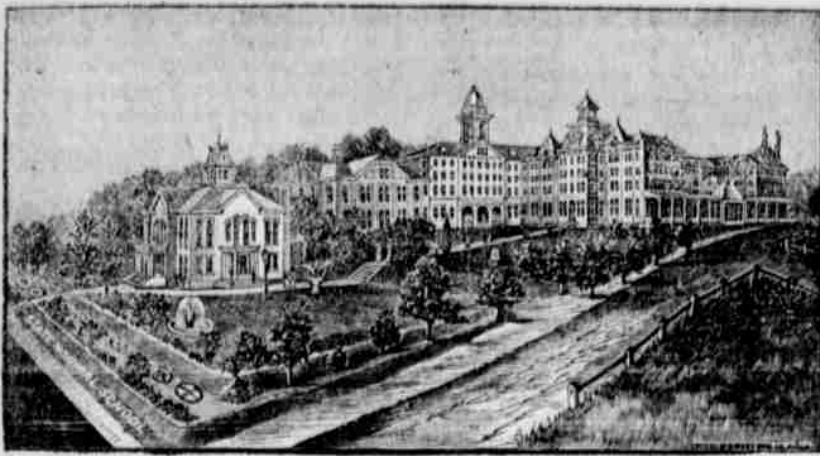


STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.



OUR NORMAL SCHOOL.

It is but fitting that in this, our anniversary number, our State Normal School should be represented.

The cut as shown above will doubtless be a surprise to many to whom this paper may come. Students of twenty years ago will hardly recognize the "old place," so many and so varied have been the improvements. And to those who are not intimately acquainted with Bloomsburg's great school, we beg to say that but few schools, we believe, have ever enjoyed so great prosperity.

THE SCHOOL'S GRADUATES.

What better proof of excellence need any school have than to note the annual increase of its graduating classes, provided, always, the standard of scholarship be rigidly maintained.

The first class to graduate from Bloomsburg numbered just six members; the last class, that of '95, numbered one hundred and fifty-three.

When one casts about making inquiry of the present home of all these highly esteemed sons and daughters of the school, and also, of the entire number graduated here, he is amazed. About twelve hundred graduates have gone from the halls of this school, and about twelve thousand young people have, in whole or in part, been educated here since first its doors were opened as an institution of learning.

STATES AND TERRITORIES REPRESENTED

It is the occasion of no little surprise to find that the school has among its alumni, young people working in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Washington, D. C., North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, California, Texas, Iowa, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Arkansas, New Mexico, Idaho and Washington.

Beside this great list of states, our school may point with pride to far off India, China, Syria, and Mexico, and find glad response to her alumni roll call from the missionary field, for in these distant lands there are graduates of old Bloomsburg, laboring in the spirit of love for the enlightenment of heathendom.

THE PRESENT ENROLLMENT.

Almost every year since the first, has opened with a greater enrollment than the preceding one. Last spring term there were assembled "on the hill" the greatest body of students ever gathered there in any one term.

This year more than one-third of all the counties of our state have representatives on the enrollment books, and in addition to the generous contributions of the old Keystone State, we find Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Indiana enrolled.

This is indeed a great showing, and one that any board of trustees or faculty may well feel proud of.

A FEATURE IN GOVERNMENT.

Of all the many influences apart from the actual class-room work, that have contributed to the success of the school, that of its government stands out as one of the foremost in point of influence.

It has ever been the thought of those having in charge the government of the school, that all influences should be formative rather than coercive. To build up, or rather to develop character has been the one great aim of the school. To talk to young people about goodness in the abstract, or yet about being good themselves is one thing, and to properly environ the boys and girls so as to bring them to earnestly desire the attainment of a strong christian character for themselves is quite another thing.

Just as we go to press we are advised that there is now pending a movement which has in view the organization of a sort of Senate composed of certain students and members of the faculty, to which shall be referred all important items of discipline. This argues for a high order of things in the matter of school government.

PROJECTS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

On the side of the intellectual there are many good things in contemplation for the year. Just now the University Extension Course of lectures is being arranged for. Prof. Elson

of Philadelphia, has been engaged as the first lecturer in this series. He will give a course of six lectures on American History. He comes most highly recommended, and all our towns people have herein a grand opportunity to review at little cost, their American History. The subjects as chosen are:

1. Between the Two Wars.
2. Two Great South Men.
3. From Van Buren to the Mexican War.
4. The Mexican War and What it Meant.
5. The Fall of the Big Party.
6. The Great Political Duel Preceding the Civil War.

These lectures will prove a great help as those did last year. Then the Society reunion and literary entertainment for Thanksgiving day.

Later in the year, probably immediately after the Christmas vacation, the regular Students' Lecture Course will open.

We are glad to be able to state to our towns people that Mr. Leland T. Powers will be the opening number of the course. Everybody who ever heard him will, of course, hear him again, and bring all their friends with them. The excellence of any lecture course which includes such eminent talent as Mr. Powers is fully assured.

On the physical or athletic side, the field sports and indoor gymnastics promise fine sports and much profit for all students. The foot ball team played its first game last Saturday in a contest with Berwick, and won easily. The team shows some strong material, and doubtless by the end of the season there will be as many strong men as our Normal team ever had. Engagements are being made for a number of games which promise real enjoyment for the lovers of foot ball.

The Oriole Tennis Club has arranged a tournament for the young ladies to begin October 7. There will be two contests, a free for all, and a novice tournament. Interest in these games is growing daily and the ladies are very hopeful of presenting more interesting games than those played by the gentlemen last spring.

Thus the great work of the school is being carried on. Pupil and teacher are ever busy; the one preparing for life's duties, the other busy always with devising the things that will best bring into the life of each student, those qualities and attributes that shall fit him for a life of usefulness.

LOVING TOO LATE.

A Common Enough Story Portrays a Pathetic Moral.

Not long ago I met a young lady in poverty whom I had previously known in wealth, and this was, in substance, the story she told me: "Father died suddenly in Washington, and the professional skill through which he had coined money for us died with him. I am not weeping because we are poor. I am broken-hearted because none of us saw that he was dying. Was it not pitiful that he should think it best not to tell any of us that he was sick? And I, his petted daughter, though I knew he was taking opium to soothe his great pain, was so absorbed by my lovers, my games and my dresses, that I just hoped it would all come right. If I could only remember that even once I had pitied his suffering or felt anxious about his life, I might bear his loss better!"

The story is common enough. Many a father, year after year, goes in and out of his home carrying the burden and doing the labor of life, while those whom he tenderly loves hold with but careless hands all of honor and gold he wins by toil and pain. Then some day his head and hands can work no more! And the hearts that have not learned the great lesson of unselfish love while love was their teacher must now begin their sad duty when love has left them alone forever.—AMELIA E. BARR in October Ladies' Home Journal.

"I was broken out with hives, and bought a bottle of Hood's Pills, and they gave me relief." Mrs. H. C. Wolf, Bloomsburg, Pa.

No man was ever so much in love that he was unable to sleep on Sunday morning.—Texas Siftings.

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The Problem of Economy.

No subject is more interesting to the general public than the cost of living. The problem the majority are trying to solve is how to save money and make the best possible appearance. Usually it is discovered that the bank account increases as the family curtails its wants. The length of the bank account is in proportion to the increase of the things not bought. Once in awhile, writes a philosopher in *Outing*, when patience is exhausted, because even going without does not bring the desired results, one is tempted to accept that fallacious definition of economy: "Economy is going without something you do want, in case you should some day want something you will not want." Economy is the promise of the future, the despair of the present, with most of us. We act on the same principle that governs us in the treatment of our favorite sins; we are waiting for the miracle of accumulated strength to overcome them. We would scale mountains without walking in the monotonous road that leads to them. After all, what is economy but proportion? To refuse to spend what is legitimate, in order to secure future wealth, is putting a heavy mortgage on life with the prospect of very uncertain returns. To spend regardless of the future is to ignore an investment that makes a sure return. The courageous are those who live in harmony with an educated conscience. These build on a sure foundation. They are the only true, the only wise, as well as the only courageous people. May their numbers increase.

Conventional Standards.

It has been quite a feature of the last summer season that a number of brave rescues have been made, not only by men, but also by women and children. These results show perceptibly and eloquently the changing of the conventional standards. Till of comparatively recent years self-reliance and courage were looked on as exclusively masculine virtues, and the womanly character was considered as more strikingly in relief when displaying utter dependence and inability to face or fight danger. Now, owing to the physical and mental training of women, the new ideas that none of her natural resources are to be stifled, but rather to be developed, have obtained sway, and with their ascendancy has come the downfall of the theory that a woman who has nerve and coolness enough to help herself and aid others in case of danger is unsexed thereby. Graceful faints are no longer characteristic of the woman of to-day. She may have lost some of her angelic air, but the atmosphere of sturdy common sense which has taken its place is much more refreshing for the public and infinitely safer for herself.

A PROMINENT Chicago physician, Dr. F. W. Reilly, pathologist, bacteriologist, meteorologist, archivist, and erstwhile editor, says that the common practice of kissing is "vicious, intolerable, barbaric and vile. This question of kissing has been a hobby with me for some time, and I have studied its results. I knew a consumptive preacher down in Nokomis who made a practice of kissing his flock after service every Sunday. The mortality in the village increased twenty-two per cent. in one year, and when I left there half the members of the congregation were leaning against fences for support. The germs were in the contribution boxes, in the hymn-book racks and all about the pulpit." Let those who are given to promiscuous osculation pause and reflect upon the dangers attending the pleasant practice.

NEARLY all attempts to make convict labor profitable have failed, but Mississippi, under peculiar conditions, seems to have succeeded. Last year the state abandoned the vicious plan of farming out the labor of convicts to contractors, and purchased a farm of ten thousand acres on which to raise cotton. Nearly all of the convicts are field hands—virtually expert workmen—and it is reported that the managers of the farm have turned fifty thousand dollars over to the state treasury, representing the profit made after paying all expenses. This represents five dollars an acre, a good return on the investment. Another farm will probably be purchased, that work may be provided for all the convicts. There appears to be no objection from free laborers to this use of the convicts, but there are very few states that could successfully follow Mississippi's example.

In Montana the penalty for attempting burglary at night is seven years in the penitentiary, while an attempt to commit the same offense during the day is only a year in the county jail. According to law also the day is between sunrise and sunset. A man was tried the other day in Butte for attempted burglary in the night, but his attorney established the fact that the crime was committed at 5:10 in the morning of August 5. The almanac showed that the sun rose at 4:06 a. m. on that day, and this enabled the accused to get off with nine months in jail.

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