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REMINISCENCES.

[Readers of the September and December DIALS, respectively, will remember the delightful reminiscences of the early days of the Edinboro State Normal as told by Daniel B. Thompson of Brooklyn. Mr. Thompson is a son of Prof. James Thompson, the first principal of the Normal school, and was himself a teacher in the school. The first of this particular article was published in the December DIAL.]

The legislature made an appropriation of \$5,000 for the purchase of a library, scientific apparatus, etc., for the school, and in 1861 my father went east to expend it. After his return he announced that he would deliver a lecture and give chemical and electrical experiments. The lecture was delivered in the Model School hall, which was filled to repletion. Father had a favorite hobby which he loved to ride and in less than fifteen minutes after the scientific lecture had commenced he had mounted it, and coursed away for over an hour, during which the audience learned his views on "justification by faith." He was finally recalled to science after his courser was exhausted and the lecture, save for the digression, was pronounced an eminent success.

The books which he purchased for the library were all standard works, but he was severely criticised for including the productions of those classic English writers, Smollett, Fielding and Sterne.

The grounds about the school had not been laid out and he constituted himself a landscape gardener, laid out walks and planted the first trees, other than the virgins

of the forest, which adorned the campus. They were purchased, I think, from a nursery at Rochester, N. Y. I hope to revisit Edinboro one of these days and see how many of them remain which I can remember.

From the northerly portion of the school grounds (if, as I said before, I have the points of the compass correct) the stumps of the felled trees had not yet been removed, but notwithstanding the difficulties I organized a cricket club and we had many enjoyable games on that ground.

Our family attended the Presbyterian church, of which Dominie Beebe was the pastor, and I was the leader and tenor of the quartette choir, Louisa Reeder the soprano, Sally Reeder the alto, Wm. Pitt Clough the basso, and my elder sister played the melodeon. We usually attended the Friday evening prayer meetings and sat in the same pew and led in the singing. Naturally we sang our respective parts but after a time the dominie requested that we should do as the rest of those who attended the meetings, sing in unison, as the part singing detracted from the solemnity of the services.

On ordinary Sundays Dominie Beebe was clad in regulation black, but when communion was to be administered there was a change in his costume. He did not don a surplice or a gown, but, some years before that the regulation evening dress of a gentleman of fashion had been a blue coat with brass buttons, white vest and trousers—and in such costume he conducted the services.

There was one devout member of the congregation, (whose name I have forgot-

ten) who loved to address the Almighty at the prayer meetings and whose prayers were prolix beyond compare, but he could not be suppressed. He had a great flow of language and he used many polysyllabic words the meaning of which he knew not. On one occasion he commenced his invocation to the Deity thus, "O thou great and insignificant Lord God."

Paul Morphy, the brilliant meteor in the chess world, shot across the skies in 1858, and aroused throughout the whole country an enthusiasm and desire to learn the game which has been renewed today, after the celebrity which has been given to it anew by the splendid victories of the champions Steinitz, Showalter, Chraousek, Pillsbury, Lasker, and the tournaments held at Hastings, Nuremberg, New York, Berlin and Vienna. I became a devotee of Caissa when I was ten years old, and at seventeen was far better than the ordinary amateur. Shortly after my advent in Edinboro, I went one evening to the village drug store, kept by Mr. Proudfit, and found him and the village blacksmith, the champion of the village players, absorbed in a game. At its conclusion I was asked if I played the game and I answered in the affirmative. The blacksmith lost the first game, after which I suggested that I would give the odds of a rook. After a demur on the part of the champion the second game proceeded. A second victory was mine. Then I modestly suggested that I thought I could give the odds of the queen. "I'll take the odds, but if you beat me, I'll never play another game as long as I live," was the reply. After this game was over the blacksmith swept the board of the pieces, split the board over his knee, (all of which were of his own home manufacture), cast the fragments into the stove, and the only antagonist I could find thereafter was my father.

We were engaged in play one afternoon when Dominie Beebe happened in upon us and was shocked. He thought it was wicked to indulge in so serious a pastime.

During the session 1860 and 1861 I dis-

covered that Louisa Reeder played the piano well, and as I played the flute and she was willing to play my accompaniments I was often found at the house of my favorite pupil of evenings, both of us discoursing sweet(?) music, vocal and instrumental. As the end of the term approached in the spring of 1861, I invited Louisa to accompany me either on a certain Tuesday afternoon or a week later to visit Nan Thickstun, who lived about twelve miles away. My father went East to expend the \$5,000 appropriation made by the legislature, and my sisters went to our old home, Ithaca, N. Y., leaving my stepmother and myself to watch over the Lares and the Penates. On the morning of the eventful Tuesday (I was to have my first buggy ride with one of the other sex, all alone) I notified my stepmother of what was proposed. She tried to persuade me not to go, saying that she would be so lonesome, was afraid of burglars, etc. I requested her to get a neighbor, Miss Clute, to stay with her. I feared to offend Louisa or to be misunderstood by her, so I insisted that I must go. I supposed that the matter was settled and spent the forenoon until dinner time cultivating the garden. At twelve I came in from my labors and my stepmother, with a smile on her face, showed me a note (I have it yet) from Louisa, which read, "Yes, Mrs. Thompson, I think a good boy should stay at home with his mother, if she is afraid of being alone." I said nothing, but, remembering our engagement was in the alternative, saw Louisa that afternoon and she promised to go the following week. The following week I said nothing but sawed wood and hoed during the forenoon. Fearing that when I returned in the wee sma' hours I might find the house closed, I took the ladder which was in the woodhouse, clear to the extremity of our lot, so that if the house should be closed I might climb to the roof of the woodhouse and thus get to my room. I returned about two a. m., found myself locked out as I expected, looked for my ladder and it was gone. I succeeded however in getting into the house.

The next morning I found the ladder in the woodhouse. My stepmother would not speak to me until the return of the rest of the family in September and the opening of the school year.

Owing to the war and other causes the numbers of scholars in attendance at the school dwindled, until in June, 1863, there were not more than sixty on the roll. In that month Lee commenced his invasion of the North. It was doubtful, or at least so said the wiseacres of Erie county, whether he would advance upon Philadelphia, Washington or Pittsburg. One evening bells rang and bonfires burned, fiery orators harangued, and volunteers were called upon to go to the defense of Pittsburg for three months. Father was in the village center where the excitement was and volunteered. He returned late and told the family what he had done. There arose lamentations from all the household but one, and when father was asked if he must go, he said: "Well, either I must go, or Dannie must." After he had listened quietly to this for many minutes Dannie said he would take his father's place and the following day he left Edinboro and has not seen it since, though desirous often again to visit the scenes of his youth. The Home Guard, in number one hundred when they reached Pittsburg, were told that the shortest period of enlistment was six months, and that no volunteers for a shorter period were wanted and to a man (I was only a boy) they returned to Erie county.

I will conclude with a short sketch of my career since then. After the departure of the Home Guard for Erie county, which took place within two days after their arrival in Pittsburg, I remained in Pittsburg until I was apprised that my father had been appointed Principal of the Academy at Poland, Ohio. In September, 1863, I went to Poland and taught there with him until December, 1863, when through the influence of Hon. James K. Moorhead, Member of Congress of Allegheny County, I was appointed a clerk of the House of Representa-

tives in Washington, D. C. Between December 1863 and April 1867, during the sessions of Congress I lived in Washington, the remainder of the year my home was in Pittsburg. I studied law privately in Washington with Hon. Clinton Lloyd, of Williamsport, Pa., then Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and in Pittsburg with Hon. Robert B. Carnahan, then United States District Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania. I was admitted to the bar at Pittsburg in November, 1866, George Shiras, Jr., now one of the United States Supreme Court Judges, being one of my examiners. In March, 1867, I resigned my position as clerk in the House of Representatives and commenced the practice of the profession of law in Pittsburg. In March, 1868, I removed to Brooklyn, N. Y., where I have since resided. I have been married and have two children, Kennedy Moorhead, 17 years of age, and Alberta, 15 years of age. In 1893 I was a candidate for the Assembly on the regular Democratic ticket in a hopelessly Republican district, against Albert A. Wray, the Republican nominee, and in 1895, was candidate for the Senate against the same gentleman. He at present holds down the seat.

Yours Very Truly,

DANIEL B. THOMPSON.

Have you seen the liberal offer of free scholarships for the spring term in our school, being made by the *Erie Daily Dispatch* and *Weekly Gazette*? These scholarships are being offered by these papers as a premium to canvassers for subscribers. This is a splendid opportunity for worthy young people to secure an education without cost. Write to those papers for particulars.

The new additions to our reading room are high grade. Among the most important of these recently added publications are "The American Historical Review," "The Northwestern Monthly," "Leslie's Popular Monthly," "Appleton's Popular Science Monthly" and the "Musician."

ALUMNI MEETING OF EDINBORO STUDENTS AT MEADVILLE.

On Thursday night, December 30th, during Institute week, a grand reunion was held in the large parlors of the Commercial Hotel by the graduates and ex-students of the Edinboro State Normal School that were in attendance at the Crawford County Institute. The enthusiasm began on Thursday afternoon, when Principal Flickinger faced the Institute and addressed the teachers. He was not only met with hearty applause, but some exuberant spirit had the audacity to propose "Three cheers for Edinboro." They were given with that vim for which our students have always been noted. The vast audience entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion. This greeting started the enthusiasm that was practically unbridled when the handshaking at the reunion began. At the close of the afternoon session of the Institute, Superintendent Mixer read an invitation to all graduates and ex-students and friends of the school to meet in the parlors of the Commercial Hotel after the evening's entertainment, where Principal Flickinger with Hon. Henry Houck as his guest, would receive all who might attend. When the hour arrived for the meeting, one hundred fifty-one kindred spirits and loyal friends met together to revive old memories and to renew old acquaintanceship, and they certainly succeeded, and also in having a good time. The meeting was organized by electing Miss Alice M. Bentley '83, chairman. The principal of the school then took a position at one end of the room with State Superintendent Houck on his left, but in addition the Principal was assisted in receiving by Miss McCloskey, Lock Haven Normal School, Prof. Ballentine of Clarion State Normal, Prof. Coughlin of Wilkesbarre, and Prof. Chamberlain of Cambridge Springs. After the formal handshakes were over, a brief address was made by the principal in which all were welcomed and the flourishing condition of the school was set forth. Several familiar pieces of music were

then sung under the leadership of Supt. Houck, with Mrs. Curry '97 at the piano. Professor A. J. Palm '71 was then called for and responded in a few well chosen words complimentary to the school and to its management. Speeches were then made in the following order: Professor Peavy of our faculty, Professors Coughlin and Ballentine, Miss McCloskey, Professor Chamberlain, Mrs. Downing '88, Miss Kingsley '82, Miss S. L. Boyd; and the speechmaking was then concluded with a glowing speech by Hon. Henry M. Houck, our highly popular Deputy State Superintendent. All the speeches of the evening were full of good wishes and hearty offers of aid, and were especially noteworthy for the reason that this was the first time for years that there had been held a really harmonious and enthusiastic meeting of all the old students of Edinboro.

It was an auspicious event and Doctor Houck fully appreciated it, and made one of his characteristic speeches. His earnestness and zeal carried everything before him and he raised the enthusiasm and loyalty for the old school to the highest point, and when he called for a unanimous "aye," in support of the school, it was given with a shout and without one dissenting voice.

Of the many persons present, your correspondent succeeded in securing the names of the following: Emma Maloney '95, W. A. Hoyt, J. G. Anderson, Nora Sheldon '95, Springboro; Lena Lewis, Tryonville; Elmer E. Ross '87, Tryonville; Nellie Bryant '96, Riceville; Jennie Dennington, J. H. Hart, May Smith, Sugar Lake; Miss M. Ella Miles, Henry Dowling, Troy Center; A. W. Mumford, Harry Hendrick, Daisy Homan '97, Chas. Maloney, D. J. Dowling, Troy Center; Erma Maloney '97, Kate Thickstun '97, Crossingville; W. L. Davis, Conneaut, Ohio; J. E. Brittain, Guy's Mills; J. E. W. Waite, F. W. Perry, New Richmond; Orville Lewis, Mosiertown; Lucy Benn '97, Troy Center; Della Curry '97, Sturgis; Jennie McCurdy '97, Gertrude Maloney '95, Milly Byham, Tillie North, Dena Snyder '97, Chas. Bowen, Winslow R. Beedy '95, Bertha Harter '97,

Ida Frontz '95, Eva Ewing '96, E. R. Hadlock, Bessie Lininger, Alice Baugher, W. D. Cramer, C. A. Stelle, Crossingville; H. G. Fuller, Harmonsburg; Nellie Hotchkiss '97, Sadie Hart, Harry Gibson, F. A. McKelvey, Lottie Luper '96, H. L. Bowen, Linesville; Mary Goodrich, Gertrude Goodrich, Jay W Snyder, Miss S. L. Boyd, Harrison Ellsworth '96, Lulu Walton, Linda McMillen, Beaver Center; Jas. D. Coyle, Budd Sherred, H. E. Griswold, Otis Danner, J. L. Spitler, J. H. Pettis, A. E. Altenburg, Alta Altenburg, MayBelle Hickernell, Saegertown; Clayton P. Herrington, C. S. Bole '96, Venango; Jerome Coon, Hayfield; Idell Kingsley '82, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Chamberlain '70, Cambridge Springs; Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Coon, Edna Phelps, Rundells; Mrs. Ida McCullough '77, Springboro; Mrs. J. D. Downing '88, Meadville; Wm. B. Cole, Carrie Freeman.

PHYSIOLOGY.

The classes in physiology are unusually large. A number of students who passed the subject during previous terms have voluntarily taken up the work. The subject is being treated from a biological standpoint. The attention of the class at present is being directed to energy. The conservation of energy was taken up in a recent lesson and treated in the following manner:

The green color of leaves is due to chlorophyll bodies. In sunlight these bodies are very active. They use the energy from the sun in liberating the oxygen from the carbon in the carbon dioxide (CO_2) which has entered the cells through the stomata or openings on the upper and the under sides of the leaf. When the chlorophyll body has twelve atoms of carbon (12C) it has liberated twenty-four atoms of oxygen. This latter of its own accord passes into the air. The cell keeps the twelve atoms of carbon and adds to it eleven molecules of water $11(\text{H}_2\text{O})$ and the result is sugar ($\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_{11}$.)

When night comes and the chlorophyll

bodies are at rest the sugar solution passes by osmosis through the cell walls, reaching the vessels which conduct it to the midrib, the petiole, the stem, the branch, the trunk to the roots. In the roots and stem one molecule of water is subtracted from the sugar solution and we have starch ($\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_{10}$). In this form it is stored up for the future use of the plant. It is possessed with potential energy.

In the case of a food plant like the potato we boil it and after mastication it is digested, which means that it again becomes a sugar solution, and after reaching the circulatory system by either of two ways, it is carried, together with oxygen, to all parts of the body, and as fast as the sugar solution is needed it passes into the cells. Now the animal cell has the power of separating the water from the carbon in this sugar solution. The oxygen in the blood rushes to the carbon and we have carbon dioxide. In this rushing together we get power, energy to think, to act. As carbon dioxide is a gas it leaves the cell of its own accord, goes back to the heart, thence to the lungs, thence to the air. Just the amount of energy expended by the chlorophyll bodies in the liberation of the oxygen from the carbon in the leaf is again manifested in the animal cell by the oxidation of the carbon. All this is understood as only typical and with various starches and sugars whose chemical formulas differ some slight variations would have to be made according to the kind of substance under consideration. Of course this is merely an outline. Many intermediate steps, some understood and some not understood, must be omitted.

Principal Flickinger and Professor Peavy were in attendance two days at the Crawford County Institute, and took part in the program. They speak in a very flattering way of the success Supt. Mixer had this year in managing his institute. The attendance was larger than ever, the instruction high grade and the interest and order all that could be desired.

TRAINING DEPARTMENT.

A STUDY OF CHILDREN'S INTERESTS.

Throughout the entire year, but especially during the past term, the subject of Child Study has received marked attention in the Model School. Weekly lectures on this important phase of school work are given by the principal of that department to the Seniors, and the latter are required to make practical applications of the subject, not only in their daily teaching, but also in the way of supplementary work with the children in the form of observations, experiments and tests. Periodical reports of this "laboratory" work are required of each Senior, said reports, when tabulated and compared with similar ones from other sources, forming data that are at least suggestive to the wide-awake, progressive teacher.

The subject of "Children's Interests" has deservedly held an important place in the above mentioned investigations. Without a knowledge of childish tastes, childish fears, childish attachments, childish ideals, teaching in the true sense of the term is impossible, for such knowledge not only suggests to the teacher the best means of adapting herself to her pupils, but helps her to determine what subjects of study and what kinds of recreation are best suited to their development.

For the benefit of teachers who wish to begin investigations along the line of children's interests, as well as for co-workers desirous of comparing results, the following condensed report of our work is given. The questions are only a few of the many possible ones relating to this topic. One hundred individual reports were obtained. Half of these were from the Seniors who answered the questions from the standpoint of personal experience—the retrospective method of child study. The remainder were obtained from a careful study of the Model School children between the ages of five and twelve, the reports coming through the Seniors who

were each assigned a particular child to observe and question. Results are given on the per cent. basis. Boys and girls are classified separately whenever there is a decided variation in the reports from each.

NO. 1.

- (a) What is the earliest incident of your life of which you have a distinct recollection?
(b) How old were you then?

ANSWERS.		BOYS.	GIRLS.
(a)	Death or sickness, (generally of a relative)	.06	.20
	Advent of a baby brother or sister		.20
	Outings, visits, rides on cars, circus, etc.	.25	.12
	Accidents, falling into lake, getting burned, etc.	.16	.12
	Amusements, feeding robins, turning somersaults, fondling kittens, etc.	.23	.10
	Family reunions		.07
	Movings	.10	
	Miscellaneous—spanking, seeing a crazy person, taking pills, the last dress worn (by boy) etc.	.20	.19
(b)	Age at which first incident was remembered, varied from	2 to 6	1½ to 5
	Average age at which it was remembered	3 to 4	About 3

NO. 2.

- (a) What amusements did you like best as a child?
(b) Why did you like them?
(c) At what age did your interest commence to decline?
(d) What diversions took their place?

ANSWERS.		BOYS.	GIRLS.
(a)	Dolls and playing "house"	.02	.33
	Playing school		.30
	Out-door games—playing ball, horse, tag, pull-away, old witch, etc.	.80	.20
	Trips to woods	.05	.06
	Miscellaneous—riding bicycle, pony, playing in sand, fishing, helping parents, etc.	.13	.11
(b)	Reasons for liking these amusements. (1) They were exciting. (2) Some were like what grown-up people did.		
(c)	Interest declined: with boys, between ages of 11 and 12; with girls, between 10 and 11.		
(d)	The new interest. Boys—work, study, bicycle, hunting, etc. Girls—house-work, study, reading, fancy work, croquet.		

NO. 3.

- (a) Were you as a child fond of music?
(b) If so, did you prefer vocal or instrumental?
(c) What instruments did you like best?

ANSWERS.		BOYS.	GIRLS.
(a)	Fond of music	.80	.85
	Not fond of it	.20	.15
(b)	Preferred vocal	.33	.33
	Preferred instrumental	.33	.30
	No preference	.34	.37
(c)	Favorite instruments.		
	Violin	.14	.18
	Piano	.15	.14
	Organ	.12	.14
	Brass band	.16	.16
	Miscellaneous	.43	.38

NO. 4.

- (a) To what extent were you interested in pictures?
(b) What kind of pictures appealed to you most?

ANSWERS.		BOYS.	GIRLS.
(a)	Fond of pictures	.77	.80
	No taste for them	.23	.20
(b)	Kind preferred.		
	Flowers		.33
	People (especially children)	.10	.35
	Landscape	.06	.20
	Animals	.25	.05
	Battles	.45	
	Miscellaneous	.14	.07

NO. 5.

- (a) To what extent were you interested in stories?
(b) What kind of stories did you like best?

ANSWERS.		BOYS.	GIRLS.
(a)	Fond of stories	100	100
(b)	Kind preferred.		
	What children did		.25
	What older people did		.06
	True stories		.08
	Fairy stories	.06	.08
	Ghost stories		.05
	Adventure, war, Indian, pioneers	.90	.14
	Miscellaneous	.04	.34

NO. 6.

[a] Were you fond of poetry?
If so, what kind?

ANSWERS.	BOYS.	GIRLS.
[a] Yes	.36	.73
No.	.64	.27

[b] Kinds preferred: principally jingles like Mother Goose.

NO. 7.

What did you aspire to be when you grew up?

ANSWERS.	BOYS.	GIRLS.
Teacher	.20	.72
House-keeper		.19
Engineer	.10	
Farmer	.31	
Store-keeper	.22	
Carpenter	.06	
Miscellaneous—doctor, hunter, sailor, president of bank, king, soldier, old maid, milliner, etc.	.11	.09

NO. 8.

What personal possessions did you value most highly as a child?

ANSWERS.	BOYS.	GIRLS.
Dolls		.41
Pets [animal] colt, pony, cat, chicken, goat, etc.	.50	.27
Toys, knives, sled, cart, mouth-organ, etc.	.25	.12
Clothes and ornaments, coat, sweater, suspenders, ring, beads, etc.	.08	.10
Books	.03	.06
Money	.07	
Miscellaneous—flowers, games, letter, baby brother, etc.	.07	.04

NO. 9.

Mention the things you feared most.

ANSWERS.

The reports of boys and girls varied but little on this subject. About 20 per cent. feared people, such as tramps, gypsies, drunken men, peddlers, robbers and crazy people. About 40 per cent. were afraid of certain animals; snakes were mentioned by most of the children, other animals feared being dogs, cows, bears, turkey-gobblers, horses, pigs, sheep, toads, sitting-hens, bats, spiders, bumble-bees, and mice [by girls]. Miscellaneous things feared were dark, about 15 per cent; thunder and lightning, 10 per cent; a whipping, 8 per cent; and dead people, 5 per cent; railroads were mentioned by several. About 10 per cent. said they feared nothing.

NO. 10.

What were your ideas concerning ghosts, witches and fairies?

ANSWERS.

About 65 per cent. of the children were skeptical as to the existence of such creatures, most having been taught not to believe in them. Those who did believe in them, described ghosts as real things living in the woods; awful white objects with staring eyes, long hands and hollow voices; demons living in the dark, or something inhabiting the air. Fairies were thought to be creatures in white who live in flowers, good little people, or little girls about two feet high. Few had any ideas concerning witches. Many had never heard of them.

Many other questions along the same line were asked and answered, but lack of space prevents our recording them. In view of the fact that but a comparatively small number of children were canvassed and that these, being from the same section, were largely influenced by the same environment, it is, of course, evident that no accurate deductions can be made from the data furnished. Our aim has been to emphasize the importance of a teacher's knowing and sympathizing with the inner life of a little child, and to indicate one of the many ways in which this all important subject of child study can be approached.

THE ALUMNI PRIZE.

At a meeting of the Alumni Association of the Edinboro Normal School, held during the last Commencement season, a resolution was passed offering a prize banner to the Literary Society (Potter or Philo) which should win the largest number of points in an athletic contest to be held during Commencement week of 1898. The following are the events with the number of points each:

Event	Points.		
	1st	2nd	3rd
1. Pole Vault	5	3	1
2. Running broad jump	5	3	1
3. Running high jump	5	3	1
4. Ladies' bicycle race (one mile)	5	3	1
5. Half-mile Run	5	3	1
6. Putting the shot	5	3	1
7. Gentlemen's bicycle race (2 m.)	5	3	1
8. Hammer throw	5	3	1
9. Relay Race	5	-	-
10. Base ball game, five innings	5	-	-
11. Hundred yard dash	5	3	1
12. Three legged race	5	3	1

REGULATIONS.

First—All competitors must be bona fide members of one or the other literary society, at least six weeks prior to the day of the sports and the books of the respective literary societies shall be evidence of this membership.

Second—Said competitors must be regularly enrolled students in the school at the time of said contest or have been a regular student within one year.

Third—Any student or ex-student who is under discipline of the faculty of the school or by his society, shall be ineligible.

Fourth—The faculty of the Normal School shall have full and absolute power, if they deem it for the best interests of the school, to forbid wholly said contest or to add to or take from any of the events above named, or to change the relative value in points of any or all events.

Fifth—The faculty together with the respective literary societies shall decide upon the hour, the day and the place during Commencement week in which said contest shall be held.

Sixth—All contests and all disputes and the winners of the respective events shall be decided by a committee of three judges, (or more, if at any time the faculty and societies shall deem needful) to be chosen as follows: (1) one by each of the literary societies and (2) one by the faculty of the school.

Seventh—The faculty of the school shall have full power to make whatever changes may be necessary in the above rules, on the day of the contest, if any sudden emergency should arise.

Our irrepressible friend, Vance Bedient, accused Mr. Bentley of sending him a valentine—because, as Vance said, the valentine looked like Bentley.

NORMAL TEAM vs. ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

The following account of the basket ball game between the Normal boys and the college was printed in the *Edinboro Independent*:

The Edinboro basket ball team played their first game with Allegheny College Thursday night, Feb. 3d, and won by a score of 8 to 6.

4. During this half Burge became exhausted and dropped out. In the second half Allegheny made one field goal; Edinboro one field and one foul goal, making the score 8 to 6. From the way Allegheny play, they are in the habit of playing football rather than basket ball.

The team lined up as follows:



The Edinboro team feel quite elated over the victory, as the team is made up entirely of new players while Allegheny's team is composed of old players, three of whom played in the match games two years ago.

The game was called at 8:30, to be played in twenty minute halves, and was very hotly contested for by both teams. At the end of the first half the score stood 5 to

Edinboro.	Position.	Allegheny.
Bentley.....	Center.....	{ Burge
Turner.....	R. Forward	{ English
Neyland.....	R. Back.....	Wilkinson
Hayes.....	L. Forward.....	Hale
Firman.....	L. Back.....	Borland
		Ellsworth

The Edinboro team will play several match games this season, notice of which will be given later.

A PLEASANT ENTERTAINMENT.

On Wednesday evening, December 29th, Miss Margaret Wade, one of our popular teachers, entertained a few of her friends in the Reception Rooms in North Hall. Among the number in attendance were several young people who were spending their Christmas vacation at their homes in Edinboro. Music by Miss Tucker, Miss Vogel and Mr. Culbertson, added to the pleasure of the evening. Miss Schillinger recited several very interesting selections, among which was a "Pennsylvania Dutch" selection. This was given at the request of a member of the faculty, who at that time doubtless, was thinking of home. Progressive Anagrams was the game of the evening, Mrs. Peters winning the volume of Burns given as a prize. A dainty lunch was then served.

Among those in attendance from a distance were Andrew Culbertson, Charles Wright, Arthur Miller and Clinton Wright. The faculty and their wives were also present. It was one of the most enjoyable events of the term.

THE METHODS CLASS.

At present the students in the Methods Classes are studying science. Their attention is being directed to the best methods of teaching the subject in order that they may be prepared to begin the teaching of Nature Study in the Model School during their Senior year. It is also an excellent preparation for those young people who will teach in the public schools before graduation. About thirty experiments are being performed every week before the class.

The element Hydrogen was the subject of the first lesson. The fact that the oxidation of Hydrogen under proper conditions produces one of the hottest flames known, was duly emphasized and illustrated in order that the destructive effects of the oxidation of alcohol in the system may be more fully understood. Oxygen, Ammonia, Chlorine, Bromine and Iodine have been taken up in

turn, and the student led to see that costly apparatus is not a necessity in teaching these subjects. Every active, earnest teacher in our public schools can introduce this study without undue expense; and "no apparatus" need not be an excuse for neglecting to attempt some of this work.

LECTURE BY DOCTOR JASTROW OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENN'A.

On Saturday evening, Jan. 22d, Doctor Morris Jastrow, Jr., of the University of Penn'a delivered a very interesting lecture to quite a large audience on "Some First Steps in Civilization." Doctor Jastrow is an Oriental scholar of high repute and he is editor-in-chief of Ginn & Company's publications on Oriental civilization. He brought with him from the museum of the University of Pennsylvania, an alabaster tablet that once belonged to a palace in Nineveh. It was covered with cuneiform inscriptions that were 2,500 years old. Another, a clay tablet, was almost 4,000 years old. The information given was greatly appreciated by the thoughtful audience in attendance. Dr. Jastrow has a pleasing manner, and used clear and forcible diction. The best evidence of the interest was the fact that the audience remained to ask questions long after the close of the lecture. The University of Pennsylvania is to be commended for its liberality in putting without charge such high-grade lecturers before the schools of the state. We certainly extend our heartiest thanks and hope we may be favored with another of the same sort.

On Friday evening, the 18th, Miss Schillinger, our teacher of elocution and diction, gave an elocutionary entertainment in Mill Village. She had a very respectable audience. Miss Schillinger is very popular in this place as this is her third entertainment.

Miss Sara A. McNeil, '96, is now completing her second term near Allegheny. She is one of our successful teachers.

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THE interval that has elapsed since the issue of the December number of the DIAL has been fraught with many pleasant features of school life. In the first place, the opening of the present winter term, on the 27th of December, was especially noteworthy on account of the unusually large increase in the number of new students. Last year the winter term enrolled 122 students; this year, at present writing, we are not much short of 200, and a few more are to come. A year ago last fall we had 96 students; during the fall term of '97 we had almost 150. Our Model School has also an attendance of 75. These figures need no comment. The intelligent reader can draw his own conclusions concerning the prosperous condition of our school. Of course, we are all proud of this rapid and splendid growth, and our hope is that it may not only continue, but still get better.

We well know that our present prosperity is not due to any one cause and at this time we feel like setting forth some of the reasons for it. First and foremost must be placed the broad and liberal policy of the school, which has for its ultimate aim not only high scholarship but high character. If there is a fundamental dogma in the Edinboro State Normal School, it is that "The only foundation upon which to build life's superstructure, is that of a well developed character." As an evidence that this policy is bearing fruit, a quotation from

a recent letter from the father of one of our young ladies is the best illustration. The quotation is as follows: "We are highly pleased with the evident progress she is making in her work, as well as by the kind treatment and watchful care she receives from all connected with the school. I wish to thank you for the interest you take in everything pertaining to the welfare of the students. It makes one have confidence in the school. In short, that Edinboro is a safe and profitable school." This is the unsolicited testimony of a man who has no personal acquaintance with the faculty and who has gathered his knowledge from intercourse not only with his own daughter but with other students.

Another reason for our success, and a very important one, is the fact that we have a united constituency and have the moral support of our own community. A third reason, and probably the most important of all is the united support that the school is now receiving from the alumni and ex-students. The influence from this source is far reaching and we desire at this point to thank all such that have so faithfully aided us; and in closing these remarks it is our special wish that not only our own friends of the past, but that all friends of education may aid us still further in raising the standard morally and educationally not only of our own school but of the schools of north-western Pennsylvania. The DIAL invites all such persons to contribute to its columns and to suggest better methods to reach the highest ideals.

On Saturday evening, February 12, an impromptu party was gotten up for the young men boarding in the hall, by Mrs. Flickinger. Her parlors were decorated with flowers and were very attractive. Numerous games were engaged in, such as anagrams, crokinole, klondike, dominoes and fortune telling. The singing of college songs around the piano was a pleasant feature. Coffee, cake and sweetmeats were served.

SHAKESPEARIAN RECITAL.

The most important event, at least in the minds of our students and ex-students, was the dramatic entertainment given in Normal hall on Friday evening, January 28, by the young Ladies' Shakespeare Club of the Normal School. This club was organized last fall and has the following officers: Honorary president, Alice Blythe Tucker; president, Ella Swaney; vice president, Lucile M. Hinman; secretary, Sarah Harrington; treasurer, Hattie M. Stewart; dramatic director, Edith Schillinger. Before and during the entertainment, Margaret Wade acted as prompter and Messrs. Marsh and Mitchell acted as stage managers, and Miss Vogel as music director.

Considerable time was put upon the preparation of the play and the success attained was due to this fact. Miss Schillinger is especially to be commended for her efficient work in drilling the young ladies. In fact she had the bulk of the work to do and it was only through her industry and skill that success was possible.

The drama chosen for presentation was the "Merchant of Venice," but only the nine most important scenes were given. The dramatic personae were as follows:

Portia.....	Ella Swaney
Nerissa.....	Mae Jackson
Jessica.....	Mabel Fenton
The Duke of Venice.....	Hattie Stewart
Antonio.....	Jane Ward
Shylock.....	Alice Mead
Bassanio.....	Mayme Wade
Gratiano.....	Susie Ladds
Salanio.....	Marcia Mead
Salarino.....	Evie Gross
Lorenzo.....	Sarah Harrington
Leonardo.....	Nellie Spaulding
Launcelot Gobbo.....	E. LaReine McFate
Old Gobbo.....	Marcia Mead
Tubal.....	Margery Bergstrom

The management of the club in selecting this play fully realized the natural difficulty in the way of its successful presentation by young ladies, but they felt that even moderate success with it would be more meritorious than an *eclat* performance of a melodrama.

The entertainment was a veritable "first night" in several respects. In the first place

a large audience came out to greet and encourage the amateurs, and next, to many of the players it was actually their first appearance before the footlights. Lack of space forbids any extended comments or criticism, and where all did so well it would seem invidious to pick out any special ones. However, we are impelled to eulogize somewhat the manner in which the characters of Shylock, Portia, Bassanio, Gratiano, Old Gobbo and Launcelot Gobbo were presented. These young people seemed to lose their personality and become thoroughly imbued with the characters which they respectively represented. Several of them showed natural histrionic ability and the dialogues were clearly and distinctly enunciated, so that throughout the large auditorium every word was distinctly heard.

The costumes were furnished by a well known costumer of Philadelphia and were the same as were used by the young ladies' dramatic club of Bryn Mawr College. They were rich and becoming and in every respect representative of the gorgeousness of the wealthy inhabitants of the fair city, Venice. In regard to the stage setting the young players, contrary doubtless to their own wishes, were guilty of no anachronism in so far as the era of Shakespeare was concerned. In short, they had no scenes or scene shifting and had to rely wholly on themselves and the stage groupings to represent the time and place of each scene. As would be expected, the trial scene was probably the most striking. Between the acts delightful music was rendered by the mandolin-guitar club, consisting of Misses Vogel and Tucker and Messrs. Neyland, Smith and Thomas. The solo by Miss Hinman at the beginning of the entertainment was well rendered.

After the play the Shakespeare club and its invited guests enjoyed together a palatable oyster supper with the usual condiments in the large dining room of the school. About eighty guests were present. The tables had been arranged in the form of a star and at each plate was laid a souvenir card on

which was written the name of a member or guest as well as a quotation from Shakespeare suitable to the person. It might be said at this point that these quotations were quite appropriate. While enjoying the luscious bivalves, conversation ran riot and merriment reigned around the festive board. The table was nicely decorated with evergreens and flowers. The repast closed with the singing of Auld Lang Syne, which was sung with great fervor as the guests stood around the table with joined hands. It was a fitting closing to an event that was not only creditable to the Shakespeare club but to the Edinboro State Normal School.

THE GAMBLE CONCERT.

One of those artistic events which are too seldom enjoyed in a small town was the concert given in Normal hall Monday evening, January 28th, by Mr. Ernest Gamble, the famous basso profundo, assisted by Mr. N. D. Hawkins, violinist, and Miss Sherwood, pianist.

Mr. Gamble is the possessor of a voice of remarkable depth, power and flexibility, all of which qualities were magnificently displayed in the various selections given during the evening. His rendering of Stuart's "Bandolero," and "Armourer's Song" from DeKoven's Robin Hood, proved him a master of operatic music, while "The Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond" and "Off to Philadelphia" were sung with a sympathy and finish that were exquisite. The audience showed its enthusiastic appreciation of the singer by repeatedly encoring him. Perhaps the most beautiful number of the evening was "The Night has a Thousand Eyes," a rare little gem given in response to the final recall.

Mr. N. D. Hawkins' violin solo, "Air Varie" by DeBeriot, completely captivated the audience and in reply to a hearty encore he gave a charming arrangement of the popular air "The Carnival of Venice."

Miss Sherwood made a most satisfactory accompanist. Her piano solos were marked by a well developed technique and

an artistic regard for expression and interpretation. Special mention might be made of her rendering of "The Second Mazurka" by Godard.

THINGS WE SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

When Miss Benner intends to treat the preceptress' table to wedding cake.

What Miss Maynard considers the most graceful way of descending from a chair.

Whether the notice found on the door of No. 14C, North Hall was intended for Miss Hinman or Miss Jackson.

When the dwellers in "Society Flat" think of issuing invitations for another ghost party.

What Mr. Wood thinks of Mr. Phillips getting his pie.

What Miss Betts considers the requisite amount of "beauty sleep."

Who sent Miss Gertrude Mead's valentines?

If Misses Davis and Cease consider cocoa conducive to health.

Why Mr. Max Leslie has not learned to eat olives?

What has become of the rabbit said to have been caught at South Hall?

Why Mr. Bedient considers a reclining position best for breathing exercises?

How long Miss Brightman's jelly will hold out.

How many ways it is possible to pronounce Miss Mawhinney's name.

When Miss Kelso expects to be the champion basket-ball player.

Whether Miss Dexter and Miss Waterhouse think mud a good substitute for snow.

Would "e" added to Miss Strang's name make her "Strange?"

There is a movement on foot to organize a third floor society, to be known as the "Sitters-up," a sister society to the one on first floor. It is said that those most eligible for office are the occupants of rooms 35C. and 34C.

NORMAL NOTES.

The ten days of Christmas vacation were greatly appreciated by our students as well as teachers. Principal Flickinger and family enjoyed a pleasant visit among friends in New Bloomfield and Harrisburg, respectively. Miss Margaret Wade enjoyed herself by visiting her old haunts in and about Allegheny College, Meadville. Miss Vogel visited friends in Rochester, N. Y. The other members of the faculty quietly rested in Edinboro.

During the holiday vacation our trustees erected a fine stage in our chapel, providing it with footlights and other accessories. The beautiful damask curtains make a fine background and the partial calcimining has greatly improved the appearance of the room.

Owing to the large classes in Physical Culture, the trustees were also compelled to place steam pipes in the Athletic Room in Normal Hall in order that Miss Schillinger might be able to use that large room during the winter for her classes. The school cordially thanks the trustees for these and other improvements.

The splendid increase in size of our school this term and the bright prospects for the spring term, have aroused our trustees to the necessity of furnishing the third floor of South Dormitory. For a number of years this floor has not been occupied but with this increased accommodation, it is still extremely doubtful whether all the prospective students can secure rooms in the Hall.

Supt. T. M. Morrison of Erie county, is to be congratulated not only upon his successful institute but upon the remarkable educational interest he is arousing. Professor William Most of our faculty was one of his institute instructors.

One morning recently Doctor Hervey was a visitor to the Model School and as-

sisted in the opening exercises. Under the escort of Miss Goshen, principal, he visited the classrooms and observed the work done by the student-teachers. He expressed great satisfaction at the system, order and method that are marked features of this important part of our school. It is needless to say that the Model School was never in better condition—thanks to the skill of Miss Goshen and her assistants, Miss Margaret Wade and Professor Most. The Clay modelling and color work under Professor Most is progressing finely. The recent purchase of paints and material is of great assistance in the Model School work. The attendance, too, is all that can be desired.

All our friends will be glad to hear that the long-talked-of electric railway between Meadville and Edinboro via Cambridge Springs, is now rapidly progressing. The power house in Meadville is under roof and over eleven miles of track in and about Meadville is now in a completed condition. At the recent meeting of the directors held in Cambridge Springs, the announcement was made that cars would be running to Edinboro by midsummer. The summer hotel promised to our town and the increased boating facilities on our beautiful Conneauttee Lake will still further add to our pleasant environment. Edinboro is already one of the most beautiful towns in the state and these improvements will make it still more attractive to summer boarders. The railway will add to the comfort of the students returning to the school next fall and we feel quite sure that our attendance will be increased thereby.

We are very proud of our basket ball team and of its victory over Allegheny College.

The girls' basket ball team under the skillful coaching of their captain, Miss Spaulding, are learning the intricacies of the game. The girls must be smarter than the boys, because they do not need to hire a "coach" to drill them. It will be remem-

bered that the boys hired for two weeks, Mr. Thompson, athletic trainer at the Erie Y. M. C. A. gymnasium.

Rev. George Dewing's class in shorthand and type-writing are making good progress and seem to be enjoying their work.

Professor Peavy made an innovation recently in teaching mensuration. He presented every member of his class with scissors and then required them to cut out from cardboard the various geometrical figures. Judging from the knowledge acquired by the students, the plan is a good one and from a pedagogical standpoint, it seems to be eminently praiseworthy.

The class in methods has recently been hearing a series of lectures by Professor Peters, on methods of teaching elementary science. They were all greatly interested and it is believed that the good effects of this work will manifest itself in next year's Senior class.

The classes in Cæsar under Professor White are heroically wrestling with Cæsar's vivid descriptions of the Helvetian War.

The Seniors are about completing Halleck's Psychology under the Principal and will soon take up the History of Education. They have been working this term on English Literature and Rhetoric under Miss Tucker, and while they report a great deal of work, they are still enjoying every step in the work. She is a skillful teacher.

The several department meetings held by the Y. W. C. T. U. have been greatly enjoyed.

Miss Vogel, who has charge of our Music Department, has greatly increased the number of students over last year and the good effects of her work are seen in the greater interest that is being taken in this important branch of study.

On the evening of January 29th, Mr.

Charles Harvey, state secretary of the school and college Y. M. C. A., addressed the young people of our school. This is Mr. Harvey's second visit to Edinboro and he found a number of friends to greet him. We already see the good effects of his work and hope to have the pleasure of meeting him soon again.

The culinary department under the skillful management of Miss Mayhue, Miss Stough and their numerous assistants still maintains its good record. Our boarders cannot complain of the wholesome and nutritious food that is being served. Our bread, cakes and pastry are simply unsurpassed. The recent treat given us by our genial steward, of fresh onions and radishes, was highly relished.

The Christmas exercises of the Model School afforded a fitting close to a successful term. Miss Goshen the principal and her assistants, the Misses Wade and Vogel and Mr. Most, have every reason to be gratified at their success. The presents exchanged between the Senior class and the Model School were especially appropriate and were no doubt greatly appreciated. The Senior class as a slight mark of esteem presented to Miss Goshen a beautiful banquet lamp, and to Miss Wade a silver and crystal bonbon dish.

The welcome at the opening of this term arranged by the Potter Society was not only elaborate by more than usually successful. There were several hundred people in attendance. The formal part of the exercises began in the Society Hall at 7:30 with an introduction to the reception committee, consisting of H. A. Neyland, Mae Jackson, Lucile Hinman and J. Dana Blair. The guests then adjourned to Chapel Hall where an interesting program was rendered consisting of music, an address of welcome by Mr. Neyland, a recitation by Marcia Mead, papers by Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Marsh and a recitation by Ray Woodworth. Addresses were then made by

representatives of the different school organizations. Miss McBride represented the Philo Society, Evie Gross the Y. W. C. A., Luther Conroe the Y. M. C. A. and May Smiley the Y. P. C. T. U. Miss Hinman sang a fine solo. The chapel exercises were then concluded by a pantomime, "The Mistletoe Bough," which was gracefully rendered.

During January Professor Stoddard, of Dixon, Ill., and Miss H. Eleanor McClure, elocutionist of Edinboro, gave an entertainment in Chapel Hall. Mr. Stoddard is a pianist of fine ability and Miss McClure sustained her well earned reputation.

Mrs. Flickinger's "At Homes" to the young ladies of the school during three Saturdays of February between the hours of 3 and 5 were greatly enjoyed. Dainty refreshments were served on each occasion.

A merry sleighing party under the guidance of Mr. Wilbur Billings drove over to Venango on Saturday evening, February 5th. They report a fine time. The following young ladies were in the party: Misses Tanner, Rood, Bumpus, Pratt, Pelton, Bergstrom, Wilcox, Mead, Prather, Ladd, L. Woodside, M. Woodside and Wright.

Professor Peters has just completed a polishing machine—his own make—and it is now in good working order. This is an indispensable machine in a physical laboratory if the apparatus is to be kept in proper condition for experiments in the class room. Among the pieces recently remodeled are the telephone, an apparatus for representing the seven mechanical powers, Magdeburg hemispheres and the gyroscope.

The classes in physics are now at work upon electricity and show remarkable aptitude for the subject.

Miss Brooks, of Scranton, Penn'a, State Secretary of the Y. W. C. A. was with our school over Sunday, the 20th of February,

and held several meetings in behalf of the school organization. The attendance was good and the interest aroused was encouraging to the Christian young people. Miss Brooks has traveled extensively and is a woman of fine culture and pleasant address.

Professor and Mrs. C. H. Sears, former members of the Edinboro faculty, are now doing advanced pedagogical work at Clark University at Worcester, Mass. Professor M. S. Kistler is also a student at this famous institution.

One of the jolliest sleighing parties of the season was that one which left Edinboro Saturday evening, February 19th, as the twilight was falling, for the home of the Misses Marsh, two Juniors in our school. They had about ten miles to drive and the sleighing wasn't first-class, but from accounts, the lack of snow did not mar the fun. The following young people were in the party:

Misses Nina Billings, Margaret Goodrich, Snow Marsh, Rachel Marsh, Grace Caulkins, Rose Hanson, Mabel Hanson, Bertha Most, Edna Wade, Florence Borntrager, Katherine Saley and Messrs. Burt Boylan, Wilbur Billings, John Nicholson, Archie Hanson, Leonard Twitchell and Edward Thomas.

Professor and Mrs. Peters took part in the local institute at Cochranton, the 19th. Professor Peters talked on Science. They report a successful institute and splendid treatment from the good people of that place.

Miss Broomal, of Cheyney, Penn'a, now a student at Ann Arbor, has been visiting for a few days her friend Miss Goshen.

It is said that Professor White is the champion sauer kraut eater in our school. One of his friends reports that a tureen of cold sauer kraut is merely a bagatelle to this erudite epicurean. Professor Peters sometimes assists just for company.

STUDENTS' BANQUET.

On Saturday evening, Feb. 19th, sixty of our young people, mostly Seniors, drove to Cambridge Springs to the Riverside Hotel and enjoyed a splendid supper, which twenty-six young men of the school had ordered for the young ladies' Shakespeare Club. It will be remembered that the young ladies' Shakespeare Club, on the evening after the recital several weeks ago, gave a banquet to a number of invited guests, gentlemen of the school and members of the faculty. The supper at the Riverside was therefore a reciprocal event. Mine host, Baird, whose hospitable hotel is so well known throughout the state, had prepared for the young people the following elegant menu:

Edinboro Normal School Students.

SUPPER.

Mulligatawney Soup

Fried Baltimore Oysters Parsley Omelette
Hashed Brown Potatoes

Chicken Fricassee, Country Fashion
Hot Waffles and Maple Syrup

Celery Salad Pickled Beets
Cold Boiled Ham and Corned Beef
Cold Roast Mutton and Veal

Horseradish Tomato Catsup
Chili Sauce Dill Pickles
Hot Biscuit Tea Jumbles
Graham and Plain Bread

Vanilla Ice Cream Assorted Cake
Coffee Tea

Saturday, February 19, 1898.

The following young ladies were the guests: Misses McBride, Gross, Spaulding, Dexter, Jackson, Prather, Marcia Mead, Davis, Maynard, Strang, Harrington, Cease, Swaney, Mrs. Torry, Alice Mead, Graham, Fenton, Ward, Waid, Wilson, Ladds, Foster, Bergstrom, Waterhouse, Stewart, Foster, Vogel, Tucker, Schillinger, McFate, Benner, Bumpus, Hinman and Tanner.

The young men to whom credit is due for this pleasant event were the following: Messrs. Phillips, Blair, Bentley, Conroe,

Goodell, Comstock, Hayes, Lyon, Marsh, Mitchell, Neyland, Turner, Torry, Wood, Woodworth, Tanner, Freeman, M. C. Leslie, J. C. Leslie, Smith, Jones, Strawbridge, Pearson, Shaffer, Leo and Hunter.

PERSONALS.

D. S. Swaney '89 is studying law in Meadville.

Miss Elizabeth Kurtz '91, is teaching at Montrose, Pa.

Miss Desta Hanks is a teacher in the Chicago schools.

Orton Smiley '97, is teaching the young idea at Kearsarge.

Miss Cora Cutshall '96, is teaching at Reno, Pa. this winter.

We hear good reports of Wayne Stancliffe '97, the bright young principal.

Clyde Leslie '91, has recently completed a dental course in the Iowa City college.

Miss Dena Snyder '97, is a successful teacher in the schools of Penn Line, Pa.

Mr. Peter Woodward, post-graduate '97, is the successful principal at Guy's Mills.

Miss Ada Burroughs '95, is a successful teacher in the borough school at Milesgrove.

Mr. Dana Blair was best man at his brother's wedding in Girard about the middle of January.

Mrs. H. E. Smith of Meadville, wife of the county treasurer, has still a warm side for her old school.

Miss S. L. Boyd, the well known principal of Boyd Business College, Meadville, is one of our best known graduates.

Professor Addison White '92, of Mill Village visited the Model School and several classes in the Normal during January.

We are proud to claim Dr. H. V. Hotchkiss, Superintendent of Schools of Meadville, as one of our distinguished alumni.

Miss Myrna Langley, a graduate of Edinboro, is now teaching French and fourth year Latin in the High School of Youngstown, Ohio. She was a welcome

visitor at the Normal School the early part of this term.

One of the prominent members of the Oswego Training School, Miss Clara Hazen, looks back to Edinboro as her alma mater.

Mr. Chas. J. Reeder '90, and Miss Clara Richardson of Lowville, N. Y., were married January 5th. They are now living in Edinboro.

Dr. Mary Hanks, a well known physician of Boston, Mass., and Dr. Sadie Gaston of Ohio are honored graduates of old Edinboro.

The following persons belong to the Clan-na-gael: Messrs. Williams, Thomas, Phillips, and the Misses Davis, Gilbert and Graham.

The following noble Romans in South Hall are known as the first Triumvirate: Messrs. Burdick, Bradley and Ludwig. Query: Which one is Cæsar?

Visitors from our school were in East Springfield lately and they report that Lester Waterhouse '95, principal of the schools there, is winning golden laurels.

The following well known lawyers of Meadville are either graduates or ex-students of Edinboro: J. P. Coulter, H. J. Humes, T. J. Prather and J. D. Roberts.

The other day, Vance confidentially reminded John Firman that he had better roll down his pantaloons for they did not look nice, and he supposed he had forgotten they were up.

Will Bloomfield '91, is teaching in Lincolnville. Since his graduation, he has written several quite interesting books, and we would suggest that he place sample copies in our library.

Among the teachers of the schools of Meadville, who were educated at Edinboro, are Misses Minnie Wilkinson, Idell Kingsley, Carrie Douglass, Alice Bentley and Virginia Affantranger.

Principal Flickinger has recently engaged himself to attend the Jefferson county Institute for December, '98. Supt. Teit-

rick '88, is determined to have Edinboro represented this year if he did not last year.

Adapted.—Mr. Woodworth: "Hope you have not hurt yourself. Shall I help you up?" Mr. Leslie [skating on Conneauttee Lake for the first time]: "No, thanks, old fellow, I'm quite comfortable and a lot safer than before."

It is rumored that the boys are organizing a fat man's club, with Mr. Cassius Leslie as president; B. B. Proper, vice president; Max Leslie, Secretary; John Nicholson, treasurer. Only those that drink milk are eligible.

The school was honored by a visit recently from L. G. Church, a prominent hardware merchant of Marysville, Ohio. Mr. Church was a student at Edinboro during the early 60's and is full of pleasant reminiscences of that period.

We regret to hear of the illness of Burton Mershon '97, principal of the schools at West Springfield. Mr. C. D. Eldridge '94, is substituting for him. In the same school Miss May Seymour '97, and Miss Elizabeth Eagley, a '97 Junior, are teaching.

George E. Freeman, a student here in 1879-80, is now pay clerk on the U. S. battleship "Massachusetts." This vessel, one of the strongest in our navy is now lying in Cuban waters. Mr. Freeman is a brother of Mrs. John Torry of Edinboro. He has been in the navy for twelve years.

Principal Flickinger received a finely engraved invitation from the trustees and faculties of the University of Pennsylvania to attend a luncheon in the library building of that institution on the 22d of February, at 1 o'clock to meet the President of the United States. He very reluctantly sent his regrets.

Among the Edinboro graduates in Elk county, who are now successfully teaching, are the following popular young people: Miss Myrtle Bishop '96, Miss Mary Ward '97, Miss Grace Scrafford '93, Miss Mabel Scrafford '94, Harrison Ellsworth '96 and Dean Swift '95. They are all a credit to

Edinboro and are highly spoken of by their county superintendent.

It is reported that recently in the class in General History when the question was asked: "What was the greatest conquest of Alexander the Great?" that one of our gushing girls answered sotto voce, "When Thalestris the queen of the Amazons made him an offer of marriage." Query: Which one of the Seniors was it?

Miss Leona Langley '92, and Mr. Edgar Birchard, an ex-student of Edinboro, were married at the home of Miss Langley, near Cambridge Springs on Wednesday, Dec. 29, by Reverend Grassie. Miss Langley is one of the successful teachers of Bradford, Pa., while Mr. Birchard is a well known teacher in the Cambridge Springs High School.

This school year has been a very discouraging one to the teachers of Austin, Potter Co. The schools were closed early in the year on account of a large fire which swept away a large part of the town. The schools were then reopened and kept running about two weeks when they were again closed, this time on account of diphtheria. Among the teachers thus thrown out of employment for the time were Supt. O. W. Woodring and Miss J. Annette McGibbon—graduates of Edinboro. Miss McGibbon spent her first vacation in Edinboro and her second in Bradford, with Miss Langley '92.

Rev. George Dewing, our teacher of Shorthand and Typewriting, has now a class of ten. They are doing excellent work and making rapid progress. This department of our school will probably be enlarged during the spring term as there seems to be a growing demand for this sort of instruction.

Mrs. Downing '88 is the popular wife of one of Meadville's most substantial citizens.

Miss Helen Selinger '97, is making a record for herself as a teacher at Branchville.

Mrs. Della Curry '97, is maintaining her high reputation as a teacher at Sturgis.

LATE NORMAL NOTES.

In the graduating class of Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y., is one of our former popular young men, F. V. Emerson, '94, Edinboro. It is reported that he ranks high in his class. We are glad to note the success of our students in the various institutions.



The return game of basket ball with Allegheny College will be played in the Athletic Hall of the Normal School on Friday evening, March 4. This promises to be an exciting game.



A committee of the Board of Trustees is now seriously contemplating the erection of a three-story wing to the North Hall in order to double the size of our dining room and to afford additional room for young ladies. This improvement, of course, will not be made before the summer vacation, although it will be greatly needed during the spring term.



E. G. Culbertson, ex-postmaster of Edinboro and one of our substantial citizens, was a welcome visitor at the school one day last week. Also Robert Dill of North East.



Parties desiring copies of this number of the DIAL will address the principal.



Exercises commemorative of Washington's birthday were held in the chapel on the morning of the 22d. A brief program was rendered, comprising the following numbers:

Song, "Washington's Birthday".....	School
Recitation.....	Miss Schillinger
Song, "Red, White and Blue".....	School
Lessons from the Life of Washington.....	
.....	Principal Flickinger
Song, "America".....	School

The Model School children had a half holiday on the 22d.



The four students of Thiel College, Greenville, who refused to pay an assessment for removing the debris of a building torn down in a prank, have been suspended.



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