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EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

By Supt. J. M. Herkey.

Another term of our common schools will soon have made its record. For the county, as a whole, the term of 1891-2 has been a most successful and satisfactory one. All the districts in the county, except Somerset and Meyersdale, have had six months' term, and with the exception of the schools in the capital and metropolis, all will have closed within the next thirty days unless specially delayed.

In this column we can refer only to the work connected with the close of the schools which this year presents some new features, especially as applied to the rural districts.

The grading of all schools has been attempted, and it is far the progress and the results have been generally satisfactory. A beginning has been made in every school, and the foundation laid for a more systematic and thorough grading next year. Substantial progress in any line of popular education must necessarily be graded. No radical changes or reforms are contemplated. We seek to retain all that is good, while we reach forward for still better things in and for our schools. New demands are but the evidences of healthy growth, and while the development of the schools is so generally recognized, it is also evident to all who are intimately acquainted with their condition and their needs, that their ultimate good can come only through systematic work, through grading, and popular support. This is the end in view in the application of the *Graded System* and the *Course of Study*. The readiness with which teachers and directors endorse and aid this movement, calls forth grateful recognition and popular support. In a few years we may have thoroughly graded schools in every district, and all the pupils and patrons will understand fully and we believe heartily sustain the system, while they reap its benefits in very much better schools.

The natural and legitimate outgrowth of a graded system in *Graduation*, and to this feature attention is here directed.

EXAMINATIONS FOR GRADUATION.

Meyersdale, Somerset, Berlin, Ursina and Confluence will this year present classes for examination. Rockwood and Salisbury will have *Junior* classes only. These seven boroughs have special courses of study comprising the common school curriculum and some or all of the following additional branches: Literature, Rhetoric, Algebra, Drawing, Book-keeping and General History. All other schools in the county use the *County Course of Study* which includes the common branches only. With the adoption and use of this course of study pupils may graduate from the county as well as from the town schools. The system of graduation is practically the same in town and country, except that the borough high schools have the advanced or additional work, and applicants for graduation in those schools are in all branches of the adopted course, while those from all other schools are examined in the common branches only.

This is the first year for the course of study in the country and small borough districts, but in many schools the movement has given a decided impetus, and a number of advanced pupils have applied for graduation at the close of the schools in their respective districts. Applicants may attend the examination most convenient for them. The dates and places named below will accommodate all applicants reported. Two days are given to the borough high schools of Berlin, Somerset, and Meyersdale.

Examinations will be held as follows: Brothersvalley (Fairview S. H.), Saturday, March 12.

Garrett, Monday, March 14.

Salisbury, Tuesday, March 15.

Berlin, Wednesday and Thursday, March 16 and 17.

Shanksville, Saturday, March 19.

Confluence, Tuesday, March 23.

Ursina, Wednesday, March 24.

Stoyestown, Thursday, March 25.

Jenner Cross Roads, Friday, March 26.

Somerset twp., (Cupp S. H.), Saturday, March 27.

Now Centreville, Wednesday, March 30.

Kingwood, Thursday, March 31.

Sand Patch, Saturday, April 2.

Meyersdale, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 26 and 27.

Somerset, Thursday and Friday, April 28 and 29.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The following regulations will govern these "final" or graduating examinations:

1. Pupils should present a written statement from their respective teachers, recommending them for graduation.

2. Examinations will begin at 9 o'clock, unless otherwise named.

3. Each class will be examined by a committee of three, two of whom shall be selected by the

teachers and directors of the district or districts for which the examination is held. Teachers who present candidates for graduation shall not be eligible to membership on this committee.

4. The County Superintendent will be ex-officio chairman of each committee and after the other members of the committee have been named, he will distribute the existing list of candidates and assist in holding the examination.

5. The plan of holding the examinations shall be uniform and the grade of questions as nearly equal as possible. Applicants should come prepared to do some written work; although part of the work may be oral.

6. No pupil shall be graded, who in the final examination falls below 80 per cent. In the general average, or below 60 per cent. In any one branch of the course of study. Term records may be considered by examiners in determining final grades.

7. Neat and attractive diplomas will be furnished by the superintendent. Each pupil upon passing the examination satisfactorily will be granted one of these diplomas which will be signed by the examiners, the teacher, and the officials of the board of directors for the pupil's district.

8. Most of the committees have already been selected, and each will be notified in due time of their part in the examinations.

9. All these examinations will be open to the educational public. Directors and teachers are especially invited to be present.

Appropriate exercises may be arranged for in connection with the granting of diplomas. The exercises may constitute a program for an evening meeting after the examination or at the close of the term.

These examinations will not interfere anywhere with the regular school work.

VALUE OF DIPLOMAS.

A diploma as a recognition of scholarship is a worthy object for which to strive. The standard required for graduation will be sufficiently high to present a stimulus for faithful study, and to give those who reach that standard due credit for thorough work and fair scholastic attainments. A common school diploma will have no intrinsic or professional value, however. While it is presumed to be ample evidence of good scholarship, yet no license to teach will be granted upon the record made in securing it. Teaching is a special work and requires special preparation; graduates as the best products of our common schools, are encouraged to enter the professional schools for the training of teachers that they may receive that special preparation for which their work in the common schools has laid a good foundation.

TERM REPORTS.

A Term Report blank has been sent to every teacher in the county through what was considered his postoffice at the time. If any teacher has not received this blank, let him write at once to the Superintendent, at Berlin, who will send another one. These term reports are intended not only to secure the general statistics concerning the schools, but also to leave a complete record of the work and class or grade standing of every pupil, with such suggestions and recommendations to the succeeding teacher relative to the needs of the school and of each pupil that the next teacher may be in no doubt as to what has been accomplished and where his work should begin.

As every teacher will fully appreciate such a record at the opening of a term of school, it is hoped that none will fail to leave a complete and impartial record at the close. These reports are to be sent to the Superintendent, by whom they will be examined and then forwarded to the secretaries of the district boards who will place them in the monthly report books for use by the succeeding teacher.

LOCAL INSTITUTES.

Space will not permit a report of these meetings at this time. About seventy-five have already been held in the county during the present school term, and most of them have been very interesting, successful and helpful. In two sections, only, have the teachers failed to keep them up during the term. Whether from lack of professional zeal, proper management, or from other causes we know not; but it is to be regretted that these two sections did not or could not keep up these meetings regularly as was done in all others. The work done in many of these institutes was practical and instructive, and doubtless contributed much to the advancement of the teachers, individually, the development of educational sentiment, and the improvement of the schools.

Organized local institute work, as a first effort, has been a decided success, and speaks well for the teachers who have contributed to this end.

WICKERSHAM MEMORIAL DAY (March 25).

A committee of the State Teachers' Association has prepared a set of leaflets for a beautiful memorial exercise of James Pyle Wickersham, D. D., L. L. D., fifteen years State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Dr. Wickersham died March 25, 1891, and the first anniversary of his death has been named as a memorial day. Teachers whose schools will yet be open at that date should write to Mrs. Elizabeth Lloyd, Newton Square, Delaware county, Pa., and get a set of these leaflets. Let the children learn something of the greatest of Pennsylvania educators, and one who did so much for our present school system.

HIGHER FUND.

The contributions have been general and generous. There are yet a few sections to hear from. When all have reported a full statement will be made.

Berlin, March 10, 1892.