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Will You Help?

1922



Plan for the Campus of the
 STATE NORMAL SCHOOL in the Western District
 of KENTUCKY
 at BOWLING GREEN KY.

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 Louisville

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| 1. NEW VANMETER HALL AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING | 4. BOYS' BOARDING HOME | 7. MODEL TRAINING SCHOOL | 10. RESIDENCE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF GROUNDS |
| 2. MANUAL TRAINING BUILDING | 5. CULINARY DEPARTMENT | 8. SCIENCE HALL | 11. ATHLETIC FIELD |
| 3. GYMNASIUM | 6. GIRLS' BOARDING HOME | 9. LIBRARY | 12. AGRICULTURAL DEMONSTRATION STATION |
| | | | 13. LIGHTING, HEATING, AND POWER PLANT |

Building 8 occupies the location of the present Potter College building. The building has been remodeled and made into handsome class-rooms. Building 1 is completed and is now occupied by the school. It will be dedicated May 5, 1911. All class-work is now being done at the new site.
 This plant is being constructed in honor of CHILDHOOD, and will, when completed,

reflect the statesmanship and patriotism of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Regents are pursuing a policy that will invest every dollar paid by the tax-payers of Kentucky and appropriated by the General Assembly to the institution in such a way as to make it contribute its full value to the State, not only now, but for decades to come. They are putting every dollar into a new plant that will have, at its completion, economy, convenience, har-

mony, and sanitation. The Regents submit the completion of this patriotic enterprise to the people of Kentucky, fully realizing that it will take time to finish it; but, at the same time, entertaining the hope that the year 1922 will witness its completion. The new home of the Western Normal will hereafter be known as Normal Heights.

CATECHISM

By H. H. CHERRY, President,

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What precedes ideality?

Realization of reality precedes ideality.

What is one of the highest duties of man?

To realize that he possesses a spirit that is capable of masculine, positive, poised, sympathetic, growing life, and to idealize this possession until he experiences and accomplishes visions.

What was the beginning of this building?

Spirit brought this building into existence; spirit must vitalize it into usefulness and give it perpetuity. Unless it is vitalized with the spirit of service, it will become material deadness.

In what form did it first appear?

It was first a vision, a mental picture.

How was this vision accomplished?

Through personal and public interest and efficiency—a patriotism that learns, loves, serves.

What is our present duty?

It is our duty to idealize this great building by hard study; by expressing its harmony, its order, its articulation, its sanitation, and its stateliness in our lives; by high life, high thought, high ideals, and a noble service; by seeing to it that its nobility is not marred by a single mark on a single wall or desecrated in any other way; by making the beautiful sunrises and sunsets which we shall witness from this hill the rising of a soul in a world of promise and opportunity and the setting of a soul amidst the splendors of a life well lived; and by making this beautiful physical panorama that we shall witness from this hill-top and from classroom windows a spiritual panorama to be transmuted into life.

In whose honor was this building constructed?

This building is a part of a proposed educational plant which will, when finished, reflect twentieth century democracy and be a credit to the Commonwealth of Kentucky. It is being developed in the honor of Kentucky's children and in the interest of spiritual efficiency.

To whom does the Western Normal belong?

It is a human stock company. The people are the stockholders. Its dividends go to all the people of the State.

About how much would it cost to complete the proposed educational plant shown in the perspective on the two preceding pages?

A statute authorizing the appropriation of \$50,000 annually for ten years would complete the plant.

What was the fundamental educational thought that led to the establishment of the Normal?

It was established in the interest of moral, intellectual, spiritual, physical and industrial thrift. It seeks to

accomplish this end by giving the teachers of Kentucky an opportunity to have more life to give to the children of Kentucky.

Can you have a good school without a good teacher?

We may have modern schoolhouses, longer school terms, local taxation, consolidation, and all other things that enter into a well-ordered school and school community; but without the vitalizing touch of properly qualified teachers, schoolhouses will become dead matter; school terms will be too long; local taxation unprofitable; and consolidation a failure.

What is the logical place of the Normal School in the school system?

Behind an efficient Commonwealth is an efficient citizenship; behind an efficient citizenship is an efficient public school system; behind an efficient public school system is the efficient teacher; behind the efficient teacher is the Normal School and other agencies that seek to train the teacher for efficiency. There is but one thing that is of more value to our school system than a physical piece of equipment and that is a spiritual piece of equipment—a teacher whose life will be a river in a dry place. In other words, a teacher's vision, a teacher's preparation, a teacher's conscience, a teacher's missionary intensity. The W. K. S. N. S. was established by Kentucky in the interest of teaching efficiency. The Normal School is inseparably linked with the common schools of the State. They live and breathe together. It is an organic part of the common school system. Any man who is against it is against the common schools.

Why are schools necessary?

When our brave fathers founded this government upon the consent of the governed, they embodied the thought of the public school in the organization of the republic. The Constitution contemplates universal education. It makes the school system and other character-making forces a necessity and an implied part of its organism. The Constitution is by nature the greatest educational bill that has ever been enacted by a body of people. Its own life and perpetuity depend upon universal intelligence and righteousness. The world of mind is the field in which the school system works. It exists for no other purpose except to make good citizens. A better citizenship is its creed. This makes its work universal, establishing a common ground upon which all can unite in the interest of efficiency. It belongs to the people and it inherits unity.

What is one of the battle-cries of Kentucky?

One of the battle-cries of Kentucky is 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 schoolhouse 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.

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KENTUCKY

The questions and answers on the last page of this folder were prepared to be read at the first Chapel Exercises held in the new Vanmeter Hall, February 6, 1911.