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LIBRARY OPENING.

Public Exercises, With a Large Audience, Good Speeches and Good Music Mark the Occasion.

An Auspicious Beginning.

The Court room, beautifully draped with the national colors and potted plants, was well filled last Thursday evening, when the public exercises in connection with the opening of the Bloomsburg Free Library were held. A reception was held at the Library during the day, and it was largely attended.

Col. J. G. Freeze presided, and on the platform with him were the speakers of the evening. The members of the Board of Directors occupied the front row of seats back of the rail. The Normal School Orchestra played three selections and Miss Hettie Cope sang a solo, all of which were done in the Normal way of doing things, which is of the best, and helped to round out a most enjoyable program. In opening, Col. Freeze congratulated the ladies who have worked so earnestly and successfully, upon the result of their labors. He also congratulated the public upon being the owner of a free library that is a credit to the town, and bespoke for the library the earnest and hearty support that it so richly deserves.

The presentation speech transferring the management of the library from the Civic Club to the Board of Directors, was made by Rev. D. N. Kirkby. He said it was peculiarly fitting that one of his calling should be permitted to perform the duty that had fallen to him, because the church had ever been found on the side of progress and education, and all that tended to advance and enlighten the people. He referred to the time when books were so scarce that they were chained to the desk to prevent their being stolen, and drew a comparison between those days and the present time, and closed by formally transferring the library to the new hands who are to carry on the work so well begun by the ladies.

Col. Freeze accepted the trust on behalf of the Board of Directors, and impressed upon the minds of his hearers the necessity for concert of action on the part of everybody in order to make the library what it should be. It will take money to support it, and this must come mostly from voluntary contributions.

H. A. McKillip Esq. was then introduced and made the speech of the evening. It was scholarly, eloquent, and showed a familiarity with books which mark him as a profound student. His pleasing voice and manner of delivery enabled him to present his subject matter in a way that showed that he is not only a student but an orator as well. While he has long enjoyed the reputation of being a good public speaker, his efforts have heretofore been confined to the political arena. He captivated his audience, and many were the compliments that were paid to his masterly oration.

Excellent addresses were also made by Prof. G. E. Martin, Librarian of Bucknell University, Rev. W. E. Tinker, and by Thomas Montgomery, State Librarian at Harrisburg. All of them were thoughtful and helpful, and all paid high tributes to the results accomplished by the ladies of the Civic Club who have so unselfishly devoted themselves to the establishment of the library. Miss Reninger, the librarian, also received much praise for the work she has done.

At the close of the meeting a reception was held at the library room, to which were invited the Directors, the clergy, and all who have been active in the work. Light refreshments were served, and a most enjoyable and auspicious day was ended in a very delightful manner.

The piano used at the court house was kindly loaned by Mr. J. Salzer. The court house arrangements were in charge of Mayor Townsend and Louis Cohen, and the tasteful decorations were the work of H. B. Clark and H. W. Sloan.

The B. & S. R. Co. has purchased Grassmere Park from Mrs. Wesley Hess for \$1,700

Commencement Week.

The Closing Days of the Class of 1903. Many of the Alumni revisit their Alma Mater.

Gala Days at the Normal.

The clouds which had been in a very leaky condition for some time past, seemed to have been drained dry when, on Sunday afternoon, the sun shone forth in a way that indicated that summer was coming back to us. At three o'clock on that day the exercises of Commencement week began in the Normal chapel, when the class of '03 listened to a baccalaureate sermon by Rev. Dr. I. J. Lansing of Scranton. The chapel was well filled with students, and friends of the school. On the platform with Dr. Welsh were Rev. Dr. Lansing, Hemingway and Eveland, and Rev. J. H. Hunter, of Berwick. At the appointed hour the school orchestra played "Onward Christian Soldiers", and the class marched in. The orchestra played a selection, "Andante Religioso," and this was followed by a hymn, "There's a royal banner given for display." A scripture lesson was read by Dr. Lansing, and Dr. Eveland offered prayer. A vocal solo, "The Lost Chord", was very sweetly sung by Miss Mary Albert accompanied by Miss Cope on the piano, and violin obligato by Mr. Dailey. The address by Dr. Lansing was one of the best ever delivered here on such an occasion. It was all so good that it would be impossible to select any portion of it for repetition here that was better than the rest of it. His plea was for the children. He would drive out from every community all influences that were hurtful to them. Start the child right, and the man will be right. Teachers who have committed to them the training of children have a sacred trust. They should be careful how they execute that trust. Rev. Mr. Hunter led in prayer, and the orchestra played "Star of Bethlehem," with cornet solo by Mr. McHenry. The exercises closed with a hymn, and benediction by Dr. Hemingway.

FIELD SPORTS.

The Eighth Annual Field Day exercises at the Normal Monday morning were as usual, interesting and closely contested. The weather was perfect and a large crowd was on Athletic Field. The order of events was as follows:

The first event was the trial heats of the 100 yard dash; two heats with a time of 11 and 11 1/5 seconds respectively. The final of this race was the fifth event, which was won by Hartman in 10 3/4 seconds, McAvoy taking second and Levan third.

The second event was the pole vault which was very hotly contested. Riland captured first prize by a vault of 8 feet 9 inches, O'Donnell second and Messersmith third.

A 120 yard hurdle was the third event and was run in two trial heats and a final, Killmer winning in 17 1/2 seconds with Rawlinson second and O'Donnell third.

The running high jump was won by Spencer at 4 feet 6 inches, and the running broad jump by Riland at 18 feet 8 inches.

Next came the 220 yard dash, which was won by Hartman, the winner of 100 yard dash, in 24 seconds, Berkenstock finishing second and Killmer third.

The shot put was easily won by McAvoy who put the twelve pound shot 41 feet 2 inches, breaking the school record. Miller took second at 35 feet 6 inches and Levan third at 33 feet 1 1/2 inch.

Only four started in the mile run which was the last event, Crossley, O'Donnell, Rarig and Helwig. The latter dropped out on the third lap. Crossley took a big lead at the start and kept it throughout the race, finishing fully fifty feet ahead of the others. O'Donnell finished second and Rarig third. Time, 4 minutes 44 seconds.

The officials were: Referee, J. G. Cope; Field Judges, W. B. Suttiff and A. L. Crossley; Track Judges, J. H. Dennis and D. S. Hartline; Clerk of Course, B. L. Marcy; Timekeepers, C. W. KeKely, C. B. Lutz, and W. H. Housel; Starter, A. K. Aldinger; Announcer, James Dyke.

CLASS DAY.

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MORTGAGE REDDED TO ASHES.

The Rescue Fire Company Now Has an Unencumbered Home.

Friday evening last marked an important event in the history of the Rescue Fire Company, of the Fourth Ward. It was not only the occasion of a festival by the company, but it witnessed a far more significant proceeding, that of destroying the last evidence of the indebtedness on their hose house. The building which was completed a little more than a year ago represents an outlay of nearly \$2500. It is a model structure, of its kind, and meets every requirement for which it was erected. It is a two story brick, equipped with all the modern improvements, such as water, sewerage, bath room, steam and electric lights. The floor of the cellar as well as the walls are cemented. The building including the improvements, cost in the neighborhood of \$3500.00. When it is taken into consideration that all of their money, with the exception of the town appropriation amounting to \$450, has been raised by subscriptions circulated by members of the company and by festivals and dances held, some idea of the great work that has been done to bring about the present condition, can be gained, and everyone will agree that they have every reason to feel proud. Not a little credit for this truly great achievement is due the building committee, composed of M. J. Tracey, A. L. McCloy, B. P. Vannatta, Hope Furman, Francis Drake, Wilbur Fisher, William May, Rhode Tracey and William Kashner. It was this committee that devised the ways and means of raising the money for the construction of the building. They worked faithfully for the company's interests, and the present building stands a monument to their energy.

The program Friday evening consisted of music by the Band, and addresses by Mayor Townsend and Hon. Grant. The latter included in his remarks a brief history of the company from the time of first organization back in 1867, its reorganization in 1897 up to its present healthy condition. At the conclusion of the addresses the two gentlemen, M. J. Tracey and C. L. Rupert, who had been delegated to burn the mortgage, applied the

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There was a large crowd in attendance, notwithstanding the frowning skies, and the boys were greatly pleased at the manifestations of interest on the part of the town people.

The balance of the evening, as well as Saturday evening was given to the festival and the boys realized a snug sum which they will devote to liquidate the balance of some \$300 or more incurred by the installation of improvements.

LUTHERANS BUY AN ORGAN.

The committee appointed by the Lutheran congregation to purchase a new pipe organ, concluded its duties last Thursday evening by awarding the contract to M. P. Moller of Hagerstown, Maryland. The members of the committee are Prof. C. H. Albert, R. H. Ringler, T. L. Gunton, E. Woolsey, C. A. Klein, John Traub, W. Christman, Joseph Birch and J. L. Wolverson. Mr. Moller was here in person. He has been in the business since 1880, and has built many fine organs.

This organ will contain two manuals of keys, 1000 pipes, 18 stops, 6 mechanical registers and 6 pedal movements, with tubular pneumatic action throughout. The great organ will contain the following stops: Open diapason, Dulciana, Melodia, Doppel floete, Principal, Flute d'amour, and Super octave. The swell will have the Lieblich gedacht, Violin diapason, Stopped diapason, Salicional, Aeolina, Vox celeste, Flute harmonique, Flautina, and Oboe gamba. The pedals will have Sub Bourdon, and Lieblich gedacht. The motive power will be supplied by a Ross water motor. The instrument will be in place by Thanksgiving.

Royal Arcanum at Berwick.

In response to an invitation from the Berwick Council of the Royal Arcanum forty eight members of the Bloomsburg Council went to Berwick by special trolley on Sunday morning and attended services at the Methodist Church, where they heard an excellent sermon by Rev. Dr. Gilbert. The Doctor is an enthusiastic member of the order.



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