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## JOHN DANIEL MEESE.

As we go to press there comes to us the sad news that Dr. J. D. Meese our beloved Vice Principal and long Editor of the NORMAL REVIEW passed away at seven o'clock on Sunday evening at the Columbia Hospital, Wilkinsburg.

A second operation performed a few days since afforded no relief and he has been slowly sinking day by day till shortly after sundown Sunday evening the feeble flame of life flickered out.

The report reached California just at Vesper hour, when Dr. Davis announced the sad news to the school. With bowed heads and heavy hearts the students and teachers passed out in silence, each conscious of the personal loss of one who had been a true friend, a wise guide, an inspiring teacher, and beloved companion.

Our own sorrow is deep and our hearts go out to the son and daughter and widowed mother whose anxious days at the bedside have so sadly terminated. Our hopes and prayers have mingled with theirs that God, in his infinite mercy might spare for longer usefulness one whose loyalty, fellowship and inspiration has so long been a part of our daily experience. We bow to an inscrutable providence, thankful for so many years of service and fellowship of him who "being dead yet speaketh."

The burial will be at Meyersdale, Somerset county on Tuesday, November 15.

The next number of the REVIEW will give full particulars not now available, and will be a Memorial Number.

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If we haven't had time to read the different dailies giving all views of the recent political contest, we have only to scan the pages of the *Review of Reviews* to get a broad, comprehensive view. All sides are

there set forth, and the reader furnishes his own partisan. The figure of Ex-Pres. Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton, at the head of the Democratic campaign in New Jersey, has attracted nation wide attention. The article in the above mentioned magazine shows why and how this "scholar in politics" has struck a compelling note.

## NORMAL NOTES.

We regret to report the absence of Miss Thompson from her classes for some days past. She is at her home in Waterbury, Conn., ill with stomach trouble. It may be some weeks before she will be able to take up again her work in physical culture. Her cheerful presence in the faculty circle is much missed.

Misses Helen and Ruth Minehart of Glassport, visited their sister Goldie Minehart, Oct. 29 and 30.

Mr. Roy Herrington of South Brownsville, visited his sister Marguerite, on Oct. 29, taking in the Hallowe'en masquerade and the football game.

Mrs. C. H. Drum of Crafton, was present at the Hallowe'en festivities and assisted in the distribution of prizes.

Politics—What do you know about the state and national issues this fall? Have you watched the progress of these unusual campaigns? A couple of political clubs would not be a bad feature in the training of future citizens—and suffragettes.

The many friends of Miss C. Ella Truman will be interested to know that she has located at Carbondale, Illinois. While attending the University of Chicago during the last summer she received a call to take charge of training work in the State Normal school at Carbondale. Letters received from Miss Truman, assure her

friends that she finds the new work interesting and her associations pleasant. While we wish her abundant success in the new field, we miss her in the old. Miss Truman was an enthusiastic member of the California Century Club, helpful and sympathetic in the work of the Young Women's Christian Association, and loyal to the best interests of the school. We feel that she will carry to her new position those genuine qualities which made her such an integral part of the life of our school of which she was so long a part.

The November meeting of the "Deutscher Verein" was held November fifth at "The Gables." The program consisted of Benedix's "Nein" given by Misses Spragg and O'Reilly, and Messrs. Lytle and Mika; quotations from "Wilhelm Tell" by members of German Course II, short poems by members of Course I, solo from Haydn by Miss Dearth, together with songs and games by the entire club.

The marriage of Miss Gertrude Davison, class of 1900, to Mr. George Dobson Vandenbergh of Englishtown, New Jersey, has just been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ancil M. Davison of Cranbury, New Jersey. The marriage took place October twentieth at Cranbury, New Jersey. THE REVIEW extends congratulations.

Mrs. Davis accompanied Dr. H. B. Davis on his trip to Harrisburg and Baltimore Nov. 8-12. Dr. Davis read papers at the meeting of the Principals of the Pennsylvania State Normal Schools at Harrisburg, and at the session of the Society for the Study and Prevention of Infant Mortality at Baltimore. See last issue for subjects.

#### Hallowe'en.

Hallowe'en was, as usual, a night of high glee and "joy unconfined." For a week before the gala one heard on every side, "Where can I get a wig?" "Who's

got a tall hat?" "I can't find a blessed thing for a costume," but when the grand march struck up all were present, all clothed, but who dare say from the evidence, "all in their right minds?" Great credit is due the Social Committee and especially to their chairman, Mrs. Fraser, for the arranging of a thoroughly harmonious, yet hilarious evening. Never once did the query rise,—"What shall we do next?" but the problem was rather how to crowd into the short evening hours all the good things which the committee had provided.

There was an orchestra of fifteen young women trained by Miss Noss and led by Miss Richardson with true Damroschian elaboration which furnished unique music for the march and other performances. Besides, they accompanied a soloist of their own number (Miss Dearth) who with the excruciating affectation of the prima donna brought tears to the eyes of her audience,—but not of grief.

After the grand march which was led by Mr. Carter as Uncle Sam and Mr. Adams as a giantess, a burlesque circus held the floor for a brief period. After a preliminary "ramble" in which all the members exhibited their native graces, the special "stunts" were performed. Miller and Hay under cover of an elephant's make up were guided by their attendant, Miss Reese through the steps of an elephantine waltz. Johnson and Jeffries "came back" in the persons of Weigle and Stahl and gave a realistic reproduction of the event which made Reno famous last summer. Then Gibson, the Italian trainer of wild beasts exhibited his tame bear, which the closest scrutiny would not have disclosed as the jovial Bradford. After the bear-dance a challenge was issued to all comers to wrestle his bearship, but the event was nearly spoiled by Bruin's bloody onslaught upon a hobo who had rashly ventured the trial.

No greater surprise did the evening offer than the unmasking of said hobo whose identity as Mr. Witcraft, our popular football coach was greeted with a round of applause. Signorina DuLetta Dropisi the famous tight-rope walker, supported by two colored attendants (Miss Fisher, Roberts and Hackney,) gave a thrilling exhibition—with the rope on the floor. An exciting three heat race between the hobby-horses, was drawn between Crumrine and Wycoff who, by questionable jockey practice, added one more blot to the fair fame of the "sport of kings." Wise and Hile, the losers, were consoled by the contemplation of their virtue.

Smith and Longstreth as Mutt and Jeff illustrated some of the popular cartoons of the day. While these performances were going on in the ring, Organ grinders and monkeys, clowns, and other hangers-on of the circus enacted the customary horse-play.

These latter parts were taken as follows:  
Organ Grinders,—Rodebaugh, Maxwell.  
Monkeys,—McCombs, O'Brien.  
Clowns,—Meyers, Stanley Scott. Brewer—(Old Woman).  
Fakir,—Mr. Kinsley, Policeman,—Robinson.  
Magician,—Boucher. Indian,—Lineberg  
Ringmaster,—Mr Colburn.

Prizes were awarded as follows:  
Best Make-up (character also considered);  
Mr. Kinsley,—Fakir; Miss Bales,—Gipsy.  
Best sustained part; Rodebaugh and McCombs,—Organ-grinder and Monkey.  
Potato-race,—Miss Carey.  
Hobby-horse race,—Crumrine, Wyckoff.  
Coin-biting contest,—Stanley Scott.  
Refreshments were served and games followed until the ringing of the bell.

Many beautiful, and more picturesque and bizarre costumes were remarked. It would be difficult to pick out from the number those deserving of particular mention. Besides the circus and orchestra

and the Giantess and Uncle Sam already mentioned, there were Red Cross Nurses, Magazine Advertisements, Mother Goose characters, National Characters, Day and Night, Liberty Ghosts galore, Plantation Darkies, Colonial Dames and many others. Mr. Harris, the local photographer took pictures of the crowd and some separate groups, from the sale of which it is hoped to start the costume fund elsewhere mentioned

#### A Home Talent Lecture Course.

Plans are so far advanced as to make justifiable the announcement of public lectures to be given by the members of the faculty of the Normal and Model Schools. It is too early to make a definite announcement of dates and subjects, but surprise will be evoked at the exceedingly wide range of topics dealt with, many of them far removed from the fields which are commonly supposed to engross all the attention of the prospective speakers. Here has been a mine right at our doors all these years which has never even been prospected, and we feel safe in promising to the public and the student body and exceedingly interesting and profitable course of lectures and entertainments. Dates will be announced in this paper soon, and we hope that the near-by alumni will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear their old teachers on subjects far removed from the class-room.

Have you noticed how much lighter the chapel is since it was "done over" this summer? Not to mention the great improvement of the tasteful finish and frescoing, the selecting of light colors for the ground work has added much to the cheerfulness of the room. It looks larger, more airy, and is certainly much easier on the eyes of the classes which meet there for examinations and lectures.

We recommend closer attention on the part of the society committees to the subjects selected for their debates. An-

nouncement of the participants and the subjects for debate should be placed upon the bulletins at least a month in advance of performance. Always where possible some live topic which is engaging the attention of our country or the world should be selected, both for the reason that it is alive and because much more material is available for such questions in the daily press and magazines. Such questions also are likely to afford arguments subject to proof by evidence, and not a field for controversy based upon prejudice or opinion. Political, economic, social, and educational questions offer such advantages. But such questions as "Resolved: that poverty is a greater source of crime than intemperance," or "that Alexander the Great was a greater general than Napoleon," though these are among the least objectionable of those presented, are not susceptible of proof by evidence, and must ultimately resolve themselves according to opinion or prejudice. There are hundreds of live questions, which, if properly discussed will keep both debaters and hearers in touch with this big, busy world which students are apt to forget all about during their school days, will prepare them to take their part in the solution of some of its problems with out loss of power, and will be training in the kind of debate that they must take part in if they are to participate actively in the life of the communities which they enter.

Another very important factor in debate is that the two sides should debate the same question. It often happens that a question in its entirety is too big for discussion in the brief time allowed in one of our society meetings. So we have the diverting spectacle of one side debating one aspect of it and the other handling some entirely different phase. As soon as a debate is announced the two sides should get together and decide what they understand the question to mean, and if it is a ques-

tion susceptible of subdivision, they should settle what aspects they will debate.

#### Dr. Woods Hutchinson's Lecture.

The first lecture of the Normal School course took place on the evening of Oct. 26. Woods Hutchinson M. D. of New York City, was the speaker and his subject was Heredity in Education. His treatment of the subject was in harmony with the "germ-plasm" theory of Weissmann. This theory assumes the existence of a special hereditary substance which is transmitted from generation to generation little affected by variations acquired by the individual. The child's hereditary endowment is mostly helpful, for evil brings about its own death in a generation or two. Education should, like medicine, make its aim the assistance of Nature. The child is normal in most instances and desires information. Satisfy his demands but do not force them.

The general trend of the lecture was a plea for a greater consideration of the child's abilities and desires as indicated by nature.

At the close of the lecture Dr. Hutchinson held an informal discussion in which he answered such questions as had occurred to his hearers during his lecture.

There is no reasonable excuse for students failing to be well informed on current topics. Every week the *Youth's Companion* sets forth in brief, unbiassed fashion the late events in the political, social, economic and educational field. Ten minutes a week will keep one in touch with the affairs of the world. That is unless we get interested in some of the alluring stories for which this paper is noted. Then we venture to say, hours rather than minutes will be given to the paper.

Tommy--Say, pa, what is a foot-ball coach?

Pa--The ambulance, I should imagine.  
--/i.v.

## Can You Pronounce Them?

The following word list was prepared, by Dr. Stryker of Hamilton College according to the New York World, to provide pronouncing contests for parties and fireside groups these winter evenings. As some of our readers may be beguiled into some such gathering we offer the list below that they may not be caught unawares. If we can pass at 100 per cent. on this list we should be safe even in Boston.

Here is Dr. Stryker's list:

Abdomen, abjectly, aberrant, accessories, acclimated, acoustics, acumen, acetous, adept, adverse, aeronaut, ally, alias, affatus, aggratizement, allopathy, anybody, anchovy, amour, apparatus, approbative, apricot, apothéosis, apron, Arab, aquiline, axiom, aspirant, alabaster, ay, aye, Aegéan, azure, accent (vb.), acetic, adverse, antepénult.

Bade, badinage, basalt, banana, begone, behemoth, belial, beneath, benzine, bestial, betroth, bellows, biography, bitumen, blátant, bravado, brigand, bromide, buoyant, boléro, banquet, bas-relief, bomb, bourne, brooch.

Carminé, calliope, calligraphy, cadáver, carine, caret, casement, Cassiopéa, Caucásian, cement, cerement, cleanly, chivalrous, circumfluent, coadjutor, comely, contents, combative, commanding, component, coquetry, contumely, contemplative, complaisance, condolence, communist, climáctic, composer, congeries, compensative, complaisant, cornet, craunch, cyclamen, cyclopéan, cynosure, crinoline, cabal, capuchin, ceramic, chivalric, civil, cloth, coffee, cognomen, compensate, concave, condemning, conservator, contour, coronal.

Data, Danish, deficit, desperado, despicable, demoniacal, devastate, disputant, diván, diversely, diamond, donkey, docile, dog, don't you, doth, disregard, disputants, decorous, disparate, demagoggy, diphtheria, discrepancies, dolorous, defalcation, detestation, dilate, distich.

Edile, empyrean, e'er, enervate, environs, epicurean, equable, explicable, exquisite, exemplary, exactly, extant, esplanade, exercise, exoteric, exploit, exponent, elégiac, extol, eery, electric, emendation, enigmatic.

Falchion, falcon, flageolet, fraternize, flaccid, fidelity, finale, finances, frost, froth, filial, française.

Gallows, gherkin, gaseous, granary, grimace, glâcier, gratis, gondola.

Ifalibut, harassed, hegemony, herb, herbage, houghing, homage, hymenéal, harass, harlequin, hygiene, hypochondrial.

Improvisé, imbecile, ignoramus, indicatory, Indian, inquiry, interesting, immobile, integral, intrigue, irrefragable, isochronal, isolate, inertia, interstice.

Jaguar, jocund, juvenile, jugular, joust, justificatory.

Lamentable, lithography, leisure, lenient, lycéum, lyrist, logomachy, laboratory, laugh, laundry, legislature, lever, lichen, lithe.

Maláy, malinger, mandarin, mania, maritime, matrix, matron, mafutinal, mediocre, mirage, misconstrue, mischievous, microscopist, monad, museum, mustache, moss, mobile, mock.

Naivete, nápe, naked, nasal, nectarine, nepotism, nicotine, nescience, nuptial.

Oasis, obduracy, objurgate, obligatory, onyx, orthoepy, opponent, onerous, orotund, oyer, ordeal, overt, overseer, omelet, ornate.

Paláver, patron, parish, parliament, pastel, pétrel, pharmacist, péremptorily, placard, plébéian, plait, pedagogy, portent, pléthoric, pomegranate, pretense, pronunciation, provocative, pristine, precedence, pumpkin, purulent, puissant, pygmean, pálfrey, pecuniary, phalanx, poignant, prélude, préterite, pretext, próbity, prologue.

Quay, quoit, quandary, quadrille.

Raillery, rapine, recitative, reservoir, ribald, resource, recusant, respirable, robust, root, rinse, romance, rabies, récondite, relaxation, rendezvous, retroactive, ruffian.

Scarce, smouch, sacrificable, sacrilégious, sheik, spoon, softly, songhing, suffice series, splénetic, squalor, strata, subaltern, sublunary, subsidence, sultana, status, surnamed, sonorous, supple, saline, sardonix, sátyr, senile, sibylline, siber, subsidence, suggest.

Tenet, tiara, tetanus, tirade, thanksgiving, tribune, tripartite, truths, tune, truculent, turquoise, tranquil, tergiversation, topographical, trio.

Ultimatum, umpirage, usurer, underneath, unscathed.

Vagary, vanquish, vituperative, vindicative, voluminous.

Wherefore, wrong yolk, zoology, zuave.

Copies of the popular musical composition, "The Purple Cow," may be obtained at Mr. Carter's studio.

Dr. D———. "Does a cat come down a tree frontward or backward?"

Mr. L———. "It all depends on how much of a hurry the cat is in."

### Congratulations

Our school was well represented among the successful candidates upon the state ticket. Of our trustees, Thos. F. Crago, Esq., was elected to congress from Greene county. Senator Crow, both trustee and Alumnus, was returned to the State Senate by his friends of Fayette county. Mr. A. W. Powell, Alumnus and Yale graduate, formerly of California, but now of Glassport, was also elected to a seat in the State Senate.

The REVIEW extends congratulations to them all.

### MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

To bring the work of the musical department to the attention of the public, Mr. Veon is planning, with the aid of a select number of his pupils, to give up and down the valley a series of recitals during the winter. Besides affording publicity to the work of the department, it will give good training to the participants, and offer the public a rare opportunity to hear some fine music. It is hoped that the Alumni in the valley will add to the success of the movement by bringing their friends and helping to swell the audiences.

#### John Kendrick Bangs.

The second of the entertainments of the course will be given Wednesday evening, Nov. 16. John Kendrick Bangs, the leading American humorist, will lecture on "Salubrities that I Have Known." The lecture is a familiar, gossipy chat about the persons great and would-be-great that he has met in his long career as author, editor, politician, and lecturer. "His Strenuous Day at Oyster Bay," of which a critic has said that "nothing more continuously funny has been produced in American literature," describes the incongruous meeting of the humorist with the leading exponent of seriousness. Those of us who are fond of funny stories,

and who is not?—will listen with delight to humorous anecdotes and situations as related by this great original humorist.

Mr. Bangs has published nearly fifty volumes of humorous prose and verse, and has a world-wide reputation. It is an event to see and hear a man of his prominence.

#### A Costume Fund.

A movement has been inaugurated to establish a fund with which equip the school with costumes and materials for making up for dramatic performances and other occasions such as Hallowe'en and Washington's birthday when such appurtenances are in demand.

We are at such a distance from costumers and dealers in theatrical supplies that we are very often put to great inconvenience to get satisfactory make-ups,—if indeed it be possible at all.

It is proposed in the future to have photographs made of all costumed groups and assemblies and utilize the profits made from the sale of the pictures for the purchase of various costumes and supplies to be kept by a properly authorized person and distributed for use when occasion arises. When there is a general demand for such articles a small charge might be made for their use, and the proceeds added to the fund. In these ways in course of time a large collection of "properties" may be eventually made which with much less trouble and expense would provide satisfactory outfits for all sorts of costumed parties.

The time and labor expended on an outfit for a party like that of Hallowe'en can ill be spared by so busy a company as our student body, and too much cannot be said in commendation of the enterprise and faithfulness of students who, while doing their regular school work, devised and perfected such a variety of beautiful and picturesque costumes as appeared on the floor at the Hallowe'en party. A theatrical

wardrobe all ready to be drawn upon, however, will be an undisguised blessing to all who have in charge or participate in affairs demanding costume or "make up." Much enthusiasm is manifested in the movement, which if persisted in will cause future generations of mummers to bless the movement.

The formation of a dramatic club which should give once each year an entertainment, the proceeds of which should be appropriated to the "property fund," would swell the amount and provide a responsible body to perpetuate the movement which would be its especial care.

#### Hats and Rats.

The following is clipped from an exchange. We trust it wrought the much needed reform.

"Big rats and big hats are great favorites with the women of today. They seem to think that by wearing these monstrous and artificial head ornaments and hats of unlimited dimensions, they add to their appearance, but I disagree with them.

How interesting it is to go to church expecting to hear a good sermon and upon arriving late find yourself seated behind several immense merry widow, said widow heaped high with various plumes, feathers, birds, flowers, ribbons and buckles, and other such trimmings as the millinery stores can produce. Under these hats you find rats of every size, shape, and color; some matched and some unmatched; some covered and some uncovered.

A pleasant sight it is to see a woman on the street with her unmatched rats visible in several different places, though we have seen them until we are almost accustomed to it. Another impressive scene is hair of about four different shades on one head. It is mysterious to me that different parts of the scalp will grow different colored hair.

I think most of these artificial head

decorations and mammoth hats are as unnecessary and ridiculous as they can be, but if correctly used, and not exaggerated, they add greatly to the personal appearance; but nothing is more disgusting than a bushel of hair and puffs on a slim, short woman."

#### Vespers.

Vespers for the month have been led Oct. 16, by Dr. Davis; Oct. 23, Rev. Rigg of Pittsburg, father of Mabel Rigg of the Senior class; Oct. 30, Rev. A. W. Renton of California; Nov; 6, Mr. W. S. Hertzog, State Inspector of High Schools. All the addresses have been of a practical and helpful character. Additional features in the Vesper services this year are the printed orders of service permitting the audience to participate in the service by response and prayer.

The chorus of thirty voices is steadily improving under the direction of Mr. Carter. That the audience may more fully enter into the spirit of the Anthem. Mr. Carter posts upon the bulletin-board the latter part of the week a brief history of the hymn and the composer, and other matter tending to add to the appreciation or suggest the fitness of the selection. For example, upon Sunday evening, Nov. 6, the chorus rendered the anthem, "The Sun Shall Be No More Thy Light." The comment was: The text is taken from Isaiah 60:19 and 33:18, together with a part of a hymn by the Bishop of Litchfield. The music was composed by the Rev. H. H. Woodward, who was for many years the minor canon of Worcester Cathedral.

A teacher sent a Dutch boy after some face powder. The clerk on hearing what was wanted, asked, "Mennen's?"

"Nein," answered Hans, "wimmins'."

"Do you wish it scented?"

"Nein, I tag id wid me."—*Pittsburgh High School Journal.*

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Before our next issue we hope to have appointed the regular corps of assistant editors. By this means the whole school will be systematically swept for news, and items which thus far have escaped us we trust will thereafter be run to earth. We crave our readers' patience and hope to offer a more orderly and carefully edited paper in the future.

The appointment of department editors however, will not release the school at large from their obligations to their school paper. They will still be requested to keep the REVIEW in mind and an open eye for school and Alumni news. Any items placed upon the desk in Room A will receive proper attention, and if suitable for publication, will find their way to our columns.

In this connection we wish and thank those members of the school whose hearty co-operation has rendered publication possible.

Why not have a visitors' register in the lower corridor? By this means we might secure a complete roll of our visitors and secure the signatures of many famous or about-to-be famous persons. Such a book wherever installed proves to be an unfailling source of interest to Alumni, who upon visiting the school run across in its pages many an old classmate's name and address, whose whereabouts have long been a mystery. What school organization will

first take the matter up? Its installation and care might well be the self imposed task of the societies jointly.

Why not have a Visitor's Register in the vestibule of the main building, and get the autographs of all our guests? It would greatly assist the Editor of the REVIEW and be an object of interest to all members of the school and the Alumni. We should also be sure to secure the autographs of some already famous and about-to-be-famous men and women. What society will be the first to act?

**A Debating Prize?**

Where is the large minded, generous-hearted, loyal Alumnus who will offer a prize for debating to the school? Many schools are enabled through the generosity of some public spirited alumnus or alumni association to offer one or more prizes for excellence in debate, and the prize debate is one of the prominent functions of the school year.

To be sure much interest attaches to the inter-society contest at Commencement, of which debating is however, only one feature. We have always some good debating material in the school and the practice of debating ought to receive more serious attention.

If a prize were offered it might be awarded for the winning of the debate in the inter-society contest, or, better still at an open, free for all trial.

A double purpose might be served by attaching as one of the conditions that the subject should be announced but twenty-four hours before the contest. This subject should be a public question which is engaging general attention and receiving newspaper notice. To debate upon such a question it would be necessary for the prospective contestants to keep informed upon current topics, matters upon which students are generally very ill-informed. It would lead likewise to a more judicious selection of topics for debate in the regular society meetings,—a much needed reform.



Any person or body who should establish such a prize would render imponderable benefit to the debating interests, and add much to the effectiveness of our graduates when they have to take a leading part in public affairs. If a permanent prize fund is out of the question small annual contributions by the members of various alumni associations would serve the same purpose.

#### Help Wanted.

It is axiomatic that he who tries to please everybody, succeeds in pleasing none,—himself least of all.

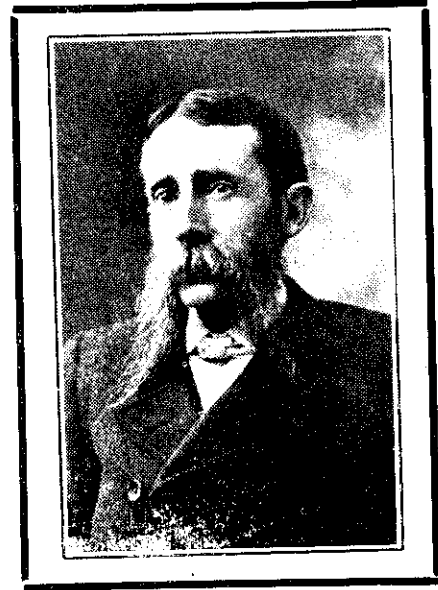
Yet it is the desire of the Editors to make the NORMAL REVIEW as interesting and helpful to all its readers as possible. Suggestions from subscribers may afford much help in this direction. Two objects at any rate must be constantly sought,—to make the paper a mirror of the present life of the school, and to present as much news of the Alumni as possible. For the limited space not utilized in the above fields the calls are manifold. What use shall we make of them best to interest you? We have certain plans of our own but they are subject to revision if something better offers.

Please remember that it is your paper. Responsibility for its usefulness—nay, the very justification for its existence rests with the school and the Alumni. We ask you as co-editors to give thought to the matter.

Special interest in this locality will be drawn to the leading article in the *Technical World* entitled "Seven Day Slaves of Steel." Much of its material will be familiar to our readers, but it is for them to judge whether the facts are correctly stated and logical conclusions drawn. Another live question is discussed in the article, "Saving of a City's Sewage." Sanitation and municipal economies are particularly in the teachers' field.

#### FRANK R. HALL.

One of the most useful teachers that ever worked in the South Western State Normal School was Frank R. Hall, whose recent death has caused such keen regret in educational circles in southwestern Pennsylvania. Prof. Hall's connection with the Normal was very close and cover-



ed a long period of its development. He graduated from the school in 1879, and for several years taught successfully in the valley, keeping in touch with his alma-mater, since he made his home with his aged mother in the town of California. When Dr. Noss became principal of the school in 1883, and looked about him for a man who could put new life and vigor into the the training school and at the same time use wise foresight and good judgment, he selected Prof. Hall as that man, and he never regretted his choice. The writer of this article well remembers the evening when the call to the Normal work was given and when these two men, then in the vigor of youth, laid plans for the growth of this Normal school, and saw visions of its future prosperity. Prof. Hall

held the position of head training teacher and principal of the public schools for many years, and later he filled the chair of history and penmanship.

In 1890 he married Miss Anna Jenkins of the class of '86 and during a long residence in the dormitories of the school. Mr. and Mrs. Hall were a help and inspiration to faculty and students alike. Mr. Hall presided over the school dining room. He was always kindly in his administration of discipline, but always exacting enough to keep his students at their best. Through the years of his active and arduous work in the school, he found time to make his influence felt for good in the church and in the community. His long period of service as superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school was no less successful nor fruitful for good than his work at the Normal.

In 1896 came a call into a wider field, the superintendency of the schools of Washington county. The day of his election, on his return from the county seat to the Normal, faculty and students assembled on the campus front to congratulate him upon his new honor. The Normal orchestra enlivened the occasion with merry strains, and the boys picked up the successful candidate and carried him on their shoulders to his room. This incident illustrates very well the good fellowship existing between students and teacher.

During his three terms, twelve years, in office as County Superintendent of schools, Prof. Hall worked with the zeal, the enthusiasm, and the buoyant optimism that had characterized his work at the Normal. The whole county felt new educational life surge through its veins. He was ever zealous in urging young teachers to continue their education in higher schools, and thus increase their usefulness. Many a young teacher, through his influence has found the way open up to higher educational advantages.

Could any life be better spent? Frank R. Hall lived to influence for good all who came into contact with him. Hundreds of young people and scores of young teachers will in the future look back to the time when his inspiring touch awakened them to the possibilities of a better and a higher life.

MARY GRAHAM NOSS.

#### Y. W. C. A.

The members of the Y. W. C. A. are looking forward with great expectation to the week of Prayer beginning Nov. 13, and continuing each evening until Nov. 19.

We are glad to note that there are about 85 girls who belong to the Bible classes. This is the largest number reported for that line of work in the history of the school. We are anxious to have the number still increase.

All feel that the girls should take more responsibility concerning the prayer meetings held on Friday evenings.

Many helpful suggestions are obtained from the calendar, which was prepared by the Head Department of the Y. W. C. A. The thoughts from this are used by the leaders each evening.

We were all benefited by the Missionary Meeting on Oct. 30, led by Miss Cary. The topic was "Races of Eskimo-land."

We were glad to have visit us the past month former members, Inez Maxwell, Jennie Mickey, Mary Young. All remarked the noted improvement in the work of the association.

Our President, Miss Thomas, attended the meeting of the Round Table of the Monongahela Valley at Morgantown on Friday, Nov. 11.

MABLE COLVIN,

Chairman of the Intercollegiate Committee.

#### Y. M. C. A.

The young men seem to be catching the

spirit of the Y. M. C. A. and are making every effort toward its success. The meetings of the past month have been very helpful. Especially so was that of Oct. 30 the subject of which, - "The Temptations of School-life and How to Overcome Them," was of personal and practical interest to every fellow present. They were free in expressing themselves, and left the meeting with a lasting impression of the seriousness of their school days. The same note of thoughtful earnestness has been characteristic of all the meetings. A genuine enthusiasm also underlies all the Association's activities.

The membership was glad to welcome as recent visitors Roy Scott, Earl Amos, and George Jeffries, former students.

Let all the members co-operate to make each month's work better than the last, and make this the banner year in the history of the Y. M. C. A. at the Normal.

#### ALUMNI NOTES.

Miss Inez Maxwell '10 was a visitor at the school on Oct. 22.

Miss Nevada Emerick '07 has entered Otterbein University this fall.

Mr. Andrew Vetesk '10 has entered the employ of a bank at Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

Miss Sara Auld also of the class of '10 is teaching at Gallatin in the 2nd Primary Grade.

Miss Euphemia McNeil '10 now teaching at home in Granville was at the school Nov. 4.

Miss Ella K. Hawkins '10 is in charge of the third grade of the public school at Ellsworth.

Miss Harriet Steen, a graduate and a popular teacher of Belle Vernon, visited the Normal School lately.

Friends of Miss Andie Diesel '10 will find her at Hazelwood subdistrict of Pittsburgh teaching in one of the primary grades.

Miss Irene E. Hawkins '07 is teaching the third grade of one of the Sharpsburg public schools. Is much pleased with the work.

Alumni desiring extra copies of the "Suggestions for Medical Inspection," may secure same with the magazine by sending six cents in stamps.

Miss Buckbee was recently called home by serious illness in her family. She is now back with her classes much relieved at the good reports from home.

Miss Martha Jenkins, '10, will soon resign her school in Boston and enter upon her work in the Glassport schools to which she was recently elected.

Dr. J. F. Bell '84 President of the Physicians' Club of Elgin, Ill., recently gave an address in his home city upon proper sanitation as a preventive of disease.

On September 2 a daughter was added to the family of Mrs. Florence Miller Oliver of '01. Mrs. Oliver is a sister of Mrs. Fraser, now in the training school faculty.

Miss Nelle Dewar was in town over Sunday, Nov. 6, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Joseph Martin. Miss Dewar is teaching at Coal Bluff, Union Township, and reports enjoying her work.

Miss Besse Peden, class of '10, who was elected as teacher of the Lindley School, South Franklin Township, has resigned that position to accept the position as assistant principal of the Morris Township High School.

On September 16 Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Denny were made happy by the arrival of a daughter. Mr. Denny, of '01, is a rising young business man of California, and Mrs. Denny was Ruth Crowthers of '04.

Alumni will notice as an insert in this issue a copy of the "Suggestions to Teachers Regarding Medical Inspection" now in use by our practice teachers. Where

there is no other regular medical inspection than that of the teachers its suggestions will be of much value. An alert teacher may detect the onset of a contagious disease, and by excluding early a single pupil prevent an epidemic which would otherwise interfere with school work or close the school altogether. The first thought of the day should be regarding the physical condition of the pupils.

Alumni who are now in the field actively engaged in the work for which present students of the school are preparing must be getting some experiences of interest and value to present day students.

If such experiences of real value were written up briefly and well they would receive a cordial welcome at this office and be eagerly read by the present generation of students.

We wish to express our thanks to Mr. Wm. A. Covert '01 of Aspinwall for the following item:

"The members of the class of '01 will, no doubt, be pleased to know of the whereabouts of their old class-mate, Mr. John N. Phillips. "Jackie," as he was most familiarly known, is located at Straw, Mont., where he is Treasurer of the Phillips Land & Livestock Company. He is well started on "Prosperity's Road" in the "Golden West," but says he often thinks of his old friends in the Keystone State, and wants to know how they are getting along. He hasn't played football since he held down left end on the champion '00 team."

News of the activity of the Alumni is hard to secure, yet nothing is more appreciated. Perhaps your name has not appeared in connection with some event when you think it should have. The reason may be that your modesty prevented your sending in an item about yourself. We beg of you to keep us in touch with your activity. Recall with what pleasure you read an item regarding a classmate or

friend. Others are as eager to hear about you. If you change school, occupation, or are actively identified with any interest, address an important gathering, write a book, or article, get into politics or jail, inaugurate an interesting new feature in your work, write us about it. You will put us under great obligation and will do a real service to your friends. The Alumni columns are yours, use them.

#### VISITORS.

Mr. S. B. Boyer, '02, of Fredericktown.  
W. F. Blackburn, '10, of Monessen, visited his brother Howard.

Miss Audubon Hughes and Miss Laura Holmes both of 1910.

#### ATHLETICS.

##### Alumni Game.

The following notice should be of interest to every student and graduate:

"The Alumni Athletic Committee having in charge the arrangements for the Alumni football game for Saturday, November 26th, mailed out on November 1st special notices of the game to the old football "Grads." The game of last year, so well remembered for the number of former Normal stars who were present, and who defeated the 1909 team 17 to 0, will be surpassed in interest by this year's game, as every indication points to a larger and more general turn out of athletic men. The members of the Alumni Committee making arrangements for the game are as follows: Edw. McCleary, F. W. Cree, John R. Steele, Roy Hayes, Edw. C. Drum, Wm. A. Covert, Clifford Stewart, H. K. Graham, Chas. Lewellyn and W. R. Crowthers."

WM. A. COVERT,  
Aspinwall, Pa.

The game with Waynesburg on the home field is usually looked upon as the big game of the season. This year it came too early in the fall for the Normal team

to have any hope of winning. The visiting team was composed of the same men as last year's team with but two exceptions and this gave them an advantage that was insurmountable by our inexperienced boys. The score was only 10 to 0 though, and five points of these came largely through a misunderstanding in the Normal backfield when Moser and Hamilton ran together and fumbled a punt near their own goal line. Waynesburg recovered the ball, and soon went over for the touch-down.

A great improvement was seen in the defensive work of the ends for the Normal team, and Wood who was tried out at tackle played like a veteran. Hay was the best ground-gainer for the Normal and Biddle for the visitors. The tackling was too high to look well, but this is to be expected of new men. Rarely has so "game" an uphill fight been made by a losing team. In such a defeat there is no disgrace, though it does taste somewhat bitter. The line-up:

CALIFORNIA-0.		WAYNESBURG-10.	
Scott.....	L. B.....	Clutter	
Wood Moser.....	L. T.....	Spragg-Montgomery	
Hutton-Reckard.....	L. G.....	Hoge	
Miller-Long.....	C.....	Andrew	
Long-Smith-Wood.....	R. G.....	Clovis	
Myers.....	R. T.....	Ross	
Honsaker.....	R. E.....	Parkinson	
Boucher.....	L. H.....	Lippincott	
Moser-Paxton.....	R. H.....	Biddle	
Hay.....	F. B.....	Acklin	

The result of the football season is now in sight. At our last writing we were hopeful that the speed of our light team would make up for its lack of experience and brawn. But these handicaps have proved fatal in our contests with colleges, though with teams of our own caliber we have made a better showing. The backfield has developed faster by considerable than the team of last year; but without a line to open up holes and keep the opponents from breaking up the plays as they are forming the backs have not been able to make sufficient gains to keep pos-

session of the ball. Kicking has been a feature of every game in consequence.

There is due to the team the credit, however, of putting up the gamiest, hardest up-hill fights that could be seen anywhere. This is the highest test of sportsmanship. It is not so much the fact that you are licked that counts, but the manner in which you fought. In this respect the team has represented the Normal School as creditably as any team ever did. It is not a disgrace to have a team run up five touchdowns on you, when you exhibit so much pluck that they can not score in the last quarter at all. Such was the case at Westminster, and at Waynesburg the last one of the five was the most bitterly contested and the hardest one to make. It can be said that no team has shown more of this never-say-die spirit than ours has. And as was so very evident in the Slippery Rock game, the team excels in one line of the game, namely following the ball sharply. If there was a fumble, the chances have always been four out of five that our team would recover ball.

In addition to this element of true sportsmanship by the team its relation to the public on the trips is commendable. One conductor on a train told Captain Miller that ours was the most gentlemanly of all the football teams that he had ever hauled in his long experience; and the compliment came all unsolicited. This does not prevent there being the heartiest spirit of camaraderie in the squad, which manifests itself in the jovial fun that is enjoyed at proper occasions.

Our schedule was too hard for the team this year. It was a mistake to play three college games and a Normal School in October, when the team had only a month's training. With experienced men it would have been a hard proposition. The result has been a series of defeats from the colleges, which so seasoned the men that they finally revenged themselves on the

Slippery Rock Normal team by the decisive score of 17 to 0. Here are the figures:—  
 Oct. 8 California.....6.....Waynesburg 10  
 Oct. 15 California.....0.....Westminster 29  
 Oct. 20 California.....0.....Waynesburg 28  
 Oct. 29 California.....17.....Slippery Rock 0  
 The severe injuries met with by Boucher and Moser in the Westminster game, keeping them out ever since, was a blow to the team that affected these results.

At Westminster College President Russell saw the game, and afterward complimented their coach on their work by saying, "They were completely outclassed in weight and experience; but they showed that they know the game and have the right spirit to play it. Some teams learn a few tricks, and when these fail to work they are done. The California boys play straight football."

Defeats are better pills to take, and the team is becoming tired of the taste. They are vowing to give good account of themselves in the games yet to be played, and declare that they will have some more victories to report. The Grove City College game will try out this spirit; and the Alumni game which comes on the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day will be difficult to win. The Alumni team will be composed of good football men, though it will be limited this year to graduates of the school and not include merely all who have at one time or another played on the team. The team of the present will be matched with the cream of the teams of the past.

The team met the fairest test of the season in its game with Slippery Rock. The Slippery Rock Normal plays under the same eligibility rules as the California Normal, and has the same number of men to choose from in making the team. Accordingly the schools were on a par so far as resources and previous training were concerned. This game showed that California can hold her own with teams of her class whatever may have been her success in competing with colleges.

The second tennis-match of the year was played October 5, between members of the faculty and students. Results as follows:

Ladies' Doubles  
 Miss Kolbe } Faculty  
 Miss Thompson }  
 Students } Janet White  
 } Mabel Rigg  
 Won by Students  
 Ladies' Singles  
 Miss Noss, Faculty } Students, Alice Dripps  
 Won by Miss Dripps  
 Men's Doubles  
 Mr. Witercraft } Faculty  
 Mr. Knabenshuc }  
 Students } Brace Knabenshuc  
 } Walter Weaver  
 Won by Faculty

#### SOCIETY MATCHES.

Singles  
 Elizabeth Long, Heliconian. } Mabel Rigg, Clio.  
 Won by Heliconian.  
 Kate Craven, Delphic } Marie Williams Philo.  
 Won by Delphic.  
 Doubles  
 Clio } Alice Dripps  
 } Bertha Parker  
 Delphic } Dora McDonough  
 } Grace McCleary  
 Won by Delphic  
 Philo } Elizabeth Coffey  
 } Margaret Crumrine  
 Heliconian } Ellen Easton  
 } Marjorie Carson  
 Won by Heliconian  
 Delphic } Dora McDonough  
 } Grace McCleary  
 Heliconian } Ellen Easton  
 } Marjorie Carson  
 Won by Delphic.

Tuesday evening, Nov. 1, the Academics played a team from Fayette City at basketball in the gymnasium. The score resulted in victory for the Academics 12-3. The game was very clean. The visitors showed their lack of training and practice, owing to their having no floor at home. The Academics, on the other hand, showed the result of Coatsworth's training, being in no wise winded, and though over-matched in weight, kept the ball in the opponents' territory all the time. The goals were made for California; by Edwards, W. (3), Huseman (2), Glunt (1). For visitors: Middleton (1), Carlston (foul-goal).

**Clio.**

Clio started off well this year, as at the first meeting every person on the program was present and performed his part in a manner that reflected credit both upon himself and the society.

During the fall many new members have been added of a type capable of making the meetings by their participation interesting and successful.

At the fourth regular meeting the following officers were elected.

President .....	Paul Miller
Vice President .....	Mabel Thompson
Secretary .....	Anna Duff
Attorney .....	Lawrence Lytle
Treasurer .....	Catherine Pirl
Choristers .....	G. B. Linburg, Mabel Rigg
Marshal .....	Stanley Scott

The work during the past month has been good.

On Nov. 5 scene from "As You Like It" were given as part of the program by members of both Clio and Philo.

Much interest has been shown in the miscellaneous debates, which are largely participated in by the membership on each occasion.

**Philo.**

The society has put out several attractive programs which have aroused not only individual attention, but the attention of the society as a whole. The music, given by the chorus, under the direction of Novella O'Reilly, has been one of the special features.

Each member as he is placed on the program concentrates his efforts and does his utmost for the uplitting and maintenance of the standard of Philo.

With each one tugging hard, the wheel of Philo is running fast and is cutting a deep channel that is long to be remembered in the history of the society.

One of the most interesting programs was the Mock Trial given in the chapel on the evening of Oct. 28. The meeting was largely attended, the members of the Delphic and Heliconian Societies being invited.

The present officers of Philo are:

President .....	Ralph M. Bradford
Vice President .....	Christella Carson
Secretary .....	Mabel Colvin
Attorney .....	Thomas Longstreth
Treasurer .....	Mabel Wientge

Critic .....	George Harris
Marshal .....	Charles Hile

**Delphic.**

The spirit of Delphic Society has been manifested by the programs that have been rendered. Each week the programs are becoming better. It is true the chorus and some other parts of the program of November 4th were missed, but it was a very entertaining meeting, especially the baritone solo by Mr. O'Brien, reading by Miss Talbott, and Miss Hixon's periodical read by Miss Minford.

The faculty visitor commended the speakers in the debate very highly.

The subjects taken for the debates are so practical that it enables all to take a part in them.

This meeting was election night and the following officers were elected: Mr. Robertson, president; Miss Decker, vice president; Miss Wilson, secretary; Mr. Winnet, attorney; Miss Collins, critic, and Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Shipley, marshals.

A. B. H.

**Heliconian.**

Heliconian by-laws provide that the society shall hold not fewer than two debates per month, one of which shall be thrown open for general discussion after the regular disputants have opened it. Another by-law requires at least one parliamentary drill a month. The members know but little parliamentary law at the beginning of the year, but by the close they are prepared to maintain themselves against all comers.

Rose and Old Gold have been chosen as the society colors, thus establishing another precedent, as these were the colors last year. A committee has been appointed to get up a society song, and another to devise some class yells.

The society hopes soon to have a piano to use for their meetings, or to meet in a room where there is now an instrument, also a curtain. This equipment will enable them to offer a more varied and interesting program. It is a part of the private devotions of the members to petition daily that the hearts of the "powers" may be moved in their behalf.

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