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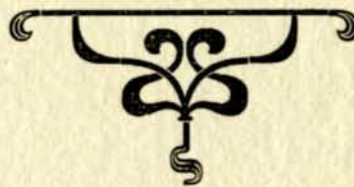
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LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

The Louisiana State University was first opened on January 2, 1860, at Alexandria, with Col. William Tecumseh Sherman, at that time a retired Colonel in the United States Army, as Superintendent. As soon as the war broke out Col. Sherman dropped the University and hurried North, to become famous as a General in the Union army. The exercises of the University were resumed in 1865 under the superintendency of Col. D. F. Boyd, but in 1869 the buildings were burned and the institution was removed to Baton Rouge, where it has remained. In 1873 the State Agricultural and Mechanical College was merged with the State University and the institution thus formed was located on the military reservation at Baton Rouge. Title to these grounds and buildings has been vested in the University by the National Government.

The campus of the University is thus historic ground. It has been the strategic point in the struggles of England, France, Spain, and the United States for supremacy in the Mississippi Valley. The flag pole of the University stands on the spot where the "Baton Rouge" of the Indians first greeted Iberville and his adventurous Frenchmen, and above this spot the flags of five nations have fluttered to the breeze within the last century. Almost all the men whose names have been prominent in the romance of the Mississippi Valley saw service here, either in battle or in the garrison; among them, Galvez and Grandpre of the Spanish army; Col. Dickson of the British army, and Philemon Thomas, Wade Hampton, Winfield Scott, Zachary Taylor of the United States army. The home of Zachary Taylor once stood on our campus and its site is now marked by a memorial tablet. Great battles have been fought here and great men have trod these grounds; and the evidences of the old military occupation are still to be seen around the campus in the form of condemned cannons, balls and bullets.

But on this old military reservation, with its two hundred acres of ground and its half a hundred buildings, there is now located an institution of learning in which every Louis-

ianan takes pride. The University has grown by leaps and bounds during the last decade, and though still comparatively small her students now number about seven hundred and her professors about seventy. She boasts a splendid College of Engineering, of which the Sugar Engineering department is noted the world over as furnishing experts to every sugar-producing country on the globe. Her College of Law is noted as the best civil law school in America. Other colleges are those of Agriculture, Liberal Arts, the Teachers' College, and the Graduate Department. Ten new buildings have been built within the last few years and in these together with the old military buildings the various colleges of the University are domiciled.

The University is military in discipline and and maintains an efficient military department in order to obtain appropriations from the National Government. About two-thirds of the student body are in the military department, the balance staying in town. The University is also co-educational, and at present there are about seventy-five young ladies—co-eds, as they are called—in attendance. The co-educational system has been in vogue here only four years and is still something of an innovation. There will be several co-eds in the graduating class this year. The graduating class usually range from thirty to forty in number.

On January 1 and 2 of the present year the University celebrated her semi-centennial. A splendid program was carried out and speakers were here from almost all the great colleges and State Universities in America. Indeed, numbers of brilliant functions are usually held here in the course of a session. The inauguration of the Governor, which occurs every four years, Firemen's Day, which occurs every year, and other public and State affairs, which are occurring from time to time, are always affairs of great splendor, and the University is usually mistress of ceremonies. A session of the University is never without its glamour.

In athletics the University ranks high among Southern colleges, and always does the utmost in her power to foster clean college sports. She has made some very remarkable football records. College spirit is exception-

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JAMES KNOLL.

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY.

I hardly know what phases of my subject would be most interesting to the readers of The Elevator. I shall begin with my first thought after I had made a tour of "College Hill," and had walked about the town. It was this: "Is College Hill a part of town, or is town a part of College Hill?" On coming here one wonders how it came about that the home of such a large institution of learning was made the small city of Valparaiso; but the fact that we are so near Chicago as to be considered almost a part of that great city accounts for this. We are only about forty miles from "Chi" so one can almost pay it a visit between recitations. In fact a part of the University buildings are in the city.

In the student body, numbering about four thousand, is represented almost every country of the globe. This is a great educational opportunity in itself; however, it is not so pleasant on some occasions to carry on conversation with these foreigners. My first attempt was a complete failure; but one soon learns to talk with them and this is one of the very best methods of obtaining a general knowledge of the customs and opinions of other nationalities.

The faculty numbers almost two hundred and as a rule they have come from other larger universities.

It has been said that this is the school for mathematics and the sciences, and indeed I am inclined to think that too much stress is put on these subjects or perhaps I should say this, that not enough stress is put on the languages and literature. Anyway there seems to be a tendency in the student body towards dropping the latter as soon as possible and taking up the work of engineering, medicine, law or some other professional department. It would perhaps be interesting

just here to call your attention to Prof. Stiekles' statement in a back number of The Elevator to the effect that in the Eastern schools, or at least in Harvard, much attention is given the languages.

The school, as one would expect, is co-educational, but each sex works as though the other were not present. I sometimes think that there is too much truth in a statement like this, that it makes the school somewhat cold-natured. It is surprising to know how many of our women are taking up and working in what one would consider a man's profession, medicine, manual training, etc. This may be somewhat discouraging to the young man who is termed "not so handsome," because it means that the women of our country are becoming more and more independent. However, it is true enough and some are even predicting that they will have the right of suffrage before many years. New, isn't it?

I shall make an apology here which will perhaps tell you more of Valparaiso University than all I have said thus far. It is this, "lack of time has made this article unworthy of its readers." Perhaps my meaning will be made clearer by the following illustration. In reporting sickness some time ago as an excuse for absence from a recitation, I received this answer from the teacher of analytics, "Well! if you're going to allow a little sickness to interfere with your work you won't amount to much." It was said in a joking way, but this gives you an idea of the work a "Valpo" student is expected to do. "Work" may be said to be the motto of the University and its appropriateness is realized by every student. O! I tell you it's cold hard work and it is applied without the soothing effects of a chapel like that I used to attend (when my home was the Normal).

Considering all this is indeed a great university. It has, perhaps, had a growth without a parallel in the United States, and deserves much credit for the work it has done in the past and is doing at present.

I close wishing the W. K. S. N. S. and its helper, The Elevator, a bright and prosperous future.

FRANK TURNER.



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We beg the indulgence of our readers for the delay in getting out this issue of THE ELEVATOR. Life in the Normal has been so strenuous during the past few weeks that the delay has practically been unavoidable.

The next issue of THE ELEVATOR will be published about the 20th of June. It will be rather in the nature of an annual and will be slightly more pretentious than the other issues of the year. We want your help toward making it worth while. One of the features of the issue will be a Round Table Corner, in which we hope to publish letters from every Normalite now out in this State or in other States. The letters should not contain over 75 words. (We make this provision so that none will be crowded out) and should be relevant to the principles upon which THE ELEVATOR is published. Tell of your hopes, your work, anything of that character, and do not fail to get your letter to THE ELEVATOR by June 15th.

We are glad to announce that the final contest of the Central Oratorical League will occur in Vannmeter Hall on the evening of May 27th. A great event is anticipated.

THE ELEVATOR requests that those subscribers who have not yet paid their subscription will do so at once. We need the money.

THE ORATORICAL CONTEST.

The contest held by the different societies for determining who should represent the W. K. S. N. S. in the great oratorical contest to take place in May, was the occasion of much excitement and enthusiasm. The spirit was widespread and the house was filled to overflowing with students and visitors. Each society was represented in the final contest by one speaker, who had been chosen from a number in the primary contest. In this the contestants of the Life Class and their subjects were Mr. John D. Spears, "Policies and Prodigies"; Mr. J. B. Halloway, "Prison Reform"; Mr. J. B. Johns, "Music"; Miss Lorraine Cole, "The Quest of Happiness"; Miss Ruth Alexander "Service." Miss Cole was the fortunate one chosen to represent the class.

The speakers of the Four Year Society were Mr. Morris; his subject, "The Man of the Hoe"; Miss Acker, "The Gospel of Service"; Miss Wade, "Competition, Its Evils"; Mr. Farris, "Party or Conscience, Which?"; Mr. Odell, "America and American Patriotism"; Mr. Hornback, "Parasitic Liberties." Miss Wade received first choice and Mr. Morris second.

The Kit Kat Society was represented by Mr. Ford, who spoke of "The Individual and the States"; "The Pyerians," by Mr. Gaines on "Our Flag." The Loyals had five of Kentucky's young orators to strive for the honors:

Mr. Milam, "In Line."

Mr. Wells, "Socialism."
 Mr. Rountree, "Universal Brotherhood."
 Mr. Nichols, "Building a Nation."
 Mr. Sweeney, "The Brotherhood of Man."
 Mr. Nichols being selected to represent the class.

In the final contest there were five of the greatest orators with the choicest pieces of oratory that Kentucky affords. These speakers did credit to the State that has produced some of the greatest orators in the history of our country.

The chapel was beautifully decorated with the colors of the different societies; the members of each society sitting in the section marked off by its colors. The chair of each speaker was decorated in the colors of the society which he represented. President Cherry's chair, which was placed on the stage alongside those of the speakers, bore the regal markings of the Normal colors.

When the speakers entered, the building rang as never before with the applause of their loyal supporters, each feeling sure that his would be the victorious one. When each finished his society gave a number of yells composed in honor of the occasion and flowers were heaped upon him.

If such a thing were possible first honors would have been given every speaker, for the speeches were truly the greatest ever given by any class of students in the history of the Normal. From point of composition and delivery they were worthy to be ranked with any pieces of modern oratory. Each showed long and careful thought and preparation on the part of the speaker.

The two girls in the race, Miss Wade and Miss Cole, of the Four Year and Life Classes, were awarded first and second honors respectively, showing that the present generation of Kentucky's great orators does not all lie among the men.

The excitement knew no bounds, especially on the part of the Four Year people, when the decision of the judges was announced. Miss Cole in her "Quest for Happiness" could have been equaled only by Miss Wade on "Competition, Its Evils." The two ran a close race, Miss Wade receiving only one per cent. higher grade than Miss Cole. There was no doubt in Col. Williams' mind from the first but what the Four Year people would win and he said as much to them, although he was quiet about it to outsiders, and when the honor was awarded Miss Wade the Colonel could contain himself no longer, but said in a loud voice, "Aren't we great?"

At the time of the contest the victorious one was supposed to go to Athens, Ohio,

there to enter the contest against representatives from schools in all parts of the country, but later it was decided to have it in Bowling Green. This will be another great event in the history of the Normal and the W. K. S. N. S. will become noted as a center for the gathering of young orators. The contest will be held May 24. Miss Wade will represent the W. K. S. N. S., and it feels confident that she will do it full credit. Miss Wade has spoken a number of times in public since her entrance in the Normal last fall and every one knows of her capability of attaining the honors towards which she is now upon so fair a way. Let us all join in wishing Miss Wade all the success which we know is sure to be hers in the end.

HOLLIE FINN.

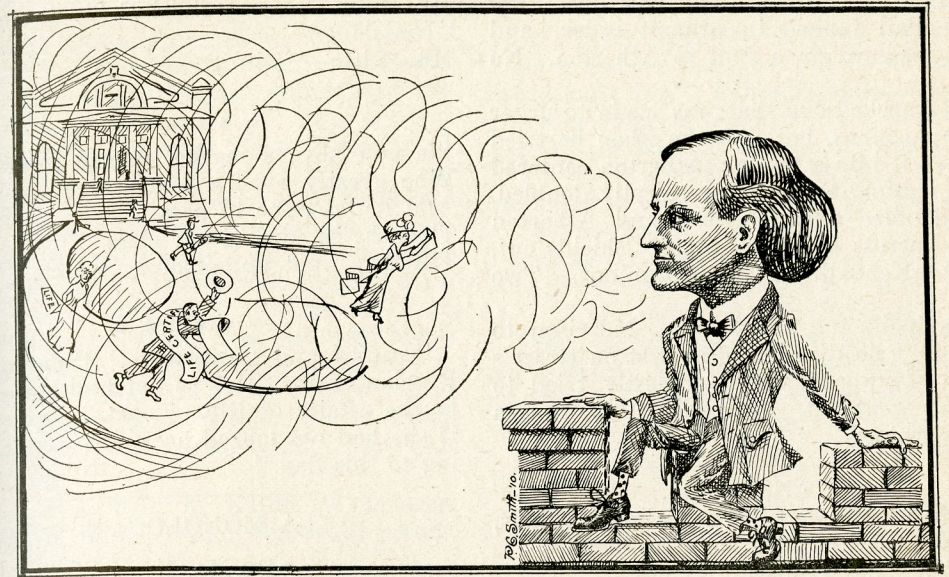
THE BALL GAME.

Last month we gently whispered that the Normal School was the proud possessor of a baseball team. Listen, comrades, while we elaborate on that theme. Our team has won a glorious victory, and it was in this wise: The team of the Eastern Normal journeyed down from Richmond with the fell purpose of annexing yet another scalp to their girdle, but they did not; they calculated without their hosts. Not a run or a hit did they get, and not one of their players got to second. We went out to Ogden Park 600 strong on the afternoon of May 2nd. Well, it was the first game ever played under the auspices of the Normal and in honor thereof ye Athletic Editor, who has for several and sundry moons sat at the feet of the Athletic Editor of the Louisville Herald, chronicles it as follows. The line-up:

Western Normal		Eastern Normal
Shields	s. s.	Henderson
Woodrum	c.	Broaddus
Greer	p.	Jas. Park
Morrison	2nd b.	Joel Park
Head	3d b.	Lutes
Allison	l. f.	Caywood
Adams	r. f.	Priestley
Wesley	c. f.	Sharon

The massacre.—First round: Henderson knocked a fly to Atherton; Broaddus smote the atmosphere thrice and retired; Jas. Park fouled to Woodrum. No runs. Shields rolled one to Jas. Park and was out. Wesley popped one to Joel Park. Allison got to first on a Texas leaguer to left, but expired there when Woodrum struck out. No runs.

Second cataclysm: Joel Park out, Head to Atherton; Kendall failed to connect with Greer's slants; Sharon dittoed. No runs. Head laced out a mowing machine for two



THE PRESIDENT'S VISION,

sacks; Atherton struck three times where it wasn't; Morrison leaned against one for a double, scoring Head; Adams waited and meandered to first; Greer singled and Morrison sauntered home bearing a large tally; Shields fanned, but Greer and Adams meanly took advantage of some errors and annexed a couple; Wesley reached second on the strength of Henderson's muff. Allison dwindled one to Jas. Park, who retired the side. Four runs.

Third attempt: Lutes got to first on Atherton's error, but was run down between first and second; Priestley fanned so gracefully that Caywood got jealous and followed suit. No runs.

Henderson fumbled Woodrum's lurid grounder and the big catcher arrived safely at first. Head out, by the Broaddus-Kendall route; Atherton drew a pass. Morrison come to the bat and the crowd held its breath for that stellar dignitary usually knocks the spheroid so far that it gets tangled up in the clouds and fails to come down, but Morrison wanted to locate his name in poetic annals and he had heard how a Casey person once attained that end by striking out, therefore the mighty Morrison Caseyed; Woodrum thrown out. No runs.

Fourth catastrophe: Henderson Morrisoned; Broaddus lifted a foul to Atherton; James Park sent a hot one with his respects to Head, who headed it off in its wild career. No runs.

Adams out, Joel Park to Kendall; Greer Hendersoned, Shields demised on a foul to

Broaddus. No runs.

Fifth onslaught: Joel Park mutilated the ozone with three vain attempts; Kendall died at the hands of Greer and Atherton; Sharon Greered. No runs.

Wesley flew to Henderson; Allison exited, Lutes to Kendall, Woodrum popped to Joel Park. No runs.

Sixth coup d'état: Lutes skyed to Adams; Priestley dislocated three large chunks of ether; Caywood likewise. No runs.

Head selected a choice one, leaned against it and slowed up in time at the keystone station; Atherton to first on Kendall's error. Morrison scorched one out for the initial cushion, but was thrown out at second; Adams failed to ascertain the whereabouts of Park's curves; Greer singled; Shields out on an infield wanderer. No runs.

Seventh voyage: Henderson lifted a high one to Adams; Broaddus failed to lift anything but the circumambient; James Park aimed one at Wesley's glove and his aim was excellent. No runs.

Wesley sent his compliments to Kendall who accepted them with pleasure. Allison went out on a trio of futile attempts; Woodrum was slaughtered by Kendall. No runs.

Eighth spasm: Greer was going some just now; he was handing them over at such a gait that it was currently believed that the ball reached the catcher's mit before it left his hand. This, however, was a mistake; it could have been determined by the use of scientific instruments that there was really a small margin between the departure and

the arrival of the ball. Any how Joel Park and Kendall fanned in prompt order and Sharon resigned on a foul to Atherton. No runs.

Head knocked one that was made to order for two cushions, but it broke when he tried to stretch it into a triple. Atherton centered for one station. Morrison prosaically doubled. Greer doubled and Morrison and Atherton cavorted across the home plate. Shields out, Lutes to Kendall, Greer thrown out. Two runs.

Ninth incident: Lutes out, Morrison to Atherton; Priestly arrived at first on Greer's fumble; Caywood fanned; Priestly tried to steal and went out. No runs. But 'twas a glorious victory.

PHANTASIES.

The Life people were born for great things,
The Four years were born for small,
But it isn't yet recorded
Why the others were born at all.

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The Method Class in a practice room
Takes General Observation
But those who teach in the consequent gloom
Call it Especial Consternation.

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The moon evidently does exert a great influence upon the tide, but that isn't to be mentioned in the same breath as the influence it has upon the untied.

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"Why, now I see there's mettle in thee," said the X-ray specialist, as he discovered a safety pin in the left lung of his patient.—Yale Record.

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"I want a license to marry the best girl in the world," said the young man. "Sure," commented the clerk, "that makes 1,311 licenses for that girl this season."—Puck.

A boy stood on a burning deck
And this is what I learn,
He didn't conflagrate a speck
Cause he was too green to burn.

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Another stood on a burning deck
And here's what came to pass,
He exploded and vanished every speck,
'Cause he was made of gas.

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There is a young teacher named Perling
Who sets the ladies all whirling,
He's a leader in styles
And also in smiles
And his success is most sterling.

Mr. Dunn—Having finished his dinner.
"I'm done."
Miss Ditto—"Ditto."

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We now have a teacher named Frazee
Who greatly abhors being lazee
And it did come to pass
That she so worked her class
Till they went unanimously crazee.

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"Ladies and Gentlemen," thundered the Pyerian orator, "let us not hesitate or dally in the affairs of life. Look at Lot's wife; if she had not looked back, she would be living to this day."

A MONOLOGUE.

By MR. BYRN.

Hello Central, long distance, please. Is that long distance? Well, I want Henderson. Yes, Henderson, of course. Henderson! Henderson! Say, central, what's wrong with your auditory system, anyhow? I want Henderson. Don't you remember that I call up over there frequently? Well, give me the same place again. Henderson, I said. Central, if you don't ring up Henderson, I'll run you through with my sword before sunset. (Aside) I do believe Miss Mattie and Mr. Seward are listening; (aloud) say, Seward, run and find the janitors for me. Colonel Guilliams wants to see you, Miss Mattie; you'd better go up to his room right now. Is that Henderson? Good! Well, I want x23, Baskett's, you know. Who's that? What! I don't care if you do keep baskets for sale. I don't want one. Not one of yours. Bah, a common dinner or feed basket! Ring off, will you basket-seller, ere I fix within me a stern purpose to murder you when next I sojourn in your city. Now central, I want x23, and quickly, for my ire is engendered. Central, ring x23 for me, or by the neckwear of my grandfather, I'll slay thee within a fortnight. Oh, goodness here comes Miss Mattie and Seward. (Rings off hastily and seizing a pen goes vigorously to work.)

BOOK REVIEW.

Richard of Jamestown, Stephen of Philadelphia, Peter of New Amsterdam, Mary of Plymouth and Ruth of Boston. These are supplementary readers written by the well known author, James Otis. The style of these books is as charming as that of a fairy tale, and each book resents a delightfully

graphic, attractive and comprehensive description of the daily life of the colonists represented. The stories are well suited for third, fourth and fifth year pupils and are well illustrated.

Published by American Book Company at 35 cents each.

Knight's Dramatic Reader for Grammar Grades. This book contains selections from the works of well-known authors, arranged in the form of colloquies and scenes from plays. The various parts to be assigned to different members of the class and read aloud by them, thus forming an exercise in expressive reading. The stories have been culled from the best of authors and cover a range of interest that will appeal to all. American Book Co. at 50 cents.

Manual of Debate, by Ralph W. Thomas, Professor of Rhetoric and Public Speaking, Colgate University.

A practical manual for beginners in debating. At the beginning, enough of the theory of logic and argumentation is given to make the development of the work perfectly intelligible. After which the book takes up the proper statement and selection of the question and the method of organizing material. Each form of logic is followed by examples for practice and appropriately summarized. Price 80 cents. American Book Company.

By Interitance, by Octave Thanet. Bobbs, Merrill & Co., Indianapolis. This is probably the most notable purpose novel that has been written during the past several years. It has as its theme the negro question and deals with it in an entirely practical manner. A very wealthy and very philanthropic lady of New England is interested in the welfare of the negroes. She believes that color constitutes about the only difference between the white and black races, but it comes to pass that she spends several months in Arkansas, and there sees and studies the negro problem as it really is. The gradual process of her change in belief is interestingly worked out. An educated negro is one of the major characters of the book, and he too is finally made to face the fact that the real office of the negro is as a hewer of wood and a drawer of water. An interesting and a sane book.

The following are a few of the greetings or toasts responded to on the roll call of the counties at the recent Superintendent's Conference. The editor of the Southern School Journal was present and was so pleased with them that he has offered to publish the entire list in the June issue of the Journal. We only

have room for a few selected at random.

OHIO COUNTY—E. Y. ALLEN.

Each teacher that goes out in the teaching world must have a thorough knowledge of the different subjects taught, with a clear knowledge of methods of training. But in addition to these qualifications he must be able to put interest and enthusiasm into his work.

The teacher is the soul of his measure. To work up interest in his community he must be strong in personal resources.

ILLINOIS—MADGE HUNTER.

From North, East, South and West, with many hearts that beat as one, united, we stand in the grand work of education and in the working of our Nation.

This I give as a greeting from the State of Illinois.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY—JAKE FARRIS.

What can we do? We can work! Work to benefit the children in every way. Work to secure higher ideals in our County. Work to bring Livingston County in every respect, to the front, that the pride we now have in her may become greater and greater with the passing years.

EASTERN DISTRICT—H. M. GUFFEY.

Only three years ago last January Kentucky added two more stars to her noble crown, the Eastern and Western State Normals. These two great institutions are now standing with wide extended arms as a pledge to the teachers throughout the State that they will ever foster and cherish those who will come and drink from their living fountains.

SIMPSON COUNTY—LELAND BUNCH.

Since public sentiment is the maker of all laws, it behooves us as Kentucky educators to preach the gospel of school reform to every creature; and by so doing create a sentiment demanding that the new school laws remain upon the statutes and that all needed reforms be enacted into laws by the next Legislature.

BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY—JAS. T. BASHAM.

The school house is the ideal of the community. The community that supports a poorly constructed school house is non-progressive. The people should show their progressiveness by constructing well ventilated, well lighted and well heated up-to-date school houses.

MEADE COUNTY—J. G. BOARD.

Meade County considers education the first essential of true citizenship and true manhood, not second. Education is the unfolding of human nature; it is man growing to his higher possibilities and in all structural plans of life, education is the cornerstone.

McCracken County—MARGARET ACKER.

Raised from the dead! Quickened into life! The sleeping spirit, the unawakened soul is brought into the State Normal School. Here the divine touch of knowledge, of sympathy, of unbounded enthusiasm quickens his spirit into a living power, to the glory of "Old Kentucky."

DAVISS COUNTY—G. C. MORRIS.

How can we hold the country girl and boy without giving them what their unconquerable souls desire? How do this without a model curriculum and a teacher endowed with a love for her work and fired with enthusiasm and professional training?

BULLITT COUNTY—INA F. FOSTER.

The alchemy of transmuting dollars into civic life is the highest expression of true civilization, and the crying need of Kentucky today is local taxation. For local taxation changes local lethargy into intense local interest bringing with it higher morality, increased intellectuality, and righteous citizenship.

ANNUAL BOAT EXCURSION.

On Friday morning, May 6, 1910, at 7:30 "sharp," according to previous announcement made by President Cherry, the students and faculty of the Western Kentucky State Normal School, and the County Superintendents of the Western District, who had been attending the Annual Educational Conference at this place the two days preceding, met in front of the McCormack building, where we boarded street cars and were transported to the boat-landing.

About 8:45 the boats Chaperon and Evansville, which had been chartered for this occasion, loaded with not less than seven hundred jolly picnickers began their journey down the beautiful stream of Barren.

It was just an occasional happening that the sun shone out, and in the afternoon a few drops of rain fell. Sunshine or no sunshine was all the same to the excursionists, for they were "Normalites," whose common characteristic is "sunshine in the soul."

President Cherry had requested that every one go, and take his "sweet self" and "sweet somebody else." Many of the boys seemed to think that they were complying to this request. At noon we landed about twenty miles down the stream at "Sallie's Rock." Here lunches were spread, and it is needless to say that this was the most enjoyable event of the day. The next two hours were spent in exploring the surrounding cliffs, etc.

Many of the visitors in our party having arranged to leave Bowling Green on the evening train, boarded the Chaperon at this place, and turned homeward in order to make proper connections. Most of the students and teachers not being in any hurry, and not yet willing to surrender, filled the Evansville and visited Woodbury ten miles farther down the stream. After a brief exploration of this little river town we began our voyage toward home. We stopped at Brown's Lock and ate supper. We reached our destination at 10:30.

Every member of the party admitted that he or she had experienced the most inspiring day in the history of the institution, and and that if a prize had been offered to the individual who had excelled in being "funny," and in having the best time, Prof. Green would have won by a large majority.

MARY NORTHERN.

THE SUPERINTENDENTS' CONFERENCE.

The fourth annual conference of Superintendents in the Western Normal district was held at the Normal buildings from May 4th to May 6th. It was the most enthusiastic and efficient meeting that has yet been held and will doubtless result in great educational good. Consolidation and Transportation, Local Taxation and Agriculture were among the many topics that came up for discussion. On Thursday afternoon, May 5th, a garden party was held in honor of the visiting Superintendents on Normal Heights. Thursday evening the Superintendents attended a session of the Moot House of Representatives. On Friday they went down the river on the annual excursion.

The following Superintendents were present: W. D. Dodds, Graves County; G. H. Mickel, Hancock; J. L. Pilkenton, Hardin; E. B. Ray, Hart; R. L. Cinnamond, Henderson; W. L. Best, Hickman; Orville Stivers, Jefferson; O. R. Hurley, Livingston; P. M. Barnes, Logan; Jno. W. Clarkson, Marion; Jno. E. Arant, Marshall; L. W. Feezor, McCracken; R. M. Stroud, McLean; L. H. Powell, Meade; J. A. Pulliam, Metcalfe; J. E. Martin, Monroe; J. E. Shaver, Muhlenburg; W. T. McClain, Nelson; Henry Leach, Ohio; Robt. Antle, Russell; Chas. Turner, Simpson; E. P. Peterson, Taylor; A. S. Johnson, Todd; Levi Cunningham, Trigg; N. C. Hammack, Union; Emery H. White, Warren; J. W. Bush, Washington; A. L. Lloyd, Webster; A. L. Haynes, Butler; J. C. Lay, Casey; J. B. Bowman, Cumberland; R. L. McFarland, Daviess; Jno. L. Cayton, Edmonson.

E. Jeffrey Travis, Crittenden; D. S. Bishop, Carlisle; Andrew Driskell, Breckinridge; W. C. Turner, Barren; J. E. Lane, Ballard; W. A. Whitlow, Allen; Jennie Carpenter, Bullitt; Lucile Grogan, Calloway; Jennie West, Christian; Dora Smith, Fulton; Nannie Catlett, Caldwell; Alma Snyder, Spencer; Lizzie Y. Graham, Green; Ella Lewis, Grayson; Pearl Hindman, Adair.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT RECENT CONFERENCE.

We, the County Superintendents, teachers and friends of education at the fourth conference and convocation of County Superintendents of the Western Kentucky State Normal School district, declare our faith in the fundamental principles of the educational creed set forth by the President of the Western Normal as follows:

A great Commonwealth cannot be bestowed. It must be achieved through education. There must be great souls before there can be a great democratic Commonwealth. The greater Kentucky is coming. It is coming in obedience to the law of democracy, not through the mechanical assent of man to certain platforms and artificial methods of reform, but through a spiritual growth—through the ascent of man to the spiritual stature of the Great Teacher—to the pinnacle of harmonized thought. Our republic's idealization of education is the result of the law of self-preservation. It recognizes its own being as an organism composed of spiritual atoms that are capable of growth or degeneration, intelligent patriotism or anarchy.

It is natural for our Government to idealize an intelligent, active, rational, aggressive citizen. It takes a full-grown mind to reach and a full-grown heart to feel a full-grown democracy. It will take full-grown citizens to make a full-grown Kentucky. Our noble boys and girls stand by our side armed with ability and nerve, ready to accomplish the larger Kentucky if we will only give them an opportunity. We greet childhood to-day and we recognize a patriotic call for education, and more abundant education, ideas and more noble ideas, more government by the people and less government by the politician, more government by the teacher and less government by the policeman, more government by the school house and less government by the military camp, more and better schools and fewer jails and penitentiaries, more scholars and fewer criminals, more freemen and fewer slaves, more life, more life, and more life.

We want more life, and we join in the great work of putting at the door of every child in the land a modern school house with equipment and sanitation, a practical course of study, a teacher of scholarship, character and personality—a harmonized and articulated school system, reaching from the primary grade to the university.

EDUCATIONAL AWAKENING.

Be It Resolved, That—

First—The educational awakening in Western Kentucky shows no signs of waning, but, on the contrary, is developing increased interest in and material support for education in all the word means—materially, intellectually and spiritually.

Second—We reaffirm our faith in the principle of local taxation for schools, because experience teaches that best results and most lasting values come to men and to communities through individual and local effort.

Third—That we most fully and completely endorse the establishment of county high schools and insist that they be operated so as to best advance the interests of the rural communities. That the curriculum of the county high schools shall be such as to stimulate the intellect, train the hand, develop character and make for intelligent, honest, virtuous, citizenship aggressive for the right and valient foes of the wrong.

Fourth—That these schools, instead of leading young men and women from country to city, should inspire them with a love for country life and add dignity and respect to agriculture and kindred arts.

Fifth—We see in our high schools the ultimate solution of the great problems of conservation of the natural resources of our great State and the transmuting of these resources into material blessings.

Sixth—We realize the immediate or ultimate failure of every school presided over by a poorly educated and poorly trained teacher. Therefore, we most emphatically declare in favor of our State Normal Schools as the best possible agencies for preparing qualified teachers to preside over our common, village and high schools.

Seventh—We urge all friends of educational progress in the State to use their influence for the advancement of the efficiency of the State Normal Schools of Kentucky.

Eighth—We desire in an especial manner to express our approval and appreciation for the work already done by the Western Kentucky State Normal; to certify to the increased spirit, zeal and efficiency of our teachers who have attended the State Normal and to urge upon those expecting to teach the neces-

sity of such a thorough education and training as our Western Kentucky State Normal gives.

Ninth—We heartily approve the plans of the Western Kentucky State Normal to train its students in the elements of agriculture and domestic science and economy, knowing that teachers well prepared along these lines will bless the communities into which they go to a far greater extent than is possible for teachers not trained in those arts.

APPROVE SULLIVAN LAW.

Tenth—We heartily approve the fundamental principles of the "Sullivan Law."

We favor such amendments to that law as will enable us to solve to the best advantage the questions of consolidated schools, the transportation of children to and from schools and such other matters as may enable us to raise our common schools to the highest degree of usefulness and efficiency.

We realize that when the final analysis is reached it must be conceded that the common schools are the most sacred institutions of a free people. That the common school must ever be the well spring of community life and that the common school teacher must be educated and trained for community leadership.

Believing these things, we hail with delight the vision of a new day when every child will have a qualified teacher and when the would-be teacher who is only prepared to pass examinations will be forever banished from our school system.

Eleventh—We extend our congratulations to our former leader, J. G. Crabbe, on account of being called to the presidency of the Eastern Normal School and wish him a long and successful administration.

Twelfth—To the Hon. Ellsworth Regenstein, our new State Superintendent of Public Instruction, we pledge our earnest support in all that he may undertake for the educational uplift of our beloved Commonwealth.

Committee: N. C. Hammack, J. E. Lane, J. W. Clarkson, Miss Jennie West, R. G. McFarland, R. P. Green, J. M. Guilliams.

CONGRESS.

From the late nineties until the Southern Normal School was organized into the State Normal, Congress was one of the most notable features of the Normal. The functions of Congress have been discussed in a preceding article. On account of the tremendous amount of work involved in the construction of the State Normal, Congress, or rather the Moot House of Representatives was temporarily disbanded. However, it was reorgan-

ized on April 29th, and the present session promises to be one of the strongest that has ever been held. The first bill to come up for discussion was the Baucum Tobacco Bill, a bill prohibiting the production and sale of tobacco in the United States, and providing for payment for that machinery made useless by the enactment of the bill. After spirited discussion by Representatives Baucum, Hornback, Wise, Bailey, Milner, Barnes, Caldwell, Johns, Bunch and Duncan, the bill was defeated by a small majority.

Two bills were disposed of at the next session. The Shemwell Health Bill, corresponding to the Owen Health Bill of the National Congress, came first. It was ably championed by Representatives Holloway, Nichols, Shemwell and Dr. Mutchler, and passed without a dissenting vote. Then came the Woman's Suffrage Bill, and loud and long raged the debate. When the smoke of the carnage had drifted away it had been made a law by a vote of 368 to 320. The writer has no hesitancy in stating that more value is to be derived from active participation in Congress than in any other branch of forensics offered by the school. Long may its sessions continue.

NORMAL LIGHTS.

Miss Erma Hill writes that she has just completed her work in the graded school at Cundiff, Texas. She states that while her work in the Lone Star State has met with good success, she hopes to teach in Kentucky next year.

Miss Mattie Gray Hill will be assistant in the graded school at Rineyville, Hardin County. Mr. J. B. Wise, who was a student in the Normal during 1908, has been re-elected principal of the same school. A good school is assured for Rineyville next year.

Miss Hontas Dunn and Miss Mamie Thomas of the present Life Class, have been elected to grade work in the Sue Bennett Memorial at London, Laurel County.

Will S. Taylor, also a member of the present Life Class, recently entered the University of Wisconsin for a special course in agriculture. He will remain in the University until January, 1911, at which time he will return to the Normal and take charge of the farm work connected with the institution. Mr. Taylor is one of the most enthusiastic, energetic and capable students the Normal

has ever had, and THE ELEVATOR predicts a great career for him.

H. L. Donovan, Life '08, who has held the position of Principal of the Whittier School, Paducah, during the past two years, was recently promoted to the principalship of the Franklin School of that city. Guy Whitehead, Scientific '07, was also promoted from departmental work in the High School, Paducah, to the principalship of the Longfellow school. This recognition of the services of these Normalites sounds good to us.

C. M. Sammons, Life '09, spent several days with us during the past week. He has been principal of the High School at La Center, Ballard County, which closed a year of very successful work on April 29th.

F. E. Cooper, Life '08, has been re-elected to his present position as first assistant in the High School at Scottsville, Ky., at an increased salary.

S. C. Ray has returned to the Normal, after having completed his year's work as principal of the graded school at Sparta, Ky.

Hermann Gingles, Classic '03, will graduate from the Law School of Lebanon University at the end of the present scholastic year. Mr. Gingles is a brother of H. W. Gingles, one of the editors of THE ELEVATOR.

Mrs. H. C. Barnes has been re-elected Principal of the Wilkinson school, Graves County. The school had a flourishing session last year under Mrs. Barnes' management. She organized a Patron's League, secured funds to provide a library, and succeeded in having many improvements added to the building and grounds.

The recital given by the students of the School of Elocution on the evening of the 13th was one of the finest ever given in the city. Vanmeter Hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, and many failed to secure admission. The department of Elocution under the guidance of Mrs. Cherry is having a very prosperous year.



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Our mail yesterday brought us notice of nine good vacancies. Are you interested?

J. R. Kirk, of Daviess County, has returned to the Normal after spending several weeks at his home.

S. E. Tanner, Classic '06, who has been principal of the High School at Adairville, Ky., during the past two sessions, will spend next year in Chicago University.

E. E. Baucom of the present Life Class, was recently elected to the position of assistant in the High School at Paducah.

The State Normal baseball team will play the team of the Eastern Normal May 27 at Richmond, and on the 28th will cross bats with the Berea College team at Berea. The line-up will not be changed except that Head or Kirk will play second in the place of Morrison, who has returned home.

B. O. Hinton, Life '10, has accepted the Principalship of the Whittier School, Paducah, succeeding H. L. Donovan, who has been transferred to the Franklin School.

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