Ella Kirkland visited her sister, Miss Amelia Kirkland, of the Senior class, on Feb. 20th.

Dr. John C. Hockenberry, formerly teacher of Psychology in this school, led the devotional exercises in chapel March 2, after which he gave a short address.

The special music arranged for by Prof. Cornell has been quite a success; the plan is to give capable persons charge of the special music.

Prof. Barber provided a male quartet for Jan. 29 being assisted by Mr. Miner, Mr. Laight and Dr. J. B. Smith.

Miss Ethel Harvey sang a solo entitled, "Reverie," Feb. 3.

A duet Feb. 9 was sung by Miss Ethel Hawthorne and Prof. Cornell.

On Feb. 13, Miss Louise Kochendorfer and Grace Streicher enjoyed a very plea-

ant visit with Miss Bertha Kochendorfer of the Senior class.

Hon. Frank Craven visited Harrisburg March 8, on important business connected with the Normal.

Mrs. M. A. Rigg spent Sunday, Feb. 21, with her daughter, Miss Mabel Rigg of the Junior class.

Miss Pearl Naser visited her sister Miss Elizabeth Naser of the Senior class, on Feb. 20th.

The faculty and students held appropriate exercises in memory of Dr. Noss, on Sunday evening, March 7. Among the students who took part were: Messrs. Guy Morris, Vetesk, Atkinson, Laska and Watson and Misses Bessie Hughes, Marie Williams, Mary Donaldson, Jennie Yothers, Lota Wycoff, and Bess Davis.

The piano quartet which was arranged by Mr. Roy Miner, Feb. 11, was well carried out, being assisted by Miss Grace Robinson, Prof. Veon and Mr. Clayton Martin.

Rev. Chalmers E. Frantz, pastor of the Lutheran church of Charleroi, conducted devotional exercises in the chapel Feb. 17.

Miss Myrtle Lee of Lawrenceville, Pa., spent the week end with Miss Buckbee lately.

Miss Emilie Vossler of '03 was married in November to a Mr. Wetzel and is at home to her friends at Monessen.

Miss Donna Mitchell of '05 visited at the Normal school recently. She is a successful teacher at Beaver Falls.

Miss Buckbee, Miss Thomas, and Miss Nighman are planning a vacation trip to Europe.

A duet entitled "Beautiful Night," was sung at the morning of March 5, by Miss Laura Holmes and Miss Ethel Hawthorne.

Miss Brennecke, a former teacher of the Normal, has promised us a visit in the Spring term.

Vesper services were conducted Feb. 7 by Professor Gregory; topic, China.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held March 2, Dr. John D. Meese was elected as acting principal to fill the unexpired months of the term for which Dr. Noss was elected—that is to July, 1909.

“None but the best” is the rule of The Youth’s Companion in the selection of its authors. The articles for the new volume have unusual practical value, and are written by acknowledged authorities—leaders in every field of intellectual life. The stories, selected with the utmost care from the offerings of over twelve hundred contributors, will be found not only of high literary excellence but of the most heartening and helpful tone.

Dr. Walter Mitchell conducted the vesper services on the evening of Feb. 14; topic, lessons from the life of Daniel.

Miss Boody spent Saturday Feb. 27 in Pittsburg.

Miss Mary Pollock, a graduate of the Normal, spent several days visiting old friends here, during the week of Feb. 22. Since leaving the Normal she has graduated at West Va. University and is now teaching English and Literature in the Morgantown High School.

Miss Terry addressed the Sunday school of the McClure Ave. Presbyterian church, March 7, on the subject “Our Influence.”

The baby rolls upon the floor,
Kicks up his tiny feet,
And pokes his toes into his mouth,
Thus making both ends meet.

The butcher slays the pensive pig,
Cuts off his ears and feet,
And grinds them in a sausage big,
Thus making both ends meet.

The student pays his bills, tra la,
Just after Junior Week,
And writes “For stamps, \$10.00, Pa.,”
Thus making both ends meet.

Cornell Widow.

ALUMNI NOTES.

Miss Mabel Campbell, '05, is teaching in the graded schools at Oakmont, Pa.

Mr. A. M. Uphouse, '02, will be graduated from the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati, O., April 28th.

Miss Anna Mae Lewis, '08, is teaching in the public schools near Vanderbilt, Pa.

Miss Elizabeth O. Evans, '99, formerly a teacher in McKeesport, is now principal of the Johnston School in Wilkinsburg.

From Santa Maria, Cal., we hear that Mr. L. O. Fox, '98, who has charge of the Grammar Schools in that city, will next term assume the title of Supervising Principal.

Blythedale, Pa., still has for one of its teachers, Miss Martha M. McKnight, '06, who began her work there three years ago.

The sixth and seventh grades of the Donora schools are under the careful supervision of Miss Edna Lewis, '07.

In a recent letter to the editor, Mr. Frank C. Brown, '94, gives an interesting account of his work in eastern Kentucky, which he terms the most primitive section of the United States.

Room five of the Monongahela City Public Schools, with their teacher, Miss Lavenia Gibson, '08, celebrated the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln on February 12th.

The editor acknowledges an invitation received from Mr. H. S. Robinson, '02, to the Patron’s Day exercises of the La Grange Public Schools, which were held on February 12th.

Miss Catharine Cooper, '04, of the Monessen schools, and Miss Florence Mitchell, '05, of the Beaver Falls schools, visited the Normal on Saturday, the 27th.

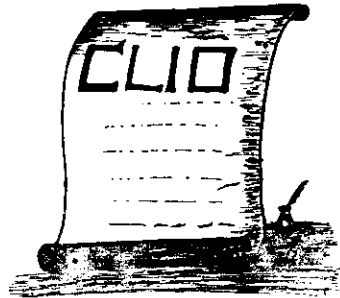
Mr. J. F. Frye, '77, of Oklahoma City, Okla., holds an important position in that city, being secretary and treasurer of the

Oklahoma Granite and Monumental Company.

Miss Nevada Emerick, '07, is teaching First grade in Conemaugh schools near Johnstown, Pa.

Grandfather (enthusiastically) — Say, Willie, don't you want to go thru a toy shop with me this afternoon and see all the pretty things?

Willie (indifferently)—I'm willing to, pop, if you will get any pleasure out of it.
—*Life.*



Clio has done some very good work during the past month, and several excellent programs have been given.

The questions for debate have been practical and up-to-date, and much interest has been manifested by all members of the society, as well as the debaters.

Two musical numbers of special note were a piano solo by Miss Audubon Hews, and a quartet by Misses Wycoffe and Hawthorne, and Messrs. Burns and Sprowls.

We have discovered a poetical genius in Clio in the person of Miss Florence Elliot, who entertained the society with a bright and witty poem, on Feb. 26.

The Minstrel given by the boys on Feb. 19 was very entertaining. We enjoyed their fun, laughed at their wit, and appreciated their music.

Mr. T. W. Pollock, a former Clio, was chosen to give the address for the Grand Army at the Lincoln Memorial service.

His excellent address showed that he has not lost the reputation that he won as a contestant for Clio in 1900.

NELL G. PENN,
Reporter.



During these busy days and weeks our members have been doing their part in making the programs a credit to Philo society, and we notice a steady improvement along each line of work.

We have had some very good performances during the past month. One of the debates is especially worthy of mention. Mr. Gabler and Miss Maud Morris on the affirmative side debated against Mr. Audra Yarnell and Miss Sarah Auld on the negative side. The decision was given in favor of the affirmative speakers, but all of them showed great care in the preparation of their points.

Miss Ethel Harvey favored us with a solo on the evening of February 26, 1909, which was highly appreciated by all present.

Friday, February 26, was observed as Longfellow night by Philo. One of the pleasing features of the evening was a pantomime taken from Hiawatha entitled Hiawatha's Wooing. Those who took part in it were the Misses Myrtle Clendennen, Ada Young, and Clara Mitchell and Messrs. Lloyd Engle and Guy Morse.

The new officers elected are as follows:

President, Clayton Martin; Vice Pres., Ethel Harvey; Secretary, Mabel Hough; Treasurer, Bertha Headley; Attorney, Chas. Lore; Critic, Lyman Miller.

Philo has been glad to welcome several of their old members in their past meetings and their words of encouragement have benefited us all,

EMMA JANE MORGAN,
Reporter.

Why, Frankie, what are you reading in that book about bringing up children?"

"I'm just looking to see whether I'm being properly brought up."—*Literary Digest*.

Delphic Society.

The Delphic Society is steadily climbing the ladder of success. This progress has been noted and encouraged by all the members of the Society. But still we all look forward to the coming Spring term, when we hope to enlarge our number very much, and to produce better work. At our Society meeting in February the nineteenth the Society elected Mr. Paul Barnum as valedictorian, and Mr. Joseph Watson as Salutatorian.

A committee was also elected to get some samples or designs of society pins.

Friday night, February 26, the following program was carried out very effectively.

- Music.....Chorus
- Essay.....Regina Gunther
- Reading.....Bessie Breese
- Impromptu Class.....Ruth Hastings
- Pessimist.....Marie Williams
- Optimist.....Marguerite Herrington

Debate

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| Affirmative | Negative |
| Joseph Watson | Gasa Mika |
| Jean Cameron | Sarah Penrod |

Resolved, That a Protective Tariff is beneficial to American Interests.

- Reading.....Margaret Danley
- Biography.....Frances Guswiller
- Periodical.....Goldie Andrew

FLORENCE REESE,
Reporter.

Charlotte—The second time I saw him I was engaged to him.

Kit—What caused the delay?—*Evening Telegram*.

Y. M. C. A.

Some one has said that the regular weekly meeting of the Y. M. C. A. should be changed from Sunday morning to some evening during the week. But the majority say that, "as the morning sun cheers one up and prepares him for his daily tasks, so the Sunday morning tones one up and prepares him for the religious services of the day."

On January 31st. Mr. A. J. Enos gave a good discussion on "The Question of the Sunday Paper."

Many people responded in assisting the leader. Not only did the debate last to the close of the meeting, but some were seen still lingering in the hall trying to prove and have proved to them doubtful phases of the question.

Everyone is delighted to see so many fellows attending the daily prayer meetings. Plans are being made to make these meetings more attractive and helpful.

Fellows, it is soon time to elect a new President for the association! Put your thinking caps on!

WILMER E. ATKINSON.

He had proposed, but she had given him the frigid mitt—seemingly; but five minutes later they were busy swapping kisses.

"But if you really and truly loved me, why did you turn me down at first?" queried the puzzled young man.

"Oh, that was just a whim of mine," she replied. "I wanted to see how you would act."

"But suppose I had rushed off without giving you a chance to explain?" he said.

"Impossible," she answered. "I had the door locked."—*Chicago News*.

The Bryan Lecture.

A large concourse of people assembled on Wednesday morning, March 10, to listen to Mr. Bryan's lecture on *The Prince of Peace*. The hour appointed was 9:30, but because of railway connections Mr. Bryan could not be on the platform till a little after ten o'clock. His remarks were listened to with marked attention. Mr. Cornell's Male Choir furnished the music. At 11 o'clock Mr. Bryan had to close his lecture in order to make the 11:15 train. The whole affair was both pleasing and profitable.

Y. W. C. A.

An interest is still being kept up both in the Sunday morning meeting and the Prayer meetings.

The leaders in Prayer meeting on Friday evening have been giving short talks on the life of Bible characters.

The Day of Universal Prayer was observed by both the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 14.

The leaders last month, Misses Amelia Kirkland, Roberta Barr and Ella Truman gave very interesting lessons. Paul and his Missionary Journeys are being studied now. Pansy Laub had charge of the Missionary lesson, with other members of the Missionary committee giving short talks, the subject being: The modern city a menace.

Mrs. Meese has prepared a list of 40 questions on the life of Paul to his second missionary journey, of which list each member received a printed copy.

Miss Cora E. Dyer, the State Student Secretary will not visit us this year till April.

The State Convention held at Beaver Falls Mar. 12-16 will be attended by our delegates Irene Leader, Effie Dean, and Jennie Yothers.

A letter was received from Miss Carrie Kenyon in which she sends greetings to the Y. W. C. A.

On Feb. 27, a social was given by the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. in the library. The following program which was carried out during the evening was greatly enjoyed by all.

Music—Y. W. C. A. Chorus.

Debate—Resolved that home missions are more important than foreign missions.

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| Affirmative | Negative |
| Nell Penn | Elizabeth Mitchell |
| Margaret McKelvie | Lota Wycoff |
| Andrew Vetesk | Edward Miner |
| Music..... | Male Quartett |

Musical Game
Mr. Miner

Social Hour
Grand March.

ANNA JEAN LEWIS
AGNES NEMON,

Reporters.

RAMBLER'S NOTES.

BY NATRONA.

Smile awhile;
While you smile
Another smiles,
And soon there's miles
And miles of smiles,
And life's worth while
It you but smile.

"With proper relaxation," Dr. D. says, "a person should be able to fall down three flights of stairs and not have twelve baskets of fragments at the bottom." You try it first.

Mr. Watson in English, "Don't you think that "Dear Ida" should be moved a little to the left.

Misses Wycoff and Cooper, class '08, were at the Normal for the Washington's birthday exercises.

Favorite expression of Middlers, "Hurry, Miss Shutterly is giving out new cases in the library."

Miss Morgan (in physics)—What do you

mean by "cutting in"? Prof. R.—Something analogous to "buttin' in."

Example of tact used by one of the Senior practice teachers in No. 5. Mr. G. asked the question: What does the Alabama River empty into?

Model school child: Automobile Bay.

Mr. G. (in sharpe tones): What's that?

Child: Mo-bile Bay.

Mr. G. calls the next without a smile.

Miss Thomas (on day after Lent began): Children, what day was yesterday?

Children: Wednesday.

Miss T.: Yes, but what else do we call it?

Children: Ash Wednesday.

Then a small English child spoke up and said "We 'ad 'ash for dinner.

Mrs. L.—I don't see what she wanted to marry him for. He has a cork leg and a glasss eye, as well as a wig and false teeth.

Mrs. S.—Well, my dear, you know very well that woman always did have a hankering after remnants.

The city nephew was showing the rural uncle around town.

"Where be we going now, Bub?" asked Uncle Dewberry.

"Going up in the lightning studio to have your picture taken", responded the young man.

"And what then?"

"Why then we'll go over to the lightning shoe shining parlor and have your boots shined up."

"Gee! And then?"

"Why then you'll get a lightning shave, have a lightning lunch, catch the lightning express and—"

But the uncle held up his hand "I reckon that be a little too swift for this old man," he said quietly as he took a firmer grip on his yellow satchel "What do you take your old uncle to be—a lightning rod, Bub?"

Guide—This is the famous place of the twenty-four echoes, and last year a gentleman who heard them suddenly went mad.

Lady Tourist—How did that come to happen?

Guide—His mother-in-law called out to him and when he heard twenty-four mothers-in-law at the same time it was too much for the poor man.

Maude—Would you marry a widower?

Ethel—No, I wouldn't, The man I marry I am going to tame myself.

A toast used by a gentleman called on when he was not prepared.

"I toast to the toast that was toasted by the toaster who had toasted all the toasts that were ever toasted by a toaster.

Currency in circulation in this country now amounts to \$35 for each man, woman and child of the population. Have you yours?

The more one speaks of himself the less he likes to hear another talked of.

He—I wonder if we can get along all right.

She—Certainly. We can buy the auto with the money father left me, and you will surely make enough to pay for running it, don't you think?

It is said that in our Senior class a *Young Walker* was pursued by a *Bear* and a *Wolf*.

"That's nothing" says a *Middler*, "in our class a *Porter* possesses a *Pirl*, and the *King* hangs his crown on a *Hawthorne* bush."

"All right," says the *Senior*, "We *Bake* pies and *Dunn* our neighbors for money."

"Just so," says the *Middler*, "We sit in the shade of the *Lynn* tree that stands in yonder *Dale* and feel right well."

"In our leafy *Bowers* the light of day *Burns* fiercely. All this makes the *Dean* of the school quite *Cross*," remarks the *Senior*,

"The sweet song of the *Palmer* makes the *Woodring* as the *Leadbeter* stops to listen to the sweet notes. Even the *Campbells* stop eating *Hav* on yonder *Ridge* as they hear the pastor reading the epistle to *Titus*."

And the Middler won.

Go to Europe.

Three members of the Normal Faculty are planning to take a vacation trip to Europe this coming summer. There is still room for two more in the party, which is limited to eight. Any of the alumni of the school or their friends are cordially invited to go along.

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Educational Rally.

Supt. T. L. Pollock of the East Pike Run Schools has arranged for an interesting educational meeting at the Normal on the afternoon and during the evening of Saturday, March 20. Among the speakers will be Geo. P. Bible, of Philadelphia, the popular lecturer and entertainer, also Mrs. Helen S. Christman, Reader, Morgantown, West Va. Supt. Crumrine, Supt. Wright, Dr. Davis, Miss Thomas, and Miss Buckbee will all have a place on the program. Turn out to hear them.



REV. WILLIAM W. MCEWAN, '07.

Mr. McEwan is the energetic and successful pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Andover, Ohio. He recently built and dedicated a new church building for his parish. While at the Normal he was noted for his ability to endure hard work and for his gifts as a public speaker.

"How did your dog-show result?"
"Oh, it was a howling success."—*Harvard Lamoon*.

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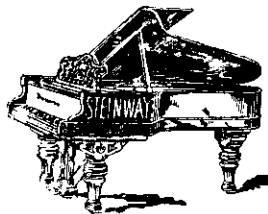
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