

The Normal Review

The first shy, scattered buds of spring
Are blossoming in the sheltered nooks
Where mild March sun shines bright;
 The heralds of a host to come.
On France's sacred hills today
A few bright, scattered drops of blood,
My country's price for mankind free,
Lie sprinkled, and my country's sons lie dead,
 The heralds of a host to die,
But dying they shall live anew and life
To mankind everywhere make free.

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THE NORMAL REVIEW
ADVENTURES IN THE ORIENT

Long, long ago, before the war, in fact, when we wanted to poke fun at a railroad we abused the B. & O. When I went East, however, I went over the "Standard Railroad of the World," the Pennsylvania. Now, I am not going to blame the Pennsylvania for what happened, it was probably due to the wicked Democrats who are running the railroads. My train was scheduled to leave at 10:58 p. m. I went aboard in good time, went to bed and to sleep all about the same time. When I awoke it was morning and I knew we should be nearing New York. I peeked out the window and was surprised to see that the staid old state of New Jersey had grown a range of mountains since last summer. Finally, it dawned upon me that we were not in New Jersey but still among the mountains of old Pennsylvania. So it happened that at the time we should have been entering New York I had just finished breakfast "somewhere in Lancaster county."

The benefits of my early training stood me in good stead for I secured a good breakfast while the laggards who later stormed the diner came away sadder and not very much fuller.

Our locomotive, which had been suffering from asthma for a long time, soon after we left Trenton developed a case of general debility and crept on to Manhattan Terminal. Six hours late we reached New York City.

Adventures in a Hotel

Soon after reaching the city I secured a room at a hotel. To my surprise it was a large room with an excellent bed, good furniture and plenty of it, bath, telephone and a chocolate colored boy who came whenever I took down the receiver of the phone. Having heard that in some hotels men were paying five dollars for the privilege of sleeping in the bath tub I went to the office told them I was only a school teacher instead of the financial magnate from Western Pennsylvania whom they had undoubtedly taken me to be, told them I was still living on the remnants of my January pay and begged them to tell me in accents gentle and mild the lowest possible rate they expected me to pay. Evidently touched by my distress the clerk said "two dollars a day." At that moment I began to disbe-

lieve some of the magazine stories.

Some Men and a Tank

I started to go up to Columbia University. At the first corner was a crowd. They were applauding and cheering something out in the street. Since the crowd had me hemmed in I decided to see what it was. It was worth seeing those thousands of men from Camp Upton. With soldierly bearing they were swinging by, rank after rank, regiment after regiment. A little later I came upon a group of men just leaving for the same camp. Then I believed some of the magazine stories for surely these men have had a new birth of manhood. Without a doubt the training of the National Army has made men of these fellows. Through the falling snow they moved as soldiers and New York seeing her own went wild with patriotic fervor. At the close of the parade trundled one of those monsters, the British tanks.

New York In War Times

What has the war done for New York? No one can tell from a hasty survey such as I made. At the restaurants and hotels you pay more for less to eat and are exhorted to save. The downtown streets flaunt great service flags with hundreds and thousands of stars, off on the side streets are other service flags bearing a single star. I wonder if these are not the flags that really count. The big corporations have filled the vacancies and Johnson is only a vague memory but in the little flats the going of our boy, John, is an ever present memory with a mingling of pride and grief and anxiety.

In the streets one sees today thousands of men in the uniforms of our country and those of our allies. U. S. A. trucks and autos pass through the streets. Down near the Battery are great sheds for the Red Cross. In the stations squads of soldiers arrive from somewhere and depart to somewhere. The visitor to Times Square is pleasantly relieved of the garish display of poorly planned electrical advertising and American artistic appreciation would be the gainer if it never returns. For all cheap displays the cheapest was that formerly seen here. I've quit using Spearmint gum since I saw their ad. here last summer.

Familiar Scenes

But in many ways New York is the same. My fat lady of middle age who needs to walk for her health's sake still keeps a man from some useful employment or from National service to drive her car and maybe another one to open the door for her. Thousands of able bodied men still wear the uniform of some hotel or restaurant or club instead of the uniform of their country. The subway trains are still crowded to suffocation in the middle cars of the train while the front and rear cars may not be even comfortably filled. And most of the principal streets are still torn up and you have to climb over temporary bridges just as has been done for decades. It is a well known fact that whenever a town gets its streets nicely paved it begins immediately to dig up the paving to put in the things it forgot. And yet the village wise-acres criticise the government for forgetting some things in making an army of some millions of men.

T. C's. Reception Committee

Upon my arrival at Teachers' College I was greeted by some of those important individuals who are to be found bustling about almost every institution. They insisted that somewhere a place existed where I could leave my coat and hat but after they had pointed out a vague general direction I came to the conclusion that they didn't know. A mild mannered fellow later directed me to the room where they were to be left. I noticed that as in the days of old the "noisy boys" were in high favor with the authorities of the institution. One of the objections I have to the teaching profession is that there are too many "leaders" who insist on talking when they have nothing to say and too many "authors" who write books that do not need to be written. And while Teachers' College is doing a tremendous work for education still it badly needs a noise suppressor.

Being Told About War Work

Teachers' College was having a reunion and I was pleased to meet several friends of former years and to listen to several speeches, some of the variety above mentioned. I was interested in Dr. Thorndike's account of the work being done by the psychologists in the United States Army. Of course, many

big business corporations had long ago learned that the psychologists is of value to them but the work now being done may bring to the attention of the country the fact that psychology is a practical science for grown up men to work at. Once upon a time the physician was ridiculed as "saw bones," today he is the one who saves or restores the men who defend our nation, one of these days the psychologist will come into his own just as the physician has.

Prof. Nutting told of the great work that is being done in preparation for nursing the sick and wounded. The government is calling for 60,000 trained nurses for this year—not volunteers, but trained nurses. Nursing courses are being speeded up and emergency calls sent out for women to enter the profession. Prof. Dean told how plans were being formulated to take high school and college boys out to the working camps from which they are to go to work on the farms returning, if possible, to the camps every night, if not every Sunday, thus giving the boys a taste of camp life and the farmers some of the much needed help. Many other talks told of other relations of schools to the war. For this narrative, however, they must be placed in the "also ran" class.

The Teacher's College mid-year Festival went all the way, from the ridiculous to the sublime. School songs, dances, folk and otherwise, clever take-offs, tableaux and soul stirring exercises crowded the evening. The master of Mid-year Madness, who directed a great part of the performance, was assisted by Witless Wag and Weary Waggles. The contrast of the severe discipline of the old time monastery school with the extreme freedom of some modern schools was cleverly set forth.

In the Synagogue

On Sunday, following a custom established centuries ago, "I went into the synagogue," the Free Synagogue which is in charge of Rabbi Stephen Wise. A service flag was dedicated that day. Some people who forget Joshua and David think that the Jew will not fight. Had those persons seen the patriotic fervor and beheld the service flag decked with stars every one of which represented a Jew he would have had some reason to change his mind. The principal discourse in this

Jewish synogogue was delivered by a Gentile, the English poet Alfred Noyes, who told of his impressions of the war. He told of little incidents over in England that would, but for the poet's eye have passed unnoticed, of the blind man who unknowingly and unintentionally welcomed the Belgium refugees with a text on a banner, written in French—"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want," of the trawling fleet, of the mad sailor who had **seen the dead from the Lusitania.**

told how out of Princeton the British and Americans killed in the battle here during the Revolution are buried together and that now he knows that they should be since mother country and daughter America are fighting together to save the world.

At the "Flexner" School

Monday was spent at the school known over the United States as the Flexner school. It is officially known as the Lincoln school, a most original and distinctive title. In this school it is planned to work out experimentally the course of study which will best fit children for the life which they are to live. The idea is that this shall be a "school of tomorrow." My short visit does not give me a fair basis for judgement. The building resembles in some ways some of the model schoolbuildings at the Pennsylvania Normal schools, a fairly good model of school buildings as they were half a century ago and as they never should have been. The children are not representative children since many of them are brought by their nurses and governesses. I must confess that I saw and heard few things which are not being done in our own training school. In the first grade the children were being taught French which is a good place to teach it, but I cannot help but wonder how many children are really going to need French. The whole experiment is still in its infancy, and it is my opinion that it must develop far beyond what it is now doing if it is to make any real contribution to education.

On to Atlantic City

My principal business in the East, although one might never guess it from what I have written so far, was to attend the annual meeting of the Department of Superintendence of the N. E. A. at Atlantic City. Taking a sleeper from New York Monday night I went to Philadelphia so quickly

that my next recollection is of being urged by the porter to get up as the car had to be vacated by seven o'clock.

My old school geography told me that New Jersey is a state filled with gardens and orchards and vineyards. I have wondered, though, just what use use was intended to be made of most of the section of the state between Philadelphia and Atlantic City. The soil seems to be so thin that it doesn't raise good scrub oak.

What Is An Ideal

Atlantic City is said to be an ideal convention city. I heard many people say so while I was there. It may be. There is no accounting for ideals. To many young Americans Charlie Chaplin is an ideal. If the ideal convention city is one in which the convention can be strung out along an uncomfortable boardwalk for two or three miles without any means of quick transportation then Atlantic City is ideal. One went to Garden Pier to register then was directed to the Million Dollar Pier for the general sessions and that is just as far away as possible. If he next wanted to attend a sectional meeting it may be that another walk back up the boardwalk was necessary. I feel sure that some of those adipose superintendents walked more that week than they have for years. Now I'm not forgetting the wheeled chairs but as they are paid for by the hour not by the mile they cannot be classes as means of quick conveyance.

What a Big Meeting

To review a great meeting of this nature in brief space is almost impossible. All told, seventy-six meetings were scheduled with a total of three hundred thirty five speeches. The program is a forty page book. Besides the sessions there were dinners and informal conferences. Some of the best things about a meeting of this kind are these informal conferences, the opportunity of meeting men and women from other states and other school systems and hearing at first hand what they are doing. Just for example a little group that I was in for a while was made up of a member of the United States Bureau, a State Superintendent, a book agent, the author of a well known text book, the editor of an educational journal and a city superintendent. I talked with men

from other Normal schools, with men from the state department, with city and county superintendents, with university professors, with students from colleges and universities.

The whole meeting reflected the times in which we are living, the shadow of the Great war was over all, the idea of what the school can do to serve the nation was uppermost. A few delegates were in uniform and I heard one speech delivered by a soldier.

Just a Few Things Done

A drift toward centralization in education was clearly discernible. More than ever it is felt that we need a Secretary of Education in the President's cabinet. Federal aid to education was proposed in new ways. One proposition is to give huge sums for the payment of teacher's salaries and for aid to Normal schools. Mrs. Bradford urged aid to Normal schools as a war measure. She said it is clear that democracy depends upon universal education and that efficiency in education depends upon the skill and training of the teacher, therefore the Federal government should aid Normal schools.

The teaching of patriotism in a direct and definite way was urged. I have long been of the opinion that it is useless to try to teach patriotism by indirection. While we have been doing so, foreign propoganda has come into our schools. The Thrift Stamp campaign and other war time activities including school gardening received much attention.

The report of the committee on Economy of Time in education was a feature of one meeting. This committee has been working for years to determine what means can best be employed to reduce the amount of time spent in education. They plan the elimination of useless subject matter. More recently has come the idea of economy of time in learning through the use of the best methods. This idea, of course, is not new but the method of scientific investigation contains new features.

Meetings and Dinners

At times some of the small sectional meetings were as interesting and valuable as the general meetings. I have always objected to the bad manners of persons attending the general sessions. Somehow I have the feeling that it is not polite to get up and go out while someone is talking and that

it is still worse to get in the back of the room and talk out loud. These superintendents would not stand for this in their schools.

A feature of these meetings is the dinners. This year I had the feeling that several thousand dollars were unpatriotically wasted at this meeting. It is rather bad form to preach thrift to children and waste many dollars upon useless service. I believe that the man who pays more than a dollar for a meal is a waster and not a patriot. For I know that I can get a good meal well cooked for less than a dollar and I thereby feel that the money spent above that sum is waste in some way. For all that I attended two dinners and enjoyed them.

With College Friends

Teacher's College dinner was a largely attended and joyous affair. The music was a feature, particularly the song, "They say that Doc, Strayer he aint got no style, etc." a song of an unlimited number of verses. "Over There," "America," "Stand Columbia" and other favorites, old and new, added to the pleasure of the occasion. At my table Iowa, Utah, New Jersey, Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania were represented. This meeting revealed to us as no other the extent to which schools are taking up the service of the nation. Already thousands of soldiers are being given technical training in various schools. A speaker from Ottawa, Canada told how his college, almost entirely depleted of regular students, is giving education to crippled soldiers and how college professors are gladly teaching elementary school subjects to these men who have come back useless for their former work.

The Keystoneers Eat

The Pennsylvania dinner was a more dignified affair for the other possessed much of the jollity of college life but Dr. Shaffer would not permit the dinner representing our great state to begin without proper ceremony although it must be confessed that a few unblessed oysters had slipped down hungry throats. The group at my table was the Frankest group of men in the room including as it did Frank Bailey, Frank Leavitt and myself. Mr. Garwood cannot be placed with this group in regard to Frankness. To be absolutely Frank the other five persons at the table were ladies from Pittsburgh. At

this dinner, Mrs. Bradford, President of the N. E. A. and State Superintendent of Colorado, Deputy Commissioner Finnegan of New York, President of the Department of Superintendence, Superintendent Pearson of Ohio and President Weber of the Pennsylvania State Association spoke.

At Millersville

The tale of my adventures would be incomplete without an account of my visit to the State Normal at Millersville. I have known its principal for several years and have long regarded him as one of the most progressive principals of the state, as well as a gentleman of the highest integrity. Leaving the train at Lancaster, the town of many shutters, I rode by trolley through a delightful country to the Normal. This is the land of Tillie the Menonite Maid and Tillie is in school at Millersville with her plain dress and cap. I rather think Tillie's brother is there too although Millersville's service flag has a large number of stars and they are still adding to the number. The war is adding to the difficulties of the school in other ways. Fuel is scarce, several of the buildings were closed and a necessary congestion existed.

Customs differ from ours somewhat. The dining room has less of formality and more of noise than has ours. The girls do not leave the dormitory after the evening meal but the boys may. There is, however, no place to go so they may as well stay in. Traveling students stay in the building during the day, the principal giving as his reason the fact that they could require the boarding students to stay in their rooms for study in the evening but that they could not enforce this requirement of the traveling students.

I met many of the teachers, observed some good teaching, talked with several students and enjoyed every minute of my visit. I think that Tillie is a rather human sort of girl after all.

Home, Sweet Home

My return home lacked the excitement of the trip East. The train after losing much time made it all up and reached Pittsburgh on time. That must have been because I took a slow train through Pennsylvania. I never tire of the trip across the mountains, so I looked upon the pleasant scenes

along the road, read the Saturday Evening Post and gossiped with my fellow travelers. At last we came to a place where the heavens were lighted up with glowing furnaces, the sounds of Italian and Slavish, sweet and familiar sounds reached my ear, the odor of coal smoke penetrated my nostrils and I knew I was home in South-western Pennsylvania, home to take up again the round of daily duties and a lot more which had accumulated during my absence and among these duties is that of inflicting upon you, dear reader, this tale of my wanderings.

ATHLETICS

The good work of our girl's basket ball team has made up for the lack of a boy's team. On February 20, the Monessen High school team played here. We defeated them by a score of 14-5. We had another home game on February 9 with Charleroi High school. Our girls won this game by a score of 12-11. This was one of the best games of the season. Our girls also defeated the Crafton girls on our own floor February 15. The next game was played March 1, at Indiana. We were defeated, the score being 20-2.

On February 9, our girls played their second game with Charleroi High school on their floor. This was a very interesting game. In the first half the Charleroi girls held us to a score of 9-10. But by the second half our girls were ready for real work and the game resulted in a score of 23-13 in our favor. The lineup was as follows:

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| Charleroi | | California |
| Parks | F | McNulty |
| Piersol | F | Hamilton |
| Gates | C | Capt. Robison |
| Winer | G | Chester |
| Provinson | G | Styche |

Substitutions: Simmons for Styche.

Field goals: Hamilton 7, Robison 1, McNulty 1.

5 fouls shot by Hamilton and Robison.

ALUMNI NOTES

On February 27, Miss Maria Geary, '92, was found dead

in her boarding house in Santiago, where she was employed as a school teacher. Her home was in Midway, Washington county. Miss Geary was one of the oldest educators of Washington county and had retired from active service a year ago. Industrial activities had taken so many young teachers from the country that she was induced to resume her work at Santiago last fall. She was a member of an old Washington family and had been a life member of the Center United Presbyterian church of Midway. She had always been an active worker in all church activities.

Mr. William Killius, '15, of Johnstown, Pa., who has been a medical student at Pittsburgh University for the past two years, visited friends in town and at the Normal on February 6, prior to his leaving for camp.

Dr. Ralph V. Robinson, '04, visited at the Normal on Monday, February 10, for the first time since he graduated. He ranks as captain in the Medical Reserve corps of the U. S. Army, and was here on military duty. He is one of the leading X-ray experts in Pittsburgh with an office in the Jenkins Arcade. He was delighted with the progress that has been made in the Normal since he left.

Mr. Lester Richard, '16, principal of the schools at Alicia, spent Lincoln's Birthday at the Normal getting material for a debate to be held at an Institute in Luzerne township.

Mr. Richard during the winter has raised enough money to purchase a school library. While at the Normal he made out a list of books suitable for the grades.

Mr. Ellis Werner, '17, was at the Normal February 11th, securing material on the opposite side of the same question upon which Mr. Richard was working. Mr. Werner is teaching at Tower Hill No. 2, Luzerne township.

Mr. Leslie Hornbake, '04, of California has been appointed district assistant to Food Administrator J. L. Lockhart.

Mrs. Mary Graham Noss, '81, of Athens, O., recently visited her sister, Mrs. Eva Scott of College avenue, and friends at the Normal.

Miss Edna Young, '09, of California, who has been spending the winter in North Carolina, has returned home.

Mrs. Mary Crockett King, '10, of California, accompanied

by her little daughter, and mother left recently for Mississippi, where they will spend a couple of weeks.

Miss Frances Patterson, '16, and Miss Lola Jamison, '15, were recent visitors at the Normal.

Miss Ruth Barnum, '06, of California, has recently undergone a throat operation in the Mercy hospital of Pittsburgh.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Simpson on February 27, a son, Robert William. Mrs. Simpson was formerly Miss Lulu Gregg, '03.

Mr. Charles Dornan, '16, who has been teaching at Monessen, has enlisted in the Aviation corps and is now located at Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Ernest Paxton, '11, of California, who has been in training at Camp Sherman, has been home on a furlough.

Mr. Harry Hackney, '12, of East Millsboro, Mr. David Barnum, '11, of Allenport, and Mr. Clarence Lewellyn, '16, of California, a commercial graduate, all have left for camp.

To Assist Spaulding

Dr. Ambrose L. Shurie, for a number of years a member of the faculty of the School of Education, University of Pennsylvania, has been called to the principalship of the Cleveland, Ohio, Normal Training School, by Supt. Spaulding. His salary is to be \$5,000 a year.

Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. was represented by Miss McIntosh, Lavon Hicks, and Winsome Stark at the Students' Conference, held in Pittsburgh, January 30. The purpose of this conference was to conserve the spiritual results of the Students' Friendship War Fund and also to carefully study Christian principles of democracy. A very interesting and enthusiastic report was given by the delegates at the Sunday morning meeting, February 10.

As a result of this conference, the Bible Study class of one hundred and twenty girls has been divided into twelve groups. The Cabinet members acting as leaders of the different groups, meet every Tuesday for instruction from Miss McIntosh. The different groups meet every Wednesday eve-

ning from 6 to 6:50 o'clock. They are now using Bosworth's Studies About Jesus" in these meetings. At the Sunday morning, present day affairs are discussed in their relation to the Bible.

The Association has received two letters from Miss Woodward, a nurse in France, in appreciation for the boxes of milk and chocolate sent November 11, and received by her on New Year's Day.

Thursday evening, March 7, the association gave a play entitled "When Shakespeare Struck Town." On March 16, they gave a second play, "Sister Celestine's Silver Jubilee," by Aimee Dix.

General News

W. J. Momyer, president of the senior class, has left the Normal and entered the training camp at Camp Lee.

Mr. Erasmus Wilson, "Quiet Observer" of the Pittsburgh Gazette Times, visited at the Normal during which time he gave an interesting talk.

Thursday evening, Feb. 21, a play was held in the Normal chapel by the Red Cross of California.

A vacation of one day was given to the Normal student's on Washington's Birthday.

The Misses Edna and Belle Long were called to their home at Library, Pa., by the death of their uncle.

Prof. Douglas A. Smith, at a recent faculty meeting, spoke to the faculty and seniors on "Public School Music." At a more recent meeting, Prof. E. D. Stewart spoke on "Purposes and Impulses as Related to the Teacher's Work."

Dr. Ralph Robinson visited at the Normal recently. He ranks as Capttain in the Medical Reserve corps in the U. S. Army, and is one of the leading X-ray experts in Pittsburgh.

Dr. J. B. Smith was at Charleroi Wednesday, Feb. 13, where his step daughter, Miss Merle Everley, was being operated on for appendicitis.

Miss Harriet Bales was called to her home at Versailles, Pa., by the death of her father.

Phi Mu Valentine Party

A well appointed social event was the Valentine Party of the Phi Mu, held in Dixon Parlor on Saturday evening, February 16.

The parlor was very prettily and artistically decorated with hearts and flowers.

A pleasant evening of games, speeches and music was spent after which refreshments were served.

Latin Club Meeting

The first meeting of the Latin Club was held Monday evening, March 4, in Clio Hall.

The program Committee had arranged an interesting program which consisted of Latin songs, a paper by Miss Margaret Conn, a reading by Miss Mary Leadbeter, and games.

The meeting was well attended and every one is looking forward with interest to the regular meetings which will be held in the future.

"The Luther Burbank Man"

The third number on the lecture course was an address on "With Burbank in Wonderland," by Mr. H. A. Adrian. The speaker told of some things which have been accomplished in the plant world and gave an idea of what there is yet to be accomplished. The lecture was both instructive and entertaining.

Glacier National Park

On Monday evening, February 25th, Laurence D. Kitchell, gave an illustrated lecture on Glacier National Park. The speaker was a very interesting man. He told little stories to add humor to his talk. The story told in the sign language of the Indians, made the older folks as well as the children laugh. The slides and motion pictures which were used to show the beauty of the park can hardly be described. Mr. Kitchell said that if any man doubted a God, let him go out to the wonderful western part of our country. The splendor of nature is awe-inspiring.

Valentine Social

On Saturday evening, February 16, a Valentine social was held in the Gymnasium as planned by the Social committee.

The "Gym" was decorated with hearts and valentines, showing the spirit of the occasion, and the evening was very pleasantly spent in having singing and guessing contests and games.

From The War Front

Mr. Shearer, a young man who has been working with the ambulance corps in France, spoke to the students in chapel on March 12th. He is a native of Pittsburgh and a volunteer worker with the Red Cross. He has returned to this country because of injuries received and has been working with the Y. M. C. A. He took part in the recent drive for funds. The purpose of his remarks seemed to be to have the people in this country realize that this is our war. He told a little of the horrors of the struggle but said that it is impossible to tell of all the devilish devices with which the Germans expect to win the war.

The World We Live In

This was the subject of Carl E. Hagerman's address in the chapel on March the eleventh. It is the last number of the lecture course for the winter term. Altho' his theme was lofty, it was embodied in language intelligible to all and his humor kept the audience entertained. From the speaker's remarks we got the idea that our world was within us. We are able to make it as large as our powers of vision will carry us.

Social

A very enjoyable social was held in the library Saturday evening, March 9. The faculty and student social committee arranged an interesting program.

The evening was begun by having a guessing game, after which a program consisting of vocal solos by Marie Adamson and Viola Morgan,, readings by Marjorie Miller and Florence Ward and a violin solo by Rose Gross were given

An indoor track meet was held between four colleges, Yale, Harvard, Princeton and California. The main feature of the meet was a hundred yard dash, a hammer throw, standing broad grin, relay and foot race. California won the greatest number of points.

Much enjoyment was gotten from a game in which one being blind folded pinned a hat on the Irishman.

The festivities were brought to a close by several vocal solos sung by Prof. Smith and songs by all present.

From Camp and Cantonment

Charles Dornan, '16, has left for Columbus Barracks, O. He expects to enter the Aviation corps.

One of our graduates, Lester Piot, was a survivor of the ill-fated Tuscania.

It is rumored that "Son" Mills is on his way "over there."

Frank McVicker is still on the firing line.

"Web" Black is bugler at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Clarence Lewellyn has left for Camp Sherman.

Lieut. J. Momyer, president of the senior class, '18, is in Camp Lee.

Hugh Montgomery and "Ed" Flowers are at Fort McArthur, Waco, Texas.

Among others who have left recently to be Uncle Sam's nephews are Howard Crossland and Ray Wilkins, John Calhoun, Lloyd Bowman, Lloyd Rabe, John Maust, Bird Fox, Robert Rothwell, William Killius and Ray Weller.

Principal Hertzog is in receipt of a letter from Edgar Flowers. He says "This is a great life and I am enjoying it very much."

Mr. Momyer states that he likes army life much better than he thought he would, and that as soon as examinations are open he expects to try for the aviation.

Recognize the Memebers of the Junior Society

1. Add a "t" and you will have one practiced in art.
 2. The first man's son.
 3. A saloon, and soft earth.
 4. A hollow metal musical instrument.
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5. A dark color.
6. A great Scotch poet.
7. A part of a bell and 2000 pounds.
8. A big theatre in Pittsburgh.
9. An opening thru which to pass, and a girl's nick-name.
10. To play for money.
11. Two expressions used when driving a horse.
12. The most important organ in the body.
13. One who plays a harp.
14. A meek animal.
15. One of the twelve disciples.
16. A certain species of swallow.
17. A white moth.
18. Alan with a prefix.
19. A servant in a hotel, or train, etc.
20. A boy's name plus "s."
21. A rock and a zero mark.
22. A sharp weed and a tedious delay.

Helen Lamb, '21.

School Building Dedicated at Connellsville

With the dedication of the new high school building, Connellsville puts in operation one of the most modern and thoroughly equipped plants in the state. This new edifice contains thirty-two class rooms in addition to the three offices; the teachers' room; chemical, physical and biological laboratories; a complete domestic science outfit of kitchen, dining room, bed room, laundry and bath room; wood-working shop; swimming pool; gymnasium; auditorium with a capacity of over nine hundred; rooms for sewing, art, commercial subjects; and a full complement of toilet rooms, shower baths and adequate locker and storage facilities. The heating and ventilating systems, which are under automatic control, provide for a complete change of air every eight minutes. The cost of the building with its equipment is approximately \$228,000.00

Pupils Driven From School by Flames

The school building at Herminie, Westmoreland County, which sheltered more than six hundred and fifty pupils, was

recently entirely destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of approximately \$40,000 on Sewickley township. By reason of the excellent discipline and the familiarity of the pupils with the fire drill, the pupils not only safely escaped from the burning building, but also rescued much of the furnishings.

A Survey of Thrift Systems

Supt. Charles S. Foos, of the Reading School Board, reports an interesting and comprehensive survey of Thrift Systems made by Miss Anna A. Rapp, one of the supervisors of the Board. Five systems of school savings are briefly outlined with their advantages and disadvantages of operation set forth. Particular attention is called to the teaching of Thrift in its broader sense:—"From an educational standpoint there is possibly no school activity, especially at the present time, more important than teaching the children of this country the value of money and how to save." The success of thrift teaching being dependent upon its practical application, emphasis is laid upon the opportunity offered by the Government to purchase Thrift Stamps thru the public schools.

Wilkinsburg Increases Plant

Replacing the Horner School destroyed by fire in 1915, --Wilkinsburg has completed at a cost of approximately \$460,000 one of the best junior high school buildings in the country. It is a substantial, fire-proof structure, 200 by 200 feet, four stories high, built of Indiana limestone and light colored brick in the style of the Italian Renaissance. In addition to the regular class rooms it has a large gymnasium, a swimming pool 20 by 60 feet, an auditorium with a seating capacity of 700, laboratories, domestic science department, (comprising a model kitchen, dining room, bed room and laundry) a medical inspection room, and on the fourth floor two spacious open air rooms for anemic children.

N. E. A. Executive Committee

For the meeting of the National Education Association in Pittsburgh, in July, 1918, Miss Mary C. C. Bradford, President of the Association and State Superintendent of Public Instruc-

tion in Colorado, has appointed the Executive Committee. It includes:

Dr. William M. Davidson, Superintendent of Pittsburgh Public Schools, chairman.

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Dr. A. A. Hamerschlag, Director of Carnegie Institute of Technology.

Mr. Frank J. Lanahan, Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. C. B. Robertson, University of Pittsburgh, Secretary.

Amercanizing America

The Board of Public Education of Erie, assisted by the Manufacturers' Association, the Parent-Teacher Association and the Woman's Club, recently entertained two thousand foreign born Americans in five of the public schools of that city. Prominent public speakers presented to the audiences, in the English, Polish, Italian and Rumanian languages, the high ideals of America and the educational advantages open to all thru the night schools.

The remainder of the program was formed of recitations, patriotic songs, drills and dances, followed by the serving of light refreshments.

The Deadly Peril to Our Girls

By Ada Wallace Unruh, National W. C. T. U. Lecturer

Amid the enthusiastic activity for Red Cross, Liberty Bonds, and War Relief of various character which is absorbing our thoughts and energies, in our efforts to do all possible and impossible for "Our Boys," there is danger that we may lose sight of the welfare of Our Girls, which is strangely menaced these days.

It is well for us to realize that if a stain is cast upon the potential motherhood of our land, if in any way our girls become less worthy to be the mothers of a clean, virile race, Columbia will have lost in this war, no matter what brilliant victory shall have come to us in the "far-flung battle line."

Where is this menace and danger? "The lure of the uniform" has spread its net for the unwary feet of our untaught girls, and they are being swept from their moorings by the hundreds, aye, by the thousands; and mother's boys, who should also be protected from these dangers, are being hurled into the vortex.

The camps of the guards are everywhere; the soldier in his artistic uniform is on every street. In traveling several hundred miles recently, scores of these camps came under my observation. Scarcely one was passed where groups of girls of high school age were not seen standing about at a greater or less distance, inviting attention or chatting on familiar terms with the men. Parents were, for the most part, apathetic or ignorant of the danger. Only a few serious-minded experienced men and women were terrorized as they realized the inevitable aftermath.

The older and Christian soldiers deprecate these things; others, less thoughtful, welcome the girls openly, but sneer behind their backs; while the greater number look upon their presence as a diversion to break the monotony of camp life with its hours of daily drill, its watching of bridges and tunnels.

The established posts and regular training camps offer better protection while the men are on duty, but when on leave of absence girls are seen hanging on the arms of soldiers as they walk the street, chatting on corners, engaged in innocent (?) flirtation in ice cream parlors, sitting on benches in the parks, making clandestine acquaintance with men and boys of whose antecedents they are ignorant, under circumstances and conditions which would not be possible were they in civilian clothes.

This is no false alarm. Unless we awaken very soon the tragedy of South England and the war babies at the mobilization camps will be repeated in America. The danger is grave; the remedy must be swift and sure. Let fathers and mothers awake.

Pat being busy on the road working with his coat off. There were two Englishmen laboring in the same road and they decided to play a joke on the Irishman. They painted a donkey's head on Pat's coat and waited to see him put it on. Pat, of course saw the donkey's head on the coat and turning to the Englishmen, said; "What one of yez wiped your face on my coat."

"Good morning ma'am," began the temperance worker, I'm collecting for the Inebriate's Home and——

"Why me husband's out," replied Mrs. McGuire, "but if ye can find him anywhere, ye're welcome to him."

It has been said of Colonel Roosevelt that he likes to be top-dog in everything. If he's at a wedding he wants to be the bride, and if he's at a funeral he wants to be the corpse.

If he belonged to the Senior English class—I bet he wouldn't want to be secretary.

Freshie to Miss Ward—"Can I have a sheet of vanilla paper?"

Momyer—"Isn't she a beauty?"

LaPoe—"Yes, more beauty than brains I fear."

Momyer—"Oh well, when I want wisdom I consult our encyclopedia."

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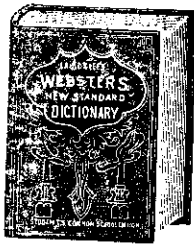
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