

The Normal Review

A Student's Valentine

Tomorrow is the day for valentines;
Then let me leave my thesis for a space,
Lower the lamplight on these weary lines,
And dream a little in the shadowed place.
In my three years at College I have named
My Valentine and kept the season thrice;
The jolly saint himself is to be blamed
If I have never had the same one twice.

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Conservation

The food conservation movement is receiving attention from the faculty and students. A food conservation committee composed of Mr. Field, Dr. Veon, Miss Buckbee, Miss Edna Long, Miss Florence Ward and Miss Robison was appointed to consider the matter. Several meetings have been held and plans have been put into operation. The movement has been well received and the students are co-operating heartily. In view of the general attitude the expressions of such sentiments as: "I have paid for my board and I'll do as I

please", and "If I can't do as I want to I'll not play", seem childish and more than that, unpatriotic. No one is being deprived of needed food. We are asked to save what would otherwise be wasted to help our boys—our brothers, relatives, friends who are in camp or in France to win the war. The general spirit is fine. Let every one get in line. Adopt the slogan of the clean plate. Waste not.

Notes About a Few Alumni

As one travels about and meets superintendents he often hears of graduates and their work. Some few reports, good and bad, are as follows:

Miss A— does excellent class room work. She has not, however, learned many of the necessary details. She does not get to school early enough to get the room warm for her pupils. She regards the recess and noon intermissions as periods for her to sit in her chair and rest.

Miss B— is doing fine work in penmanship. She is teaching the subject for the entire school.

Mr. C—is too lazy, gets to school late and tries to cut the day at the close. Will never make a good teacher.

Mr. D—is the strongest Normal graduate I ever had in my system of school. His work has been wonderfully successful.

Miss E—is teaching her first school. She started to teach reading by teaching the alphabet first. When I called her attention to the fact she remembered that in the Normal she learned another way and is now teaching reading very well.

Miss F—is a very strong teacher. We have already increased her pay although this is her first year.

Trials of Traveling

The trials of the travelers are multitudinous these days of war and cold weather. Trains are running when they can and that is usually very late. The work of the school has been seriously interfered with and some students are in danger of the judgment because of classes missed. It would be much to the advantage of the students were many of the travelers in the buildings and it certainly would be to the advantage of the school from the standpoint of efficiency.

Johnstown Meeting

The annual meeting of the State Educational Association was held in Johnstown December 26-29. The attendance was good but the total enrollment for the state is below the average. From my observation I believe that the sectional meetings were better than the general meetings. A criticism often heard was the preponderance of the people from a few localities on the program. An interesting feature of the meeting was the Community singing night.

As usual many of the visitors seemed to derive more benefit from the meetings in the lobby than from the regular programs.

A considerable part of the time was spent in discussing physical training. The impression gained was that many schools are less interested in physical training than in turning out winning teams for the purpose of advertising the school. A school which pays its athletic coaches more than its teachers is a school in disgrace.

Impressive were the memorial services for Henry Houck, long connected with the Department of Public Instruction. But why were no services held for Mr. Keck, long an officer of the association?

Schools and Athletics

The discussion of athletics at Johnstown causes one to wonder why intercollegiate sports are permitted. It was practically admitted that some of the athletes were paid, either directly or indirectly. It was claimed that in many instances scholarship requirements have been juggled, that the professor who stood in the way of a famous but unscholarly athlete did so at his own peril, that the press always sided with the athlete, no difference how flagrant his violation of scholarship standing—in fact that the athletic tail was in many cases wagging the school dog. I am in favor of athletics but I favor some sanity and some standards of fairness. I believe in a system of athletics which develops the best in every man in school, not that which develops extremely a few for the teams at the expense of the many.

New Years' Questions Asked by a Corporation of all its Employees. Do They Suggest Anything to Teachers?

Are you doing more and better work than a year ago
If not, why not?

Are you earning more money than you are receiving? If
so, how much?

Do you have all the work that you can do, and all the
responsibility that you care to assume?

Are you doing the kind of work that you want to do?

Do you think you are a necessary part of the organization
and do you carry your share of the responsibility?

Do you think you can always under all circumstances de-
pend upon fair treatment from the officers of this organization?
Wherein have you not received this?

Have you always under all circumstances in your treat-
ment and services to the organization, have you been fair?

Have you been given the fullest credit of all ideas and
suggestions that have been made?

Do you think your efforts are appreciated?

Are you confident of your ability to perform your work
perfectly?

Are you doing your work as efficiently as any one can do
it?

What do you think of your future here?

What are you doing to make progress in your work?

Is it helping you?

Do you make suggestions concerning improved methods
for doing work in this organization?

A Catechism for Prospective Teachers

Are you enthusiastic about the work of training children?

Do you love children? Can you love foreign children?

Do you think a prospective teacher should chew gum in
the classroom whether observing or teaching?

Should a teacher use coarse street slang?

Are you prepared to do your part in local Institutes?

Can you be loyal to your supervisors?

Can you obey their requests and accept their suggestions?

Can you build a fire and regulate the temperature and
moisture in the room to suit the needs of the children?

- Are you interested in medical inspection?
Are you prompt and dependable?
Are you willing to earn more money than you are receiving?
Will you plan to attend Educational Meetings? To take educational papers? To read good books?
Will you live in the community where your school is located in order to be a factor in its life and interest?
Will you plan to get ready for promotion by attending Summer Schools and higher Institutions of learning?
Are you willing to grow?

Public School Enrollment and the War

Enrollment in American public schools has been affected by the war, but not to the extent of making it less than last year, according to figures compiled by the Department of the Interior through the Bureau of Education. Figures from 1411 cities and 696 counties or districts show an increase of close to the normal amount of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent in elementary schools. In high schools, however, the increase is only one-fourth of the usual $9\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Such increases as there is in high school enrollment is caused by the girl students. Fewer boys are enrolled this year in every class in high school except the fourth; apparently there is a healthy tendency for boys in the senior year to remain and graduate.

In elementary schools the increase in enrollment is actually somewhat above normal; but in city high schools there is a marked falling off, especially among the boys.

Country schools show some gains over last year both in elementary and high school enrollment, but not as great as would be expected under normal conditions. Rural high schools show increases for both boys and girls, despite the war.

Model School Notes

The attendance in the Model has been remarkably good during the past month considering the extremely cold weather, and also the fact that a number of these pupils come from other towns.

Those who have missed no days during the past month are: Mildred Allshouse, Verna Allshouse, Katherine Haley, Frances Lamb, Ethel McCallum, Evelyn Moyer, Gertrude Veatch, John Blower, Beryl Campbell, Arthur Hasson, Frederick Killius, George Matzelle, Andrew Yeutsy, Earl Stech, Garnet Diaz, Mary Yeutsy, Thelma Hays, David Long, Jack Moore, Knox Ward, Ethel Seals, and Virgil Sacco.

Catherine Bell, Alice Geho, Ruth Moore, Irene Easton, Mary Longo, Elizabeth Skehan, Frances Darroch, Pauline Paxton, May Seghi, Oliver Lilley, David Veatch, Tony Aglio, Louis Sismondo, Joseph Oeltmann, Angelo Patta, Cosmo Patta, Mary Robertson, Virginia Veatch, Joseph Miller, Ellsworth Whitie, Junior Masters, Robella Menia.

The Third and Fourth grade girls have had their knitting and darning lessons and are now sewing. They are making sewing bags and pencil holders.

The boys are making animals and cutting them out with the little saws, also some attractive flower-sticks with a bird decorating the top.

Mrs. Richardson and her pupils attended the funeral of Mary Carroll, on Wednesday, January 9, 1918.

Mary was a member of the Seventh grade and was loved by all her school mates, who will miss her sweet face and pleasant ways.

The members of the Eighth grade have just completed a Service Flag to be displayed in their class room in honor of a classmate, Walter Dickinson, who enlisted January 3, and is now at Fort Hunt, Va.

Those from the Eighth grade receiving highest grades this past month are John Blower, Ella Bissell, Gertrude Veatch and Frances Lamb. From the Seventh grade Garnet Moore, **Dorothy Miller** and Knox Ward.

Mr. Douglass A. Smith has a very enthusiastic class of Violin students on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

Those from Seventh grade are: Jack Moore, Ethel Seals, Howard Killius and Mary Yeutsy. Third and Fourth grades: Curtis Whigham, Gilson Lightcap and Olive Lilley.

Two quilts have been made by the Seventh grade. The boy's quilt is composed of 9 inch squares with bird designs in outline, worked with chain stitch. The quilt measures 72x

54 inches. The girl's quilt has animal designs in brown and is made of smaller squares. The quilting was done by the children and the students in the Domestic Science department. The quilts are to be sold and the money used for a war fund.

War posters have been made by the Seventh and Eighth grades, which show originality, good arrangement and some skill in printing.

The Eighth grade class in drawing has been making booklets which contain the army insignia. Their work for the entire year is centered about Patriotism.

One of the most interesting periods in the day is the one devoted to the study of Current Events, using the publication by that name for their study work.

Eighty new books of fiction and history, have been added to the Childrens' Library, much to the delight of the Grade pupils. The Senior teachers appreciate the fact that good reference books have been added to the list.

Fifth and sixth grades have the following pupils who have been present every day this month and have no tardy marks:

Lena McHenry, Alma Allshouse, Margaret Walker, and Willis Smith.

The work in drawing has been especially interesting. The fifth grade are working out problems relating to school life and are incidentally learning the mysteries of cylindrical perspective this month. They have drawn drums, buckets, vases, Japanese lanterns, flower pots and groups of vases.

The sixth grade drawing has as its center the Industries of California. The bottle factory has been visited several times so that the student teachers and pupils might become familiar with some parts of the industry. They have drawn ovens and the various utensils that are used in making of bottles and have constructed wheelbarrows, ovens and cars. They are now gathering information about coal digging and shipping facilities which will be worked out in a similar way.

Primary and Kindergarten

Notwithstanding the cold weather the attendance in the primary and kindergarten has been good.

A study of animal life has been most interesting to the children of the first and second grades. In addition to the great bear which has added so much to the observation lessons a fox has come to stay in our room.

The industrial work is tracing, cutting, coloring and putting together our winter birds, which will be followed by stories and habits of those best known.

As a help we have a fine collection of the birds of Washington county.

Term visitors at Model school: Prof. Porter, University of Pittsburgh; Mr. Oeltmann, Miss McHenry, Miss Sucar, Miss Montgomery, Miss McIlroy, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Darroch, Mrs. Stanwix, Mrs. Linton, Mrs. E. M. Lilley, Mrs. Tombaugh, Miss Eleanor Richardson, Miss Place, Mrs. Paxton, Mrs. Claypool, Mr. Cameron, Mrs. Cameron, Miss Gribble, Miss Mabel Rhodes, Miss Anna Brown, Miss Esther Schwartz, Miss Margaret Weaver, Miss Catherine Minnick's, Miss Gertrude Wilkinson, Miss Lavinia Schwartz and many others.

Resolution on the Death of Mary Carroll

With deepest sorrow, we, the Seventh Grade of the California Model School, record the death of our beloved classmate, Mary Carroll, and as a memorial of her, pass the following resolutions:

That, whereas, God in his wisdom, has taken from us one of our number whose kindness, truthfulness and gentleness were highly valued.

Resolved, that we record our sorrow over the death of her whom we loved and honored for these virtues, and whose loss as a member of our class we shall keenly feel.

Resolved, that we strive to imitate her modest, kindly manner, thereby keeping sacred her memory

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to her parents, to the Normal Review, and to the California Sentinel.

Mary Yeutsy,
Jack Moore
Margaret Pollock,
Knox Ward,
Committee.

THE HILLS OF PICARDY BECKON

Chapter V

A moment of intense confusion followed the explosion. Screams and cries indicated that some men were badly wounded others were probably killed. In a few minutes order succeeded the chaos of the first shock. The officers took command and the men fell into orderly ranks. Every one understood that the ship was sinking but discipline taught the men that their only hope lay in obedience. The convoying vessels were rushing to their aid so they could only wait. Lined up on the sloping deck of the sinking vessel they waited in order to embark in the life boats and suddenly as they waited a clear tenor voice rose above the various noises and the sound of the old hymn was born over the waters:

"My Country 'tis of Thee."

Yes, through death was drawing nearer and nearer each moment. Then the song changed.

"Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord." and on until with faces to the sky they sang.

"As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free."

The work of rescue went on and slowly the vessel sank deeper and deeper into the dark depths. Only a few men remained. Don's company was one of the last.

The ship listed dangerously. The captain stepped out. "Men," his voice rang like a clarion, "men, there is little hope that another vessel will reach us in time. Let every man make sure of his life belt. Then let us commit our souls to God."

Across the waters from the doomed ship came to the racing destroyer, "Nearer My God to Thee."

The vessel plunged beneath the sea cutting short the hymn. From the sea the boats picked up scores of struggling men.

Two weeks later through the streets of London a body of American troops marched on their way to the front. But the crowds were not like the crowds which had welcomed other detachments. As the colors of the regiment, draped in black for the men who had died in the disaster passed by, as the companies with the evidence of missing men in their ranks

passed by every hat came off and tears trickled down cheeks long accustomed to ravages of war.

At the Trafalgar monument the column halted and the men were surprised to see King George and his Queen awaiting their coming. As the men stood at attention the King advanced into the street, and choking with emotion pressed the black draped American flag to his lips.

Across the channel an even more touching welcome awaited Don's regiment for as the boat drew up to the dock the men saw the houses decked out with American flags tied with black. And on the landing Marshall Joffre waited to carry to the commander the condolence of the French people. Tears streamed down the face of the brave old French marshal as he grasped the hand of the colonel.

But the need for men at the front was pressing, especially was there need for engineers and Don's regiment was a regiment of engineers. So they were hurried away at once to help repair the railways which carried supplies to the front.

The work was hard but fascinating and it took the thoughts of the men from their lost comrades, the victims of the piratical German attack. A new railway line was being extended in the vicinity of St. Quentin and the men entered into the work with enthusiasm anxious to do their part to avenge the cowardly attack.

One day, several weeks later Don was sent on a mission to a French commander. When he reached headquarters he found that the general was in the front line trenches, which were, in fact, not far away. While he waited, the young French officers pointed out to Don the line of the German trenches and the German posts further back. Comparative quiet reigned over the region and in the distance a group of Germans could be seen. A young French officer turned a high powered field glass upon them. Then he turned to Don.

"Want to take a look at some Boches?" he asked.

"I certainly do. And I should like to do more than look at them," he replied.

Don looked and then gave a gasp of astonishment. The Germans stood out clear as seen through the glass and in the center was a familiar figure.

"Men" said Don, his voice shaking "in that group is

Breniere, the man who gave the signal that brought the Hun assassin to our ship."

The lieutenant turned sharply. He picked up a field telephone and spoke a few words. Suddenly, in the very midst of the group a French shell dropped and exploded. The air was filled with fragments. The glass now showed a hole in the ground and some battered forms which might one time have been men and a few struggling beings on the ground.

(To be continued)

Y. W. C. A.

During the past month the Y. W. C. A. has held very interesting meetings. Some of the most helpful meetings had as their subjects, "Reaching Upward," "Seeking Things Worth While" and "Honor Among Students."

The annual bazaar was held in North Parlor on Saturday afternoon and evening of December 8th. \$48.53 was cleared.

The Y. W. C. A. held a Kid Party in North Parlor Saturday evening, January 19th. The evening was spent in games and music. Refreshments consisting of Mary Ann cakes were served. Some of the costumes were very clever. Everyone reported a most enjoyable time.

On Wednesday, January 30th, a Y. W. C. A. conference was held in the parlors of the Bellfield Presbyterian church, Pittsburgh. Our representatives to this conference were Miss McIntosh, Winsome Stark and La Vonne Hicks.

Athletics

The boys basket ball team played two games, one game with Point Marion High school at home, and the other with Uniontown High school at Uniontown. Both games were lost. On account of the small number of boys in school the rest of the boys basket ball schedule has been annulled.

The girls team has played three games thus far. The first game was played with the Crafton High school at Crafton. The next game, January 25, was played with the Monessen High school team at Monessen. Our team won this game, the score being 17 to 6. On Saturday evening, January 26, the varsity team played a game with the alumni team. The score was 9 to 17 in favor of the varsity.

Alumni Notes

Miss Ethel Carrick, '16, of Monongahela and Mr. Walter Scott, lieutenant of the 110 regiment, were married on Dec. 3 and left soon after for Georgia.

Mrs. Flora Myers Orrison, '12, of Waynesburg, is the happy mother of a new son.

Mr. Harry J. Ewing, '08, who has been working in Columbus, O., for some time, is now a member of the signal corps at Fort Omaha, Neb.

Mr. Bruce Smith, '17, who is home on a furlough from the United States army is taking preparatory work at the Normal in preparation for an examination for admission to West Point.

On Saturday evening, Jan. 19 in the Normal gymnasium a number of the Alumni played a basketball game with the Normal team. Among the players for the Alumni were Miss Elizabeth Long, '15, who is now located at Dormont, Pa., Miss Edith Markle, '17, Miss Edith Crossland, '17, Miss Margaret Weaver, '17, and Miss Genevieve Ward, '11.

At the last Sunday evening musical at the Normal, Miss Jessie Hornbake, '17, of California, a graduate of the Instrumental department, rendered a number which was greatly appreciated by all present.

On Saturday, Jan. 19, Miss Marie Steen of Belle Vernon, '11, and Mr. Francis Odbert of Monessen were quietly married at the Methodist parsonage at Monessen.

Miss Edna Thompson, '17, and Mr. Harry Moredock, both of Rices Landing, Pa., were married recently and now make their home near Rices Landing.

Miss Esther Trumick, '17, of Corapolis, Pa., is principal of the East Carnegie school.

Dr. Lucy Hertzog, '86, of Chardon, O., who has been taking a post graduate career in New York City, recently spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Hertzog.

Miss Kate Craven, '13, of California who has been teaching for several years in the borough school, resigned her position to accompany her parents to Harrisburg where they will make their future home.

Mrs. Lillian Crow Wayt, '07, of California, is now one of the training teachers in the Model department of the Normal.

She has charge of the fifth and sixth grades. Mr. W. H. Wayt, her husband, is mathematical teacher in the Normal.

Mr. Winton Williams, husband of Mrs. Eva Yarnall Williams, '08, who met with a serious accident at Wheeling, W. Va., when his automobile which he was driving was hit by a train, is now able to be out again.

On December 8, a luncheon was given in the grey room at McCreery's by Mrs. Charles E. Taylor of Brownsville, in honor of Pauline Ross Irwin, '16. Covers were laid for sixteen; many of the guests were girlhood friends of the bride-to-be. The place cards were Kewpie brides, and the favors Ophelia roses. Among those present were Frances Irwin, '17, Ruth Powell, '16, and Miss A. Berdena McIntosh.

Announcements have been received of the marriage of Pauline Ross Irwin, '16, of California, and George Flint Rittenhouse of Parkersburg, W. Va. They are now at home in Elm Grove, W. Va.

Mr. Edgar Flowers a member of the present senior class who left school to enlist in his country's service was expected to arrive in camp at Texas last Sunday.

Recently President Albert Reed of the Alumni Association and Secretary Miss Etta Lilley came to the Normal School and consulted with the Faculty concerning the advisability of an Alumni Banquet for this year during Commencement week. In view of the war conditions and the Food Conservation movement, it has been unanimously decided by the officials that it will be best to postpone the Alumni Banquet until further notice.

The officials of the Alumni Association will continue to serve until their successors are elected.

President W. H. Newmeyer of the Allegheny County Alumni Association, class of '83, has written a letter to the Normal stating that the Executive Committee of the Allegheny County Alumni Association has decided to postpone indefinitely the usual Annual Banquet that has been held in March in Pittsburgh.

These postponements will be in harmony with the time and will meet the approval of the Alumni.

Society Notes

The Literary Societies have been deviating somewhat from the regular routine lately. To add more interest parliamentary drill has been introduced. This deals with the correct manner of making motions, conducting elections, etc. It is something too, that has been long needed.

The theses written by the Senior Domestic Science class are now read as essays. These show careful thought and preparation.

A series of Natural History sketches and Literary maps of Pennsylvania are also being given.

The object is to become more familiar with the authors, musical composers, and other famous people in our own state.

Clio has displayed her musical talent by the Musicales which was held in the Chapel on the evening of January 11th. Each and every participant is to be highly commended for the effort put forth.

Philo expects to show us what she can do in the musical line on March eighth, at which time a large musical program will be rendered.

Something of very great importance and world-wide interests the Food Conservation program given by Clio-Philo in the Chapel on the evening of February 1st. It consists of essays, debates, etc., dealing with conservation.

All these new programs in addition to being very interesting are also educational and we appreciate, or should appreciate them highly.

A. V. Mc.

Election of Officers

The new officers for the two societies are as follows:

Philo

President Lyda Moore
 Vice President Hazel Williamson
 Secretary Margaret Moore
 Critic Gladys McClasky
 Marshal Mary Dolan

Clio

President Harold Dickson
 Vice President Velma McCurdy

Secretary Bertha Simmon
 Critic Edna Long
 Marshal John Filby

Program given under the direction of "Food Conservation Committee" of the Normal.

The program includes musical numbers from famous composers of our own state.

Given February 1, at 6:30 p. m. in the chapel.

"A Musical Map of Pennsylvania" Irene Chester
 "Swanee River"—By audience under direction of Prof. Smith
 Oral English Topic

"Save and Serve with Hoover" Marie Carson

Piano Solo—"Panorama" { Arthur Nevin
 Mary Latchem

"The Ruggles' Dinner Party" Marjorie Miller

Vocal Solo—"Old Dog Tray," Foster Prof. Smith

"Minimum cost of serving three well balanced meals

to a family of five" on February 2 Mary Milelr

Victrola Selections—"Narcissus—Nevin"

"Food Will Win the War."

A series of two minute talks.

Leader Mary Dolan

Conservation of:

(1) "Wheat" Pauline Piper

(2) "Sugar" Margaret Coatsworth

(3) "Meats and Fats" Laura Kifer

Girl's Chorus.

"Ben Bolt"

"The Red and the Blue"

Original Monologue Florence Ward

Original Story Beryl Thomas

Periodical Gladys Boyd

Male Onlooker—"All you women seem to have gone in for men's work and put on overalls. What have you done with your skirts?"

Woman with hoe—"Lent them to you slackers to hide behind."

General News

Bruce Smith, who joined the army last spring at the outbreak of the war is now home on a furlough and is taking preparatory work at the Normal school in preparation for an examination for admission to West Point.

Miss Sibyl Stitzer, one of the members of last year's faculty was visiting at the Normal for a few days.

In compliance with requests of the Food Administration, Prof. W. S. Hertzog is delivering a series of lectures, dealing with economy of food. These lectures are being given in the chapel on Friday mornings.

Prof. Homer E. Cooper of the Extension department of the University of Pittsburgh visited at the Normal school.

Miss Anna Shutterly, after a two weeks illness has again taken up her duties as Librarian.

Prof. W. S. Hertzog returned from a trip to Southern Pines, N. C., where he accompanied his family, who are spending the winter months at that place.

Miss Anna B. Thomas, at a recent faculty meeting spoke to the faculty and the seniors on "The Problems of the Kindergarten."

Mr. and Mrs. Dunkelberger visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Entz at Smethport, January 26-7. While in Smethport Mr. Dunkelberger addressed the teachers' meeting.

Principal Hertzog addressed the teachers' institute at Smock recently.

Mrs. D. A. Smith and little daughter who have been visiting in Rochester, N. Y., returned to the Normal last Sunday.

W. J. Momyer went to Pittsburgh a few days ago to make arrangements for entering the Aviation corps. Mr. Momyer is president of the senior class. Earl Burton also of the senior class expects to enter the same service in a few days.

Miss Grace Riffle was called to her home at Aleppo, Pa., by the death of her brother.

Principal Hertzog attended a special meeting of the Normal schools at Harrisburg Feb. 6. Arrangements in regard to summer schools were discussed.

Principal Hertzog and vice-principal Field attended the Fayette county institute.

Library Refurnished

The library has been reopened in full with many improvements evident. A new cork floor covering has been laid. The wood work has been enamelled and harmonized with the soft tints of the walls and ceiling. The iron pillars have been boxed in and seats arranged about the base. The old metal ceiling has been removed and a new timbered ceiling put in place. The librarians desk has been elevated. A new indirect system of lighting adds to the beauty of the room which now is one of the most tastefully arranged about the school.

Another feature of the permanent improvements in the Normal these days is the installation of a Pathoscope machine. This is a portable machine which may be used in the chapel or in any of the classrooms. It uses non-inflammable films so that it is safe to use it without the fire-proof box. The company installed this machine early in January and gave a demonstration with one of the best films shown, Poe's "The Raven." This is an eight reel film. It is the intention to rent films so that monthly entertainments may be held in the chapel. The company possesses a large library of films ,educational, literary, religious and comic and for a small cost a large amount of entertainment may be secured.

An invitation has been extended to Congressman Henry Temple to deliver the Commencement address to the senior class of '18. He has accepted.

Mr. Jacob Schrock, class of 1882, a contractor at Johnstown, Pa., recently sent in his subscription to the "Normal Review" for two years.

The Educational Conference

On Friday and Saturday, the first and second of February, an educational conference was held at the school. The men interested in educational matters came from surrounding districts to attend and take part in the program.

Friday afternoon was spent in observing the work done by the pupils in the various branches of school activities. The model school was of especial interest. The display show-

ing what had been accomplished in the domestic science department attracted much attention.

In the evening a splendid program was given at a joint meeting of the two literary societies. The subject of the program was food conservation. The musical numbers were those composed by men native to this state. After the program motion pictures were shown.

On Saturday morning, the conference was held in the chapel. Addresses were given by Assistant Superintendent of Allegheny county Wherry and Miss Anna B. Thomas. There were lively discussions on both these lectures and on other topics of educational interest. Music was furnished by the girl's chorus. At the conclusion of the meeting the guests gave a vote of thanks to the faculty and students of the school for the hospitality shown them.

One of those attractive new fire extinguishers has been placed outside the door of 36 North. Do you suppose they could have discovered that the occupants of that room burn a candle, or is it that they are afraid Jean Hood's red hair might ignite something?

"War News"

Webster Black is still located at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Albert Hathaway is drilling at Camp Dix, N. J., and his friend Albert McMinn is in training at Camp Sheridan, Ala.

"Biddy" Sparks is still "Somewhere in France."

Word received from Frank McVickers reports him on the firing line at the present time. He says he enjoyed the sights and pleasures of Paris on Christmas eve and night.

In a recent letter from France we have word that the boys over there haven't seen potatoes since they have been there (two weeks). Wood is scarce and the snow is six inches deep, but it is not cold, and the boys are all happy and glad to learn that they can get one dollar and twelve cents in French money for each of their American dollars.

"Son" Mills and "Bobby" Moore are in South Carolina.

Prof. Smith to Phi Mu—"When we sing next Saturday, you will please stand as you sit."

the train situation until a friendly trackman came up and told us that if we were willing to ride in the flagman and conductor's express, he would ask the engineer to take us. Thinking that was the only way to get home we consented and clambered aboard an old coach, which had been picked up somewhere. Half afraid we entered. Looking about we saw about five men who were apparently dead, but our fears were somewhat relieved when one of them opened his eyes and remarked somewhat sleepily that this was a freight train, still they treated us very well and entertained us by explaining the train system from Brownsville to Pittsburgh. We, in turn, gave them some vivid pictures of school life.

The train stopped at every station we came to, and the girls, one by one, left the train. My destination was reached about nine o'clock. When the train stopped in the freight yard, about one square from the station, it was pouring down rain. A brakeman assisted me from the coach and led me back to the station in about two inches of water.

I still had to cover seven squares of icy pavements before reaching home. At last, hungry and drenched I reached home to be greeted by that oft repeated question, "How did you get home?"

Remarkable Remarks

Prof. Claypool in Ag. class:—"Tomorrow we will go to the next chapter on Mules and Horses."

Prof. Field—"Records do not show how many of those dead people live in Uniontown."

Distressed Senior—"I don't think I deserve to be marked an E."

Prof. Smith—"Neither do I, but it is the lowest mark I can give you."

A teacher was reading to her class when she came across the word "unaware." She asked if anyone knew the meaning. One little girl raised her hand timidly and gave this definition: "Unaware is what you put on first and take off last."

Traveling Students

Many and varied are the adventures of the traveling students at all times, but because of the present railway condition they are especially numerous and exciting. These students never know when they are going to arrive at either school or home. They can only go to the station and wait for the next train.

But, waiting for the train is not always a dull past time, Since these waitings have become so frequent many amusements have come into prominence. Of course it is always interesting to observe the different people in the station, but in the mornings, the chief interest is derived from very special programs carried out in all these stations. These programs consists of songs, reading chapel orations (if they were only given so well from the platform!), strong, exciting debates, oral reviews of the subjects in which examinations are expected, patriotic speeches, current events, and character sketches. The audience show the greatest appreciation for the character sketches, especially those pertaining to certain individuals connected with the school.

There is not so much objection on the part of the pupils to a late morning train as there is to a late evening train, for in the morning they know they can go back home if the train does not come. The chief objection to a late morning train is the low grades that necessarily result from the absence. But, that pupils will do almost anything to get home at night is shown by the following incident (told by a Junior.)

"Having taken gym that night, I did not get to the station until 5:30. I was very hungry and as the train was not due for several minutes I decided to go up street and get something to eat. I got some candy and some apples and then started back for the station, hoping that the train would be on time. Imagine my surprise and disappointment when I was told at the ticket office that I might not get home that night. Feeling very down hearted I sat down and with five other girls discussed the train situation and how we could improve it if we were only given the opportunity.

About eight o'clock we heard a train coming and with joyful expectation out we ran—to find a flagman and conductor's express. Then we certainly did find fault with

Clifford—"I have a splinter in my finger."

Walter—"Been scratching your head?"

A man whose trousers bagged at the knees was standing on a corner waiting for a car. A passing Irishman stopped and watched him with great interest for two or three minutes and then said,—

"Well, why don't ye jump?"

A Lesson in Punctuation

Every lady in this land
Has twenty nails upon each hand
Five and twenty on hands and feet
All this is true without conceit.
Come Seniors. punctuate this correctly.

Pessimist—"Is there anything worse than having ear ache and toothache at the same time?"

Optimist—"Yes, rheumatism and St. Vitus's dance."

Miss Buckbee (in Hist. of Ed.)—"Mr. Blythe, what are conservative educators called today?"

Mr. Blythe—"Blockheads."

Unfortunate

"Ethelbert," asked the wife of the poet, "Why doesn't anyone want your stuff?"

The Poet shuddered—"I am an unhappy medium," he quavered, "and a victim of forehead discrepancies. What I write is too low for highbrows and too high for lowbrows."

Cherman Cheneral—"We are on der threshold of victory."

Fritz, the Private—"Chess, chess, on der threshold but which way are ve venting?"—Our Navy.

"I understand that your son got his B. A., and his M. A."

"Yes, but it is still his P. A. that supports him."

A Last Resort

Lady—"Why don't you try working for your living?"

Tramp—"Well you see lady, I want to try everything else first."

"There's always more than one way of looking at a thing," remarked the small boy as he climbed over the fence of the ball park.

Punkie to Stoy—"Do you know dear, I believe you could enter Grand Opera if it was not for your voice."

Mr. Dunkelberger—"Is there any connecting link between the animal and vegetable kingdom?"

Rose—"Yes, hash."

Daughter (admiring a set of mink skins from father) "I can hardly realize that these beautiful furs came from such a small, sneaking beast."

Father—"I don't ask for thanks my dear, but I must insist upon respect."

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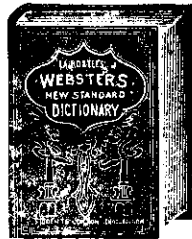
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