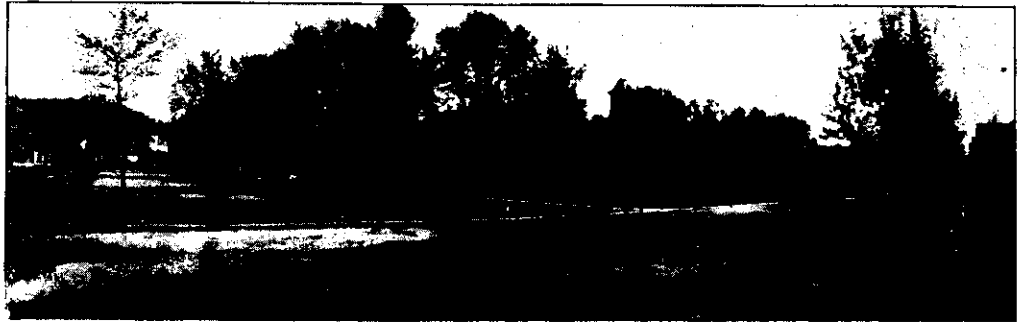


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A VIEW OF THE CAMPUS

NORMAL NOTES.

The church and the school will have some difficult problems to work at during 1910.

It is thought by many that the standard of moral worth is down a few notches below where it was a score of years ago. If so, the church ought to ask the question "why?"

Some people believe that our public schools no longer exert the influence they did twenty years ago. If the allegation be true, teachers ought to know why.

We do not pretend to know how much reason lies at the base of these questions, nor whether there is any cause for alarm. We do know that many of the prevailing practices and tendencies in society are wrong and unsatisfactory from nearly any sane point of view from which they may be observed.

So long as there is any wrong thing to make right, our duty points clearly to correction rather than to the useless inquiry as to whether we are better or worse than our forefathers were.

If we could teach a young man to pay his debts willingly, to steer absolutely

clear of tobacco and beer, to be honest anywhere and everywhere, to labor unceasingly, to revere the Master—these five things, we should reach the goal of teaching.

Drunkenness, vulgarity, and dishonesty are the three great vices of western Pennsylvania. Can we as teachers inculcate three virtues to displace them. The trouble is we don't know how. For example, the way some teachers give temperance lessons is paving a high road for intemperance. We must be cautious and careful as to our methods.

We are anxious that this and the forthcoming numbers of the REVIEW shall be judged, not by what we have omitted, but by what is published. We are sometimes confronted with the question, "Why did you not put so-and-so in the REVIEW?" Let everyone recall the truth that "To err is human." It should be remembered that one of the chief duties of an editor is to keep many things out of a Journal such as this tries to be. Occasionally some one remarks that this joke or that one could be replaced for a news item. True enough; yet let it be remembered that boiled cab-

bage is not all there is to a feast. There must be ice cream and other dainties as well.

The Youth's Companion enters its eighty-fourth year strong in resources and strong in the appreciation of its readers. This is because it constantly holds to the highest standards. Its special articles are written by authors of the first rank, men and women who are leading the world's advance in science, exploration, art, literature and industry. Its stories represent the best well-winnowed work of over twelve hundred contributors. Of admirable literary quality, they are thoroughly human, wholesome, and of the most heartening spirit.

We have not said much lately about the open church door. We believe in it as strongly as ever. In California the doors are locked as securely as ever. You cannot even get in through a window. Fourteen thousand dollars have been expended in one instance for less than ten hours' use each week. In business circles that would be considered a very poor investment.

The saloon is never closed. You can always get in the back way—so people say, we have never tried it. The church says the saloon is man's worst enemy. So it is; but the saloon has ten to one better business methods than the church.

The Review of Reviews is a magazine calculated to save the busy man or woman many hours of research. It seeks the most worthy things in the field of news and letters and arranges them in attractive form. It can be had at any news stand.

We regret that many teachers are satisfied to read a low grade of magazines and books. There are many good things in the market well worth one's time and attention. It will pay any young teacher well to give a few hours each week to such authors as Shakespeare, Addison, Cowper,

Lamb, Irving, Hawthorne, Tennyson, Browning, and Van Dyke. There is culture and inspiration in the buoyancy of Campbell, in the soft melody of Moore, in the dignity of DeQuincey, and in the warm sympathy found everywhere in Longfellow. No teacher should allow himself to be deprived of the splendid influences of these authors.

Among the better class magazines, running low in price, we cheerfully recommend the *Technical World*, published in Chicago. It contains a pleasing variety of topics treated in a masterful way.

An esteemed contemporary says that human life in this world has evolved to such a degree that any vocation may be better sustained by having a trained mind. The farmer needs to study and learn his soils, the conditions favorable to certain crops, the use of fertilizers, and a thousand other things connected with his work. The mechanic needs a course of study to make him proficient in the use of his tools. And statistics show that even with the ordinary manual laborers, those who have had some educational advantages accomplish more in a given time and do it better, than the entirely ignorant.

We note the fact that one of our sister Normal schools does "much more for the training of teachers than any other Pennsylvania State Normal school." We are not informed who renders this verdict. We have heard the same thing said about the Southwestern and, in our native modesty, we have not denied it. It may all be true. As the Irishman said about the Falls of Niagara, "What's to hinder it?" We suspect that the real truth lies in the fact that each school is the best possible to the student who makes the largest use of the opportunities his particular school affords. In this sense there are thirteen *best* Normal schools in Pennsylvania.

Normal Chronology, 1909.

Jan. 4.—Opening day of the Winter Term. Mr. Veon takes charge of the department of instrumental music.

Jan. 4.—Miss Inez Pratt of South Framingham, Massachusetts, becomes a teacher in the training department.

Jan. 7. Senior class elects Mr. Lloyd Engle as its President.

Jan. 24. Rev. Geo. D. Crissman of Beaver College addressed our students.

Jan. 31.—Rev. Mr. Rambo, of the Episcopal church, Brownsville, conducted the Vesper services.

Feb. 3. Mr. Veon, assisted by the Pittsburg Orchestra Quartet, gave an entertainment in the Chapel.

Feb. 4.—Dr. Noss attended the Directors' Convention in Harrisburg.

Feb. 6.—Mr. Ralph Madden of Philadelphia gave a reading in the Chapel.

Feb. 12. Practice Department, under the direction of Dr. Davis, conducted a Lincoln Day Celebration.

Feb. 19.—Dr. and Mrs. Noss left for Chicago to attend the mid-winter session of the N. E. A.

Feb. 22.—Washington's Birthday was observed with elaborate ceremonies and a royal dinner.

Feb. 28.—Dr. Noss died at noon in the Hotel Auditorium, Chicago.

March 2.—Public exercises held in memory of Dr. Noss in the Normal Chapel. Largest attendance of people ever witnessed in the history of the school. Private interment at Monongahela.

March 2.—Dr. Meese appointed by the Board as Acting Principal.

March 7.—Students and faculty held exercises in memory of Dr. Noss.

March 10.—Hon. William J. Bryan delivered a lecture on the Prince of Peace to a large audience in the Chapel.

March 17.—Mr. Harry L. Williamson, a student from Whiteley, Pa., died in the Normal school.

March 27.—Dr. Davis addressed the teachers at West Elizabeth.

April 5.—Spring term began.

April—During this month the following teachers began work in the school: Mrs. Martha Clauss, of New York; Mr. W. F. H. Wentzell, of McClellandtown; Mr. Charles Lewellyn, of Uniontown; Mr. R. W. Patterson, of Syracuse, and Mr. E. H. Knabenshu, of Parkersburg.

April 19.—Rev. W. D. Cunningham lectured in the Normal Chapel on the Habits and Customs of the Japanese.

April 20.—Rev. Dr. Hudson, President of Waynesburg College, visited us.

April 24.—Dr. Davis visited State College.

April 26.—Dr. S. B. Elliot of the State Forestry Department delivered two interesting illustrated lectures to the student body.

May 3.—Normal School stockholders elected as trustees, Messrs Berkey, Finley, Crago, Springer, Brown, and Colvin.

May 17.—Dr. Meese attended the meeting of the Mount Union Alumni held at Pittsburg.

May 20.—Principal Wright of Uniontown and Superintendent Lewellyn of the Fayette county schools visited the school and spoke briefly in Chapel.

May 20.—Dr. Davis started on a trip to Boston and other eastern cities.

May 31.—Mr. T. J. Pollock delivered the address to the veterans assembled in Chapel to observe Memorial Day.

May 31.—Death of Mrs. L. W. Morgan.

June 3.—Mr. Veon gave a piano recital to students and many visitors.

June 4.—Board of Trustees elected John N. Dixon, Esq., Honorary President for life and Geo. M. Mitchell, Esq., of Monessen, Acting President.

June 16.—Dr. Meese went to Millersville State Normal as member of State Board.

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June 24 and 25.—State Board examination.

June 27.—Rev. Samuel B. Mase, D. D., Greensburg, Pa., preached the Baccalaureate sermon.

June 28.—Oratorio "Stabat Mater" given under direction of Professor Cornell.

June 29.—Middle Class play, "She Stoops to Conquer," given under direction of Professor Chester B. Story.

June 29.—Annual contest of the Philomathean and Clionian Literary Societies.

June 30.—Annual Commencement and Senior Class Day exercises.

July 1.—Dr. H. B. Davis became Principal.

Sept. 1.—Mr. Frank Craven was elected by the Board as Business Manager.

Sept. 6.—Fall term opened.

—A number of new teachers appear on the faculty roll, including the names of Earnest A. Coffin, H. Justin Colburn, Mary T. Noss, Tzy E. Morse, Ada H. Pillsbury, Bertha S. Thompson, Edward L. Dyer, J. F. Kinsley, R. O. Witcraft, and Eleanor J. Cleaver.

Sept. 14.—Dr. Clinton F. Hodge, of Clark University, began a series of interesting talks to our students on Nature Study.

Oct. 1.—Mr. John H. Adams was elected as teacher of Science.

Oct. 7.—Mr. R. T. Wyche, President of the American Story Teller' League, began a series of interesting talks to our students.

Oct. 16.—Our Home Team defeated Grove City in football game on Athletic grounds.

Oct. 17.—Rev. G. S. Bennett conducted the vesper services in Chapel.

Nov. 6.—Home team defeated Waynesburg on the Normal grounds.

Nov. 9.—Lecture in Normal Chapel by John E. Gunckel.

Nov. 14.—Week of prayer observed by the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A.

Nov. 22.—Dr. Davis gave instruction at the Somerset Institute.

Nov. 23.—Lecture in Normal Chapel by Col. A. M. Lochwitzky, a Russian exile.

Nov. 27.—Game between Home Team and Alumni. Victory for the latter.

Dec. 13.—Concert by the Llanelly Royal Welsh Prize Choir.

Dec. 17.—Fall term closed. Total enrollment for the term, in the Model school, 359, in the Normal 487, making a grand total of 846.

Who's Who?

Who took the Pole?

"I," said Cook,
"As you'll see in my book,
I took the Pole!"

Who got there first?

"I," said Peary,
In answer to the query,
"I got there first."

"We're from Missouri,"

The people say
In their little way,
"We're from Missouri." *Judge.*

In the Good Old Times.

Through the kindness of Mr. L. W. Morgan we are enabled to lay before our readers some facts culled from old catalogues of the Normal school and other papers now owned by Mr. Morgan. We have before us just now the catalogue of the South Western State Normal College for 1867-68. At that time Samuel Sickman, Esq., was President of the Board of Trustees, and Mr. John N. Dixon, Mr. G. G. Hertzog, and Mr. L. W. Morgan, then, as now, were members of the Board. Professor J. C. Gilchrist was Principal. In that year there were 227 students in the Normal Department, while the Model school had 60 pupils. Among the text books used were Ray's Algebra, Brooks's Arithmetic, Alexander's Evidences of Christianity, Osgood's Readers, Clark's Grammar, Wood's Botany, Quackenbos's History of the United States, and Guyot's

Geography. The catalogue offers the following alluring paragraph:

California is beautifully situated on the Monongahela river 55 miles from Pittsburg. It is a very pleasant borough of quite recent growth, and the surrounding country is picturesque, healthy, and fertile. Four U. S. Mail Packets ply daily between Pittsburg and Brownsville, stopping on all trips at the wharf of California. The National Road from Wheeling to Cumberland is but three miles distant, and lines of stages communicate with the whole country. Students having railroad connection with Pittsburg will do best to go there, and then take at the Monongahela wharf, one of the packets, which depart three times a day, and arrive in six or seven hours. Those who come by stage can stop at Malden, three miles distant, and walk or obtain a private conveyance; or they can go to Brownsville and come down on the boats, distance 5 miles.

We are further told that the government "is mild and parental, but decisive."

Seventeen rules were needed in those days to guide the erring conduct of our forefathers and especially the foresisters. Rule 12, which is the most formidable of the bunch, says, "It is expected that the ladies and gentlemen of the Institution will treat each other with politeness and usual civilities; but every lady and gentleman is prohibited, on pain of dismissal, from visiting the other sex or receiving visits, from holding private correspondence, and from walking or riding together."

The faculty was made up of eight members. J. C. Gilchrist, in addition to his duties as principal, also taught languages, didactics, and mental and moral science; J. G. Wood taught science; G. G. Hertzog took care of arithmetic; Mrs. Gilchrist was the teacher of English; Miss Anna Huford taught elocution and penmanship; Mrs. S. C. Hays and Miss H. N. Riggs



MR I. N. SPRINGER

Mr. I. N. Springer, one of the prominent business men of California, was elected a member of the Board of Trustees at the May, 1909, election.

ran the Model School, while Miss Minnie Beacom looked after the students who wished to mix instrumental music with their other accomplishments.

Men.

Not gold, but only men, can make
A people great and strong;
Men who, for truth and honor's sake,
Stand fast and suffer long.
Brave men who work while others sleep,
Who dare while others fly—
They build a nation's pillars deep
And lift them to the sky.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Bickel—Say old man, I want you to do me a favor.

Watson—What is it?

Bickel—You are married.

Watson—Sure.

Bickel—Been married three times, I understand

Watson—That's the way it shows up on the records.

Bickel—Well, I'm thinking seriously of taking unto myself a wife and I want you to dissuade me from my purpose.

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Our Exchanges.

From the *Amulet*: Give me an amulet
that keeps intelligence with you.

From the *Wah Hoo*:

I know it is a sin,
For me to sit and grin
At her there;
But the old conspicuous rat
And the false hair and all that
Are so queer!

From the *Washington Jeffersonian*:
"Does the majority of college boys study
on Sunday?" Answer by "O you Rufe:"
"I don't believe the majority does, but it is
my opinion that most of them do."

From the *Waynesburg Collegian*: The
student is untrue to himself who does not
combat a degenerating tendency however
prevailing it may be.

From the *Normal Bulletin*: There is no
habit which a student can form more valu-
able to him when he leaves school than
the reading habit.

From the *Northern Illinois*: I would not
give one fine old maple with sunset tints of
autumn all aglow for all the palms that
grow, unless I had to live on dates.

From the *Perryopolis Red and Black*:
Most men who have achieved great objects
have known how to coin time into profit—
the profit of results.

From the *Pharos*:
Teacher—Who was Columbus?
Freshman—The gem of the ocean.

From the *Purple and Gold*: Any one
who lives lazily at another's expense, who
seeks to enjoy that which other people pro-
duce while rendering no due returns for
the same is a parasite.

From the *W. & J. Red and Black*:

Although the 1909 football season is
now history, the newspapers are devoting
much space to the game. It is probable
that there will be many changes made in
the style of play before another season and
there should be. Twenty-nine lives is
entirely too many to be sacrificed for any

sport. Many schools are abolishing the
game. After the first of the year there
will be no more football in the public
schools of New York city and many of the
smaller colleges over the country are barr-
ing the game. It is not expected, how-
ever, that any of the big schools will follow
their example, at least, not until it is seen
what changes are made in the style of
play.

From the *Waynesburg Collegian*:

The California, Pa., "Normal Review"
is an exchange we always welcome. It is
both interesting and instructive.

Thank you: "Same at this end."

From the *Northern Illinois*:

Dr. C. A. McMurry conducted three
exercises with the faculty of the Francis
W. Parker School, of Chicago, November
4, 11 and 18; gave four addresses before
the Hendricks County (Indiana) Teachers'
Institute at Danville, November 26th and
27th.

From the *Morgantown Criterion*:

Our teachers have kindly informed us
that too much dancing and football is not
good for the interpretation of Caesar,
Shakespeare or Geometry.

From *Purple and Gold*:

Clean, manly athletics will build a race
of giants, physically, morally and ment-
ally. The Ancient Greeks were the great-
est athletes the world has ever known.
During this period of athletic development
they reached a stage of mental develop-
ment which has guided every people of
culture since

From the *Wilkinsburg H. S. Review*:

We greatly regret the loss of our in-
structor in Latin, Dr. Samuel A. Jeffers,
who was called to the head of the Latin and
Greek department of Central College,
Fayette, Mo. Wilkinsburg High School
has never had a teacher of greater learning
or one who was more popular with the
students, than Dr. Jeffers. Whatever in-

terested the students, interested him; and he always took an active part in High School affairs

From the *Bethany Collegian*:

A little man by the name of Mr. Little lived on top of a little hill in a little house with his daughter, Miss Little, and his wife, Mrs. Little. A little man fell in love with Miss Little a little. Mr. Little objected a little. One night the little lover took a little ladder and went up the little hill to the little house where Miss Little stayed with her father, Mr. Little, and mother, Mrs. Little, and placed the said little ladder up to Miss Little's little window, and took Miss Little out the little window, down the little ladder, down the little hill to a little road—but alas,—they met a man, who said, "What time is it?" --The answer came, "A Little after two."

From the *Allegheny Literary Monthly*:

The man in college who does not support athletics usually feels rather small when a rival college man says: "We defeated your team pretty easily, didn't we?"

From the *Kiskiminetan*: (We cannot vouch for the truth of this excerpt.)

If the mules sold in S. Carolina in one year were one mule that mule could eat the entire corn crop of the country at one meal and kick the spots off the sun without moving its sides or wagging its tail, and if the hogs raised annually in this commonwealth were one hog that animal could dig the Panama Canal at three roots without grunting and the noise of its squeal would be loud enough to shake the coconuts from the trees in Central America.

From the *Association News*:

The securing of Male Teachers for Boys' Classes is one of the real knotty problems confronting the average Sunday School Superintendent and if the Young Men's Christian Association can help in solving this problem it has demonstrated its usefulness to the Church in at least one phase of Christian effort.



MR. MASTERS.

Mr. J. Edgar Masters, '90, is one of the leading merchants in the thriving town of Charleroi.

From the *Normal Enterprise*:

What is it to teach? Is it building right
For the good of all, while the noontide goes
In its careless pace, with its joys and woes,
Ere the twilight fall?—and the curtains, night?
It is losing self that the self may be found.
'Tis anointing the feet, from the soil washed
free, --
So bruised by the stones of Galilee,
It is adding one gem to the Master's "round."

Summer School.

Shall the Normal School start a six weeks' Summer session for the benefit of teachers and students throughout Western Pennsylvania? Many friends of our Normal School believe such a project would be largely patronized even from the very beginning. We have all the facilities here for such an enterprise, and there is no place in the State where teachers could find better living accommodations. Then we have the buildings, the grounds, the library—all ready for the reception of students. The shaded campus and cool buildings form a pleasant summer resort. Let us all think about this a little further.

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To Our Subscribers.

A number of subscriptions are now due and in some instances over due. May we ask all our subscribers to renew promptly now and thus save us the time we should otherwise have to use in sending out bills.

Those of our subscribers who take such high priced magazines as Harper's, Century, or the Burr McIntosh can have the *Normal Review* free by ordering the other magazine through us. In general, we can give you the *Normal Review* free when the subscription is accompanied by three or more subscriptions to the dollar or dollar and a half magazines. Please note the following offers:

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But we will get you any magazine you wish in combination with the *Review*.

Write us what you want and we will submit price.

Many of our subscribers in remitting simply enclose the money without further remark. The school is interested in the welfare of all its former students. Therefore tell us what you are doing and how you are getting along in the world.

NORMAL BRIEFS.

Principal Davis was an instructor at the Greensburg and the Washington Institute, week of December 20.

Miss Alice Richards, '06, Miss Nelle Penn, '09, and Miss Nevada Emerick, '08, were visitors at the Normal school recently.

Dr. McMurry has purchased a farm in northern Illinois. We have every assurance, however, that he will not soon retire from the profession of teaching.

Mr. Thos. W. Walton, '05, will be graduated next June by the University of Illinois.

Miss Nellie Ammons, '09, is teaching second grade pupils at Rice's Landing.

Miss Ethel Winnett, '08, is principal of schools at West Alexander, Pa. She was a visitor in the holiday season.

Dr. Ehrenfeld, Professor Hertzog, and Dr. Meese attended several sessions of the Fayette county Institute.

Of our California alumni, Mr. Edgar Easter and Mr. Olan Yarnall returned to Dickinson College immediately after the holidays. Mr. Merrill White to Allegheny College, Mr. James Johnston to Michigan University, Miss Ruth Barnum to Emerson College, Miss Marguerite Scott to Woman's College, and Miss Helen S. Meese to Pratt Institute.

For the information of our out of town alumni who are interested in various matters pertaining to California, we state here that at the opening of the new year, Reverend Mr. Bennett is pastor of the



This picture shows the largest lump of coal ever mined, so far as is known. This large mass weighs seven tons. It was taken out of the Vesta mines near California. It had the honor of exhibition at the Chicago World's Fair.

Christian church; Rev. Mr. Harvey, of the Presbyterian church; Rev. Mr. Renton, of the Methodist Episcopal church.

We can also say that California is now a modern town. It is well paved, well sewered, and well governed. Mr. W. M. Burley is burgess. Mr. Norman Wiley still holds the postoffice, but in a new building well adapted to the growing needs of the community.

There are those who smile at our record of current events, but those who look over the files of the REVIEW ten years from now will feel glad that we made note of a few things that else might have been forgotten.

The opening of the Winter term finds Dr. Smith the efficient Registrar of the school. Professor Hertzog takes care of Geometry, Mrs. Noss is teaching German, Miss Noss has the work in French, Mr.

Colborn in Ancient History, and Mr. Coffin in Latin.

Miss Elizabeth L. Rothwell is doing full time work this year in the department of Art work.

The teachers in the Training Department this year are Misses Thomas, Craven, Lilley, Birkinsha, Morse, Terry, Pratt, and Truman. These eight teachers have charge of more than four hundred pupils.

Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Noss visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Graham, at Monongahela in the holidays.

The teachers who remained in the buildings during vacation are greatly indebted to Miss Myrtle Kieffer of the culinary department for the excellent meals she provided for them.

Miss Ellen Reiff, formerly a member of our faculty, is a supervisor of schools in Columbia, South Carolina.

Miss Katherine Greil is at her home in Lancaster, Pa. Miss Augusta Acken lives at Metuchen, New Jersey.

Professor Cornell gave the Century Club "An Evening with Dudley Buck" November 30. He was assisted by Professor Veou, Miss Ethel D. Harvey, class of '09, and Mrs. Elton Drum, class of '03. The club was entertained on that evening by Miss Henrietta Lilley and Mrs. I. N. Springer at the home of the former.

Mrs. H. B. and Mrs. Mary A. Davis entertained the Century Club on the evening of December 14. On that occasion Miss Henrietta Lilley read a paper on United States Money and Dr. Meese one on Internal Revenue.

We should explain to our readers who live at a distance that the Century Club is an organization consisting of about fifty members. It holds its meetings bi-weekly throughout the school year. The first meeting of the Club was held September 10, 1899.

The Fayette county alumni enjoyed a supper together at the Hotel Burnswick, Uniontown, on Thursday evening of Institute week.

We hear nothing but good reports from the institutes held at Greensburg, Washington, and Uniontown. Superintendents Shaw, Crumrine, and Lewellyn understand how to select instructors and lecturers that will please the people.

Mr. Gilbert Meade, '05, is a student at Allegheny College, Meadville, and is Editor of the Literary Monthly, a journal published by that institution.

Miss Truman, Miss Morse, Mrs. Pillsbury and her daughter Lucile, the Ehrenfelds, and the Meeses spent their holiday vacation at the Normal School.

The number of students in the Normal Department for the Fall term reached well nigh the five hundred mark.

Mr. Hugh P. Meese, '02, assistant Secretary in the Edgar Thompson Steel Works, Braddock, spent Christmas at the Normal school.

The Llanelly Royal Welsh Prize Choir delighted our people with a concert they gave in the Chapel, Monday evening, December 13.

Mr. W. Reed Morris, class '03, fills the chair of Science in the Mansfield State Normal School. He was graduated by Lehigh University in the 1909 class.

Mr. Albert Colmerry, '04, is Foreman with the Nernst Electric Light Company, Pittsburgh.

Miss Evelyn D. Kolbe, graduate of Woman's College, Baltimore, student in Teachers' College, Columbia University, has been elected to teach English in the position made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Dyer.

Mr. Thomas L. Pollock, '00, the popular superintendent of the East Pike Run schools, and Miss Bertha Hawthorne, '02, one of Charleroi's good teachers, were married at Carnegie on December 23. The *Review* extends congratulations and best wishes.

Dr. Ehrenfeld has prepared a manuscript setting forth the early history of the Normal School. We understand it will be published in book form in the near future. It will contain much information of interest to friends of the institution.

Miss Olive M. Kelley, class of '07, was married, December 28, to Mr. Harry V. Lucas, at the residence of the bride's parents, Khedive, Pa.

The Normal REVIEW is printed by the Sentinel Publishing Company. Much care is exercised by the the printers to present the REVIEW in good shape to its readers.

California now has a station just across the river on the P. & L. E. road. Street car service is now as near as Roscoe, only three miles away.

At the opening of the new year California does not yet enjoy the presence of Halley's Comet. It is expected to appear on deck in time for the Spring term astronomy class.

Miss Anna Buckbee spent her holidays at the home of her parents in Lawrenceville, Pa.

Miss Lulu Weddell is teaching in the Monesson schools.

Miss Eva M. Johnson '08, is teaching this year in the Roscoe schools.

The sympathy of the school community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Piper who recently lost their little daughter. She died while visiting friends at Swissvale.

Mr. George D. Grimes, '02, is the efficient bookkeeper of the National Deposit Bank, Brownsville, Pa.

Miss Grace Robinson, '09, is one of Fayette county's most successful teachers.

Mr. Carlton Ketchum, grandson of former Principal G. P. Beard, is private secretary to Principal H. B. Davis. Mr. Ketchum was a very busy man during the holidays, sending out term reports and carrying on a heavy correspondence in the interests of the school.

Our school has adopted a system for grading, based on the first five letters of the alphabet. A means superior work, B means good, C means passing to the State Board, D means barely passing, E means failure. The system has the quality of simplicity.

Our Business Manager, Mr. Frank Craven, did a great deal during 1909 to improve the grounds and buildings. There are no bad looking spots on the campus now.

Early in the Fall term our trustees purchased the large vacant lot lying immediately in front of the Normal grounds on College avenue.

Miss Mabel Mountsier, class of '88, now of the Jacobi School, New York City, visited the Normal School December 31. While here she was the guest of Miss Truman.

We were glad to notice about the school, December 18, the genial presence of Senator W. E. Crow, '90, of Uniontown, Pa. He is a member of the Normal Board of Trustees.

Captain and Mrs. Billingsley were delighted to entertain their daughter Romaine during the holidays. She is now Mrs. N. B. Hammond and resides at Utica, New York.

We most cheerfully advise our readers to give a large share of their patronage to the firms represented in our advertising columns.

During the present school year Principal Davis is trying the plan of two half holidays each week—Wednesday and Saturday. The plan works well.

As our school is always in session on Saturday morning many of our out of town alumni can find it easy to visit us for purposes of observation.

It is a pleasing experience for those of us who rise early to see the large numbers of students who come in on the morning trains. These students bring Aurora with them to gladden the hearts of their associates.

Some of the good people referred to in the preceding paragraph come from places down the river as far away as Elizabeth. They rise quite early and thus form habits which will go far to insure them success in their chosen calling.

Dr. Davis attended the meeting of the High School principals held at Harrisburg, December 28, where he addressed his hearers on the relation of the Normal School to the High School.

In reviewing the work and the history of the past year, we are led to say that

our school has gained in strength of organization, in number of students, and in the confidence of strong school men. The outlook for 1910 is full of promise.

It is confidently expected that the Normal School course of study will be revised within the next few months so as to meet the growing demands of students on the one hand and of the teaching profession on the other.

Miss Jean Whitehead, '08, of Charleroi, is teaching fourth grade pupils in the Beaver Falls schools.

Peter McQueen will give his illustrated lecture on "The Land and the Game where Roosevelt hunts" in the Normal Chapel on the evening of January 15.

Miss May Schrock, '09, is teaching in Johnstown, Pa.

A man who was "wanted" in Russia had been photographed in six different positions, and the pictures duly circulated among the police department. A few days later the chief of police wrote to headquarters: "Sir, I have duly received the portraits of the six miscreants. I have arrested five of them, and the sixth will be secured shortly."—*New York Sun*.

Y. W. C. A.

The ice cream and pie social held in the gymnasium on December 4 was a great success. The games, which were played were enjoyed by all.

The regular Sunday meetings have been very interesting. The meeting on December 5 was led by Elsie Emerick. On the last Sabbath of the year, the meeting was led by our president, Anna B. Thomas. Among the interesting features of the meeting were the music rendered by the choir and the Christmas thoughts given by many of the girls.

At the close of the meeting on December 12, each girl received Christmas cards,

while other were sent to the Y. W. C. A. cabinet of last year.

Among the former graduates who visited us this month were Nevada Emerick, Alice Richards, Miss Edwards, Nelle Penn. A helpful talk was given by each one of these girls, who formerly were earnest workers for the Y. W. C. A.

INTERCOLLEGIATE COMMITTEE.

"And why," asked the Sunday-school teacher, "should we respect old age?"

"Cause it's mostly the old people what has money," answered the small boy who was unable to think of a better reason.

Some Thoughts on Tennyson.

[We take the liberty of quoting a few passages from the introduction of a paper written a few months ago by Dr. W. W. Detrick of the Keystone State Normal School. His theme is the Religious Significance of "In Memoriam."]

Tennyson was one of the greatest men of his age. Of the really great poets of the Victorian Age there were but two: Browning and Tennyson. And most men hold, and hold rightly, that of these Tennyson was the greater. Possibly by and by men shall speak of the Age of Tennyson instead of the Victorian Age, so greatly does this poet surpass his contemporaries. Distance lends enchantment to the view, and we are yet too near to Tennyson to see his life and work in proper temporal perspective. What is his rank among the greatest poets of the Anglo-Saxon race, or of the world? There are three great English poets: Shakespeare and Milton and Tennyson. Possibly "the bard of Avon" shall always rank the chief. None other is so myriad-minded. But of Christian poets who is to be, or shall be accounted greatest? By most students, without doubt, Milton has been deemed the greatest Christian poet of our English tongue. Whether this estimate shall hold

in the centuries to come seems questionable. Near the close of the last year the tencentenary of Milton's birth was celebrated. There was regrettable, though perhaps justifiable, lack of interest and of enthusiasm. Was this an indication that men are not estimating the great Puritan poet so highly as they were wont to do? Some one has said that every one concedes "Paradise Lost" to be our great English epic, one of the greatest poems of the ages, but most of those who grant this meed of praise have never read it through, or, having once read it, do not return to it. That this religious poem has profoundly affected the thought of Englishmen, especially of Protestant Englishmen, there can be no doubt at all. As David dominated the religious thought of the Hebrews by his psalms, as Dante gave direction to Papist theology for centuries, so Milton has been, frequently more than the Bible itself, too much and too often, the inspiration of the thought of Protestant divines. Much of English Protestant theology has been Miltonic rather than Scriptural, just as much popular knowledge of sacred history has been derived through his great poem indirectly from the Bible rather than, as should be the case, directly from the sacred Scripture themselves. Undoubtedly, as Simonds remarks: "The scope of its ['Paradise Lost's'] plan is the most ambitious that a poet could conceive." Nevertheless, there is much in the great epic that is unscriptural, extrabiblical, much that is mythological. Theologically it is out of touch with the thought of the present age. It deals so largely with themes which are beyond and away from our present, personal, social, religious interests, foreign to what we regard as the problems of humanity and Christianity. It is coldly, wonderfully great. This is not the case with the great masterpiece of the late British poet laureate.

Critical estimates of Tennyson, of the

art of his verse, of the nature and value of his service to humanity, and of his rank in comparison with other poets of our Anglo-Saxon speech have changed very materially as the years have past. At first fiercely assailed, then ridiculed, later damned with faint praise, before he died he was freely admitted by most critics to be the foremost poet of his age. Now that he is gone and the centenary of his birth approaches we find that careful students are more and more coming to laud him greatly, to ascribe to him increasingly the highest rank not only in his own age but in all ages of English verse. It seems not unlikely, from the present trend of criticism, that when a greater stretch of time shall separate the critic from the subject of his criticism, when a truer perspective of the ages shall allow a more exact comparison, it will be seen and allowed on all sides that Tennyson was, if not the greatest English poet, nevertheless, the greatest Christian poet of English-speaking lands.

Florence Weddell.

We regret that we are called on to announce to our readers the death of Miss Florence Weddell, class of '09, of Elizabeth, Pa. Miss Weddell was a genial-natured, kind hearted girl whom every one loved. She always held a high place in the opinions of both students and teachers while she was in the Normal School, and she never came under adverse criticism. Apparently strong and healthy, no one suspected that she would be the first in the ranks of the '09, class to fall by the way. Miss Weddell suffered from an attack of peritonitis during the holidays. The disease made rapid progress, and, despite careful treatment, she died on Wednesday, December twenty-ninth.

A southern Missouri man recently was tried on a charge of assault. The State brought into court as the weapons used, a

rail, an axe, a pair of tongs, a saw and a rifle. The defendant's counsel exhibited as the other man's weapons a scythe-blade, a pitchfork, a pistol and a hoe. The jury's verdict is said to have been: "Resolved, That we, the jury, would have given a dollar to have seen the fight."

RAMBLER'S NOTES.

BY NATRONA

Am all, call all, hen, rue, wren

Here's to the young year nineteen ten.

How did you like the exams?

We have a *Brewer* that does not brew, a *Coffey* that cannot be drunk, *Glass* that cannot be broken, and *Mills* that do not grind. Funny world!

Clergyman—"You can, however, comfort yourself with the thought that you made your husband happy while he lived."

Widow—"Yes, indeed! Dear Jack was in heaven until he died."

Students should know that a bushel of beans contain more nutriment than a pint of oysters.

Why are the mountains of the moon like a starved kitten?

Classical expressions—No siree, bet your boots, O you kid, them's my sentiments, good morning, mother, gee whiz, solemncholy, smiley, slippy, sad world.

If the *Boatman* would bend more bows, if the *Weaver* would weave more cloth, if *King* would rule and *Fisher* would fish, if *Miller* would grind and *Carr* would care, this would be great school.

Water's good fer swims an' sails,
Good fer fish and good fer whales,
But to go and mix the two
As us fellers haf to do,
Rub it on our neck an' ears,
Fill our eyes all full o' tears,
That's too mean fer any use!
Ain't no sense in such abuse.

Perhaps if Diogenes were to come to the California Normal, his search would not be in vain after all. The day of miracles is not past, for, last month a student left

an umbrella in plain sight in the hall, and found it there still after three days.

There is a *Holt* in the Normal fold, a *Spragg* in the wheel, a *Ward* in our care, *Rice* that is not a plant, a *Reed* that is not shaken by the wind, a *Porter* to open gates, *Hay* that is not eaten up, *Frost* that does not freeze, and *Rhoades* that lead us in good paths.

If it takes two A's and six B's to make high honors and three D's and four E's to make over the fence and out, how many Seniors will there be in the class of 1910 if one-fourth leave when the work is two-thirds done?

Young Man (nervously): "There's something about—er—your daughter I—"

Crusty Pa: "Yes, there is. I had noticed it myself. It comes every night about eight o'clock and doesn't get away until about 11. One of these nights I'm going to kick it into the street and see what it is made of."

It's To-day we should be smiling in the eyes
that smile in ours,
It's To-day we should be battling for the Truth,
for Good, for Right
The sunlight on the hills is fair, and fragrant
are the flowers,
Days that were, and days to come, are but the
visions of a night

How many sparrows does it take to make a summer if two boys and two girls stand around the hall way until D. Davis asks them to report at the office immediately after chapel?

"See here, sir! Where have you been?"

"My dear, I will give you full particulars in due time. I have the data, but it has been entrusted to a friend."—*Kansas City Journal*.

"I am going to see your father about you," said a teacher to a boy who had exhausted her patience.

"If you do you'll never come back."

"Why?" demanded the teacher.

"'Cause pa's dead."—*New York Tribune*.

Is It All True?

This is the way the South Hills News abuses our patience:

January gets its name from Janus Bifrons, a famous Roman explorer. Two-faced Janus, as he is known, claimed to have reached the North Pole as early as 23 B. C., but he could not Copenhagen with the wisdom of that learned city, and they put the den mark on him. March was at that time the beginning of the year. This month was named for the great war god of the Romans, but Numa said that inasmuch as liars were first at the pole and everywhere else they might as well be first in the calendar, too; and January was made the first month. Subsequently Caesar increased the number of days in it from 29 to 31. He was to retire from the imperatorship the last of the month, and wanted to squeeze five pay days into it.

Dangerous Force of Habit.

"John," said the cashier's wife, dropping into the bank in the midst of her shopping trip, "you forgot to leave me that money this morning."

"What name?" asked the cashier, without looking up.

"Name! name!" exclaimed the lady; "I'm your wife!"

"No doubt, no doubt," answered the cashier, mechanically, and going on with his writing, "but you will have to bring someone to identify you."

An Interesting Chinaman.

Ng Poon Chew, Chinese editor, statesman, philosopher and humorist has risen above all barriers of race, and won the title of "the most brilliant Chinaman in America."

He lives in San Francisco, and is editor of the most prominent Chinese daily paper in this country—*Chung Sai Yat Po*, and is a great authority upon the Exclusion subject.

Dr. Chew was educated for the Taoist priesthood, but his ideas soon became too broad for such a life, and he came to America where, for several years he was an ordained preacher in the Presbyterian Church, and then drifted into the lecture field, where his brilliance, wit, gentle sarcasm and perfect command of the English language is deeply appreciated by the most cultured audiences of the Occident.—*From Human Life.*

The Fourteen Errors of Life.

The fourteen mistakes of life. Judge Rentoul, of London, told the Bartholomew Club, are:

To attempt to set up our own standard of right and wrong and expect everybody to conform to it.

To try to measure the enjoyment of others by our own.

To expect uniformity of opinion in this world.

To look for judgment and experience in youth.

To endeavor to mold all dispositions alike.

Not to yield in unimportant trifles.

To look for perfection in our own actions.

To worry ourselves and others about what cannot be remedied.

Not to alleviate if we can all that needs alleviation.

Not to make allowance for the weaknesses of others.

To consider anything impossible that we cannot ourselves perform.

To believe only what our finite minds can grasp

To live as if the moment, the time, the day were so important that it would live forever

To estimate people by some outside quality, for it is that within which makes the man.

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