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THE GROVE CITY GEORGE JUNIOR REPUBLIC.

Before giving a brief paper on this institution, it might be interesting to our readers to know of the first George Junior Republic upon which all others are modeled. The introductory material has been collated from reliable sources.

The George Junior Republic is an American industrial institution. It was first organized in 1895 at Freeville, New York, the founder being William Reuben George, familiarly known to his boys and girls as "Daddy George." This institution forms a miniature state, whose economic, civil, and social conditions, as nearly as possible, reproduce those of the United States. In this state citizenship is vested in young people, especially those who are wayward or neglected, and they are thus taught self-reliance, self-control, and morality. The only check on the powers of the executive, representative, and judicial branches of the government lies in the veto of the superintendent.

The average age of the citizens is seventeen years; fifteen years is the age of majority, and children under this must be in charge of a citizen guardian. The proportion of girls to boys was originally small, but gradually increased until in 1898 there were about seventy girls and ninety boys at Freeville. In the Republic's earlier days the citizens lived in boarding houses of different grades, but later in family groups in cottages under the care of "house mothers."

"Nothing without labor" is the motto of the community; and this idea is so strictly carried out that a boy or girl in the Republic who has not money to pay for a night's lodging must sleep in jail and work the next day for the use of the cell. The labor of this institution consists of sewing, laundry work, cooking, and domestic service for the girls, and furniture making, carpentry, farming, baking bread, plumbing, and painting for the boys. The school includes both preparatory and high school departments, from the latter of which students enter directly leading colleges. The religious influence is strong, wholesome, and unsectarian.

In February, 1908, the National Association of George Junior Republics was formed, with Mr. George as its director. It aims to establish at least one republic in each state of the Union. Previous to this time a Republic had been established at Litchfield, Conn., a National Junior Republic near Annapolis Junction, Md., and a Carter Junior Republic at Reading, Penna. In 1908-1910 new "States" were formed at Chino, California, at Flemington Junction, N. J., and at Grove City, Pa.

The writer of this paper had the pleasure of visiting the Republic

at Grove City and found the working conditions almost identical with the general plan of the founder.

This Republic is situated about a mile from Grove City, and is an institution in which the people of the community are intensely interested. An invitation came very early to attend a court trial at the George Junior. The trial was held in the evening at 7:00 o'clock, in the administration building. Visitors are always welcome and every available space was filled. The officers of the court conducted the cases presented in an orderly and dignified manner.

A large number were brought before the judge, for such misdemeanors as fighting, profanity, neglect of work, destruction of property, and the like. One girl was tried and found guilty. The accusation made against her was that she had run away from the home, leaving unfinished the work that had been assigned to her; she had been away all night without money or a place to sleep in and was therefore a vagrant. The girl was reprimanded and fined by the court. The fines were from fifty cents upward. In several cases, friends of the prisoner would plead for leniency or for another opportunity for the accused, and in every such case the prisoner was released, after listening to a sound warning as to his future conduct from his honor, the judge.

To the whole family assembled, the court trial seemed a serious affair; yet they showed their quiet approval of the decisions of those in charge.

A visit was made to the Republic a few days later in order to understand better the plan of the institution. My friend and I were met at the door by the girl who had charge of the hall and who summoned the house mother to meet us. In answer to our request to go through the buildings, the latter replied that it would be a pleasure to grant it. In charge of one of the girls we visited the girls' dormitory, finding the rooms comfortable and in excellent order. Each floor had its bath rooms and a special room for sick girls. The girls are encouraged and helped to make their rooms home-like, and some of them were really artistic.

The house mother then took us to the boys' dormitory. The boys care for their own rooms, which were comfortable but gave evidence that not all boys are house-keepers.

The object of this institution is to give delinquent and homeless boys and girls employment, to make them self-supporting, and to train them for citizenship. The girls are taught domestic science, sewing, and general house-keeping. On the day of our visit a large number of girls were cutting and making sheets for the home, while another group, directed by a lady from Grove City, were taking a lesson in lace making. They have a large farm, which is cared for by boy citizens. On our last visit we met a company coming from the corn field, their hoes over their shoulders, apparently happy and contented. Each citizen is paid wages for his work. The institution has its own bank and banker.

The people of Grove City give of their time to the needs of the citizens. Members of the college faculty coach boys who wish to enter

college. The Republic publishes a bright little monthly called "The Pioneer Citizen." In the October number, 1911, we note that three citizens entered Grove City College.

From what we have observed we believe that the George Junior Republic is meeting one of the present problems of housing boys and girls who are homeless, or whose so-called homes are immoral and unworthy of the name, and of providing real, wholesome employment. The training will save many a boy and girl by giving him purer and higher ideals of life and a preparation for citizenship which otherwise would not have been possible.

Anna B. Thomas.

Recent Musical Programs.

Gade's cantata, "The Crusaders," as presented by the California Choral Club in the chapel of the Normal School on December 11, is remembered with much pleasure. The chorus of one hundred voices had been skillfully trained. Professor Hawley was successful, also, in his selection of soloists. Miss Gertrude Sykes, soprano, Mr. I. K. Myers, bass, and Mr. Walter Ernest, tenor, are well known artists, and their rendering of the leading roles was heartily appreciated.

To Dr. Veon of our own faculty we are indebted for very special opportunities of musical enjoyment. His lecture recital of Saturday evening, January 27, was a most appropriate observance of the Mozart anniversary. The discriminating and individual narrative of the musical career of this great composer made the more vivid appeal because of the reproduction of photographs and old engravings. These pictures, which are secured for stereopticon use, had an unobtrusive and distinctive charm quite in accord with the fine simplicity of the musician and the man, Mozart.

Of the twenty-eight concertos for piano and orchestra, Dr. Veon had chosen the concerto in D minor as exemplifying Mozart's work. The orchestral parts were played by a former pupil of Dr. Veon, Miss Walrond. At the solo instrument Dr. Veon revived for his audience the classic perfection of form and the lovely, flowing melodies of the master composer. The first movement in its conventional and beautiful construction, the spontaneous grace of the Romanze, and the spirit and brilliancy of the Rondo were interpreted with rare sympathy. To masterly technique were joined distinction and fine feeling.

The coming of the Kneisel Quartet was made the more advantageous through Professor Veon's generosity. For several different groups of listeners he gave brief talks on the program as played Monday evening. At these times he took up the different numbers for analysis or other comment and played the themes of the different movements.

Later in the term Mr. Monguio of the Monguio School of Piano in Pittsburg will give a piano recital at the Normal School.

One of the finest musical treats that has come to the Normal in recent years was the concert on January 29th by the Kneisel Quartet. The chapel was filled to its utmost capacity by an appreciative audience. A special train accommodated many people from down the river who wished to return the same night. The program was as follows:

Franz Kneisel, 1st Violin	Louis Svecenski, Viola
Julius Roentgen, 2nd Violin	Williem Willeke, Violoncello
Mozart:	Quartet in C. major.
	Adagio-Allegro
	Andante cantabile
	Menuetto (Allegretto)
	Allegro molto
Claude Debussy:	Two movements from the Quartet in G minor.
	Andantino doucement expressif
	Assez vif et bien rythme
Francois Servais:	Le Desir
	Fantasia for Violoncello
Schubert:	Quartet in A minor, op. 29.
	Allegro ma non troppo
	Andante
	Menuetto (Allegretto)
	Allegro moderato

The three quartets formed a varied and well-balanced program, and each was played with beautiful tone, perfect ensemble, and exquisite finish. The solo for violoncello was not up to the standard of the other compositions, but it displayed Mr. Willeke's wonderful skill and was highly appreciated by the audience.

Among the Faculty.

On December 15 Dr. Veon gave a piano recital in the Frederick Music Hall, Pittsburg. The recital was held under the auspices of the Monguio School of Piano, and a large number of the teachers and students of this school attended.

During the holidays Dr. Davis attended a meeting of the State Teachers' Association held in Philadelphia. He also attended a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Washington, D. C.

During the Christmas holidays Mrs. Noss, Miss Noss, Miss Buckbee, and Dr. Graves were all in New York City. They severally report visits to the Metropolitan Art Museum, other galleries, and the new library, and much delight in hearing good music.

Mr. Murta carried on some very satisfactory research work in Inorganic Chemistry during the vacation and later went to Washington, D. C.,

for the meeting of the American Chemical Society. His report of this meeting will appear in the next number of the **Review**.

Dr. Davis talked to the High School Principals and Superintendents at the regular monthly meeting of the Round Table on Saturday, Jan. 20, 1912.

Mr. J. H. Adams attended an educational meeting of the teachers of Mount Morris Borough and Perry and Dunkard Townships, at Mount Morris on Saturday, January 20, 1912.

Supt. Lewellyn of the Fayette County Schools addressed the faculty at its meeting, Tuesday evening, January 23.

Mr. Maurice Bennett of Wilkinsburg, takes charge of the work in penmanship this term. Very early, one heard many expressions of interest in the Bennett method.

Dr. Edward Steiner of Grinnell College will visit the Normal on March 1, 1912, and deliver a lecture on the Immigration Problem. Dr. Steiner has the distinction of knowing more about this question than any other speaker on the American platform.

The Second Annual Teachers' Institute of Connellsville completed its session on January 27. The instructors were Dr. O. T. Corson, of Columbus, Ohio; Dean W. G. Chambers, University of Pittsburg; Supt C. G. Lewellyn; Miss Agnes M. Connell, Supervisor of the Pittsburg Playground Association; Miss Rose Leader, soloist from Pittsburg; and Miss Anna B. Thomas of the California Normal School.

The sessions of the institute were well attended by the teachers and those interested in the work of the public schools. The principals and superintendents of the surrounding districts were in attendance, both in the general and the departmental sessions, and the whole spirit of the institute was inspiring and helpful.

Athletics.

Since the last issue of the Review the following basketball games have been played between teams representing the various classes.

Nov. 30	Seniors 21	Middlers 2
Dec. 2	Middlers 11	Juniors 4
Dec. 5	Seniors 15	Underclassmen 3
Jan. 2	Seniors 7	Middlers 4
Jan. 6	Middlers 11	Juniors 10
Jan. 10	Academics 8	Middlers 3
Jan. 16	Middlers 5	Junior-Academic 7
Jan. 20	Middlers 17	Juniors 6

A basket ball league has been formed within each class so that every boy in the school may have an opportunity to learn the game as a member of a team rather than as a spectator. The Senior teams, Pennsylvania, Princeton, Yale, and Harvard are captained by Scott, Cowell, Dannels, and Edwards respectively. In the first series of games, played on January 10th

Penn defeated Princeton 17 to 7, while Harvard took the measure of Yale, score 7-2.

The Middler league is composed of Pitt, W. & J., State, and Waynesburg, captained by Wycoff, Crago, Mankey, and Stewart respectively. On January 17 State won from Waynesburg, 12 to 9, and W. & J. from Pitt, 17 to 7.

The three Junior teams take their names from the leaders of the Central League. They are Johnstown, Uniontown, and Connellsville, and are captained by Long, Wilson, and D. Fuller.

The Academic teams are captained by Durston, Humphries, and Glunt, but have not yet chosen names.

Each team in the league will play once each week. The Seniors and Middlers play on Wednesday, Juniors on Saturday, and Academics on Thursday. During the latter part of February a series of interclass games will be played, after which a representative team will be selected.

C. W. Nethaway.

In Memory of Dr. George P. Beard.

Whereas, Dr. George P. Beard, for many years the honored and efficient Principal of this State Normal School, has ended life's journey, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Board of Trustees honor him as a Christian gentleman, as one who did much to advance the interests of the school and to help forward the cause of education in Western Pennsylvania.

That, although more than a quarter of a century has elapsed since he closed his labors here, his influence is still felt among his fellow-workers and by that large body of students who went out during his administration to enter upon the teacher's work, many of whom are to-day filling places of honor and trust in the various activities of life.

That we hereby express our deep sympathy with those who mourn his loss in the home circle, and that a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family of the deceased, be published in the Normal Review, and be made part of the records of this meeting.

Committee on Resolutions:

Geo. M. Mitchell,

H. B. Davis,

G. G. Hertzog.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees at its regular meeting, January 3, 1912.

G. G. Hertzog, Secretary.

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For some years an increasing amount of attention has been given by educators to the needs and the latent powers of abnormal children. Physical inabilities, inherited deficiencies; the various characteristics that seemed to distinguish the abnormal child from his child neighbor, have been investigated, and the results of this research have been promptly used in endeavors to bring the deficient child within reach of some of the advantages of the boy or girl of usual gifts. More recently some of the methods evolved through such study have been carried over into the sphere of the education of the normal child, and most interesting and promising results have followed. Among the different experiments of this sort the schools directed by Dr. Montessori are being watched with much interest. The Contessa Montessori, who is at once a physician, a scholar, and an expert educator, began her work with deficient children but now directs several schools for normal children from the most crowded portions of certain Italian cities. Certain fundamental principles of her method are the following. The earliest training should develop the sense of touch and advance muscular control. Training should get at all the available energy of the child, but this energy should find outlet in spontaneous activity. The child should at no time be under a sense of restraint except as the general welfare is seen to place limitations upon the activities of the individual. The failure of a child in any attempt indicates, not that he is morally delinquent, but that he has not yet reached in his development the stage to which the given achievement would belong. The delight of a child who discovers that he, too, can write and that he, also, can take part in this fascinating reading in which others are engaged—such delight on the part of the child must be to the teacher who sees it a quite sufficient motive for careful consideration of the principles and methods of Dr. Montessori. Teachers are all looking forward with interest to the account of her system which is soon to appear in an English translation.

Washington County Teachers' Institute.

This year, the Washington County Teachers' Institute was so unusual, was so far above the mediocre, that all teachers regardless of age and experience testified that they received more actual training directly applicable to their work in the school room than they had ever before received at the Teachers' Institute. Superintendent Crumrine is to be congratulated on procuring such practical instructors who were not willing to unload a burden of fads and frills on a body of unsuspecting teachers, as is too often the case at teachers' institutes. It was evident that Superintendent Crumrine had, with happy insight, selected the subjects on which the teachers of the county needed information, and had procured the most able instructors to present these subjects to the Institute.

Mr. Crumrine's aim must have been four-fold: First, to give to the teachers instruction which might be directly applied in the school room; Second, to inspire them in their chosen field of endeavor; Third, to give them an idea of the future in educational work; and Fourth, to make them especially happy during the Institute week. His success was abundant; he accomplished what he set out to do.

The most prominent exponent of his first aim was Miss Beatrice Weller of Lincoln, Nebraska. Her subject was drawing, a subject sadly neglected in most of our common schools. Miss Weller has a rapid hand and a ready tongue, and the two work in perfect unison. Whether illustrating some little conceit of her own, or illuminating one of Riley's rhymes of childhood with appropriate scenery, she is equally at home, suiting the word to the picture, the picture to the word.

Dr. William Chancellor from Norwalk, Connecticut, gave some helpful addresses on such subjects as "Dealing with Peculiar Children," "The Day's Work—Its Purpose, Plan, and Record" and "The Progress of Teaching as a Profession." Dr. Robert J. Aley from Orono, Maine, addressed the teachers on such subjects as, "The Care of the Individual in Education," "The Relation of Knowing to Teaching," and "The Purpose of Education." Both Dr. Aley and Dr. Chancellor were strangers to the teachers of Washington County at the opening session of the Institute, but before the end of the week they were both quite popular with the teachers.

Dr. Davis and Prof. W. S. Hertzog, formerly a teacher in the Normal, in interesting addresses gave the teachers an idea of what to look forward to in some things educational in the future. We must not forget Dr. Henry R. Pattengill, the "happy old man." This has been the third time that he has appeared at the Washington County Institute. He has been growing young since we first learned to know him. His instruction is invariably practical and contains enough humor to enliven any body of teachers.

The evening entertainments, with one exception, were up to the usual high standard. The Institute was not lacking in enthusiasm. The speakers delivered their addresses with feeling, and the teachers sang cheerfully.

Ressa Boyer, 1912.

The Mozart Anniversary.

To meet any character who has attained great success in his phase of life is to make us wish to strive for better things and higher ideals. Last Saturday evening, January 27, Dr. Veon brought us into touch with one of the world's greatest composers, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, by a lecture which was followed by a skillful rendering of the "Concerto in D Minor." Miss Walrond, a former pupil of Dr. Veon's, played the orchestral parts.

The lecture, short as it was, gave us some idea of the remarkable life of Mozart, his early beginning in the musical world, and the wonders which he achieved in such a short time. As Dr. Veon was giving the lecture and as each achievement, more wonderful than the preceding one was mentioned, it seemed to me that there must come mention of a time when Mozart reached the highest possible summit of music and there rested and could go no farther. Many times, also, I have wondered what he would have accomplished could he have lived longer. Certainly it seems strange and sad that his life should have ended as it did, and that he who had played before all royalty should have been buried in a pauper's grave. Throughout the entire lecture Dr. Veon brought so clearly before the audience the marvelous simplicity of this great musician.

After having heard of his life all were anxious to listen to his music, and it was with almost breathless eagerness that they awaited the first notes of the concerto. The playing of this composition lasted for a half hour, and during that time scarcely a person moved. The exquisite tones and the skillful interpretation of this masterpiece held all spellbound. Through all the power of the concerto you felt the charming simplicity of the composer.

All, I am sure, are hoping that this is only the first of many recitals by Dr. Veon.

Lucile A. Pillsbury, 1914.

Mr. Powers' Visit to S. W. S. N. S.

Of special interest to lovers of Dickens because of the approach of the Dickens' centennial was Leland T. Powers' impersonations of his own dramatization of "David Copperfield", given in the Normal Chapel on December 6. Mr. Powers has made of "David Copperfield" a drama in four acts, in which the main interest centers about "Little Em'ly." Mr. Powers' interpretations of the different characters were very pleasing, those of Mr. Micawber, Uriah Heep, and "Old Peggoty" being especially strong. At the conclusion of the entertainment, Mr. Powers recited two short poems; "Mother Mine," and "If I Only Had the Time." The following morning Mr. Powers addressed the Normal students, speaking of the importance of cultivating the ability to express clearly and well what one has to say, and emphasizing the fact that bodily position helps or hinders in expressing our thoughts. After his talk he recited Kipling's "Mandalay."

Blanche Griffith, 1912.

CLIO.

From "The Salutatory."

The years spent in this school are of vital importance to us all as they are equipping and girding us for the greater voyage of life. What that voyage will be, whether prosperous or disastrous, we cannot tell. But this we know, it will depend upon ourselves, upon the use we make of gifts and powers we possess, upon the ends we have chosen and to which we work, upon the worthiness of our aims and purposes in life, upon our fidelity to the immutable principles of rectitude, upon our cordial love, belief, and practice of the truth. We are laying a few foundations in science and learning—only that. The superstructure is yet to be reared thereon, and it doth not appear what that shall be. It will depend upon us. The world is awaiting us, it has need of us, sore need of every one and for all our gifts, culture, and power. It has a place, too, for each of us. That place may not be exalted; the acclaim and plaudits of men may not await us; not one of us may achieve what men call greatness; but in a helpful and earnest life there is a greatness which each of us may surely attain; there are honors we may win, the lustre of which will remain when coronet and crowns and heads that wear them are alike in the dust and the sheen of their jewels is extinguished forever. Is this fancy? No. It is simply the greatness of a good and true life that makes the most and best of passing opportunities and finds its sure and sufficient reward in consciousness of useful burdens cheerfully borne and daily duties faithfully performed. Slighting daily duties or the neglect of small things is the rock on which a great majority of the human race have been wrecked. Human life consists of a succession of small events, each of which is comparatively unimportant; and yet the happiness and success of every man depends upon the manner in which these small events are dealt with. Character is built upon little things, little things well and honorably transacted. Accumulations of knowledge and experience of the most valuable kind are the results of little bits of knowledge and experience carefully treasured up. Those who learn nothing or accumulate nothing in life are set down as failures because they have neglected small things. They may consider that the world has gone against them, but in fact they have been their own enemies. There has long been a popular belief in good luck, but like many other popular notions it is gradually giving way. The conviction is extending that diligence is the mother of good luck; in other words, that a man's success in life will be proportionate to his efforts, his industry, and his attention to small things. Your negligent, shiftless, loose fellows never meet with luck, because the results of industry are denied to those who will not use the proper efforts to secure them. It is not luck but labor that makes men, and it is not luck but labor that will make Clio stand joyful, triumphant, and unflinching before the eyes of all.

"It will do" is the common phrase of those who neglect little things. "It will do" has blighted many a character, blasted many a fortune, and ruined thousands of hopeful projects of good. It always means stopping short of the right thing; it is a makeshift; it is a failure and, as last year, a defeat. Not what will do but what is the best possible thing to do, is the point to be arrived at. Let Clio adopt the maxim, "it will do," and she is given over to the enemy; she is on the side of incompetency and defeat. Let the past perish, let darkness shroud it, and let it sleep forever under the triumph of coming trials if it can not serve as a guide for the present and future.

Elizabeth Edwards, 1912.

Philo.

The committee appointed by the president of the Philomathean Literary Society to arrange for a joint meeting with the Clionians, reported at our last meeting that the date had been set for February the twenty third. Judging from the program prepared by the two committees, the evening will be profitable and entertaining.

Participants in the annual contest with Clio were elected January the twenty sixth. Our society is to be represented by:

Debater—William Dannels.

Orator—Charles Hile.

Essayist—Nelle Bryson.

Reading—Martha Coatsworth.

Senior Class Organized.

On Wednesday, January 17, the members of the senior roll were called together to organize the class. Frank McMurrrough was elected temporary chairman and Rachel Camp secretary. The following nominating committee, consisting of three members from each of the upper societies, was appointed by the chairman:

Clio—Helen Proellochs, Laura Butler, Sylvia Cowell.

Philo—Jennie Boose, Charles Hile, Blanche Griffith.

The officers elected were Clyde Martin, president; Laura Morgan, vice-president; Kathryn Frye, secretary; Edwin Snyder, treasurer; Lawrence Blackburn, chairman of the executive committee; Eunice Hudson, first member of the executive committee; and Martha Wood, second member.

As yet, very little business has been done, but we hope within a short time to have the class in good working order.

Kathryn Frye,
Secretary.

Y. M. C. A.

On the last Sunday in the fall term the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. held a joint meeting.

This very enjoyable Christmas service was made up chiefly of Christ-

mas music and of Christmas thoughts contributed by the young ladies and young men.

A joint meeting was again held on the first Sunday of this term. At this time Dr. Davis gave a talk that was very fitting for the time of the year and that will prove beneficial indeed if the young people will put into practice his advice. His talk was principally on the neglect of Christianity by students who have left their home environment and live in an atmosphere that, as far as religious conduct is concerned, is wholly different.

Jan. 21 the Y. M. C. A. held the election of officers for the new year. The officers elected are as follows:

President	B. H. Crago
Vive-President	Joe Stewart
Secretary	Lee Mankey
Treasurer	Wayland Zwyer

During the entire fall term the Y. M. C. A. was very much in need of a pianist. We have been so fortunate as to have a new member come into our association who is skillful on the piano. I refer to Mr. Lake.

One of the best meetings of the entire year was that held on Jan. 14, under the leadership of B. H. Crago. His topic was "Human Society."

F.W.

Y. W. C. A.

On January 28 the regular mission meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held in the High School room instead of the usual place of meeting, North Parlor. This was done so that the reflectoscope could be used in connection with pictures on India, which Mrs. Noss showed and explained. The mission class is studying India, and the pictures gave an insight into the life of the Hindoo people and the conditions under which missionaries work. The remarkable civilization of India is evidenced in the wonderful architecture of her temples. In the face of such a civilization is it not hard to realize that the upper castes are practically unapproachable, and that the work of the missionary is necessarily confined to the lower classes? This series of views brought out the better side of Hindoo life. Another set of pictures is being planned to illustrate the sadder side. By means of the lantern, the actual condition of the country studied can be brought home so forcibly that we trust to use it quite frequently.

Messages were sent to Miss Bella Patrick, expressing the sympathy of the association in the death of her sister, and to Miss Elizabeth McCormick in the loss of her mother.

Helen Proellochs,
Chairman Intercollegiate Committee

Alliance Francais.

The high degree of interest of the members of the Alliance and its rapid advancement were evident in the meeting held in Clio Hall, Saturday evening, January 6.

A short comedy, composed by Miss Redding and translated into French by Miss Proellochs, both members of the French II class, was played in a charming manner. This is the first piece of work of its kind that has ever been done by the French class, and it aroused much interest. The comedy is in three acts. The setting of the first act is a poor house on the night before Christmas; in this act a mother talks to her three daughters of the coming Christmas. In the second act a rich young lady expresses her sadness at being alone in the world and her longing to find her half-sister,whomshe has not seen for many years. Her lover makes her a visit that evening and begs her to marry him. She promises him her hand on condition that he find her lost sister. The third act shows again the home of the poor mother and her three children. The young lady accompanied by her lover, in her distribution of gifts to the poor, comes to this little dwelling. While attempting to place a spray of holly over the mantle the visitor discovers a picture of her half-sister as she appeared in her youth and soon learns that it is no other than a portrait of the poor mother who stands before her. Much rejoicing follows, and the girl keeps her promise to her happy lover.

The cast was as follows:

Mlle. Moreau.....	Miss Decker
Monsieur Leveque	Mr. Groleau
Mme. Carnet.....	Miss Rockwell
Les trois filles	Miss Proellochs
	Miss Wilson
	Miss Pillsbury
Emeline, the maid of Mlle. Moreau.....	Miss Hanlon
Les visiteurs.....	Miss Lamb
	Miss Edwards
	Miss Hipsch
	Miss Humphries

A few quaint little Christmas carols were delightfully worked into the play. A short poem, "Noel," was recited by Miss Mills. Following the play a Christmas carol was sung by all the members of the Alliance, and in a few moments Santa Claus (Mr. Lutes) appeared and presented to each of his good students a gift.

The meeting was quite successful and appreciated not only by the members but also by the visitors; Miss Charles of the Cercle Francaise, Mrs. Noss, Mrs. Fraser, Doctor Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Coffin, and Dr. Graves.
 Martha Woods, Secretary.

Exchanges.

The **Lutheran Normal School Mirror** shows careful forethought in the selection of material. Articles deserving special mention are "The Importance of Hygiene in Schools," "The Whole Teacher," and "Seat Work for the Primary Grades." W. C. E.

The **Recorder** from the Francis Parker School was received by the Exchange Department. This paper would be improved by greater variety in subject matter.

The **High School Journal** of Pittsburg and the **High School Review** of Wilksburg contain excellent material, well arranged. H. W.

The December number of the **Amulet** is an art number and is especially worthy of mention. Almost half of the space is devoted to the subject of art; there are a number of prints, excellent short sketches of the life and works of three great modern artists, and an interesting article on the "Art Needs of the Public School Teacher." The January number, as the first number of the new year, opens with new year's greetings from many prominent educators and other public men.

We gratefully acknowledge the following December and January exchanges: The Purple and Gold, Duquesne Monthly, The Searchlight, The Recorder, The Pharos, The High School Review, The High School Journal, The Lutheran Normal School Mirror, The Red and Black, The Bethany Collegian, The Tempe Normal Student, The Normal College News, The Athenaeum, The Beaver, The Grove City Collegian, The Northern Illinois, The Amulet, The Normal Herald, The Vidette. J. B. B.

The Alumni Association of Washington County.

During the week of the Institute of Washington County, which began December 17, 1911, an Alumni Association was established. The following officers were elected:

President, Thomas L. Pollock, California, Pa.
 Vice-President, Miss Pickett, Washington, Pa.
 Secretary, Mrs. Frank Hall, Washington, Pa.
 Treasurer, Russel E. Homer.

An executive committee was also elected: Thomas L. Pollock, Miss Pickett, Charles Young, Mrs. Kate Besser, Miss McCrery.

It is the duty of the executive committee to attend to the business of the Association and also to make all necessary preparations for the Alumni Banquet, which shall be given hereafter on a special night of the week of Institute.

One request is made, namely, that each Alumnus of Washington County shall send his name to Mrs. Hall in order not only to increase the numbers of the Association, but also to aid in making this Association a success in every way.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep regret that we record the death from pneumonia, December 21, 1911, of Miss Jessie May Porter of the senior class. Miss Porter had been suffering from an unusually severe attack of asthma, and was removed to the home of her brother in Crafton. Pneumonia developed later, to which she succumbed.

The Young Women's Christian Association, of which Miss Porter was a faithful and active member, the Faculty and the Senior class express to the bereaved family their deep sympathy.

Alumni Notes.

1886.

Mrs. Anna M. Hall, wife of Professor F. R. Hall, late superintendent of Washington County, has been elected a teacher in the Washington Public schools.

1887.

Mr. W. D. Cunningham is the editor and publisher of the "Tokyo Christian." His optimistic little monthly is full of news of missionaries and of Christian work in Japan.

1890.

Miss Laura Westbay has been elected vice-principal of the schools of Carnegie, Pa.

1898.

Miss L. Frances Singer, a graduate of California Normal, was married on November 30, to Mr. Howard M. Fleming. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming have left Pittsburg to spend the winter in Los Angeles, California.

1899.

Mr. Charles W. Gill will take his degree at Chicago University in the spring; he is specializing in English. He spends the summer at Chautauqua, where he assists in the Chicago book store.

Miss May Widney was married Dec. 2, 1911, to Mr. M. W. Branch at Naini Tal, India, where Miss Widney's missionary work was located. Mr. and Mrs. Branch will have their residence in the dormitories of Reid Christian College, Lucknow, where Mr. Branch is a member of the faculty.

1900.

T. L. Pollock, superintendent of schools of East Pike Run townships, has been elected chairman of the Teachers' Round Table of Washington County. Mr. Pollock is also president of the California Normal School Alumni Association of Washington County.

1904.

Miss Julia Hopwood sends greetings to her friends at the Normal

from Riverside, California, where she teaches in the same building as Miss Anna Koontz, of 1902.

1905.

Miss Mary Gregg, of California, has been elected to teach the first grade in the schools at Homestead.

1907.

Miss Florence Cochran, of Rankin, has won a recent newspaper contest, which entitles her to a trip to Europe. Miss Cochran is a member of the class of 1907, and a successful teacher in the public schools at Rankin.

Mr. Earl Stewart is attending State College.

Miss Irene Hawkins is teaching Room 3 in the Sharpsburg school.

1910.

Miss Ella Hawkins is teaching room 3 at Ellsworth.

Mr. Clifford Stewart is attending State College.

Miss Edythe Stratton is doing excellent work in the second grade of the Lincoln Avenue Public School in Pittsburg.

Miss Daine Hornbeck is teaching at Dickerson Run.

Miss Ruby Glasser is teaching in the Knoxville district.

Miss Mae Ostrander and Miss Bertha MacDonald visited the Normal lately.

1911.

Mr. Rube Long is attending school in Illinois.

Miss Ethel Sickels and Miss Florence Maloney are teaching at Donora.

Miss Woodring has taken Miss Gregg's position in West Brownsville.

Among the Alumni visitors at the school were: Mr. Ralph Bradford, Miss Novelia O'Reilly, Miss Dora Williamson, Miss Beulah Armstrong, Miss Louise Hanlon, Miss Bertha Charles, and Miss Hariette Irwin.

Miss Anna Duff was a visitor of this school, November 3, and attended Clio Society, Friday, November 3.

Misses Mabel Colvin, Edna Williams, and Ruth McMullin were visiting this school November 3 and 4.

A local paper gives us news of Mr. Mika:

"Reports just received from Yale University show that the first scholarship trust student sent from this district is achieving high honors. He is Gaza Mika, a Bohemian, of West Brownsville, who entered Yale last fall and who has been in this country only about eight years. Before entering Yale he graduated from California Normal School. The report states that the young man has a very high standing in the freshman honor list, and the authorities write that he is an excellent student and request more of the same type through the scholarship."

California Normal School graduates are much in evidence at the Institute in Connellsville. A number of them planned a very pleasant surprise for Miss Thomas at the Hotel Royal on the closing day by giving a dinner party.

The guests were Misses Hattie Henry, Beatrice Patterson, Carrie Kenyon, Mary Parkhill, Izetta Landenberger, Agnes Niemon, Grace Robinson, Nelle Penn and Messrs. Edward Miner, Lyman Miller and Bruce Linneberg.