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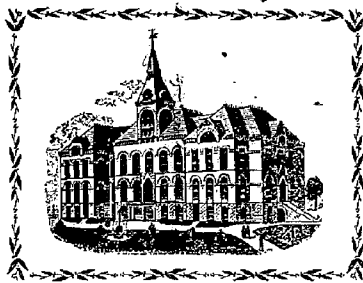
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NO. 1.

### INFLUENCE.

C. W. TREAT, CLASS OF '84.

The evil deed outlives the man,  
The good is oft with him interred.  
So sang the well known English bard,  
Our Shakespeare, king of pen and word.

The truth contained within the line,  
By light of history illumed,  
In every age is seen to extend  
More wide than even he presumed.

'Tis true, sometimes our evil deed  
To swift maturity doth spring;  
But hounce afar on etery breeze,  
Each seed in time its fruit shall bring.

And, on and on, while life doth last  
Increases many hundred fold.  
Though vain regrets the heart may break  
The total sum can ne'er be told.

'Till all our sorrows here shall cease  
And we, upon that other shore,  
Shall hear the voice of God proclaim  
That time on earth shall be no more.

But does the power to live for aye  
To evil deed alone pertain?  
And must the shade upon life's page  
No soft'ning light meanwhile retain?

Of thought conceived, of wish well meant,  
Of deed in self denial wrought,  
Of word of cheer, of influence sweet,  
Which strength to troubled heart hath brought.

Believe it not, dear friend, whose strength  
To aid thy fellow has been lent,  
Whose time and talent, thought and life  
To better mankind have been spent.

The influence of a noble deed,  
With purest motive well performed,  
Must rest, like halo, round the head  
Of him whose life such deeds adorned.

Or let us take the graceful curve,  
Still widening with each circling hour,  
On quiet lake, by pebble made,  
As truer symbol of its power.

And when the ages thou hast blest  
Shall gaze upon that kindly brow,  
Late interred by the artist's touch,  
That we may view it then as now.

May we then own, in word, in deed,  
The gracious influence of thy power;  
And may the thought which ruled thy life  
Be multiplied for aye in ours.

Thus may thy work go grandly on,  
By many faithful hearts sustained,  
Till over ignorance and death  
The final victory is gained.

### Our Mail Bag.

Ada I. Schwartz has a school near Elkhville, her home. Her enrollment is sixty; and she seems to think it a "nice little school."

W. L. Allen has a school with an enrollment of sixty-four pupils at Dryden, and from reports he is doing well. He wishes to be remembered to his friends of the Normal.

Mary Robertson is teaching as assistant in the public schools of Ullin. She will be remembered as a student of '85. She has taught every year since leaving the University.

Joseph R. Hess is teaching near Cave-in-Rock at a fair salary. He has an attendance of sixty pupils which his county superintendent states to be the largest of any school in that county. Mr. Hess is expecting to return to the Normal as a student next year.

Ed. G. McMackin, of the class of '87, is wielding the birch at Patoke, Marion county, and reports good success. He will go to Iowa as soon as school is out where he has a position in a drug store.

We hear good news from our jolly friend Emma Begemann. She is assistant in the Baldwin schools, Randolph county, and is having splendid success. Miss B. expects to attend the Normal next year.

Lu Bird Hendee, class of '84, is teaching near La Clede, Ill. She still comes to Miss Buck for advice and suggestions about her school work. She states that her brother Olin, who has been in Nebraska, is now at home.

Chas. B. Root will likely step from the school room, on to a farm in Marion county, where, aided by the advice of a sensible wife, he will raise the best crops and make the most money of any of the farmers around.

Miss Nellie Evans, who will be remembered by her many friends, is succeeding nicely with the primary department in the Grand Tower schools. We have an idea what she intends to do, but would not tell it for anything.

P. S. Ayre, a student of '87 and '88, is principal of the Upper Town school at Grand Town and is proving himself an efficient instructor. Mr. Ayre will be back in the spring and contemplates finishing the course in the near future.

Since leaving the University in the spring of '87, Ada Lingenfelter has completed her two terms of school, and is now having good success with the third. She remembers with pleasure the days spent in the S. I. N. U. and hopes to renew the associations in the near future.

C. W. Treat, secretary class of '84, is again at DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., where he is taking a thorough mathematical course. He was known here as "Treat, the mathematician," and we hope ere long to see his name coupled with that of "professor" in some noted institution.

I saw in the last number of the GAZETTE that the last word from J. S. Stonecipher was, that he could not vote for John M. Palmer. I would be pleased if you would make this statement in the next number, that I did vote for John P., and the rest of the Democratic ticket from head to foot. Yours, very respectfully,  
J. S. STONECIPHER.

Miss Mattie Jeffrey, a student during the spring term of '87, is meeting with deserved success as second intermediate teacher in the Sparta schools. Miss J. taught last year in the Carlyle schools where she was assistant principal. Finding it more congenial among old acquaintances she accepted the position offered her at Sparta, having graduated from the high school at that place in 1884.

### PORTRAIT OF DR. ALLYN.

Contributions have been received from the following sources, viz: Alicia Beezley, Alice Livingston, W. F. Fringer, Thomas Brown, C. W. Treat, Lulu Phillips, W. B. Bain, Elia Bryden, Esther C. Finley, Maggie Kennedy, Mary Wright, Matilda F. Salter, C. J. Bribach, Maggie Bryden, Ida Warner, Ada Dunaway, Kate E. Richards, Prof. C. W. Jerome, **NORMAL GAZETTE**, Gertrude Hull, Mary A. Roberts, Prof. G. V. Buchanan, E. T. Dunaway, W. H. Hinchliff, F. G. Cortiss, Louise Baumberger, Proceeds of Mr. Conant's Lecture, Chas. M. Morgan, Lizzie M. Sheppard, Martha Buck, E. M. Jones, Sarah A. Crenshaw, Adella Brown, Nellie Tierney, R. J. Bryden, Mary Leary, Proceeds of Art Reception Adella Mitchell, Eva Bryden, Daniel Y. Bridges, Rev. J. T. McAnally, Mary C. McAnally, Delia Caldwell, R. E. Renfro, Minnie Tait, a Friend, T. A. Lancaster, Mary A. Sowers, W. A. Reef, Ada Hickam, George H. Farmer, Luther T. Scott, Thomas S. Marshall, Dr. L. T. Phillips, Lily M. Honts, W. J. Ennisson, Chas. M. Galbraith and F. F. Sams. Total amount received, \$466.25.

Other contributions will be acknowledged in these columns upon receipt of same.

N. B. Do not send subscriptions for this fund to the **NORMAL GAZETTE**, but to Prof. C. W. Jerome, or the Alumni committee, Prof. G. V. Buchanan, Miss Lizzie Sheppard and Miss Mary A. Roberts. Any one giving \$1.00, or more to this fund will receive an elegant cabinet photograph of Dr. Allyn.

### TO THE ALUMNI.

Our Alumni department will be under the management of Prof. G. V. Buchanan who has kindly consented to conduct it for us; but to make it interesting and successful he must have your assistance. Every class is organized or at least should be; and every member of the Alumni Association should make an extended report of his work, his success, expectations, etc., at least once a year. There are now about one hundred and twenty members of the association, and if each one would make a report once a year, Prof. Buchanan would have about ten members to note each issue, and written up in the Professor's happy way of putting things would make a very interesting column. We are sorry to say that only about fifty of the association have sent us their subscriptions. We can not think that it is a lack of sympathy with our work; but we are led to suppose that it is merely neglect. Dear friends, we need your assistance, first with your subscriptions, and encouraging words; then keep us posted as to your "whereabouts and doings," and if you find that a member of your class is neglectful in this, make your letter longer and enclose a note about him.

Many of the association are attracting notice as writers; and we would be very glad to receive contributions on any topic from them. We shall always

be found ready to forward any worthy project of the Alumni Association and we hope that, should occasion arise, you will not be slow to use our columns to that end. Let us have your encouragement.

### COLLEGE Y. M. & Y. W. C. A.

Since our last writing only two meetings have been held, owing to the closing of the fall term and the holiday vacation. The final meeting of last term was conducted by Mr. Luther E. Baird, the President of the Young Men's branch of the Association. The subject for the hour's service was the advantage and benefits obtained from the meetings of the term. The first service for this term was led by George W. Ogle, who chanced to be spending a few days among us. Mr. Ogle was a student with us for several terms a few years since. He has many friends here, among teachers, students and citizens. Here he started on his religious career, and is now an enthusiastic and successful theological student on a regular course in an institution at Morgan Park, this State, preparatory to going as a missionary to Africa. Our Association already has one regularly settled missionary (Miss Adella Brown) doing most excellent work at Cairo, Egypt. The work of the college associations is of vast importance to this country. From reports just to hand, it is evident that at the work is constantly growing. The college work has never been doing so much for students. There are now 273 College Associations, whose influence for good among young men and women is potent. The missionary spirit and movement have been promoted in these college associations in a wonderful degree. Nearly 3000 competent and worthy young people have offered themselves as missionaries, and the churches are sending from this number as fast as suitable means can be obtained. The growth of the work in the past year has been steady and most encouraging.

### MARRIED.

On December 12, 1888, near Centerville, Mr. Albert L. Cruzen, a student of '87, and Miss Hattie Snow.

At Alma, Ill., on Christmas day, 1888, Mr. Jasper Day, of Watson, Ill., and Miss Edith Ross. Miss Ross will be remembered as an old student of the University.

At Elizabethtown, Ill., on January 2, 1889, Miss E. Earlene Herod and Mr. A. E. Green. Miss Herod was a student of last year.

December 25, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Corgan, Miss Cora Corgan to Mr. Sautell, of Macoupin county. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. Spilman at 1:30 p. m. The bridal couple took the afternoon train for their home in Macoupin county. Miss Corgan was a student of '84-5.

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever," and Prof. Phelps is making the most beautiful photographs ever seen in Carbondale.

## Contributed.

### INCENTIVES TO GOOD HABITS—A THEME AS COMPLEX AS IM- PORTANT.

MISS LIZZIE M. SHEPPARD; READ BEFORE  
THE NEBRASKA STATE TEACHERS'  
ASSOCIATION, IN 1887.

#### III.

He who gives more than a superficial glance or thought to the impulses of childish nature finds beneath them a spirit corresponding to his own in a large degree; sees in each act, expression, or even walk, an image of himself, or an attempt at imitation. This is more visible in little people; but conviction grows with experience in observation, that the school, and consequently that which constitutes it, are reflections of the teacher—magnetic or repellant. I doubt not this statement will meet with approval, incredulity, dissent, and denunciation. But, pardon me if I should leave this unsaid, your rank as a teacher is according to your acceptance of this statement, or else you are lacking in observation. I do not mean to say that your impress will always be permanently made in one term or even one year. One's influence is most visible and permanent, especially when for good, by years of contact—just as a felter is molded and strengthened by repeated blows of the hammer. But these impressions are made with greater distinctness than would have been believed when childhood was less studied and more imperfectly understood than now. This thought is a warning and an encouragement to us—a warning to check the hasty temper, to turn frowns of vexation into smiles of good nature, to correct careless habits, to restrain a spirit of domination; an encouragement to self-control, self-culture of heart and mind, a modest deportment, and a character true as steel. We, then, who have willingly, or by force of circumstances, taken upon ourselves the duty of training in others the *what to think and how to think it, the how to live and what to be*, have taken upon us one other—the duty and necessity of having right within ourselves. As I believe in teacher's self being a spur to the formation of habit, I also believe one of her requisites is a *love for the children*. I believe, too, that the heart of the great body of instruction in our land beats with a loving anxiety, second to none but that of parents, for the stumpy boys and gentle girls entrusted to their care.

During about one-fifth of our children's active hours, through eight or ten of the formative years of their lives, these helpers stand in the place of the parents, instructing, correcting, approving, impressing the good or the bad, weaving the cable which binds them to a safe or destructive shore. The best work is done when such a thought—that the weaving is for life and outlives death—is ever present in the mind, and 'tis worth a strife in each breast to hold it there amid the tormenting worries of each day. Indeed, such thoughts change worry into wisdom, wearied irritableness into patient forbearance. 'Tis said the secret of success in the culture of flowers is in loving them; some go even so far as to say a steak is palatable, a sauce is appetizing, or a cup of coffee delicious, only when prepared by a loving hand. If inanimate objects are thus responsive, what of the sensitive lives we handle daily? Can we hope to exert a positive, enduring influence for good

upon them without that which has joy in their joy, grief in their grief?

He who cares for nothing connected with his work except remuneration in dollars and cents should be banished from the school room before to-morrow's duties begin. But we take it for granted that there are few such unhappy individuals; for, whatever may have been their first intent, an interest in and fondness for some little heart will surely come, and make them more tender toward others less interesting. Grant, then, that we have a love for the children; with this, a watchful eye, and right principles in ourselves, we are well equipped for a defense of them against all attacks of wrong, capable of inspiring them with a courage to avoid the very appearance of evil. Did you ever think what a strange thing it is that meanness is in a constant state of activity while goodness so often remains passive? Just as it is easier to roll down hill than to climb up. It may be because of the downward tendencies of our natures. Evil has but to make the start and natural laws speed it onward, while goodness has an effort to make for every foothold it gains, and an effort to retain it when once gained. The youth of to-day feels he has not fully developed into manhood until he can smoke the delicate appearing cigarette or the mature cigar. This has come to be, with many, a natural tendency, and when given the impetus of a smoking teacher for an example, strong must be the good influences elsewhere if the boy comes out unscathed. I have in mind a professor, a favorite because of his geniality, fine appearance, ease and grace. He was devoted to his cigars and could daily be seen walking from the university to the town in company with several students, all delightfully indulging in this man's so-called—comfort and luxury. His influence in this and accompanying vices was more apparent and more speedily felt than the salutary influence of all his colleagues. He was used as a defense, put up as an example, by many a young boy whose conscience was yet unhardened. I sometimes think a woman's influence in this matter goes farther than a man's—not at the boy's barbarous age, when he looks with contempt upon a woman's notions, but earlier, when his heart is yet tender; and later when it becomes soft, and what the ladies think of him is the first consideration after a shave by the barber and the color of his tie. If the ladies enjoy a cigar, that is sufficient reason for purchasing the most expensive, and increasing their frequency. A woman who says, "I enjoy a cigar," "I like to see a man smoke," or, "A man, if he is a man, can drink without injury," not only countenances, but encourages, such habits. Be it a disgrace to womanhood when she does thus encourage two of our national evils. If she does naturally enjoy the odor of a twenty-five cent cigar, let her cultivate herself to dispise it for principle's sake.

He who is *passively good* has little in his favor and *much against him*. He may save himself, but that is about all he can do, and 'tis more noble to save another than one's self; more praiseworthy and enduring to fix in others lofty aspirations, a love for right and a hatred for wrong, than to reach our highest aspirations for self, or endeavor to lead a commendable life for self's sake. Real, lasting goodness must have substance, form, character and purpose to it. She who possesses this is good for something and you feel it. The children recognize it, and feel that her moral instruction has a strong

backing to it in herself; it carries a force with it, the effect and extent of which only eternity can measure. Our immediate influence dies with us; our habits of right thinking and acting cease to exist with our last breath; but that we establish in others is everlasting. Without doubt, however unsatisfactory to ourselves our efforts may have been, we have established some truths in others, which they, in turn, will transplant in other lives and thus perpetuate the good work. For—

"Truth only need to be once spoke out,  
And there's such music in her, such strange  
rhythm,

As makes men's memories her joyous slaves,  
And elings around the soul as the sky clings  
Round the mute earth, forever beautiful,  
And if o'erclouded, only to burst forth  
More all-embracingly divine and clear;  
Get but the truth once uttered, and 'tis like  
A star new-born, that drops into its place,  
And which, once circling in its placid round,  
Not all the tumult of the earth can shake."

Another potent motive—the measure of whose power we may never know—is in the living examples of patriotism, unselfishness, patient persistency and heroic fortitude of the grand men and noble women, living and dead. The self sacrifice of Lincoln or Garfield may develop a grander President than either. The patient, painstaking efforts of Bacon or Franklin may discover as wonderful things as science has yet revealed. The bravery of Wolfe, or of the French sister recently knighted, or of some unknown but not forgotten soldier, may save our country from greater disasters than have yet threatened her. Not that we should encourage our boys to be brave that they may become famous. Teach them that "fame is fancied life in others' breath;" that it is the *deed* in man we honor. We reverence him because he has proven himself worthy of such nobility. A noble achievement in mind or morals is a simple proof of the *possible* in man. What has once been done in this line can be done again, and we have no measure within ourselves for our possibilities save undismayed, persistent effort. We know not what we may develop, and if a thing is worth admiration and acquirement, it is worth aspiration and the effort to acquire. We admire a character and strive to imitate it. Frequent studies of similar characters strengthen the impressions and measurably tend to fix the elements of that character in us—another illustration of the dominant power of habit.

In conclusion, I would place before you that in which this ever-active power is an indispensable factor, and which is a noble, as well as far-reaching, incentive—the formation of a self-controlling, independent, influential character. A man must have self under his dominion before he can place others there or himself resist the authority of the unlawful.

One of our crying needs of to-day is for men and women who can rise superior to self—forget the doer in contemplation of the thing to be done. Such are ready to face the sternest necessities of life or to battle bravely for right. Such a *general* state of existence would speedily dispense with ninety per cent. of our crime, close our inebriate asylums and our penitentiaries, and bring a speedy millennium to the moral status of our world. Because such a condition seems far distant; because we continually have bad boys who sometimes exhibit an astonishing amount of worldly wickedness, or because our girls are not all as modest and free from guile as Virtue or her sisters—these should not dishearten. A child who is *always good* often lacks force. When we have surrounded our

youth with a healthy moral atmosphere emanating from ourselves, and when we have done our full duty in *striving* to fix these principles of uprightness within them, we have fulfilled our function. Results are beyond our province. The gravest of these require years for completion, and—blessed be memory, that *can not forget!* Though *will* may wander astray, there yet remains the hope, not without foundation, that a remembrance of good once offered may eventually entice them back to the path of virtue though that of innocence be denied.

A consciousness of responsibility makes growth. A boy's nature must thrill at the thought that some day his power will be felt—that he will be a unit in the universe. Let him be made to see and feel that he is one—that the world without him would be incomplete; he is one of God's thoughts—and dare you say there will be no development there; that this is no incentive to manhood? Filled with this thought, each utterance of yours has a new meaning and a heavier weight to him. Already he feels the pressure of future responsibilities, and with it the longing to meet them with a noble purpose in his heart and a manly determination in his will. What he is to-day, to-morrow and the next day, leads to what he will be five, ten or twenty years beyond. Hence what he is, is food for to-day's reflection: what he may be is his inspiration.

#### AN EXTRACT FROM A PAPER.

PROF. C. H. FRENCH.

"How can a cabinet be obtained?" may be a question many teachers would like to have answered. First by collecting the materials to be found in the locality of the school. It takes but little practice to prepare specimens of bird skins so that they may serve the purpose of illustration and analysis, and there will be found in every school many boys or young men that will be glad to assist a teacher in work of this kind. Some of these specimens might be mounted and serve as ornaments to the school room, or, if preferred, all might be put up in that way, using either the embalming process or the ordinary method. School boards are generally very willing to furnish cases for preserving specimens from injury if they are to be the means of making the teaching more efficient.

But the summer months are not adapted to work in birds, for they are moulting and nesting; but as birds are only a part of what may be found in every locality, the time may be spent in collecting fishes, if near a stream or lake, such mammals as are to be found, and insects. The lack of tables for analysis makes collecting in animals beyond the groups named unprofitable, for when the pupa can not identify his specimens he soon loses interest in collecting. Until other means are provided our State Entomologist's Reports can be used, to identify a large share of the insects that will be collected.

Beside animals, a collection of plants and geological specimens may be very valuable to a school. Probably the best way to make these collections will be for both teacher and pupils to devote a whole season's work to some one subject. Let one term be devoted to botany, all the plants that can be found in the locality being collected, neatly pressed, and a set of the specimens mounted on white paper and properly labeled. A kind of paper known as map paper is very good for this purpose, because costing but little. This, cut 11x17 inches, will fit nicely into boxes 12x18, which will be found

to be a convenient size. Another term may be devoted to work in birds and so on. The advantage of such a plan is that all will be working at the same thing, and can be more readily directed by the teacher.

A teacher now having charge of a school in Indiana, who was but a few years ago a member of the Illinois Association, has organized in his school a natural history society that meets on Saturday afternoons. He has procured insect cork with which to line boxes for insects, (though cornstalks would answer the same purpose,) and has properly provided for other specimens collected. In a letter received from him a few weeks ago he says: "The children are all interested in worms and bugs, and several are learning some valuable facts about these creatures."

Aside from the time of the teacher, the expense of getting together a valuable cabinet in the way indicated is so small as scarcely to be taken into account, while the benefit to be derived from it would be great.

If after the local flora and fauna have been studied, it seems desirable to make additions to the cabinet, this may be done by a system of exchanges, costing nothing but the duplicate specimens on hand and transportation. This might be done between different parts of the State by making the county superintendents an exchange bureau, or, it could be carried on direct, if desired. If such schools as have duplicates report to their county superintendent what they have, he could put them in communication with schools of other counties desiring exchange. If there were a general interest in this matter all over the State, I see no reason why such a plan of exchanges would not be both pleasant and profitable to all participating in it. To those who have "The Naturalists' Directory" the matter of exchanges can be very easily settled, not only within our own borders but with any other State or part of the world.

A HANDSOME BIT OF GOSSIP.

FARAWAYTOWN, Dec. 8, 1888.

And so I am expected to turn into a bit of a gossip. If some heads shake over that word, so much abused, so ill-used, yet containing suggestions of delightful thirty-minute chats, flavored with cups of fragrant tea or delicate chocolate, or whole hours of earnest conversation in some snug nook, let these same heads put on their thinking caps and ask what would the world be without that interchange of kindly sympathy and good natured criticism, often arising from this or that event, small perhaps, but interesting because it throbs with the same life which riots through us all?

That a good thing is sometimes turned to a poor purpose, while regretted, is no more unusual in this than in many other cases. As long as there are "happenings," people will talk, wisely or otherwise; and if one does not wish to become a subject of discourse, he must not put himself into such a position that his head, like a target, will be raised above the crowd; tho' that same position may bring him nearer heaven. Every good has its attendant evil, it is said. And where eyes take notes, tongues will click. For instance:

Miss Phelps, a novelist of a widespread reputation, becomes Mrs. Herbert Ward. She has been "Miss" for so long, and the story of her soldier lover lost in the late war is so generally known, that it is no wonder the change to "Mrs." causes a little ripple of excitement in the literary world; all

the more, perhaps, since her husband is so much younger than herself, he being near thirty years old.

I remember Mr. Ward as he used to look about four years ago, when he was an occasional caller at my father's house. Tall, well-shaped, fine-featured, with an easy grace of carriage which proclaimed him socially a gentleman, and a readiness of speech which made him a most entertaining conversationalist, he was a general favorite with the ladies and was constantly in their company. The summer of which I write, he affected a careless style of dress which well suited him. The tennis jacket, with its unclasped belt dangling about his hips; light trousers, and sailor straw hat perched on his head at whatever angle it chanced to be clapped, we usually expected to see when Mr. Ward was announced. He wore a "golden" whisker, chopped "English," and would sometimes mention his English relatives. A cigar he enjoyed, also a pretty girl; and a tight umbrella with a great coat slung over his arm lent a finishing touch on some occasions.

In those days he had a slight acquaintance with Miss Phelps, having received an introduction to her through his father, Mr. William Ward, editor of the *Independent*. I recollect his mentioning one afternoon his intention to call upon Miss Phelps at a time when she was to read before some friends an unpublished manuscript, and when I requested, with a young girl's enthusiasm, that he would bring me within the charmed circle, he replied with kindly condescension that he could not think of so trespassing upon the favor bestowed upon himself. He was very fond of whistling. Anchored off a ledge, not far from the point on which stands Miss Phelps' summer cottage, during the winter is a whistling buoy; and chiefly through her influence, although neighboring summer guests also signed the petition, it is removed during the "season." Now people are wondering how Miss Phelps became so reconciled to whistling boys.

Not long since I had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Scott Siddons. The opera house was full. Mrs. Siddons came on late, in a beautiful ravishing, the girls would say costume, of which the train was half; but one forgot about that in admiration of her carriage. It was superb. Some women are lost in their gowns; but Mrs. Siddons rose like a Venus from the sea of pale pink satin and foamy lace which billowed and hid around her. Even the chain of diamonds from shoulder to breast were not more brilliant than her eyes—the reflection in the sea of the stars above. With the greatest ease she moved a table or two and some chairs to suit her convenience, and soon her full, rich voice held us all. First she gave us selections from "Much Ado About Nothing." Here, ability of a high order in facial and voice expression was exhibited, and appreciated by the audience. Her "Dora in David Copperfield" was most amusing, but I missed a touch of pathos here and there, as I did in several other readings. To humor she is very entertaining; but Shakespeare is evidently best suited to her style. Mrs. Siddons as Lady Macbeth is as blood curdling as the most ardent admirer of ghost stories could desire. To see her stand there with that vacant stare in her wild eyes; to see the nervous, maniacal twitching of the clutching fingers, and the unconscious washing of her hands together in the dry air; to see the sleep-bound hissing of her straight, silent body; and then to hear those long drawn sobbing sighs and the husky silent tomb shrouded whisper, "To bed; to bed!" is enough tragedy to furnish sauce for a long slice of comedy. POLLY FAIRBORE.

"BOOK WHICH HELPED ME."

ROBERT ALLIN.

The *Forum* for more than a year contained a series of articles having the above heading. They interested the public, and, without doubt, profited them greatly. The recollection of them prompts me to say a few words concerning my early reading. Just how early I began a course of good reading, though irregular and with no particular design, I can not state. I only know that my father's family removed from my native town when I was just past sixteen. The reading of which I shall speak was all done before that time.

In that native town there was a town library as it was called, from which the owners of the library shares could draw books weekly and keep them out two weeks. At how early an age I began to draw books I do not know. But I know well that I read first *Robinson Crusoe*, and though I have never since read it consecutively, yet I think I could repeat all the incidents to-day. I read the book under the shade, and sometimes on a seat in the branches of a large butternut tree which overhung a very sweet flowing spring of clear water. I drank from that spring the last summer and then thought, as in my boyhood, it was the very sweetest water I ever tasted. I next read Goldsmith's *Vicar of Wakefield* and Dr. Johnson's *Rasselas*. I have not read either book since; the vicar, the dear wife, the son Moses and the daughters are still real persons to me. I remember their innocent goodness, and pious helplessness, as distinctly to-day as I know my present neighbor's goodness and kindness. The philosophical Prince and his sister and the happy valley are still realities, and have shaped for me many a pleasing day-dream and given to me a thousand hours of joyous recollections. I think they did a great good for me in forming my taste for good books, and helping to form a style in my writing, and really gave shape to my literary aspirations.

Very soon after this I read "The Spectator," and only a little later "The Rambler," and "The Guardian." How Addison, Johnson and Steele delighted me I can not tell. I read them more than once, and I could repeat to my mother "The Vision of Mirza" and "The Journey of a Day." While the other boys of the neighborhood gathered at evening at the shoemaker's or blacksmith's shop and heard smutty stories then common, I was at home by the kitchen fire reading the chaste tales and delightful literature of England's great masters. I remember Goldsmith's *Traveller* and his *Village* and Addison's version of the *Twenty-third Psalm*, which I can still repeat verbatim, I think.

Then came Pope. How fine his essays, which anybody ought to be able to comprehend and admire, and the *Rape of the Lock*, and finally his grandest of all translations, for me, Homer. How I, a boy of twelve, perhaps, not beyond sixteen, revelled in that literature!

But there were other books. There was the common sense Ben. Franklin, whose *Poor Richard* I read until I knew it by heart—I must think him the very best writer as to style America has yet produced. There was his autobiography and a volume of his letters, which I must esteem as his very best writing and the really finest letters ever written in English. There was *Marshall's Life of Washington* and a book of Indian wars which delighted not only me, but all the boys. I could

tell every one of its stories and often sat down by our night skating fires on the ice of the mill pond, and told some of the stories to a half dozen boys and girls, while others shouted and played "King's Men and Yankoes." I remember one little maid older than I, and, to my mortification then, taller than I, who always got near me and, with her sparkling eyes, warned me more than the fire did. She married when I was sixteen, and I wondered whether it would be a just thing for me to meet the man and tell him what a mean savage he was and offer to fight him.

Another line of books was read by me—Hume's *England* and *Belknap's History of the United States*, and particularly *Botta's History of the Revolution*. Goldsmith's *Animated Nature* and Buffon's *Animal Creation* were read with wonder and delight.

How many there were I can not say, a couple of hundred I reckon, and many of them I read more than once. I had no order, and no one gave me any advice. I took what I saw in the library shelves, and if it suited me I read it a second time.

The first book which I owned, and I own it still, was obtained by some hard work. My father told me if I would dig up the bay berry brush of a certain corner in a field and plant potatoes, I might have all I could raise. The job was both longer and harder than I supposed before I began. But I did it at odd spells and raised about eight bushels of potatoes, which I sold at ten cents a bushel and bought with the money, "The Young Man's Own Book." It proved a book of excellent advice, and I read it with great interest and profit. It contained among other good things, "The Maxims of Washington," which was better than gold.

I must recall and name another book. *Plutarch's Lives*, which I read with much interest, and I think it has not lost its interest for the young. Indeed I know few books to equal it both for its fullness and its power to inspire.

In thus recalling the books read by me in early life, I find they are all English classics; and I infer that the selection made for that town library in that little country town of New England was made by men of sound sense and good taste, and I can say for a certainty that one Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and one of Iowa and a Governor of a great State were really made by that old library.

John Tyler, son and private secretary of President Tyler, lives at Washington. He holds the place of "representative of the public" on the board which superintends the destruction of mutilated currency, to which he was appointed by President Arthur and Secretary Folger. Although sixty years of age, he is active and erect, and full of reminiscences of Washington City.

The *Boston Journal of Education* says of the Boston election: "It was not a crusade against the Romish Church. Until the extravagant utterances had ceased, until the fanatical crusaders had been silenced, there was no possibility of a victory at the polls, for the men and women who organized the campaign and led the victory would not act under the direction or in association with extremists. It was in the defence of the public schools that men and women acted in unison. The most conservative, broad-minded, liberal-spirited citizens were the hardest workers in this campaign."

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FALL TERM begins Monday, September 10—ends Thursday, December 20, 1888.  
HOLIDAY RECESS begins December 21, and ends January 1, 1889.  
WINTER TERM begins January 2, 1889, and closes March 21, 1889.  
SPRING TERM begins March 25, 1889, and closes June 13, 1889.  
EXAMINATIONS for the year begin June 10, 1889.  
ANNUAL CONGREGATION, June 13, 1889.

The GAZETTE would like to secure several copies of catalogues of this University for the years of 1874-5, 1875-6 and 1877-8. The files belonging to the University have been destroyed.

SAVE YOUR GAZETTES. You can have them bound for a trifle, and they will be of much value to you for reference. The pages will be numbered consecutively throughout the year, and the 12 numbers bound and cut will make a very neat volume.

THE GAZETTE wants an old student to represent its claims at teachers' associations, meetings, institutes, etc., in his own county. We want a live energetic agent in every county in Southern Illinois, and will pay liberally for the work done. Drop us a card for particulars.

We hope our subscribers who have not paid for the GAZETTE, will do so at once. Our terms are money strictly in advance, and the change in the management necessitates an immediate collection of all outstanding bills. Please heed this before we are compelled to send you a reminder of your indebtedness.

The alumni of the Southern Illinois Normal University having determined to present to that institution a portrait of the president, Rev. Robert Allyn, LL.D., A. J. Conant, of New York, formerly of St. Louis, was employed, and has produced a full-length, life-size, portrait, a work of art which gives the highest satisfaction to those who have seen it. This is a worthy testimonial to Dr. Allyn, both on account of his personal merit and that he is the first president of the University.—[Central Christian Advocate, St. Louis.

DURING the vacation, the editor had the pleasure of visiting some schools of Jackson county, which are taught by former students. The work was excellent and reflects much credit upon the teachers in charge. The County Superintendent, Mr. Philip Fager, by his efficient supervision, and many excellent plans and suggestions, is aiding the teachers to a grand work in Jackson county. This county is fortunate in being so close to a supply of good teachers, and in having school officers that will pay for the services of a good teacher.

THE outlook of the University was never more encouraging than at the present time. The term just past has been the most successful in the history of the institution. We have entered upon the 44th term with the largest enrollment ever made on the registrar's books. There are a larger per cent of the students pursuing the regular course. With the best library of any normal school in the country, and a laboratory and museum equal to any, with a learned faculty of growing men and women, housed in the best school building in the nation, how can the Southern Illinois Normal University help but be one of the best schools in the nation?

QUITE a number of calls have been made for teachers from this University within the last few weeks. They are all for good teachers and from places which allow good salaries. They are chiefly from the central and southern part of the state; but our call comes from Cook county, which thinks itself the educational centre of the State. The reason of this is that teachers which the Southern Illinois Normal University sends out, always give satisfaction, using the methods and plans secured while in attendance here, coupled with the self control and the good habits which every earnest student acquires in this institution. This University is doing a great work, and its effect is felt throughout our grand old State, which believes in normal schools, and fewer jails and penitentiaries.

Few of our readers understand how difficult it is to gather news items from the former students, scattered as they are throughout the United States. Our readers are always glad to hear from their old friends through the columns of the GAZETTE; but they do not always seem to think that their old friends would like to know of them. The object of the GAZETTE is to publish notes of the whereabouts of old students, and of their prosperity. To this end we expect every reader to keep us informed of all his changes, of his success, and future plans. If you have any unusual experiences in your school work, let us have the benefit of them. Should you, after deliberate thought, conclude to join your fortune with the happiness of another person send us the particulars; (it will not be necessary to forward any cake). If you have the good fortune to become suddenly rich, send along some of your loose cash, to the GAZETTE with your notice. In a word if anything happens let us hear about it, and if it doesn't happen let us know any way, and we will write it up ourselves.

OUR waste-basket is full of an accumulation of rubbish of the most nonsensical wishy-washy kind that was ever doomed to be the production of a would-be poet. A student dashes off a few lines of sentimental trash, and for fear we may find some method of retaliation he sends his manuscript to us by mail, with a request that we pub-

lish his "poem," in the next issue of the GAZETTE, and that we also save him a few copies. No particular harm would be done, perhaps, did it stop where the editor, with an indescribable weariness, consigned it; but when the perpetrator of this scheme to bore people, goes about and tries to convince others that we refused to publish their trash from personal reasons we can but conclude that such a one would find a more suitable place in the insane asylum than at the State Normal School. We will not hesitate to publish articles of merit. Indeed, we would like to be overrun with just such compositions, whether they be in the form of prose or poetry; but we want it understood that the nonsensical trash which some of our friends want to call poetry will never gain access to the columns of the GAZETTE.

## THE GAZETTE FOR 1889.

Feeling the need of a paper devoted to the interest of the Southern Illinois Normal University, and hoping that such a project would meet with the hearty approval of the faculty, trustees and former students, prompted the experiment which resulted in the GAZETTE. We are glad to know that it has not been altogether a failure.

The GAZETTE has grown from an experiment, to a fixture and a necessity. It is now in a manner self-sustaining, and is fast gaining friends and support, both so necessary to it.

In the year 1889 we hope to be able to present a better paper to our readers. We expect to reach all the former students of the University, and to report something of their doings. To this end we earnestly solicit the aid of our present subscribers.

Our educational articles will be from the pens of the faculty of this University, and from other noted educators. We will sometimes vary these by the insertion of some good essay, oration or descriptive from a student or alumnus.

We shall attempt to devote one page exclusively to the societies. We have secured a competent correspondent from both the Zetetic and Socratic societies and by this means we hope to have them in a better form than we have been able to do before.

Prof. Buchanan will have charge of the Alumni column and our readers may expect a good report each month.

We shall do our best to improve the other departments of the GAZETTE and make it just the paper for the S. I. N. U.

We are aware that we have made many mistakes in the past year in the management of the GAZETTE; but we would beg our readers to bear with us, with the promise that in the future we are just entering upon, we shall do our best to make the GAZETTE a success in every respect.

## TO THE BUSINESS MEN OF CARBONDALE.

It is said that the newspapers of a town constitute and index of its prosperity and enterprise. Take up the paper, whose columns contain liberal display advertisements, and whose local columns are well patronized, and it at once creates the impression that the paper represents a live community. The GAZETTE comes to you soliciting a share of your patronage. Our regular monthly issue for the last few months has been 1,000 copies; and we always mail several hundred sample copies in addition to our subscription list, each month. Our paper is read by the students of the University, the citizens of Carbondale, former students, and a great many prospective students. We want to make the GAZETTE a perma-

nent fixture of the University and Carbondale. We hope to promote the interests of the University and of the business men of Carbondale by representing them to our readers, and by using our influence to bring students to this University. We are thankful to our patrons who have aided us by their advertising in the infancy of our paper, and we are glad to know that it has paid them well. These, we know, will continue to be represented in our advertising columns. To those who have not, as yet, advertised with us, we invite you to join our advertising list, and aid in a project that will benefit you and Carbondale. It is the expectation of the editor to call upon the business man in person soon, and he would be glad should they decide to take liberal space in the GAZETTE, thereby placing it upon a firmer footing. If your business is such that it will not pay you to advertise in a student's paper, encourage us by a subscription to our paper at least.

## TO THE STUDENTS.

Some students have a mistaken idea in regard to the best time to study short-hand. They make a serious error in thinking that they must complete their other branches before taking up this study. Now, my friends, this is a grave mistake; you should take phonography now, right along with your other studies. We do not mean for you to neglect your other studies, but don't wait until you have finished them. Phonography will constitute an additional study only for a short time, (about six weeks,) after which, it becomes a helper in learning reading, writing, spelling, language lessons, composition and punctuation. You need it for taking items from lectures, speeches, sermons, and for noting down thousands of valuable things which you hear every day. It will train your memory, increase your perceptive powers, teach you to be observant, and assist in a number of ways. You can learn it while pursuing your other studies, and it will assist you to acquire a better knowledge of them.

One of our graduates learned short-hand by mail while he was attending school, with five other studies, and is now receiving \$8.00 a day for his services as court reporter in this district. He writes with ease, 175 to 200 words a minute. Other students have learned short-hand without interfering with their studies, and what they have done you can do if you try.

Many successful cases, similar to the above, could be given but space will not permit them. We would like to mention some of the young ladies who have made a grand success of short-hand, but they do not like publicity.

Students, you have so grand an opportunity of acquiring this almost indispensable art, that if you do not avail yourselves of it, you will miss more than you will ever be able to realize. To you who will be so wise as to take this course while here, when you go away you will have a profession which can be relied upon to provide a means of obtaining a living, or if it is to be used as a means of assistance in other professions, you will find it will pay you a hundred per cent, on the time, tuition and labor spent in acquiring it. So, students, don't go away from the S. I. N. U. without a knowledge of short hand and typewriting.

Any information desired will be gladly given by calling at my room, over Ingersoll & Sheppard's store, after 3 p. m. Very Respectfully,

W. O. MELTON.

**University Gossipings.**

Forty-fourth term.  
 The enrollment the first day was 260.  
 Bertha Hull spent her vacation at Vienna.  
 The enrollment the first week of this term was 415.  
 Miss Sheppard visited Chicago during the holidays.  
 Subscribe for the GAZETTE now, and start in with the year.  
 Miss Green spent her vacation in Mt. Vernon and St. Louis.  
 Prof. Buchanan spent his holidays with Wabash county friends.  
 Every thing in the grocery line at Dunaway's, on the West side.  
 Prof. French is hard at work on a special subject in entomology.  
 About sixty books have been added to the library during this month.  
 Miss Finley spent her vacation in Greencastle, Ind., visiting friends.  
 The GAZETTE is only fifty cents for a whole year. Begin with the new year.  
 Hon. Norman H. Moss, of Mt. Vernon made the University a call on the first.  
 Prof. Jerome attended the State Sunday-school committee during holiday week.  
 Great reduction in every thing in the dry goods and grocery line at Dunaway's.  
 Rev. C. Nash and J. A. Stone were present at the opening of the term on the 2d.  
 Maggie Bryden, class of '88, has been employed in the public schools of Danville.  
 Mr. L. E. Baird visited his old friends in Perry county about Christmas time.  
 Ed. S. Packard, of Bloomington, greeted old friends at the University on the 8th.  
 The custom of giving quotations in connection with the opening exercises has been renewed.  
 Tot Bribach, class of '88, visited Misses Louise and Laura Youngblood during the holidays.  
 The drives are receiving a new layer of gravel, and a drive is being put around Lake Ridgway.  
 Fred W. Richart passed through Carbondale on the 9th enroute to the Champaign University.  
 You should not fail stop and examine those elegant enameled photographs at Phelps & Bird's.  
 Come one, come all, before it is too late and take the advantages offered at Dunaway's New York Store.  
 The registrar's books shows an enrollment of 457 at the end of the second week. How is that for high?  
 Sylvan Young, of Murphysboro, was over during the holidays, shaking hands with the boys and girls.  
 One of Prof. French's alligators has been put on exhibition in a jar of alcohol. It couldn't live without it.  
 Dr. Allyn, Professors Hull, Inglis and Buchanan attended the State Teacher's Association at Springfield.  
 Call now if you would secure some of those beautiful enameled photographs.  
 PHELPS & BIRD.  
 Ed. Mitchell, of Chester, was among the number of old students who visited the Normal University this month.  
 Dora Hunter and Julia Willis, of Harrison, made the University a visit on Friday evening, January 11th. They also were present at the Socratic society.

Trustee Ingersoll makes many visits to the University, and is very attentive in looking after the wants of the Normal.  
 Manager Richart of Moody's Opera House has secured a star company for the 22nd. See his ad. in another column.  
 In the spelling test, J. M. Parkinson carried off the laurels, as he made no errors in spelling, capitals or punctuation.  
 Anna Morgan visited her Carbondale friends during vacation. She is doing good work in the De Soto schools.  
 "Secure the shadow, ere the substance fades," and the way to do it is to go to Phelps & Bird and be photographed.  
 The short-hand profession pays. Prof. Melton secures positions for his graduates; the demand is greater than the supply.  
 Gen. B. Ogle, now a student of a theological school at Morgan Park, paid his Carbondale friends a visit the 7th inst.  
 Miss Lizzie Kirk was called home on the 11th, by a telegram, announcing the death of her brother; cause, accidental shooting.  
 William H. Trobaugh, who is principal of the Ava schools this year, was seen on the streets of Carbondale the 1st of the month.  
 Dr. H. C. Mitchell has presented the University museum a fine wild-cat. The animal was bagged by the Doctor in an Arkansas hunt.  
 Quite a company of jolly students spent New Year's Eve at the residence of Judge Barr, watching the old year out and the new year in.  
 A great slaughter in ladies' and gents' fine shoes at Dunaway's.  
 Will. Williams spent a few days with his family about Christmas. The Salem bank is fortunate enough to retain Will as an employee.  
 Mr. W. T. Bumpus, on his return to school this term, after paying his tuition turned to us and said: "Put me down for the GAZETTE." We wish there were four hundred more like him.  
 Mr. Ed. S. Fakes, now employed in the office of the county clerk, presents an advertisement of his pen-work, to the readers of the GAZETTE. He is one of the best penmen in the country and our students will do well to patronize him.  
 Messrs. Stormont and Winchester, proprietors of the Normal barber shop, are both old students, good barbers, and clever gentlemen, and deserve the patronage of the students and their friends. See their card in another column.  
 Prof. Melton's short-hand class recites in his room down town over Ingersoll & Sheppard's jewelry store, hours from 3 to 6 o'clock p. m., and Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7 to 9. The Prof. has some extra inducements to offer those who apply at once.  
 In the Irvington items of an exchange is the following: "K. D. Root, of Walnut Hill, made his usual Sunday night visit to this place." It is supposed that Mr. Root, as he is occupied with his duties as principal of the Walnut Hill schools during the week, is devoting his Sunday evenings to the study of a theological subject at the Irvington rectory.  
 Miss Kittie Hord is in Charleston, having been elected to a position in the public schools, of that city. She is an able teacher, and will give abun-

dant satisfaction. We hope the parents of Carbondale will see to it that Miss Hord is employed here during the next year. Talent such as hers is needed at home.—[Free Press.  
 We are glad to be able to say to the students that they need no longer go away from Carbondale to secure an elegant photograph. We have examined Prof. Phelps' work and find it equal to any we have seen in the State. He will soon have an elegant case of display work which it will pay you to see. Call and get acquainted with the gentleman.  
 Some changes have been made in the rooms. Prof. Buchanan will occupy room 25, in which Prof. Melton's short-hand classes recited last term. Miss Roberts takes room 22, formerly Prof. Buchanan's, which is now furnished with tables for her book-keeping and penmanship work, and Dr. Allyn will use room 13, lately vacated by Miss Roberts, for his class and occasional lectures.  
 Prof. French received the following a few days since: "I have the honor to announce to you that the Entomological Society of France, at its sitting December 12, 1888, has admitted you to the number of its members." This is by no means the first recognition of the kind which has been accorded our modest "bug man." Coming as it does, unsolicited, from a society of world-wide reputation, is but another proof of the high rank Prof. French holds among naturalists.—[Free Press.  
 The lovers of art are invited to inspect the show-case at Mr. Phelps' photograph gallery, corner of Main and West streets, lately occupied by Mr. Bird. Mr. Phelps is now making pictures equal in every respect to the best art establishments in the larger cities. No work ever done here before even approaches that which he is daily turning out. He deserves, and ought to accorded, a handsome patronage. Do not send your work to St. Louis or Chicago but have it done here at home.  
 Both the societies held open meetings on the 11th. The Zetetic leaders had arranged for a program, "An Evening with Classic Musicians," as follows: Piano Duet, "Sonatine," Opus. 44, No. 3, Julia Campbell and Mamie Bridges; Essay, "Mozart," Wm. Wallis; Viano Solo, "Cujas Animum," Bertha Hall; The Oratorios—a Haydn's "Creation," J. T. Ellis; b. Handel's "Messiah," J. B. Jackson; Quartet, "The Chapel," J. M. Parkinson, D. W. Warren, J. T. Ellis and Wm. Wallis; Essay, "Wagner," Lois Allyn; Vocal Solo, with violin obligato, "Sing, Smile, Slumber," Jennie L. Scott; Classic Opera, Annie P. Salter; Piano Solo, "Sonata Pathetique," Opus. 13, first movement, Mamie G. Lansen. It was rendered in the Zetetics' usual happy manner, and was much enjoyed by the audience.  
 The Socratic society surpassed their customary excellent programs by the presentation of "An evening with Longfellow," with the following program: Symposium—Longfellow. Reading, "The Pelude," Mamie Hill; Vocal Solo, "The Bridge," W. H. Hincheliff; Biography, Life of Longfellow, Emma Holden; Declaration, "The Village Blacksmith," R. E. Steele; Recitation, "The Old Clock on the Stairs," Rosa Williams; Vocal Solo, "Death of Minnehaha," Mabel Smith; Reading, "The Cumberland," W. H. Keesee; Declaration, "The Belfry of Bruges," Guy Blanchard; Recitation "The Wreck of the Hesperus," Rosa Starzinger; Declaration, "The Ride of Paul Revere," C. M. Hamill; Vocal Solo, "The Psalm of Life," P. P. Goodnow; Illustrated

Poem, "The Hanging of the Crane." We are pleased to see the interest that is being taken in the societies by the students. No student should content himself to remain outside of one of the societies. It is not for us to say which is the better; but visit them both, become acquainted with the members, and choose for yourself. You will find much profit, and a very pleasant home in either the Zetetic or Socratic society.

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Miss Louise Youngblood is to be an active member this term.

Mrs. D. R. King visited her father's family during the holidays.

Miss Laura Youngblood visited in Marion during the holidays.

Tot Bribach, class of '88, spent Christmas with Louise Youngblood.

Miss Anna Morgan, of De Soto, visited Minnie Tait the last week of 1888.

Miss Katie G. Hackney a Socratic of last year is in school and society again.

After an absence of one term Mr. Prout, an old Socrat, is with us again.

Joe Youngblood is now express messenger on the Paducah division of the Cairo Short Line.

Mabel Smith spent a part of the holidays visiting in Murphysboro, as the guest of Mary Alexander.

Will Williams, of Salem, spent the greater part of his holidays in Carbondale, with his parents and numerous friends.

Dr. L. T. Phillips, class of '79, Nashville's handsome and enterprising young dentist, visited Miss Buck and niece the first of '89.

The friends of Miss Hattie Ross, of Murphysboro, enjoyed a New Year's party at her residence. Quite a number of Socratics were present.

We are indebted to J. H. Kirkpatrick, class of '89, for several copies of the *Boltingham Bay Reville* also a copy of the Washington Territory School Law.

C. H. Ripley was in Carbondale during the holidays and looked quite natural. Chas. is now working with a law firm in Chicago and expresses himself as well pleased.

Miss Kittie E. Hord, class of '86, departed for Charleston on the evening of Jan. 2nd, where she will fill a position in the public schools. We can safely predict a successful term for her. Socratic graduates are, as a rule giving entire satisfaction, and Miss Kittie will be no exception.

Chas. M. Morgan arrived home on Saturday, December 29th, from Michigan University where he has been the last term studying law. We think that we may safely predict for Charlie a successful career, for no one who courts success as he does, i. e., by faithful work and study, is liable to failure.

We learn with pleasure that George H. Scurlock, who is attending Brown's Commercial College at Jacksonvile, is given a place among the students who have made the most progress. He has been awarded first prize for business writing. George's many friends will be glad to learn of his success and join us in wishing a continuation of the same.

We had the pleasure being present at the closing exercises of our old friend, J. B. Bundy's school, in the McKinney district, near town. If any one doubts that the people of that vicinity puts confidence in Jos, all we ask of them is that they visit his school on such an occasion and see the people turn out. The number of parents you will see there will surprise you.

The reputation of the Socratic society is not confined to the limits of the University building, but is known far and wide, and students coming here unhesitatingly cast their lot with us. This was clearly demonstrated at our first meeting of this term when twenty new names were proposed for membership.

The New Year found J. C. Stormont in Carbondale, but enroute to Grand Tower where lies his field of duty for the present. Mr. Stormont visited in St. Louis, Salem and Sparta during the holidays and reported a good time. He informed us that he had seen L. B. Stevens and that gentleman was doing nicely. J. C. expects to be in school next term.

On Friday evening after the close of our Normal school, W. P. Cochran, gave the entertainment of which we gave notice before. The program rendered by the school and friends of the school was splendid. Everything worked nicely, and the entire program was a success. R. B. Hiller was among the performers and acquitted himself handsomely. R. E. Steele, Kent E. Keller and L. E. Baird took part in the program, while the enterprising editor of the *NORMAL GAZETTE* sat in the audience and took notes, not that it was necessary put from sheer force of habit.

In company with a brother parenthetical interrogation point we attended a musical and literary entertainment at Makanda on Christmas eve. It was a grand success. We listened to two excellent essays by Mr. Agnew and Mr. Roberts. Both gentlemen are students of Ewing College. The entire program was good, but we were especially proud of the Socratics. Miss Seva Smith was the organist of the evening and it need not be told that she acquitted herself in the best possible manner. Ora Krysher gave a humorous recitation which brought down the house. Ora Bailey gave a recitation, W. P. Cochran assisted in the singing. S. Y. Penrod and wife and Mrs. Allen Penrod were also on the program. Old Socratics were there too numerous to mention. We were sorry to see Allen Penrod on crutches. He recently injured an ankle so that he was unable to teach and Miss Bryden, of this city, has been teaching for him. R. E. Steele was with us; he and our brother interrogation point were called for and answered with humorous recitations. We are very desirous of expressing our appreciation of the efforts made by Mr. Krysher and his daughters to make us comfortable while waiting for our train but our "brother" soared so high in his report when he came to this part, that we are afraid to attempt anything of the kind, well knowing how flat it would be, compared with his "big bugle."

The Socratic quill-driver has been severely taken to task by some of his fellows for giving to the public, a bad report, which they say, they fear will leave a bad impression. We have not intended to do so; but please let it be understood that we do not intend to retract from what has already appeared; not in the least. We unhesitatingly pronounce the Socratic Society, to be superior to many, and second to none of its kind in the State; yet, we are obliged to tell the truth; or keep still. That we, as a Society, missed the aim, or what should be the aim of a literary society, the latter part of the last term, no one, who is informed in regard to such matters, will deny. Certain Socratics, and we have noticed that all have been participants in the kind of work which we so heartily and emphatically disapprove of, have mentioned in our presence that they did not like to have such deprecatory notes written concerning the Society. The remarks were evidently intended for the reporter and we would say in all candor, that we deplored the deprecatory performances as much as these good people could have lamented the notes, and indeed we had no notion that they would appreciate the notes

when they were written. One young gentleman remarked to us, that he was much displeas'd; that he could not have gotten a start in society work by commencing with literary work, saying that he was so easily embarrassed. Well, suffice it to say that that young man, so far as we are able to learn, has never done any literary work for us, and he does not seem inclined to show his literary genius at all, for he expects to escape from the institution by graduation next term. It is hoped that we will have literary work and that the nonsensical part of the past will find no time for repetition, for it improves no one and is a waste of time for both performers and auditors. The way to keep bad impressions from getting abroad is to keep things nice at home.

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Zetetics, take the *GAZETTE*.

Clara Kimlin spent her holidays in Carbondale. She occupied her time with the library books.

William Wallis made himself handy behind the counters of the Normal book store holiday week.

S. H. Goodall, class of '87, came over from Marion holiday week to visit relatives and friends.

Rumor has it, that Miss Maud Miller, of Villa Ridge, a Zetetic of last year, will soon change her name.

Flora Eddleman left her school for a few days at DuQuoin and spent her vacation visiting Callie Johnson of this city.

J. T. Ellis did not return to school until the beginning of the second week, which goes to say that he enjoyed his vacation.

William A. Nash who still retains his position in Chicago, ran down to see his parents and friends about Christmas.

Mabel Peters, one of our sweet singers, was with us again on January 4th. She has been attending a college in Canada the past term.

Emma L. Hewitt, class of '87, now in charge of the musical department of a young ladies' seminary in Hickman, Ky., was at home for her vacation.

Among our old members, who after a rest of a term or two are with us again, we notice Carrie O. Tetter, a member always ready at the call of duty.

A. J. Snyder spent his holiday vacation in Carbondale. He and some of his students took part in an entertainment at Makanda on Christmas eve, in a manner creditable to themselves.

Lizzie Lawrence after a prolonged visit at Cranes, New Mexico, has returned to Carbondale well satisfied to make this her home. We hope to see her in our society meetings quite often.

F. Dana Gage has secured a position as teacher in the Edgingham schools. We are glad to know that Miss Gage has met with good fortune and we are certain that the school board will not regret its action in choosing her as a teacher.

The first meeting of this term was a conspicuous success despite the fact the program was rendered by lamp light. The gas apparatus refused to work; but the boys soon secured the loan of enough lamps to light the hall, and the result was, a meeting equal to any during the year.

J. B. Reynolds closed a term of school on December 21st, near Poplar Bluff, Mo. He has a vacation of about two months which he will spend at his home near Hartford. With so long an interval we think he might visit his Normal friends.

D. W. Warren did not go to Chicago as was reported at the beginning of the term; but returned to the S. I. N. U. He expects to finish this term here and then will take a vacation until next fall term when he will enter a Chicago school of pharmacy.

J. M. Parkinson reports a very merry time among the Marion county students during his vacation. We shall not attempt to pass any more compliments on Mr. Parkinson, as he took the fighting editor to task, last month for something that we intended as complimentary.

John L. Barton, official stenographer of the first judicial district, never fails to drop in to the society meetings when in the city, to greet his old friends. J. L. has made many crooked marks since leaving the S. I. N. U.; but they do not damage his character in the least.

H. A. Gilkinson, who is wielding the scycamore in Wabash, near Mt. Carmel, visited his Zetetic friends, and others the first of the month. We are glad to know that Mr. Gilkinson ranks high among the teachers of Wabash county; for he is a ready student and genial gentleman.

Miss Clara Kimlin, having accepted a position in the Charleston schools, left for the scene of her new duties on the 1st. During her short stay with this University she has made many friends. The Zetetics, though loath to lose such a valuable and accomplished member, are pleased to know of Miss Kimlin's success.

The following program was arranged by the leaders for the first meeting of the term which took place on January 4th: Instrumental trio, Anna P. Saiter, Mamie G. Lansden and Bertha Hull; reading, Lizzie Peables; current news, Harry Campbell; piano solo, Mamie Bridges; recitation, Grace L. Burket; humorous recitation, J. T. Galbraith; recitation, Lena Bridges; extempore, William Wallis.

At the caucus meeting of the Zetetic society on Tuesday evening, December 18th, the following candidates were proposed: President, Lois Allyn and John Jackson; vice president, Mamie Lansden and H. B. Campbell; recording secretary, W. Wallis and Bertha Hull; corresponding secretary, Jennie Scott and Hamilton Lawrence; critic, D. W. Warren and W. M. Tanquart; librarian, Robert Peables and Ollie McCracken; editor, R. K. Loomis, and J. T. Ellis; assistant editor, Clara Kimlin and May Zetzsch; usher, James Goodall and Wallace Purdy. The election, which took place at the first meeting this term, resulted in an election of officers as given at the head of these columns.

Our newly elected officers are taking hold of the society work with a spirit. They are all old members and are perfectly familiar with the duties the society has placed upon them. The president, Lois Allyn, and the vice president, Mamie Lansden, are both seniors. Bertha Hull the recording secretary, and Jennie Scott, the corresponding secretary, are members of long standing and acknowledged ability. W. M. Tanquart, the critic, is a gentleman having a peculiar tact for criticism, and has the faculty of putting things in a very taking way. The society members were wise in choosing Mr. R. K. Loomis and Miss May Zetzsch for editors; for they will not doubt give the society an issue of the *Zetetic Journal* never before equaled. Robt. Peables, looks after the society library, while James R. Goodall performs the duties of usher.

**Educational Clippings.**

Harvard University now enrolls 1,889 students.

Rutland (Vt.) *Herald*: Better multiply our normal schools and not build so many Bennington battle monuments.

The finest high school building in the world is at Fall River, Mass. It cost \$500,000, has a fine gymnasium, the third largest telescope in the country, and an endowment of \$50,000 as a library fund.

Mr. Gladstone passed his seventy-ninth birthday Saturday, Dec. 29, at Naples. The professors of the University of Naples presented him their congratulations. On Christmas day he attended service in the English chapel.

Boston has 1,264 teachers, 152 men and 1,112 women, 800 of whom have graduated from normal schools. More than one-half of these have served the city more than ten years, and more than one-fifth, or 253, at least twenty-years.

Miss Julia Kennedy, who was for several years in charge of the primary training work in the Illinois Normal University, has been elected superintendent of public schools of Seattle, in Washington territory, at a salary of \$2,000.

The most heavily endowed educational institutions in the United States are: Girard College, \$10,000,000; Columbia, \$5,000,000; John Hopkins, \$4,000,000; Harvard, \$3,000,000; Princeton, \$3,500,000; Lehigh, \$1,800,000; Cornell, \$1,400,000.

State Superintendent Edwards has issued a circular announcing that the examination of applicants next year for State teachers' certificates will be held August 13, 14, 15 and 16, at Chicago, Dixon, Galesburg, Springfield, Ellingham and Carbondale simultaneously.

In his annual address to the students of Cornell University, President Adams said, in reference to the practice of hazing: "If any sophomore intends to lay hands on a freshman, I invite him, without delay, to get letters of introduction to some institute in need of more students."

George H. Vanderbilt has purchased 1,000 acres of mountain lands near Asheville, N. C., where he will build a large industrial institute for the education of poor white children, who will be taught how to work in wood and metals, and thus become skilled mechanics. The institute will be liberally endowed, as Mr. Vanderbilt intends to make it a monument to his family.

Lawrence Oliphant, the well-known writer and adventurous traveler, died at Twickenham, England, Dec. 23, of cancer of the lungs. He had visited almost every country in the world, and some of them at a stormy period of their history. He meddled more or less in the Italian revolution, was in the war with China, was nearly cut to pieces in Japan, skirmished about the edges of the Crimean war, penetrated to the camps of the Polish insurgents, saw the war of Schlesig-Holstein, was sometimes a British diplomat, and sometimes a Garibaldian conspirator. He assisted Lord Elgin to negotiate the the Reciprocity treaty of 1852 in Washington, and was for many years a member of the semi-religious community of Portland, N. Y. He was the author of a number of books, among others: "The Russian Shores of the Black Sea;" "Episodes of a Life of Adventure," and "Minnesota, or the Far West."



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No promotions or appointments will be made this term.

The new Springfield rifles will be used for the target practice.

Capt. E. T. Dunaway is dealing out coffee and sugar behind the counters of his father's store.

Owing to other urgent school duties, Capt. D. W. Warren will not enter the military department this term.

The *Centrality Sentinel* says: Capt. Press. Goodnow returned to Carbondale on Saturday to resume his school work at the Normal.

Lieut. Bell is attempting to make arrangements so that he may give the boys some variety in the way of target practice, lectures and theoretical tactics.

Lieut. Bell organized the department on the 7th. The old cadets are relieved from duty for a short time, and the new cadets have been placed in charge of competent officers for squad drill.

To be able to hold their rank the commissioned officers will be compelled to devote two hours three days in the week to study and recitation of tactics and any other duties that the commandant may order.

Capt. Goodnow says that a *Sentinel* reporter concocted and perpetrated a cleverly devised fable, touching his popularity during the holidays but it failed to work in this city. We advise the gentleman of the quill to be careful as Capt. Goodnow has under his command men of valor, true and tried, and but a word would rally the whole cadet corps.

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