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Good were the days of yore, when  
men were tried  
By ring of shields, as now by ring of  
gold;  
But, while the gods are left, and  
hearts of men  
And the free ocean, still the days are  
good;  
Through the broad earth roams Op-  
portunity  
And knocks at every door of hut or  
hall,  
Until she finds the brave soul that  
she wants.—*Lowell.*

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## OUR GUESTS, THE SCHOOL-MEN OF SOUTH-WEST- ERN PENNSYLVANIA

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We are pleased to welcome once more the leaders in education in this section of the state to our annual conference. It is our hope that through these meetings this school as the state's training school for teachers may be brought into closer contact with the men who direct the work of teachers in service.

These men can through the positions they hold do much to strengthen our work and by so doing they will enable us to help them. They can see to it that the best persons for the work of teaching the elementary grades are directed to the Normal School as the best place for securing training for elementary school work.

They can use their influence for higher standards of training. If far Western States can demand and get well trained teachers so can Pennsylvania. Superintendents are the most powerful men in the state when it comes to the question of compelling preparation on the part of teachers. Some county superintendents have almost entirely driven the poorly educated, poorly trained teachers from their counties.

It would be very helpful if they would keep us informed as to their standards for judging instruction, what they desire from their teachers. If they should go further and tell us in what ways our graduates do not meet their demand it would be still more helpful.

I have suggested only a few of the ways in which these men can be helpful. Our wish is to be of service to the schools of our state but in order for us to be of greatest helpfulness we need the co-operation of the leaders in education in our section of the state.

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**A Brief Survey of the Schools of Fayette County**

A. W. MOATS

The last few years mark the beginning of a new era of progress in the schools of Fayette County.

There are at present (not including the cities) a total of 763 teachers employed in the schools of the county with an enrollment 29,872 pupils.

Under the progressive leadership of Supt. John S. Carroll, many new features have been added to promote the growth of the schools. Never before, in the history of the schools of Fayette County, has so much been done in so short a time as has been done under the present administration. A school of methods, is held for two days before the opening of schools for the new as well as the experienced teachers.

Under the direction of the County Supt., the Supervising Principals of the different districts were called together recently in convention to draw up a uniform course of study for the schools of the county. As a result, drawing, music and agriculture were added to the regular course.

The Fayette County School Journal, a publication edited by the County Supt., is doing a great work in drawing the different districts in closer contact with one another. It is also a great help to teachers, articles being contributed by some of the best educators of the country as well as local school men.

At the urgent request of Supt., Carroll many of the districts have recently elected Supervising Principals, there being at present fourteen Supervising Principals and three assistant County Superintendents. These have greatly advanced the schools of the county.

Though the work of E. M. Lockard, who is president of the Directors Association of Fayette County and other members, much is being done in the way of bringing about closer relation between school officials and directors.

The past few years have shown great progress in organizing township high schools, five having been organized in that number of years, four of which are first class.

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Supt. D. W. SIEBERT,  
Somerset County.



Supt. L. R. CRUMRINE,  
Washington County

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In Georges Township, there is in connection with the high school, ten acres of land for experimental farming.

In the North Union Township High School the enrolment in four years has increased over five hundred percent.

In Redstone Township, not only has advancement been made in the grades as well. Supt. Hess knowing that a large majority of pupils, who attend the common school never reach the high school, has inaugurated some very unique plans in giving these as well as the others practical training in the way of thrift and industry.

Saving accounts for the pupils, in connection with the schools have been established.

This was a success from the start. All work done by the pupils at home, such as studying, and domestic duties, when properly certified by their parents is accredited on the pupil's record.

Much progress has been made also in providing modern equipment in heating and ventilating all school buildings. All playgrounds are kept in hygeinic condition, and sanitary drinking fountains have been provided. These, with many other features, ranks Redstone Township as one of the leading townships in the county in school work. The other townships of the county are doing equally as well in comparison to the advantages afforded them.

Notwithstanding the progress of the county schools, there yet could be many decided improvements.

With good roads in nearly all parts of the county, consolidation of schools could easily be made in most townships.

Longer terms should be established in industrial districts where most of the pupils are not engaged in useful work during the four or five months of vacation. During these months of idleness they generally form many bad habits which are not, to a great extent, ever corrected.

Better pay for teachers would enable them to give more time to their work instead of doing other work in their spare time to make up the deficiency in salary.

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These, with the elimination of the needless shifting of teachers would do much to elevate the schools of Fayette County.

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### The Schools of Greene County

In considering the schools of Greene county, one must bear in mind that she is a typical rural county. Judging her by the number of her schools, she may appear to be surpassed by many of her sister counties, but in relative and absolute progress, she is among the leaders.

There are a total of 270 teachers employed, and nearly 7,000 pupils enrolled. In the nine high schools of the county are enrolled one-twelfth of the entire student body.

During the administration of the present able county superintendent, Mr. H. D. Freeland, a number of projects tending to the advancement of the schools have been initiated.

At the beginning of the school year of 1915-16, a course of study prepared by the superintendent and his capable assistant, Mr. Kent Kelley, was introduced and adopted by all the school boards throughout the county. This course of study was also made one of the books on the teachers' reading course, and was included as a subject for examination the following year; this compelled the teachers to give it more than a passing interest as is so often done.

The improvement of school grounds has been encouraged by the presentation of a prize of twenty-five dollars annually to the township school showing the most attractive school grounds. Also, a prize of five dollars is given any pupil of the county who shall show the greatest number of trees planted outside of school grounds, and in good condition.

The thing that has probably created the most widespread interest in the schools of the county, has been the inauguration of an annual county spelling contest, held near the close of the term, at the county seat. Each school in the different townships and boroughs is permitted to send two pupils to the district contest. The best two spellers of each district are

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then privileged to enter the county contest. Prizes are given at both the district and county contests.

The need of greater proficiency in penmanship, has long been felt, and during the past year, the Palmer Method of Business Writing has been introduced and adopted into 85 per cent. of the schools of the county. The teachers themselves are enrolled in the Palmer course, and the improvement among the pupils is very gratifying indeed.

An annual county school exhibit is held during Institute week, in the Armory building, and by this means, many patrons, heretofore more or less indifferent, have been brought into a closer relationship with their schools.

In connection with the school exhibit, it may be mentioned that the superintendent has strongly urged the placing in each school yearly a good picture of some noted personage. During the term the life of the person is studied, by the pupils, and, in some instances, a special literary program is carried out, relating to the life of the person. This should be elevating in itself, as the careful study for instance, of such an one as Frances E. Willard, the great temperance advocate, should serve to clinch, even more firmly than ever in the minds of the coming generation, that they should continue to keep Greene county a white spot on the map of Pennsylvania.

The superintendent has co-operated with County Agriculturist, G. H. Bedell, in promoting more interest among the pupils along agricultural lines. This should prove an especially valuable feature, as Greene county is a farming district.

A school of methods, covering a period of three days is held annually before the opening of the school term. This is held primarily for young or inexperienced teachers, and they express their approval of it by saying that it is of more actual benefit to them than the regular institute. This is no mean appreciation, when it is known that the Greene County Institute is considered one of the best in the state, no expense being spared to secure the most able instructors and entertainers on the platform.

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During the past month, three schools have met the requirements for becoming a "Standard School" and have received pennants designating them as such. One of them was the second "standard school" in the state.

Among the things that are probably the most needed are centralized schools, which undoubtedly will come when the good roads movement is farther advanced, better buildings, better equipment, more attention paid to music and libraries in the schools, more civic pride in the up-keep of grounds and buildings, and closer supervision, there being at present but one supervising principal in the county, Mr. T. D. Simmons, of Franklin Township.

J. G. L.

#### Schools of Somerset County

The schools of Somerset County have been marked during recent years by unusual progress. Under the efficient supervision of Supt. D. W. Siebert there has been a steady advance in efficiency in every department in spite of adverse financial conditions and other hindrances of the cause of education.

There are five hundred four teachers employed. Of this number forty-one hold State Normal diplomas, forty-two permanent certificates, one hundred sixty professional certificates, two hundred twenty-seven provisional certificates, and thirty college diplomas.

The State Course of Study has been localized to meet local conditions. Through it the work is systematized and the problem of supervision made less difficult. At the opening of each term outlines of the work for the term and a uniform program for the rural schools are sent to the teachers. The teachers generally have followed this work with splendid success, thereby greatly increasing the efficiency of the schools.

The study of pictures is not general, on account of the teachers not being familiar with pictures, their histories, and their artists. However, an encouraging start is being made in this direction. Quite a number have caught the spirit and are manifesting a desire to learn more about the masterpieces

of art, thereby showing a commendable zeal in this important work.

At the beginning of the seventh month uniform questions and requirements for the promotion of pupils are sent to each teacher, thus securing a uniform standard for the promotion of pupils.

Interest in agricultural and industrial education has been greatly stimulated by the organization of "The Boys Agricultural Clubs" and "The Girls' Domestic Science League." These were organized for the purpose of encouraging boys and girls to do useful things and to inspire those who have never tried or even thought that raising corn or baking bread were things worth while in the educational field. A competitive exhibit is held once a year. Prizes are awarded to the winners at this contest. In view of the Pennsylvania State vocational law an effort has been made to establish a school in agriculture and domestic science within the county.

Educational entertainments, societies, and school gatherings of various kinds are held during the school term with a view of raising money for the purchase of appropriate equipment for the schools. Through them new libraries are established, organs purchased, and many reprints of works of art placed upon the walls of school houses.

There has been much activity in recent years in the improvement of school buildings and environments but there is still an opportunity in this direction. Many of the buildings are scarcely habitable and in a condition to be the homes of children the greater part of the year. People are beginning to realize that the condition of the buildings and surroundings has a direct effect upon the plastic minds of children, and only the best results can be obtained where the best conditions exist.

It is unfortunate that the number of male teachers is gradually declining, especially in those grades where the pupils are in the adolescent period, and at a time when they are beginning to think of careers of their own. This lack of male teachers is a serious measure, to better salaries in other lines of life and to encourage employment. There is no attempt here to

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depreciate or minimize the place held by female teachers in our educational field, but, on the other hand, this constant decrease in the number of male teachers is deplorable.

Local institutes are becoming more significant, as regards both the number in attendance and the character of the programs carried out.

To improve decidedly the schools of Somerset county two things must be done. All small schools should be closed and better prepared teachers employed. The unsatisfactory conditions arising from the large number of small schools may be removed by the centralization of the rural schools. The general standard of the teaching force may be improved by the adoption of a liberal attitude on the question of teachers salaries.

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#### Washington County Schools

The number of school rooms in the county have now reached the number of 947, 28 of those being high schools. In all 1003 teachers are employed, of this number the high schools claiming 130. Not including Canonsburg, East Pike Run and Cecil, there are 32,574 pupils enrolled, and is interesting to note that 1790 of the pupils were neither tardy or absent during the last school term. Our county Superintendent issued 619 diplomas to pupils who took the public school examination.

In the towns special attention is being given to defective speech, to open air schools for anemic children, to continuation schools and to household arts and technical work. In the rural districts agriculture and household economy are finding their place while music is being taught more and more by special teachers.

Increased supervision has done much to make the schools more uniform and efficient. The inexperienced teachers have better opportunities for special help and guidance.

Mt. Pleasant Township has the honor of establishing the first vocational school in the county. It has an up-to-date building fully equipped for all its requirements. It offers

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three courses. First—the Academic, or a first class high school course. Second—the Agricultural course. This includes all the important agricultural subjects, such as soils, farm crops, vegetable gardening, fruit growing, animal husbandry, dairying, fertilizers, farm law and bookkeeping, etc. Third—Home making course, some of the subjects in this are cooking, serving, household chemistry, physics, first aid and home nursing, sewing, personal hygiene and household economy. The agricultural work extends through the summer as the students are required to complete some work in crop raising. This indeed serves to be, “The Peoples School.” Another such school was established at Centerville this year. A Boys Corn Club, Girls Canning Club and Rural Life Club have been organized in the county and much interest along these lines developed.

An attempt is being made to teach Agriculture in the Rural Schools and altho many difficulties have been met with such as lack of experience, equipment and time, yet the interest of the pupils was enough to encourage its continuance. Many pupils reported having made practical use of the lesson at home.

The Ellsworth-Cokeburg district in which many foreigners live has adapted itself to the needs of the existing conditions by opening a night school in which English for Foreigners, Mining, Cooking, Industrial Work and Common Branches are taught. They also use the playground as a part of their regular equipment. The playground is supervised by a play director and the results are most satisfactory. Special teachers for the subjects of writing, drawing and Manual Training are employed. Here the children enjoy advantages seldom found except in a few large cities. This is a most commendable forward step and should be followed in other districts where like conditions exist.

The high schools under the direct supervision of the County Superintendent are divided into eight groups for literary contests. These contests will aid the pupils in self

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If ever there has been a dismal failure railroad service in the past month has been it. The changing of the school schedule is unwelcome but unless the trains come on time once in a while it will be necessary.

The reading of the accounts of "unfair treatment," "unsportsmanlike conduct," "partiality the umpire" and "unnecessary roughness" tend to strengthen the conviction which has been growing for some time, that high school athletics as at present conducted are especially dangerous to the morals of the players and the spectators.

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the literary contests athletic meets are held, the training for which encourages physical development.

I have tried to point out the most prominent works of better salaries for the teachers and better preparation and progress in the Washington county schools. Progress has been made in other lines such as better buildings, and grounds equipment for the teachers. Ella Irene Mollenauer.

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#### Misplaced Subjects

Of all the errors of our course of study none is more serious than the misplacing of school management and general methods. These two subjects, of vital importance to every teacher, should be in the last two years of the course. We have an excellent teacher for these subjects but he is teaching first and second year students when he should be teaching juniors and seniors. He is losing much and the upper classes are losing much. Further, nothing could be more illogical or unpsychological than that methods which depends upon a knowledge of psychology should precede that study in the course rather than follow it. The only reason why the subjects are where they are is the requirement of a fool law which looks to an easy way of administering funds rather than the making of efficient teachers. When the fool killer has a day off he might try his hand on that law, it has defied the efforts of sensible people for several years.

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#### The Course of Study Again

The series of articles in the December **Review** dealing with the course of study has evoked considerable comment. The contrast between the ideas of students and the results of the labors of the committee of principals is notable. Were the case not so serious it would be ridiculous. The worthy gentlemen never approached the real trouble. The remedies they propose come as near remedying the defects of our course of study as sticking a piece of court plaster on a man's thumb comes to healing a shattered limb. Had they permitted the substitution of checkers for physical training their work

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would have been a well rounded whole.

Surely, the making of a real normal school course of study for the schools of Pennsylvania is a work which needs to be approached with some degree of seriousness. Moreover, it should not be difficult to decide upon the essential features of such a course. What must a teacher possess and know in order to be successful? We can agree that she needs to know, at least fairly well, the subjects she is to teach. She needs to know the general principles of management of a school and methods of teaching. With these as a starting points surely a two year course could be worked out. Teaching seems to be the only profession into the training for which all sorts of extraneous subject matter is dragged.

Apparently the committee has trifled with a serious subject and for this they deserve severe criticism. But as I have already pointed out other things needs change and the first and most pressing need is for a change in method of support. Put support on a reasonable basis and the other ills of the Normal schools can readily be cured. Let us have our support upon a budgetary basis.

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#### **The State Normal Schools of Pennsylvania—Their Service**

For fifty years the State Normal Schools of Pennsylvania have been the people's schools.

Thousands of their graduates have gone into the common schools of this and other states and rendered high service, many devoting a life-time to this work.

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In 1916, the State Normal Schools of Pennsylvania graduated about 1700 teachers; probably ninety per cent are now teaching in the schools of Pennsylvania.

Statistics available lead us to believe that they will teach on an average seven years. The average period of service for teachers in the United States is under four years. Pennsylvania Normal graduates give three more years service than

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the average teacher. When it is considered that no teacher becomes a master until after three years' experience, the service rendered by these graduates is seen to be immeasurable.

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**Philo**

There was a very interesting meeting in Philo hall last Friday evening. It was "installation night," and immediately after the installation the old officers retired and the following newly elected officers took their respective places:

President ..... Mr. Moore  
 Vice president ..... Miss Moats  
 Secretary ..... Miss Dell  
 Critic ..... Mr. Gillogly  
 Marshall ..... Mr. Church

Mr. Moore entered upon his duties as president by giving a few helpful remarks and suggestions, after which this splendidly prepared program was carried out:

Chorus ..... Society  
 Reading ..... Ethel Hildebrand  
 Select Oration ..... Paul Blythe

Debate:—Resolved that State Colleges and Universities should be preferred to those belonging to Religious denominations.

Affirmative	Negative
Marion Elliot	Bess Shaulis
Ina Crawford	Florence Helsel
Periodical .....	Miss Lenhart

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**CLIO**

As the weeks pass by Clio continues to Lift Better up to Best. Every program since the last issue of the **Review** has been interesting and instructive.

The debates have been especially interesting and well given.

A short time ago the play "Back to the Country Store" was given in the chapel by members of Clio.

At a recent meeting the following officers were chosen:

President .....	Mr. Heinonen
Vice Preseident .....	Miss Connoley
Secretary .....	Miss Webster
Attorney .....	Mr. Hankison
Critic .....	Miss Mary Miller
Marshal .....	Mr. Tanzi
Choristers .....	Miss Hayden and Mr. Wooster

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### ALUMNI NOTES

Mrs. W. D. Craig, formerly Miss L. Etta Armstrong, '83. of Washington, Pa., was at the Normal on Tuesday, Jan. 2. enrolling her daughter.

Mr. Frank W. Jones, '08, of Connellsville, who is Supervising Principal of several townships in Fayette County, brought his brother-in-law, Mr. Clifford Cunningham, to the Normal on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Attorney A. T. Morgan, '91, of Wilkinsburg, Pa., addressed the men of the California M. E. Church at a meeting held Thursday evening Jan. 11. Those who attended the meeting report a very good talk from Mr. Morgan.

Mr. Wm. Dunn, '15, who is enrolled at Westminster College, called on friends in California, recently. From all reports Mr. Dunn has done good work in the foot-ball team this last season. He played quarter-back.

Mr. J. S. Eberman, '08, now a broker of Pittsburgh, spent New Years day at the home of his sister, Mrs. W. M. Hart of California.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Masters, (Mr. Masters, '90,) of Coal Center observed the twentieth anniversary of their wedding on Friday, Dec. 29th. At a dinner party, given by Mrs. Masters in honor of the event, were a number of their friends. Mr. Masters is president of the Board of Trustee of the Normal School and a good business man who is well known in the Valley. Their many friends join in wishing them a safe journey through the years to come.

Miss Mildred Underwood, '16, of the National Park

Seminary, Miss Mildred Masters, '16, of Birmingham School, Miss Ruth Barnum, '06, of Goucher College, Miss Grace Barnum, '12, of Wellesley College, all spent their Christmas vacation at their homes.

Miss Anna Shutterly, '84, of California recently spent a few days with her niece, Mrs. Josephine Pollock Cooley, '98, of Bellevue, Pa.

Mr. L. Ross Lewis, '93, of Tulsa, Okla., made a flying trip to the East, spending Christmas day with his mother, Mrs. Emma Lewis of California, Pa.

Dr. and Mrs. Mary Lewis Linhart, '04, spent Christmas with the former's parents at Five Points, near Greensburg.

Lieutenant Commander W. Ray Furlong, '98, wife and five year old son, spent the Christmas week with the officer's parents at Roscoe. The newly promoted naval officer is now on the battleship, South Carolina. Target and battle practice will take his ship into southern waters, where it will remain till spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson, '10, and little daughter, Catherine, of Washington, Pa., visited at the home of Mrs. Wilson's parents at California during the holiday season.

Mrs. Lulu Gregg Simpson, '03, of Scranton, Pa. who has been in the Johnston hospital for several weeks taking treatment, came to her parents' home at California, Monday, Jan. 22. She is much improved in health and will probably soon go to her home in Scranton.

Mr. Clinton Smith of Youngstown, Ohio, with his wife, Mrs. Katerine Patterson Smith, '07, and children spent a few days visiting his father, Dr. J. B. Smith, '76, during the Christmas season.

Mr. Albert Reed, '08, of California, Pa., was one of the hosts to entertain the Century Club on Tuesday evening, Jan. 9.

The mother of Mrs. Ethel Ward Dickie, '87, of Pittsburgh, Mr. Russell Ward, '99, of the same city and Mrs. Winnie Ward Huggins, '00, of Brownsvilile, passed away on Christmas day after a long illness.

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Late in December, Miss E. Daine Hornbake, '10, of Dormont and Mr. J. Earl Bell, '10, of Jefferson, Pa., were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents. Owing to the illness of the bride's father, the wedding was very quiet. Mrs. A. J. Williams was matron of honor and Miss Mary Felton bridesmaid. Mr. Williams served as best man. After Mrs. Bell graduated from the Normal she took a special course at the Margaret Morrison Carnegie School. Mr. Bell was a student for some time at the West Virginia University. Upon their return from an eastern trip, Mr. and Mrs. Bell will live at 1617 Hillsdale Avenue, Dormont.

During the unsettled condition in Mexico, Mrs. Roberta Morgan Oldfield, '98, whose husband's work takes him into that country, has remained for several months in the States during which time she has attended the University of California at Barkley, Cal. Mrs. Oldfield expected to meet her husband in New York early in January and if it seemed safe for her to accompany him back to Mexico she probably would do so.

Mr. Eli Wolf, '02, of Monessen and well known in California, was elected President of the Monessen Board of Trade at their annual banquet held last Thursday evening.

Tuesday evening, January 16th, Phincipal W. S. Hertzog, '91, and wife went to Pittsburgh to hear the grand opera "Faust" at the Alvin.

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### GENERAL NEWS

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"The farmers may talk of bluebirds,  
Of Zephyrs, the poets may sing;  
But a tack upright on the floor at night,  
Is the sign of an early Spring."

The total enrollment in the Normal School at present is 535.

Miss Caroline Rutter, of Uniontown, enrolled in the music department recently.

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Mrs. Charles Miller was visiting her daughter, Anna, recently.

Mrs. Garwood spent some time with her daughter, Edna, at the Normal.

Miss Sibyl Stitzer, head of the Department of English, and Miss Louise Ward each gave readings at Vespers recently. Miss Stitzer gave several Bible readings, also "Three Things," by Mary Shipman Andrews. Miss Ward gave "The Lost Word."

The school is expecting a visit soon from Prof. Charles A. McMurry, of Nashville, Tenn. He was acting principal of the Normal School for one year, and was associated with the faculty for two years.

Mr. Ellis Werner of the Senior class was substituting for a few days in the local High School for Miss Jane Johnson.

Mr. Walter Horner is substituting in Luzerne Township, at East Millsboro, for a few days.

A number of the Seniors gave a play "Two Little Rebels," Jan. 20.

Philo Literary Society presented a play "Polly in Politics," Saturday evening, January 27th.

Since the publication of the December **Review**, two additional numbers of the lecture course have been given—The Cathedral Choir, and Laurant and Co. The first entertainment consisted of music of a high order, and the latter of music and magic.

The next number will be an illustrated scientific lecture "World Making" by Dr. McCabe, February 9th.

State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Mr. J. A. Ellers, of Harrisburg visited the Normal school for two days, and incidentally enjoyed Laurant and Company.

Mr. Earl Guy Bowers, of the class of 1914, who is teaching near Webster, visited friends here recently.

The Century Club met in North parlor was entertained Tuesday evening, January 24th, by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Claypool, Miss Sarah Axtell and Miss Walrond. Splendid papers were read by Miss Anna B. Thomas and Miss Anna Buckbee,

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the first on "Pictures in Education," the second "Drama in Education."

Miss Anna Thomas spoke at the German Township Institute at McClellandtown.

Principal Hertzog was an instructor at the Redstone Township in the High School building at Republic.

Principal Hertzog and family, Prof. Field, and Prof. Dunkelberger attended the meeting of the State Educational Association in Harrisburg.

Prof. Fred Wright attended a grand concert in Carnegie Music Hall given by the noted violinist Fritz Kreisler.

Dr. Charles Veon gave his lecture on Mozart at the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh to the Uxiority Club.

Dr. J. B. Smith attended a concert given by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Wednesday evening, January 24th.

Mr. Martin, the electrician, met with a painful accident recently, while attempting to thaw out the water line on the hill. He was using some gasoline, which caught fire and exploded, burning him considerably.

The new members of South Hall—Mr. Tanzi, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Cunningham, and Mr. Hough were given a royal reception by their South Hall neighbors.

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Death has visited the homes of several persons connected with the Normal. We desire to extend sympathy to Miss Walrond whose mother died last week, to Miss Maud Wright whose father died during the Christmas vacation, to Mr. Countryman whose father died early in the term, to Misses Mildred and Ruth Hackney whose father died in January and to Miss Melnik whose sister died the first of February.

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The boys' parlor has recently been refurnished and now presents an inviting appearance. A new pool table adds much to the attractiveness.

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Prof. Wright's favorite expression, "Good Night!"

Now just what does that signify?

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**Joint Meeting of Philo Jr. and Clio Jr., Feb. 7. Clio Hall  
The Last Days of Pompeii**

1. Historical Setting ..... Mary Geho
2. A Tableau-Glaucus and Ione at the temple of Minerva.

**CHARACTERS**

- Ione ..... Mary Geho  
 Priest ..... Madeliene McKee  
 Glaucus ..... Earl Adams  
 Attendants .....
3. The Story summarized ..... Anna Foreman
  4. Music of the period ..... Victrola
  5. Nydia the Grecian Slave (in costume) ..... Rose Gross
  6. The Conflict of Religions ..... Martha Phillips
  7. Reading (arranged from the "Last Days of Pompeii")  
 ..... Mary Leadbeter

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**Y. W. C. A.**

Since the last issue of the Normal **Review** very much has been done by the Y. W. C. A.

The Bazaar which was held one week before Christmas vacation proved very successful, and the members of the Y. W. C. A. wish to extend their thanks for the many beautiful gifts, which were contributed both by the girls here and those who are not here now but have graduated, but who still remember us and always were loyal Y. W. C. A. workers. The amount raised thru this bazaar was \$43.45.

The school as a whole also contributed to the war fund, but much was raised thru the sale of toy animals, birds and other articles made by the students of the Manual Training department, which they donated.

The entire sum for the war fund amounted to \$55.00.

Every Wednesday night the members of the Y. W. C. A. have been having Bible Study Classes. The work is very interesting and much benefit has been derived from it. The members of the Senior class have been studying "A Life at Its Best" in this is taken up the story of the life of Paul and the beautiful character which he represents. The members of

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the Junior class are studying "The Prophets of Israel" and the first and second years people are studying "Women of the Bible.

Our Sunday morning meetings have been well attended and so much interest has been maintained.

A sandwich social was held a few weeks ago and proved a success.

The meeting on Sunday morning Jan. 7, was led by Lois Finley.

Jan. 14, by Sara Billick and Florence Ward the subject being "True Courtesy." Many illustrations were given in which we could show our courtesy we owe our fellow workers. Do we always do that? Let each one of us see if we can not always be courteous to all our associates.

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### **Basket Ball**

#### **BOYS**

The season of 1917 promises to be one of much importance to C. N. S. Coach Fernald has shown much skill in training our "Red and Black" players so that the honors of the Monongahela Valley will remain with us longer.

This season began with the glad news that Coach Fernald would have charge of our training. Next we had the assurance of good material as all of our last season's players returned.

The games as they have been played are as follows:

#### **First Game**

January 8th, we were invited to Monessen High for our first game of the season. Here we showed much superiority over the High school five by taking the game with a score of 31 to 14. The high school secured most of their points on fouls.

#### **Second Game**

Jan. 10th we traveled to Waynesburg and won from the College five. The score of 26-25 looked very pleasing to us when the final whistle blew. To explain this close score we

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must say that we were handicapped somewhat by playing on a waxed floor.

#### Third Game

January 13, which happened to be an unlucky day, the Canonsburg high school lost to us on their home floor by a score of 40 to 24.

#### Fourth Game

January 19, we had the pleasure of playing our first home game and also of securing revenge from the Morgantown high school by a score of 36-29.

#### Fifth Game

January 27, the Kittanning high visited our floor and met defeat. This game was one of the most exciting that we had played this season. Along with the fact that Kittanning high possesses a first class team in winning this game brings a total of five games played all of which were won by "Red and Black" players. Score 31-24.

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### GIRLS

Again success smiles in the face of the girls Basket-ball team. Miss Long has worked well in training the girls for the season and has without a doubt a winning team. Last year they held the championship of the Valley and their present start we look forward to the repetition of their past season.

The games played for the season of 1917 are as follows:

Jan. 5th, the Crafton High school girls journeyed to our floor. Here they were outplayed in every point of the game and lost by a score of 22 to 3.

January 12th, the Normal girls visited the Monessen high school girls. The result of this game was as usual a victory for the Normal girls. Score 40—5.

#### Basket Ball Schedule for 1917

### GIRLS

#### At Home

Jan. 5, Crafton H. S.  
Feb. 3, Waynesburg College  
Feb. 17, Alumnae

#### Abroad

Jan. 12, Monessen H. S.  
Feb. 9, Indiana Normal  
Feb. 24, Waynesburg College

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March 3, Indiana Normal      March 16, Crafton H. S.  
 March 10, open                      Mildred Hackney, Manager.

**BOYS**

**At Home**

Jan. 19, Morgantown H. S.  
 Jan. 27, Kittanning H. S.  
 Feb. 17, open  
 Feb. 24, Canonsburg H. S.  
 March 2, Waynesburg College  
 March 9, Indiana Normal  
 March 15, German Twp. H. S.

**Abroad**

Jan. 5, Monessen H. S.  
 Jan. 10, Waynesburg College  
 Jan. 13, Canonsburg H. S.  
 Feb. 3, Indiana Normal  
 Feb. 9, Kittanning H. S.  
 Feb. 23, German Twp. H. S.  
 Feb. 17, Morgantown H. S.  
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