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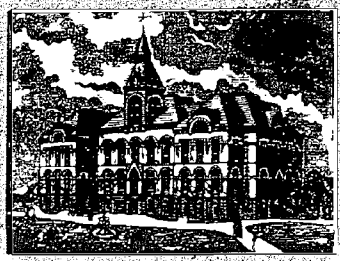
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Miss Mary W. East writes us that she has been teaching the young idea how to shoot, at Coulterville, the past year. She enjoys the work and wishes to return to the University in the near future.

A letter reaches us from Miss Bertha Lawrence, of the class of '87, who has been teaching at St. Joseph, Ill., having charge of the primary department. She enjoys the work and has had good success.

A letter reaches us from Joseph V. Capel, who is now studying short-hand and type writing at the Sloan-Dupuyon Short-Hand Institute, St. Louis, Mo. He has been teaching since he attended the University.

A letter from Charles W. Treat, class of '84, reports himself hard at work in a special mathematical course, in the De Paugh University, Greencastle, Ind. Although in another state, he does not forget his *Alma Mater*.

We have a letter from Thomas H. Blair, principal of the Coulterville, Ill., schools. He has taught eleven years continuously, and during that time has had charge of the schools in Percy, Steelville, Smilton and Coulterville.

We have a letter from Robert E. Tyner, who has presided two successive terms in the schools at Boeskydell, Ill. He thinks the University has been a great help to him in more ways than one. He seems to enjoy his present work.

Norman A. Jay, of Steelville, Ill., says he has been teaching this winter and enjoys the teacher's work very much. Like all old students, he wants to return to the Normal as soon as possible. He is interested in the reading circle course.

Neil H. Barton, a student in '83 and '84, has written from Montrose, Colo., where he has been training the youth. He thinks normal training an excellent thing and says that normal teachers are in demand in that part of Colorado. He hopes to return and complete the course in the near future.

C. H. Riply, class of '87, writes that he is getting along nicely in his law course in the Michigan University, Ann Arbor, Michigan. He also says, rather modestly, that he has been chosen to deliver the oration for the Webster Society, in a contest between the two law societies of that school, the Jeffersonian and Webster. He sends best wishes for the success of the S. I. N. U.

A letter comes from J. M. Pierce, who was a student in '78. Since leaving this institution he has graduated with honor at Washington University, St. Louis, and is now taking a three years course of higher philosophy, pedagogy and psychology at the John Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md. He hopes to be able to visit us soon and meet the faculty and some of his old friends.

The Alumni.

WHEREABOUTS AND DOINGS.
 G. V. BUCHANAN.

Capt. Wm. R. Fringer, '85, is just now completing his second year in one of the medical colleges of Chicago.

C. C. Cawthon, '84, has just returned from Kansas where he taught school last winter in the neighborhood of Wichita.

Miss Minnie Fryar, '86, taught successfully this winter in the Carbondale public schools and is now teaching a private school here.

Mrs. Fannie M. Fager, nee McAnally, '86, enjoys her home in Shawneetown and would rather keep house than keep school.

Daniel B. Fager, '83, is superintending the Shawneetown schools successfully, and his reputation as a school man continues to grow.

Miss Della Nave, '83, is teaching in the public schools of Metropolis where she has a good position, and Metropolis has a splendid teacher.

Rurie O. Lacey, '85, is now a practicing physician at Elizabethtown, Ill. Dr. Lacey smiled upon the faculty and students last fall in a brief visit.

Miss Mary Buchanan, '84, will complete her third year in the Effingham schools in June, where she has had good success as a primary teacher.

Miss Kate Thomas, '85, won a good reputation as a teacher in the Vienna schools, and has sustained that reputation well this year at Murphysboro.

John T. McAnally, M. D., '78, is pursuing a theological course of study at the Northwestern University, but he will return to Carbondale in time for our commencement.

George R. Kennedy, '78, is a prosperous merchant at Murphysboro, Ill. We have had the pleasure of meeting him several times recently on the streets of Carbondale.

Mrs. Wetzette Parkinson, nee Atkins, '82, returned from Ottawa, Kansas, this winter to spend a few weeks with her sick mother. She looks as bright and pretty as when a student in the Normal.

Miss Alicia E. Beesley, '84, taught school the next year after her graduation but, although a successful teacher, she finds the atmosphere of her home, in Lima, Ill. more congenial than that of the schoolroom.

Miss Arista Burton, '77, has completed her second year as principal teacher of the Mt. Vernon High School, where she sustained her excellent reputation as one of the best teachers in Southern Illinois.

John Marten, '83, was recently appointed to the position of assistant state entomologist. Mr. Marten is certainly well qualified for the position, and the appointment accords with the wishes of his many friends in Egypt.

A. E. Parkinson, '82, is a real estate agent in Arkansas City, Kansas,

where he is sewing on his buttons and rapidly growing rich. Aside from the terrible fate of a bachelor's life, Arthur has struck it rich by going west.

Henry A. Kimmel, '80, has given up his chosen profession because of ill health, resigning his position as superintendent of the Wanego public schools, Kansas, and is now comfortably located on his large farm near Olney, Ill.

Charles H. Burton, '81, is rapidly making a good reputation as a lawyer in Mt. Vernon, Ill. He had purchased a nice home some time before the cyclone struck the city and was so fortunate as to receive but slight damage to his property.

Joseph B. Gill, '84, after completing the law course at Ann Arbor, returned to the scenes of his boyhood and became the editor of the Murphysboro Independent, which has been and is one of the leading Democratic organs in Southern Illinois.

Edward H. Robinson, '78, is a flourishing physician in Lawrence county's capital, where he always welcomes the friends of the Southern Normal. Ed. was 'one of the boys' in his school days, but he has a good reputation for business and professional ability now.

George C. Ross, '76, was a member of the first class graduated from the Normal. After teaching for a few years Mr. Ross was admitted to the bar and began the practice of his profession at Benton, Ill., where he now enjoys an enviable reputation as a lawyer.

Thos. S. Marshall, '81, is in his old position as assistant cashier in the Sate National Bank. Last fall he married Miss Ella, daughter of Capt. J. S. Jackson, of Salem, and the young couple are snugly at home in a new cottage adjoining his father's residence.

A. H. Fulton, '86, taught successfully in the capacity of principal of the Atlanta, Ill., schools until two months ago when the failure of his health compelled him to resign his position and return to his home in Marion county. He will spend the summer in the west, where his many friends hope he may fully regain his former vigor.

We want each of the four hundred students attending this term to write us a card as soon as you have read this paper through, and tell us how you like it. It will cost you but one cent, and it will make us feel fifty times better. The NORMAL GAZETTE can never live on hope. It takes pluck, back-bone and cash to run a newspaper. We will furnish the pluck and back-bone, and you can furnish the cash, and we will have a University paper here that will be a credit to the Southern Illinois Normal University, a credit to the students enrolled, and a credit to the part of the State represented by them.

Chas. E. Wright, State Geologist of Michigan, died at Marquette, Mich., March 23.

Our Mail Bag.

Miss Ida M. Gilbert reported from Coulterville, where she taught one term in the Academy.

William B. Bain, class of '83, says in a letter that he is doing well in the mercantile business at Vienna, Ill.

Miss Ida Baker has taught the last year at Anna, Ill., in her old place, and this alone is enough to prove her an efficient teacher.

Miss Mary C. Sowers, class of '81, taught the last winter in Jonesboro, and faithfully sustained the reputation she has as a teacher.

A. L. Bliss writes from Bumpus, Ill., where he has wielded the "birch" the past winter. He wants to return to the University as a student.

A letter from Walter Kimzey locates him at his home, Locust Hill, south of Tamaroa. He has been teaching near that place the past winter.

A letter has been received from William Warder, Esq., of Marion. He reports good success in law, and just like all the normal boys, is getting along splendidly.

A letter lies on our desk from Lewis E. Johnson, class of '87, who has taught in Clinton county the past winter. L. E. differs from most of our students in not liking the profession.

Miss Maggie Kennedy writes from San Antonio, Texas. She has charge of the eighth grade in the public schools, which employ more than fifty teachers. She is interested in botanical work.

Contributions.

BURNING OF THE NORMAL UNIVERSITY AT CARBONDALE.

P. M. ALEXANDER, CLASS OF '88.

On that quiet little village dawned the blessed Sabbath morn;
And a sense of peace and safety with the holy day was born.
Soon the chiming bells' sweet music, trembling on the morning air,
Called the happy, grateful people to the sacred house of prayer.
Labor's busy hands were folded, and no earthly cares annoyed,
While they praised the Great Good Giver for the blessings they enjoyed—
Grateful for the precious lessons that they studied in His Word—
Grateful for the love and mercy in the Gospel that they heard;
Thankful for domestic comforts and abundance that prevailed;
For their happy homes and firesides by no threatening foes assailed.
Best of all, they held that noble fount of Learning, Light and Truth—
Source of knowledge, strength and wisdom for the character of youth.
'Twas the pride of all the country and the glory of the town,

Now the day was fast approaching when the nation would express
Unto God her praise and gratitude for peace and happiness.
And fair Carbondale was waiting with all readiness to raise
Every heart and voice to Heaven in a choral hymn of praise;
For the generous heaven above them sent on all its gentle rain,
And the grateful earth responded with her wealth of golden grain.

Thus with pleasure and abundance did the festing days glide on
Until Autumn's glories faded and her russet train was gone.
To and fro each morn and evening passed an earnest, faithful line
Of devoted students paying homage true at Learning's shrine.

Now the Sabbath day had ended and the morning bright and clear
Rose once more upon the village full of happiness and cheer.
In the people's hearts no warning, and no portent in the sky
Told them of the dire disaster and the danger lurking nigh.
Earnest students, faithful teachers, in each dear, familiar place,
Fell into the line of duty with their wonted zeal and grace.

But none dreamed that bright, glad morn'g, as they sought the noble Hall
Ere that sad, sad day was ended they would see its proud dome fall.
No one knew, as they departed from the dear old classroom door,
That their class-mates would assemble in those places nevermore.

While those glad young minds were weaving Hope's bright fancies into woe,
Even then the fell destroyer was congealed beneath the roof—
There in stealthy silence working with relentless, deadly hate,
Till his mastery was certain and resistance all too late.

But, as evil coming near us gives a warning sense of dread,
Soon the demon was discovered in the timbers overhead.
Dumb with terror came the students down the massive brazen stair,
Through the doomed majestic portal, from the thick and stifling air.

Headed by their noble teachers—leaders faithful, tried and true,
Each brave heart sprang quickly forward and found noble work to do,
Pausing not to think of danger, plunging through the blinding smoke,
Rescuing their sacred treasures while the flames around them broke.

First in every place of duty in the seething, fiery storm,
Leading, planning, and directing, moved the tall and noble form
Of the aged Chief and Father, dauntless in the battle's brunt,
Until forged by loving followers from the thickening danger's front.
Honor, too, those noble women—maidens young and frail, and fair,
Vying with their sturdy brothers in heroic actions there.

Not one faltered or faltered, but like heroes brave and true,
Lingered at the post of duty till there was no more to do.
Though the battle-ground was bloodless, with no clash of spear or shield,
Yet no brighter deeds of valor ever shone upon the field.

Far and near the sad entreaty had been flashing o'er the wire,
"For the love of Heaven, save us from the demon of the fire."
Prompt and manly was the answer, but assistance came too late,
And at last the noble structure was abandoned to its fate.
See! the mighty foe, exulting, leaps upon the highest tower,
With his red eyes fiercely gleaming as he rages in his power,
Marking everything he touches with the burning seal of death,
While the very air is hissing with the fatal, fiery breath.
Hark! upon the ear soon breaks in the heavy, jarring sound
Of the massive granite falling from the turret to the ground.
Pitying angels saw and wept and turned the wheels against the fire;
But no power in earth or heaven could now quench the demon's ire.
Hope now died in every bosom, bitter tears filled every eye,
As the cruel flames triumphant leaped exulting to the sky.
E'en the sun went down in sorrow, and the darkness of the night
Was lit up o'er all the country with that awful lurid light.

Mourn, oh broad and noble Prairie State—thy fair young daughter mourn;
Lift thy voice in lamentation for her body bruised and torn;
Mourn thy best and strongest safeguard from rebellion and from crime;
Mourn the loss thy children suffer—the best heritage of time.

We, thy children, in our bosoms are with deepest sorrow thrilled,
For we feel a place is vacant that can ne'er for us be filled.

O'er thy smouldering, blackened ruins other walls may rise as grand;
Other structures more imposing and with greater genius planned;
But the dear familiar objects we have cherished as our own
In their old accustomed places will no more by us be known.

All the hallowed rooms and places where we met in days of yore,
With their tender, sacred memories, time and wealth can ne'er restore.
We may find our books and pictures in some other fitting place;
We may meet again our teachers and each other-remembered face;

But as many a child is saddened coming back to parents true,
Finding they have left the old home and are living in the new,
So when we return and find no more the things we've loved and known,
Each face will have a strange appearance and each voice a colder tone.

But the brightest stars are never seen till darkness veils the skies;
So we now see Hope's bright heralds from the gloom around us rise.

Round our Normal's broken standard friends will rally firm and brave,
While the voice of hate and envy will be buried in one grave.

Courage then. Stand by your colors, and with purpose true and strong
Move right onward with the leaders who have guided you so long;
And although our noble buildings in majestic ruins lie,
Yet the spirit they awakened in our hearts shall never die.

RENO, NEVADA, Dec. 8, 1888.

"GETTING A SCHOOL" IN 1884.

ROBERT ALLYN, LL.D.

To a young man the contract to teach his first school is a thing of vast moment. The first thing never occurs but once, any way, and it always leads into the work of life, and starts the boy or youth out of the littleness—almost the nothingness—of dependence and obedience into the career of power and command. The first thing done as an independent man is, therefore, to be remembered, and when age comes on,

and "backward-looking time" is asked concerning the days of old, the man loves to recount some of these "first things." Let me very briefly relate how I got my first school.

The winter of 1883-4 was passed by me in a beautiful N. E. village, attending an academy and studying the common branches—Gold Brown's Grammar, Parsing in Milton's Paradise Lost, Morse's Large Geography, Daboll's Arithmetic, and above all Colburn's Mental Arithmetic. It was to prepare myself "to keep school," as the phrase was. In the last of August, 1884, I returned to the academy, and in company with seventy-five young men reviewed, during eight weeks, these studies in order to be prepared for examination.

While at the school that fall I wrote about ten letters to as many different school committees as I heard of "schools to be let," offering my services as a teacher, stating my age as seventeen, qualifications to be found by examination—which I was sure I could pass—and experience nothing. One reply only came: "You are too young and lack practice." I thought simply: "How is the world to get teachers if the inexperienced are to be rejected and snubbed everywhere?"

The academy closed about October 20, and I went home. Next day I started to look for a school. There were three horses on the farm. Two were needed for making cider, and I might have "the old mare" to ride. Now this was not so very old a beast, but she was "unpopular." She would "kick up" as the N. E. term was. Westerners would call it "bucking." I mounted, and after a few minutes of rearing, jumping and kicking by the horse under me, got established in my seat and rode out of the lane into the public road, just as the sun came up over the eastern hills.

It was a clear, frosty morning, glorious with purple clouds and crisp, inspiring air. "The world was all before, where to choose." I knew not whither I was to go. I had heard of a school to the east, in "Uncas," and one to the west, in "Oxoboxo" district. I determined to go east and look for the "Uncas" school. But at the end of the lane my steed, as was her caprice, started sideways, took the bit in her teeth and ran west. After a half mile of running the horse settled down to regular business and I concluded to try Oxoboxo. The school was "let" and had begun the Monday before; but a man had just been "examined out" at Chappel's, two miles further on. So I went forward and saw the committee. They "couldn't hire anybody who hadn't kept school before." I was told that the man who had been hired for the "Whistletown school" had been "examined out" the day before. So to Whistletown I went, and at two o'clock came to the house of James Fitch, the "committeeman." His good lady—good was the word for her—"guessed as how I needed some dinner," and proceeded to set before me the remains of a good "balled dinner," for which I paid a "nine pence," an eighth of a dollar.

After dinner Mr. Fitch took me to Mr. Moore, and all of us went to find Mr. Baldwin. The three consulted about me—not very complimentary, I thought, to my age and dignity. But still they were not unkind. At last they concluded: "In as much as the examining committee was mighty particular and had 'examined out' two men already, and school ought to begin next Monday—this was Thursday—if,—" O, what a big mountain was in that if!—"If I was willing and could get a certificate they'd agree to give

me thirteen dollars a month for four months' schooling. I agreed, and at four o'clock started to find the "examining committee," who were Rev. Asa Miner, Dr. Thos. Strickland and Esqr. Ezra Moore.

At eight o'clock I had found them all and we were assembled in the store of one Nicholas Bishop, in what was styled the Ecclesiastical and School Society of Chesterfield, embracing parts of the towns of Lyme and Montville, New London County and State of Connecticut. I had had no supper and had been traveling since six in the morning. But this "committee" were prepared to do the duty of honest men. No incompetence could have a chance with them, and they brought out the books on Geography, Morse, Malte-Brun and Goodrich; Arithmetic, Daboll, Dilworth, Adams and Colburn, which latter book I thought I knew; Grammar, Lindley Murray, Gould Brown, Kirkham, Roswell, Smith, and Young's Night Thoughts for parsing. They also had Comstock's Philosophy and Chemistry, Watts on the Mind, and Burritt's Geography of the Heavens—then a new and much-admired book. I need not say what I thought or what I feared, or hoped, or said, or did. It is enough to say they tried to be thorough and were long enough. But they did contrive to find out all I knew, and they suggested a great deal that I did not know. The latter point was made pretty clear to me before two a. m. of Friday, when the examination closed and Esquire Moore began to write. I have the paper somewhere, and remember it as follows:

"This is to certify to all and singular, that we have examined Robert Allyn, and find him well qualified by learning and good moral character to teach school in the Ecclesiastical and School Society of Chesterfield. Given under our hands and seals," etc.

[Signed]

COMMITTEE.

I then set out for home and arrived at the lane from which my vicious beast had carried me to "look up a school," just as the glorious sun was coming over the eastern hills in a sky as absolutely free from clouds as was my heart of a foreboding ill. I had been out just twenty-four hours. I had eaten one meal, but I believe I was at that moment neither tired nor hungry. I had gone forth alone and I had, as seemed then to a boy, conquered the world. By the time the horse was put in the barn, however, I was both weary and hungry, but I did not eat. I threw myself on my "cottage chamber bed," and till noon I slept the sleep of the just, dreamless and deep.

GRAMMAR IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

M. BUCK.

The good old days of stage-coaches, when monarchs ruled by divine right, when witches practiced their nefarious arts at the bidding of the rich, and when "three moons" appeared to warn the people of political danger, have all passed away. With them has gone that peaceful condition of mind which accepted as right the existing order of things, and followed without question in the footsteps of the fathers.

"Our parents did so," or "grandfather so believed," is not sufficient reason to assign for our own action or our own faith. The apostle's injunction, "Be always ready to give a reason," is the key-note of to-day. The term "innovation" no longer condemns a method as useless, but invites a thoughtful examination of its claims to merit.

Business houses have yielded to new methods, and their drummers are seen in every town. Religion yields the "sword of the spirit" with greater force since the inauguration of the Y. M. C. A.

Commerce owes her added prosperity to cablegrams and telegrams. Agriculture outranks all in the adoption of new principles and new implements.

In the midst of all this challenging old customs, giving up old methods, and adopting new ideas, the profession of teaching can not expect to stand untouched. The ax of the critic has lopped off many a branch from the tree of education, and he stands pointing his finger at many more which he declares to be withered and worthless limbs.

Dancing, once so essential a branch in the instruction of youth, has long since fallen. Italian followed, and of the long years of French but a twig remains. Spanish has disappeared from its place, and the savage woodman fiercely threatens Latin and Greek, demanding that this tree of education be not cumbered with branches past their power of bearing fruit.

Another branch has caught his eye, not so old—not so large—full of fresh sap—in fact, it is one developed since the others began to wither—yet by our critic pronounced as useless; he demands that Grammar be removed from its place.

As this is one of the main branches, being required even by our lowest grade of certificate, and taught in all our schools, it becomes us as teachers to gravely examine his objections, weigh his reasons, and allow judgment and not custom to guide us to a conclusion.

He claims that all education should aim at being useful; that there is nothing practical in this study; that ours is in reality a "grammarless tongue"; and that the time spent thus is worse than wasted, as it results in mere mental confusion.

First, what is meant by "useful" needs to be defined before a decision can be reached. As man is mental as well as physical, we can not decide with reference to business success only. Any study which brings vigor to the mind must hold equal rank with one that fits us to earn sustenance for the body.

If, in this science, well defined principles are laid down by which our use of English can be tested, the work strengthens the judgment, and calls the attention to the best forms of expression. If there are no such settled principles, then we have no grammar of the English language, and our inflected words are used as chance directs. In such case the careful stating of what part of speech a word must be before the appended definition, is a piece of nonsense in our dictionaries.

Is this claim true? Surely we have a law to guide us in deciding whether to use *he* or *him*, *saw* or *seen*, *bad* or *badly*, and all words of similar inflection, and intelligent use of such words can result only from a knowledge of such law.

What, then, should constitute our aim in the teaching of Grammar?

One point has already been implied; a knowledge of inflected words, and of the laws which govern their use. We likewise need to learn the relation of the elements, that we may so punctuate as to convey the sense intended. The principles of capitalization are based on the same relation. The exercise in synthesis gives a good command of language and makes ready and appropriate speakers, better than merely reading what another has said. "We learn to do, by doing," is an oft-repeated idea in our time, and is as true of this science as of any other.

Many have argued that all our youth need to make them good users of English is to hear it so spoken; for our race still retains the most prominent characteristic of their Darwinian ancestors.

As so few can be placed in circumstances where only correct forms are heard, this argument loses its force, even if the imitative propensity would prove sufficient. We, as teachers, are called upon to decide what is best for those who have little or no home assistance, not for those from homes of culture. To him that hath *not*, shall be given, is the spirit of American education. The greater number of pupils have no library to consult at home, so this lack must be remedied; they have no refining influence, so these must be supplied; they hear their mother tongue misused, and this evil must be corrected; they know but few words in which to clothe their ideas, so the wise teacher seeks to enlarge their vocabulary by means of syncretical exercises.

Much improvement could be made in the methods by which Grammar is taught, but the vision of a perplexed editor prevents entrance upon that subject in this issue of the NORMAL GAZETTE. Let us seek to make our pupils thorough masters of the English, which for most of them must be the only medium for the communication of thought. More time spent on one's own language, and less in learning others which we do not expect to use, might prove beneficial. As a writer has pithily said, "If my daughter can say, 'I see a yellow dog,' in seven different languages, it is only one idea; she would find more profit in expressing seven ideas in her own tongue."

WHO WILL ANSWER!

JOHN HULL.

If an "exponent is a number written at the right of and a little above a quantity and shows how many times that quantity is taken as a factor," may a fraction, as $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{2}{3}$, be an exponent? And if the definition here given is accepted, can a negative number, integral or fractional, ever be used as an exponent? If not, why not?

If, in algebra, a proper fraction is defined as one "whose numerator is less than its denominator," would the quantity a divided by b , written in fractional form, be a proper fraction? And, similarly expressed, would the quantity $a-b$, divided by a , be a proper fraction? Will some one say yes, or no, and show that his answer is right?

The terms first, second, fifth, etc., indicating the order of things in a series, end with the letters *st*, *d*, or *th*. If one wishes to use an ordinal, the number of whose unit is 1 more than m , should he place *st*, *d*, or *th* after the (m plus 1)? And, for another form, should he write (n plus 2)*st*, (n plus 2)*d*, or (n plus 2)*th*? And, further, why do some authors write *st*, *d*, and *th*, when used as terminations, as here shown, as if they were exponents; *i. e.*, above and to the right of the symbols representing the roots of the words of which they form a part?

What makes a number a decimal number? Is 247 a decimal number? If it is, what makes it one? If it is not, why is it not? And is .42 a decimal number? If you say yes, or no, to this, will you show why your judgment is right?

What is the use of the so-called decimal point? Does its use make a number a decimal number? Could a "decimal" point be used in expressing a duodecimal number in figures? Does the "decimal" point "separate" the tenths from the units? If so, how much further is the tenths from the units than is the units from the tens?

Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt has given \$20,000 for the fitting up of a manual training department at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

EDUCATIONAL CLIPPINGS.

Miss Louise M. Alcott, the popular story-writer, died March 6 at Boston.

Gustavus J. Orr, State Superintendent of Instruction, Georgia, is dead.

Donations amounting to \$113,000 have recently been made to Oberlin college.

Dr. Asa Gray left his copyrights and his valuable collection of photographs to Harvard University.

The largest library in the world is the Imperial, at Paris. It contains over 2,000,000 volumes.

In the library at the British Museum there are over thirty-two miles of shelves filled with books.

There are now three lady county superintendents in the Black Hills, all of whom are doing efficient work.

Prof. Thomas C. Chamberlain, the famous geologist, is the new President of the Wisconsin State University.

The Dakota University, at Mitchell, Dakota, was destroyed by fire on March 9, and several of the faculty were injured.

Jenny Lind Goldschmidt left 55,000 Swedish crowns to the Universities of Uppsala and Lind, Sweden, to aid poor students.

The will of P. Pemberton Norris, admitted to probate at Philadelphia, bequeathes his law library, valued at \$150,000, to the University of Pennsylvania.

The remains of an ancient city, hewn and carved out of the solid rock, has been discovered on a ranch in north-western Chihuahua, which belongs to Senator Hearst, of California.

Congress has received a petition from thirty-three states and territories signed by 102,000 persons asking that no State be admitted into the Union so long as its people are under control of the Mormon priesthood.

Mr. Eggerman's house bill requiring teachers in the common schools of Ohio to be examined in physiology and hygiene, passed the Ohio senate March 8, and is now a law. It does not go into effect until January 1st, '89.

Prof. J. Tingley, Ph.D., LL.D., for many years professor of physics and chemistry in Allegheny College, and widely known as an eminent teacher of the sciences, has been elected to fill the chair of chemistry in the Western Pennsylvania Medical College.

Prof. Thomas Gray, of the University of Glasgow, Scotland, widely known in this country for contributions to science in electricity and orismology, has been appointed to the chair of Dynamic Engineering in Rose Polytechnic Institute, Terre Haute, Ind.

The survey and last census of India show that the area of the Hindostan peninsula is 1,352,624 square miles, and the population 253,891,821. Immense tracts of land are cultivated annually, yet 10,000,000 acres of land suitable for cultivation has never been plowed, and of bad lands there are over 120,000,000 acres.

New York City schools about three hundred thousand children annually, in one hundred and thirty-four school buildings, covering an area of thirty-five acres. These buildings placed side by side would extend more than two miles. There are about four thousand teachers. The annual expense of these schools is about one million dollars.

Joseph O'Conner is chairman of the exhibit committee of the National Association, which meets in San Francisco next summer. It is proposed to collect materials from all parts of the

Union "calculated to show the present status of education in the United States." School officers in all parts of the country are pledged to aid in making this collection national, instructive and complete. Teachers having articles to exhibit should communicate at once with Mr. O'Conner.

The Kentucky senate has agreed to loan to the Cincinnati Centennial exposition a portrait of Gen. Wm. H. Harrison, with which an interesting bit of history is connected. The portrait was painted in 1840, at the time the Whig party, in the person of Gen. Harrison, defeated Martin Van Buren and Birney. Kentucky was the famous Whig state, and the Whig central committee presented this picture to the legislature in honor of the occasion. It now goes away, temporarily, to grace the walls of the coming exposition.

California teachers are making arrangements to give their eastern brethren a most magnificent reception. They are raising a fund of ten thousand dollars to defray incidental and other expenses, and are arranging several excursions to points of interest at nominal rates. The people of the State of gold, fruit and enterprise are determined their eastern visitors shall have their full share of recreation, sight-seeing and instruction while on the Pacific coast. Ten thousand teachers should cross the Rocky Mountains next summer on their way toward the setting sun.

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THE NORMAL GAZETTE comes to you unannounced, but we bespeak for it a cordial welcome. It is the purpose of the editors to make this paper meet a long felt want at the Southern Illinois Normal University. Since the opening of this University in 1874, there have been enrolled 3,190 students. Although the majority are yet residents of Illinois, some are scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Canada to the Gulf, and seldom hear from their beloved *Alma Mater*. To all the NORMAL GAZETTE will become a monthly visitor, carrying with it the happenings of the month, in General University items. The editors will endeavor to gather everything of interest to the old students, as well as to the new, and present them in a readable and interesting form.

It is not the design to make this an educational journal; but each issue will contain two or three live educational articles written expressly for the NORMAL GAZETTE by members of the faculty and other prominent educators. Associated with these will be the "Educational Clippings," containing the pith of the prominent educational publications. To the Alumni will be devoted a column or more each month, giving general notes of the association, personals, etc. The Zetetic and Socratic societies each has its own space in which will appear the society notes, personals, special programs, etc. The "Bits of School Fun" will be entirely original witticisms, puns, humor, funny questions and answers, etc., picked up by the editors in their rounds. Nothing that has ever appeared in print will be inserted in this column. "Our Mail Bag" will contain notes from the letters of old students, giving an inkling of their success and expectations.

We design issuing ten numbers each year; the vacation number being a double number or reunion. In it will be published a note from each old student we can hear from. Thus we purpose bringing the S. I. N. U. students together monthly and back to the old grounds, and face to face with their old class-mates.

To do this we must have the hearty co-operation and encouragement of every student of this University. We do not ask for your subscription with this issue, but we do ask every one who receives a copy of this paper to write us

a few words of encouragement, as this is the only way we can judge whether we can or not continue the publication of the GAZETTE. Do not fail to do this, for upon it hangs the future of this paper. Read this issue through and then write us how you like it, and tell us that we may depend upon you for support. If enough such encouragement reaches us by May 1st, the regular publication of the NORMAL GAZETTE will begin on June 1st. Let us hear from all.

ONLY about eighty of the one hundred and fifty young gentlemen have enrolled in the military department. They surely do not understand the great benefit that is to be derived from the military drill. Laying aside the knowledge of military tactics and military drill, and the physical exercise—by no means small items—there is no place where a young man can so well learn to "stand up" and "stand squarely on both feet" and "stand still." Our President has a great deal to say about "keeping in order" and in line while moving through the halls, little things in themselves, yet when we are able to do these things they become a power that we can not estimate.

What a power we have when we can, at the word of command, do the right thing at the right time, and do it accurately! This power of being able to "stand up," to step properly and in time, to keep in order and in line, to keep from smiling, moving the hands and gazing about, are but little things, yet essentials leading to the great object of education, *self-control*.

The Philadelphia Press, referring to the benefits accruing to young men from a system of military drill at colleges, says: "Habits of command and organization are of advantage to all who have control of men in any walk of life. A graduate of one of these colleges, who was employed in a large engineering enterprise, was soon elevated to the position of foreman, and he attributed his promotion to the habit of commanding the college corps which he had acquired as an officer. Another was employed in one of the largest mercantile houses in an Eastern city, and he soon rose to a leading position, taking executive charge of the other employees. His experience in commanding the students in their military exercises was again cited as the reason for his promotion. It would seem then that even if the graduates of these colleges are never called to bear arms their training is likely to be of service in many other directions."

We see no reason why every young man in this institution is not a member of the "Douglas Corps of Cadets." It is the desire of the trustees and faculty that all young men over fifteen years of age join this department; but if it is a department of the institution, why not make it compulsory?

In accordance with an act of the general assembly, Gov. Oglesby has designated Friday, April 19, as Arbor Day. Each year brings a greater impetus for the ornamentation of homes, and in some places special attention is given to the beautifying of public grounds, parks, etc. But this is not general, and we are sorry to say that the majority of our school yards, places where beauty and nature are most needed, are remarkably wanting in adornment. The custom of setting apart a day for tree and shrub planting seems to have originated about the year 1863, at Lenox, Berkshire county, Massachusetts. This custom was obtained at that place with flattering results. This success becoming known, many places followed the example until it became quite a movement. In 1885, Ohio, by legislative act, authorized the governor to designate a day to be called Arbor Day, and was followed by Indiana in 1886, and Illinois in 1887. This University was a pioneer in the

observance of tree-planting day. As many of the old students will remember, the Principal, in the spring of 1876, gave the students permission to have a holiday in which they could plant trees or shrubs on the University grounds. The day proved a success, and many trees were planted; but owing to work in grading the grounds, most of these have been destroyed. Three groups still remain. The one on the north side, planted by the Randolph county students, and a group of maple trees on the east which was planted by Professor Hillman's arithmetic class. The miscellaneous trees on the east were planted by Professor Hull's class. These remain to show what might have been had the ground remained undisturbed. Many trees have been planted since then, and March 22d was another step towards the desired end. While we decorate the inside of our school houses, let us also place some of nature's ornaments on the outside.

THE contest between the Zetetic and Socratic societies, to be held in the Normal Hall the 12th inst., will be a literary feast. The participants are of acknowledged ability, and each determined to excel, if honest effort and time will win. It is Greek meeting Greek. True, both societies can not carry away the laurels; but we think neither of the societies is composed of members who would say aught against the decision of the nine well chosen judges, should it be against them. Both societies have made much preparation, under competent instructors, and are now awaiting the test and decision by which they must abide.

The victors will receive their congratulations modestly, while the defeated will be ready to congratulate, knowing that they did their best, in all honesty and fairness. THE GAZETTE will, at the proper time, extend congratulations to both the victors and those who may fail, knowing that "it is no disgrace to be beaten, provided you play fair."

HERE we are, bright and shining as a new silver dollar, and filled with matter both interesting and instructive. The reason we look so attractive is that we employ the very best printers we can find, and have our work done at home, where we may give the paper our personal supervision. We also buy the best of paper and by hard work and "hustling" find plenty of interesting, original matter to fill our columns.

We are justly proud of this, our first number; but we would not have you think that it is "the best on the outside." It is but a sample of what, with your aid, we expect to present to you each month. "Lend a hand."

VISITORS' REGISTER.

- March 12—Mr. Lane, Commercial Point, Ill.
- March 13—Paul Jones, Chester, Ill. (Old student.)
- March 14—Mrs. Tait and Misses Louisa and Fada Bundy, Thompsonville, Ill.
- March 16—Dede J. Meyer, Nashville, Ill. (Old student.)
- March 19—F. Olden, West Plains, Mo. Mr. Vandave, Johnson, Mrs. Rev. Higgsby, Jackson, Ill. Minnie Pratt, Carbondale.
- March 20—Miss E. Anderson, Westcar, Ill. (Old student.) R. M. Bell, Summerville, Mo. Mrs. Prof. Parkinson, Carbondale. S. Jackson, Willie Jackson and Mrs. S. Jackson, Vienna, Ill.
- March 26—W. A. Nash, Mrs. Dr. H. C. Mitchell, Carbondale. (Old students.)
- March 28—Mrs. Putnam, Mrs. Ashley, Carbondale. Mrs. C. Parkinson, Emporia, Kan.
- March 30—Miss Mary Sowers, Jonesboro, Ill. Miss Anderson, Anna, Ill.
- March 31—John Wood, Cobden, Ill. (Old student.)
- April 2—Miss Bessie Salter, Carbondale. Rev. Bascom and Lady, Marion, Ill.
- April 3—John L. Vesch, Anna, Ill. (Old student.)
- April 4—Will Nash, Carbondale. (Old student.)
- April 5—W. B. Fringer, Tower Hill, Ill. (Old student.)
- April 9—Misses Ella and Maggie Bryden, Carbondale.

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 LOUIS YOUNGBLOOD, Benton.
 Essay—A Right Purpose in Life Essential to Success.
 L. E. BAIRD, Pyatt.
 Essay—Munheacy and His Great Picture.
 LOIS A. ALLYN, Norwich, Conn.
 Recitation—"Kate Shelly."
 LENA BRIDGES, Carbondale.
 Recitation—"The Young Gray Head."
 ROSA STARZINGER, Carbondale.
 Oration—"Footsteps of Clie."
 C. M. MORGAN, De Soto.
 Oration—"Is the Danger Over?"
 LULU BAUMBERGER, Greenville.
 Humorous—"A Love Story."
 JOHN T. GALBRAITH, Carbondale.
 Humorous—"The Debating Society."
 ROBT. E. STEBLE, Percy.
 Debate—Resolved, That foreigners should be prohibited from migrating into the United States.
Affirmative.
 J. N. STREET, McVey.
 K. E. KELLER, Campbell Hill.
Negative.
 J. M. PARKINSON, Salem.
 J. T. ELLIS, Mt. Vernon.
 Poetical Medley—
 CHAS. E. NATLOR, Vandalia.
 Poetical Medley—
 C. B. ROOT, Walnut Hill.
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Of course you won't miss the contest on the 12th.
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Correspondence, especially of old students, solicited.

This is our first. Give us a word of encouragement.
The study hall is 100x69 feet; will seat 500 students.

Row 8 was the banner row last term for attendance.

Spring has opened and so has Hewitt's Ice cream parlor.

Special prices to students at S. W. Dunaway's New York Store.

The enrollment last term was 442. Total enrolled to this term, 3,190.

Charley Jerome is having good success in business at Anthony, Kansas.

The building is 211 feet long, 110 feet wide, and the tower is 168 feet high.

Friday evenings after society treat the ladies to some delicacy at Sam Hewitt's.

Some new apparatus has lately been received for the Philosophical Department.

Miss Buck spent the short vacation between the 41st and 42d terms at Nashville, Ill.

The oyster season is over, but summer refreshments can be had at Sam Hewitt's.

Prof. French has arranged for a larger exchange in his department than ever before.

Miss Green spent Saturday and Sunday at her home, in Mt. Vernon, between the terms.

Classes have been organized in Constitution of U. S. and Pedagogy, which recite at 8 a. m.

Call on Minnie Taft at the store. She can show you something nice in any line of ladies' wear.

Miss Carrie Kuykendall, a student last year, was among the visitors at the Zetetic Society, April 6.

If you are not a member of a society, join one, and join it not for the fun, but to become a worker.

The University has purchased two calligraph type-writers, No. 4, and is giving instruction in their use.

New store, new goods, new clerks, with all the latest novelties in the millinery line at Mrs. Gillo's.

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John Marton, class of '83, has been appointed Assistant State Entomologist, with headquarters at Champaign.

Evans' cream bread—finest in town.

The Botany class is the banner class of the school. It started this term with an enrollment of eighty members.

At the end of first day there were 236 students enrolled. Up to time of going to press there are enrolled 401 students.

Every one of taste buys clothing and furnishing goods at S. E. North's Great Clothing Emporium, east side of square.

Miss Dora Wham did not return to the University this term, but is employed in "teaching the young idea how to shoot."

The old students are coming in from their schools, and in nearly every case say they enjoy the work and had good success.

The graduating class, cadets and all others will have their clothing made to order at Hele's, in S. E. North's Clothing Emporium.

Try Sam Hewitt's soda water—it's immense.

W. M. Tanquary will be remembered by the students of last spring term. He is teaching a very successful school in Wabash county, Ill.

Miss Rosa Starzinger closed a successful term of school at Dongola, Ill., on the 28th of last month, and has enrolled as a student again this term.

For choice confectionery go to Sam Hewitt's.

The second year Latin class will take an advance step immediately. The books have been ordered and the class expect to begin reading Sallust at once.

Read the advertisements in the NORMAL GAZETTE. They represent firms that patronize students' enterprises, and the students in turn should patronize them.

We notice two well-written articles on drawing, in the January and March numbers of the Wabash County School Journal, written by E. S. Kingsbury, a student of last year.

Ladies and Gents' fine shoes a specialty at the New York Store.

Miss Minnie Taft has been spending the winter in Canada. She is expected to return home soon, and will be found at the millinery store, where she will be pleased to see all her friends.

Dr. W. R. Fringer, of Tower Hill, dropped in on the University April 5th. He has lately graduated at a Chicago Medical College. We do not know where he will hang out his shingle.

Normal girls, and those of the surrounding country, will consult their own interest by buying their spring hats of Mrs. Gilch, as she has had the Normal trade for the past two seasons.

The weather is warm—try Hewitt's soda water.

Mr. Ed. J. Hodge, a student of last year, lately graduated from the Jacksonville Business College, was with the Zetetic Society Friday evening, April 6, and it just seemed like old times.

Capt. K. D. Root has returned for the spring term of school. He has met with merited success as principal of the Walnut Hill schools, and is offered the same position with an increase of salary.

Cooling summer drinks at Sam Hewitt's.

Mr. Parkinson now occupies his new quarters in Walnut street, east of Dr. Allyn's residence. It is a beautiful home and handsomely furnished, and will be enjoyed by the family after boarding so long.

The Old Normal was burned November 26, 1888. It was built at an expense of \$265,000. The New Normal was rebuilt on the old foundation at an expense of \$152,000. It was dedicated February 24, 1887.

Clubs call at Evans' and get prices.

The Southern Illinois Normal University was first opened for a special term of school July 1, 1874, with an enrollment of forty-three. The first regular term began September 6th, the same fall, with 148 on roll.

Miss Bettie Anderson, who has been teaching in Decatur, Ill., was a welcome visitor the last week of last term. She will be remembered as an old student, and is a sister to our able assistant of the Training Department, Miss Ann C. Anderson.

Creamery butter only 30 cents per pound at Evans'.

The library contains over 8,000 volumes, and is nicely fitted up with new cases. The students make daily use of its privileges. New books are added each week, and a full line of the best magazines and periodicals are on its tables for the students' use.

The Botany class has received and accepted a proposition from Miss Maggie Kennedy, an alumna of '88, now employed as a teacher in the schools of San Antonio, Texas, to exchange specimens of Southern Illinois plants for specimens of that locality.

The Platonian Society, in McKendree College, at Lebanon, will hold a reunion meeting in June next. Prof. Jerome has received an invitation to be present and deliver an address on that occasion. The Professor was one of the charter members of the society.

Gents' furnishing goods at the New York Store.

Lieut. Bell closed his series of lectures to the military department of last term on the 12th of last month, the subject being "West Point Military Academy." He made it very interesting, and at its close showed the boys a large collection of views of West Point and vicinity.

W. H. Hall, who was a student in '74 and '75, since that time has completed a law course and successfully followed that profession for two years in Chicago. He lately left the employ of Alkire & Co., grocers, Chicago, to finish the course at this University. He will be one of this year's class.

The Zetetic Society, through the corresponding secretary, has been corresponding with noted men and women for the purpose of obtaining their autographs. The latest received were from the "Executive Mansion," with the autographs of the President, Grover Cleveland, and Francis Cleveland.

Miss Tillie Salter attended the meeting of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, at Sparta. The board met March 28th and adjourned March 30th. Miss Salter visited Chester after the meeting, staying over Saturday and Sunday and arriving home on Monday, April 2d. She reports a very pleasant time.

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The senior class have begun preparations for commencement. The class consists of thirteen members, as follows: C. M. Morgan, Lulu Baumberger, W. R. Hall, Catharine C. Brubach, Kate Richards, Callie Johnson, J. N. Street, Frank Trobaugh, D. W. Lindsey, G. R. Wyke, Maggie Wham, Alis Hickam and W. A. Reel.

Don't eat—partake of refreshments at Sam Hewitt's.

Messrs. Baird & Snyder are to engage in silk culture. They have the room formerly occupied by Miss Finley, in the temporary building, fitted up for their use. They have also quite a number of geological specimens, and have purchased some choice flowering plants to decorate their room, which will soon be almost as interesting as the Museum.

Spring and summer goods at the New York Store.

The National Teachers' Association meets next June, in San Francisco, Cal. The people of San Francisco are already planning to make the visiting pedagogues welcome, and their stay a pleasant and profitable one. Prof. D. B. Parkinson has a place on the program and expects to be present. The Association meets June 17th and adjourns on the 20th.

For oranges, lemons and bananas cheap go to Evans'.

The election at the Zetetic Society, Friday evening, April 6, resulted in the election of the following officers: President, Lulu Baumberger; Vice-President, Kate Richards; Recording Secretary, Theo. Sprecher; Corresponding Secretary, Jno. T. Galbraith; Critic, Dana Gage; Editor, H. A. Gilkinson; Assistant Editor, Mamie Lundeen; Librarian, Ed. Mitchell; Usher, J. T. Ellis.

Finest case of fancy candy in town at Evans' at 30 cents per pound.

While the NORMAL GAZETTE is in press (April 10) Miss Cytile Adams, an old student, is changing her name to Mrs. Edward A. Ford. The ceremony takes place at the home of her parents, Poplar Bluff, Mo. The NORMAL GAZETTE extends congratulations to the happy couple. Mrs. Ford will be remembered here as a very pleasant and entertaining young lady, and this notice will bring back many pleasant memories to old students, especially to some of the cadet officers.

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Many students of last year are in again this term, after an absence of two terms. Most of them have been teaching. The following is a list as full as we can obtain: John B. Aird, Philip S. Ayre, John W. T. Alexander, Nettie A. Anderson, Joseph B. Bundy, Maggie R. Kelly, Hettie Crown, Mary Leary, Merton C. Moore, Augusta B. McKinley, Eunice Barrow, Alice Barrow, Mattie Blair, Hanson L. Bliss, Scott Crews, Jennie Cronso, D. H. Cole, Albert Craib, Ed. S. Pakes, Henry A. Gilkinson, Charles M. Gaunt, Emma L. Holden, Lewis E. Jacobs, Mary A. Knowles, Mary E. Kimmel, Ruby I. Kimmel, Rufus S. Mercer, Charles McCannel, John H. Pugh, Berry H. Pitts, Celia M. Perry, Wm. R. Ramsey, Malless Rentro, Charles B. Root, Kling David Root, Rosa A. Starzinger, John E. Stone, Maggie Schroeder, Sarah E. Snder, Fount. F. Samms, Maggie Wham.

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The Zetetic society was organized September 19, 1874, and has prospered from the day of its organization. It is the parent society of the institution, and in the fourteen years of its existence has sent out scores of members who are rapidly becoming influential in their respective callings.

The society has always had the reputation of being very enterprising. Late in the fall term the corresponding secretary was instructed to have letter-heads printed to use in obtaining the autographs of the noted men and women of the day. So far it has proved a success. Among those already obtained we might mention Ex-President Hayes, Senator Sherman, Gen. Sherman, Gen. Sheridan, Senator Everts, Senator Edmunds, Robert T. Lincoln, George R. Wendling, and George Bancroft.

The society can now show one of the finest halls of the kind in the State. At the dedication of the new building the trustees presented to us a fine Brussels carpet and eighty opera chairs. To this the society added thirty more. During the latter part of last term the society purchased moulding, and to go with it, ordered busts of Lincoln, Grant, Webster, and Bryant, representative men in their spheres. This, with the handsome fresco of the hall, enables us, with pardonable pride, to boast a little of our elegant quarters. We only hope that the character of literary work done by its members will correspond with the surroundings.

If you are not a member of either society, join the Zetetic.

Robert E. Tyner has been appointed Treasurer of the society for this term.

The society is beginning active preparation for the undergraduates exhibition in June.

Fannie Campbell, a Zetetic of last year, is attending Mt. Auburn Seminary, in Cincinnati.

The Zetetics were well represented Arbor Day, both at the dinner table, and in tree-digging and planting.

The leaders appointed to make out the program for this term are Helen Meyer, Lois Allyn and W. Wallis.

John A. Pugh, a Zetetic of last year, is with us again. He has been teaching in Richland county and reports success.

Harry Moss returned to his home in Mt. Vernon at the close of last term. Harry is one of our best declaimers and we are sorry to lose him.

W. A. Nash, an untiring society worker of last year, after attending the Northwestern University two terms, has accepted a position as "drummer" for a Chicago house.

J. T. McAnally, an old Zetetic, class of '78, is taking a theological course in the Northwestern University at Evanston. We hope that success may be with him in all his efforts.

The society has quite a number of vocalists, who have delighted the society with their beautiful songs during the present year—Misses Peters, Scott, Jenkins, Meyer, Sprecher and Hendrickson.

In this year's graduating class eleven are society members. Out of this eleven six are Zetetics—D. W. Lindsay, W. A. Reef, Lulu Baumberger, Caille Johnson, Kate Richards and Maggie Wham.

Robert E. Tyner, a Zetetic of two years ago, is with us again. Mr. Tyner has rendered the society efficient service as secretary and critic, and we look to see him go to work with his characteristic energy.

We noticed among the students who registered Monday the welcome face of H. A. Gilkison. Mr. Gilkison is a Zetetic of several years' standing, and we hope he is here to take hold of society work with a vim.

On the whole, the character of work done in the society during the last two terms excels that of any year since the burning of the old building. With an oration and debate nearly every Friday night, it was impossible not to make rapid progress. The same can be said with regard to parliamentary practice.

Last Friday evening an excellent program was rendered, after which, by request, Mrs. Inglis gave the society a recitation—"Little Mabel with her face against the pane," which was highly appreciated. Also, Miss Maud Miller favored us with an instrumental solo. Miss Miller is an accomplished musician, and the society is glad to add another to its list of musicians.

The contest between the societies to take place Thursday, April 12, will be the literary event of the season. The points to be contested are seven in number. The following is the part of the program to be rendered by Zetetics: Oration, Lula Baumberger; Essay, Lois Allyn; Instrumental Solo, Mammie Bridges; Vocal Solo, Mabel Peters; Poetical Medley, C. E. Naylor; Humorous, J. T. Galbraith; Debate, J. M. Parkinson and J. T. Ellis. There are to be nine judges selected by the Principal, all non-residents of Jackson county. Dr. Allyn has been appointed president of the evening. The contest has been extensively advertised in all the adjoining towns. Let every one attend, and by so doing help and encourage the societies and give a greater impetus to literary work of this character among the students in this school—"the light of Egypt."

CLASS OF '87.

It might be interesting to know what the Zetetics are doing who were with us last year and graduated in the class of '87.

Mary Hill is teaching in Foxville.

Sam. Goodall is teaching in Corinth.

Louise Phillips is teaching in Cairo.

George Turner is teaching in Carrollton.

Emma Hewitt is at home in Carbondale.

Mark Harmon is teaching in Grayville.

Lewis Johnson taught near Carlyle this year.

Nannie Hundley has been teaching in Anna.

Bertha Lawrence is teaching near Champaigna.

Julia Sebastian, the valedictorian, is teaching in Chester.

Edward McMackin is teaching in Chrystal City, Iowa.

Harmon Campbell is attending business college in Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

J. R. Bryden is accountant for the Bryden Coal and Coke Company. His office is in Murphysboro.

Lydia Snyder, the salutatorian, taught in Mt. Vernon until the cyclone demolished the school building.

A. Z. Glick, soon after graduation, took to himself a wife; and at the same time she took a partner in business. Mr. Glick resides in Carbondale.

SOCRATIC SOCIETY.

C. M. MORGAN.

"Nulla vera felicitas sine sapientia."

The Socratic society has now almost completed its thirteenth year, and well may its friends regard it as a grand era of advancement and general improvement. The history of the society during the present year is surely an honor to every one who bears the name of Socratic and an endless source of gratification to its many friends.

The zeal with which the members have pursued their work is a striking verification of the fact that the purposes declared in the preamble of the constitution are not a mere collection of meaningless words. Each one seems to have first marked out a special line of work and followed that particular line with an energy which always means success.

And as a result we see the society advanced far beyond what it has ever been in the past, with brilliant prospects for the future.

Almost every department of literature and music has its representatives within the ranks of the Socratic society. Among our reciters Misses Starzinger, Kennedy, Parks and King deserve special mention, all of whom have been or are at present pursuing a course in elocution. The department of original composition and oratory has reached a commendable degree of efficiency in the essays of J. D. McMeen, W. P. Cochran and J. C. Stonecipher, and the orations of K. E. Keller and P. P. Goodnow. Misses Youngblood, Abel and Robinson are not to be excelled in the field of instrumental music. As vocalists Misses Smith, Hanson and Alexander have enviable reputations. While the young ladies have devoted much time to the study of music, the young men have not wholly neglected that study, which fact is recognized by all who have had opportunity of hearing the Socratic Orchestra. Messrs. Street, Wham and Aird have done themselves credit in the arena of debate. If we wish to spend a few minutes in a wholesome laugh, Mr. Steele is ever on hand with some appropriate selection and never fails to please.

While every one has striven for individual advancement, the interests of the society as a unit have not been forgotten. During the whole year all has been harmony and concord. Personal interest and comfort have been sacrificed to an intense desire for the success of the whole.

Our work has been rendered much more pleasant and profitable by the valuable aid which many members of the faculty have so cheerfully given us. To them every Socratic extends the most sincere thanks.

After spending much time and labor we have adopted a new constitution by which we shall be governed when it has been approved by the faculty. It is in many respects an improvement on the present one and we may reasonably hope for a prosperous future.

Records of the past and prospects for the future, we think, justify us in extending to all new students a cordial invitation to join our ranks.

The Socratic Hall is one of the finest rooms in the Normal building. The Normal building is second to none in the State. The room is furnished with opera chairs, desk and tables of the nicest kind. The president's chair is an elegant piece of furniture. The piano bought last year is second to none in tone, style and finish. It is a Hallet & Davis upright, costing \$500. The Hall has been fitted up, with ex-

ception of carpet and chairs, by the society. The frescoing is a masterpiece of work. New students who cast in their lot with us will find a very pleasant society home and derive as much benefit as from any society in the State, if they wish to improve.

Misses Clara and May Cleland are both teaching in Cook county, near Chicago.

Miss Carrie Blair has been teaching in Kansas the past winter, and has been successful.

David J. Cowan will be remembered as a red-hot debater of excellent ideas. He is teaching at Vienna, Ill.

Steuben D. Wham taught school at Schobondier, Ill. He had a school of ninety pupils and no assistant.

R. M. Allen is in Springfield studying law with his father. Bob. has lots of life about him and we wish him success.

Luther T. Scott, a post graduate of last year, is principal of the East Side school at Springfield, and is giving entire satisfaction.

Miss Augusta McKinney taught in Perry county, near Tamaroa, last winter, and is in school this term. We hope to see her in society.

Misses Eunice and Alice Barrow, of Alto Pass, are again with us after an absence of two terms. Miss Eunice has been teaching at home during the winter.

F. F. Sams has been teaching near Makanda, and has returned to pursue wisdom another term and to help the Socratic Society in any way that he may be able.

Miss Emma Holden taught this winter near De Soto. She likes the work and has returned this term to further fit herself for wielding the rod. The society gladly welcomes her.

The Socratic Society ahead again. Fourteen new names proposed for membership the first meeting this term. We would be glad to take you all by the hand and speak to you a welcome.

In the class of '87 the Socratic Society had twelve members. They are now scattered in places far distant, some of them from home and from each other, while a few are yet in Carbondale.

Seva Smith thinks there is "no place like home," so she stays with her little Den. She is ever ready to assist the society members in any way she can. She is devoting most of her time to music.

Minnie A. Tait remained in Carbondale until November, when she went to Canada visiting. She is expected home soon and will be found at the store where she will be glad to see all of her friends, especially students.

F. O. Rury, a Randolph county pedagogue and a society member of last year, is with us again. Mr. Rury has been teaching the past winter at Cutler, Ill. He is a good member, and we will all be glad to see him before us on duty.

C. H. Ripley is attending the law school at Ann Arbor University, Michigan. Charley is particularly fitted for this work, having the power of concentrating his thoughts and producing excellent ideas clothed in the best of language.

J. B. Bundy's cheerful countenance is seen again greeting us with a welcome smile at all times. He is a member who can be counted on to do his part, and do it well. Joe. taught last winter south of Carbondale, where he has taught before, and gave entire satisfaction.

C. B. Root, of Walnut Hill, Ill., has returned and will be an efficient worker in many ways for the society. Charlie is a natural humorist, and we are all glad to see him with us again, and to listen to his pleasantries. He has been teaching near his home the past winter.

Miss Rosa Starzinger is rather a star-receiver, and has returned from her winter's school work in good time to serve the society and widen her already good reputation by carrying away the laurels from the Zetetic Society in the coming contest. She taught at Dongola during the winter.

C. R. Hawkins, one of the best talkers the society knew, is still among us. He is reading law with Lightfoot & Lightfoot of this place. He, too, is particularly adapted for becoming a good lawyer as his mind fully controls the entire man, giving him the faculty of saying what he wants to and nothing more.

The society has this year five members in the Senior class. We will be sorry to see them go, for with them we lose some of our best members. But it will, indeed, be true, that "what is our loss is others' gain." The following are the names: Catharine J. Bribach, Charles M. Morgan, J. N. Street, Frank Trobaugh, Geo. R. Wykes.

The first program of the term was given Friday evening, March 30, to a crowded house, all seats being full and many persons having to stand. The program was as follows: Oration, P. P. Goodnow; male trio, J. E. Ramsey, W. P. Cochran, L. E. Baird; recitation, Lizzie Parks; vocal solo, Mabel Smith; essay, W. P. Cochran; humorous, R. E. Steele; instrumental solo, Ollie Robinson; oration, J. C. Stonecipher; declamation, Guy Blanchard; instrumental solo, Lelia Abel.

BITS OF SCHOOL FUN.

Teacher—"Why do persons wear glasses?"

Pupil—"Some use glasses because of weak or diseased eyes; as, near-sighted persons; others use them on account of a diseased brain; as, the dude."

Two girls studying the constitution of the United States together:

First Student—"Let me say it to you." Second Student—"Well, go ahead." F. S.—"We the people—Say, I had two letters from home this week." S. S.—"You did?" F. S.—"Yes—we the people of the United States—I'm going home next week." S. S.—"So am I." F. S.—"In order to form a more perfect—Doc's agoing to get married." S. S.—"Ain't you sorry?" F. S.—"Awfully—establish—too bad, ain't it?—justice—I wish the hour was up." S. S.—"I won't have my lesson." F. S.—"I won't either." So they continued to get the lesson the whole of the hour.

The following examination question appeared on the board of one of the University class rooms: "How often should an adult eat, an infant?" It should have been written, "How often should an adult eat? an infant?"

Teacher—"If you put a square block into a half-bushel measure, what shape will the block take?"

Pupil—"It would not change its form."

Teacher—"Correct. Now if you put the water from a jug into a half-bushel measure, what shape would the water take?"

Pupil—"It would keep the shape of the jug."

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Squad drill will likely continue three weeks.

Companies B and C will probably not be formed this term.

The corps has more competent officers and non-commissioned officers than ever before.

Lieut. Bell has offered a medal to the best drilled officer, guide and private, the test to take place in June.

Sergt. Major Hodge was around on the sixth shaking hands with old students. Long may his saber shine!

The corps is now divided into three squads, under immediate command of Captains North, Galbraith and Morgan.

The Military Department was organized on Friday, March 30th, for the spring term, with an enrollment of 80.

Last term was chiefly taken up with lectures on military subjects by the commandant. The cadets also had some target practice, tactical study and recitations.

There is rumor of a uniformed company being organized to go to the State Encampment, next August. We would like very much to see our boys drill with the State militia.

The department had a very good band last term, which favored the University with many selections. The boys did not forget the town, either, and their serenades were frequent.

Lieut. John L. Barton, who barely escaped being made captain by getting a position as court stenographer for the first judicial district, is having great success in his new business, and is making many friends wherever he goes.

The cadets' excursions last year were grand successes, for Lieut. Bell knew just how to make such things go. The cadets were not the only ones who enjoyed them, either, for, of course, the ladies went. Are we not to have any this year?

The temporary building makes an excellent drill hall and is large enough to accommodate the whole corps when drilling in the "manual of arms," or similar exercises. It is also nicely decorated with military pictures, and the south room, formerly the training department, serves as the armory.

We see no reason why the corps can not be uniformed. No matter how well

disciplined the corps may be, the cut-away, prince-albert, and military coat, and with no two hats or caps of the same style, the well executed movements can never overcome the effect of an ununiformed corps. Uniform the corps and you need not fear any military organization in the state.

The following cadets have been detailed as musicians in the "S. I. N. U. Band": Capt. E. T. Dunaway, 2d Lieut. J. H. Mathias, 1st Sergt. M. C. Moore, Privates W. R. Ramsey, J. E. Ramsey, Joseph Youngblood and M. T. Vancleve. The boys are all experienced musicians, and they hope to get some better instruments soon, when we all shall enjoy some good music.

The following have been promoted to non-commissioned officers: Corporals Dewly and Young, promoted to sergeants; Private Moore, to 1st sergeant of band; Private Harry Campbell, appointed sergeant major. The rest of the promotions, appointments and assignments to duty will be announced later. Our bass-drummer, Mathias, has been promoted from sergeant to 2nd lieutenant and assigned to the band.

The following we take from the catalogue: "It is the desire of the Faculty and Board of Trustees that all the male pupils of the proper age join the Military Department. The value of the drill in developing an erect and gentlemanly carriage and in counteracting the stooping effect produced by bending over the desk in the act of study is very great. It gives to the cadets three-fourths of an hour per day in the open air as a relief from the study hall, and in addition gives them a knowledge of military matters that in case of war or domestic violence or insurrection would be of great value to themselves and to their country."

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