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where each and every one will store up inspiration and energy and educational zeal for the gloomy days that are to come. In the past this has been one of the greatest days in our school calendar and without doubt the approaching occasion will be brimful of the same kind of joy. Various games and athletic contests for the young men and also the young women are being arranged.

#### BEST TIME TO ENTER SCHOOL.

To the many inquirers who have asked what is the best time to enter school, we will say that if there is one season that has an advantage over any other, it is the fall and early winter. During these months the classes are small and the faculty has a better opportunity to give individual and personal attention to each student. If you can enter school at the beginning of the next term, NOVEMBER 15TH, you will make a great mistake not to do so. By coming at that time, you will be able to do ten weeks of consecutive work before the beginning of the Mid-Winter Term; besides, you will then have an opportunity to get acquainted with your fellow students, to take your choice of boarding places, to learn the routine of the school work and to know your instructors. Many of you who were planning to enter the State Normal here at the opening of the Fall Session in September but found at the last minute that you could not leave home, will find this an excellent time to register. We earnestly hope that you can be with us, and we extend to you in advance a cordial welcome. New classes will be organized in almost every subject you could want to take. If you have failed to receive a copy of our complete catalog, let us send you a copy now. All that is necessary for you to do is to write for it.

Basket ball for both boys and girls will be a popular line of athletics later in the fall. Inter-class games will be played by the girls, and the boys will meet the best teams from out in the State.

#### EUTHENICS SOCIETY.

In addition to the regular Literary Societies of the Senior, Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman classes, there has been organized the Rural Economics League and the Euthenics Society. The former was in active operation all last year and a great deal of specific work along the lines of general rural welfare was done. The Euthenics Society has been organized by the Household Economics Department and will make a study of things pertaining to the "House Beautiful."

#### GREETINGS FROM FORMER STUDENTS.

Letters from hundreds of former students who are now teaching throughout Kentucky are arriving daily. It is gratifying to receive these greetings and to note that the young folks who write them are enjoying their work. We shall be glad to hear from every one of you; write and tell me how you are succeeding and what you are planning to do in the future. Your good letters put a joy into school work that otherwise might become mere drudgery. Don't fail to write occasionally; your letters are always welcome.

SEND FOR THE BEAUTIFUL HALF-TONE PICTURES MENTIONED ELSEWHERE IN THIS LETTER.

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#### OPENING OF FALL SESSION SHOWS INCREASED ATTENDANCE.

The Fall Session opened on Tuesday morning, September 8th, with an enthusiastic gathering of students. In number the registration exceeded by a large per cent. what we have had heretofore at this season of the year, and the quality of the work that is being done is unsurpassed. Teachers and former students returned from their vacations with a vigor and an inspiration that will enable them to accomplish the best results. Many graduates from High Schools are included in the enrollment.

#### NOVEMBER 15, 1915, BEGINNING OF WINTER TERM.

On Monday, November 15th, the second term of the Fall Session will open. By entering then you will be able to do consecutive work for ten weeks before the opening of the Mid-Winter Term. Correspondence indicates that many additional students will be entering in November. No better time could be chosen. Those who can arrange to enter at that time should by all means do so and not wait until after the holidays. Do not make the mistake of waiting, but come ahead just as soon as you are able to do so.

#### CHANGE IN DATE OF OPENING OF THE MID-WINTER TERM.

Since the school term throughout the State has been extended from six to seven months, it has been deemed best to change the date for the opening of the Mid-Winter Term to Tuesday, February 1, 1916. By putting it this late, most of the teachers will be able to enter at the beginning of the term or a short while thereafter.

#### FREE TUITION.

While making your plans to enter school somewhere, be sure to take into consideration the fact that those who expect to teach are entitled to free tuition in the Western Kentucky State Normal School. If you have completed as much as the Common School Course, are sixteen years of age and expect to teach after attending the Normal, you are eligible to an appointment and your County Superintendent will be glad to issue you a scholarship. See him or write him about it.

#### HANDSOME PICTURE FOR THE STUDENT-BODY READY FOR DISTRIBUTION.

We have on hand a number of very handsome half-tone pictures of the student-body in attendance at the State Normal last spring. This picture is printed on beautiful paper and is sixty-two inches long by eleven wide. It will be sent nicely rolled in a tube to former students writing for it and to others desiring to receive a copy. If you would like to have a copy of it, drop us a card and it will be



sent without cost to you. We shall be glad to do this and will also have pleasure in sending copies to any of your friends who would like to have them.

#### CHAPEL EXERCISES.

If there is one feature of the Normal School work that appeals more especially to students and faculty it is the Chapel Exercises. This hour is the best in the day; the entire school voluntarily assembling for a period of song, prayer, scriptural reading, and inspirational addresses by home folks and visitors. During the year many distinguished visitors come to us and they never fail to bring a message of cheer and stimulation. Among the many interesting occasions of the present year were the mornings of the visits of the members of the State Convention of W. C. T. U.'s and the Order of Eastern Stars. These organizations included in their members prominent men and women from all over Kentucky.

#### LITERARY SOCIETIES.

With the six or more Literary Societies that have been organized within the school during the past few weeks, every student in school has an opportunity to become an active member. Aside from the social enjoyment of these clubs, the work done here has gone far toward developing good speakers, good parliamentarians, and successful writers. Every student in school should become a member of one of these Societies and so get the advantage of this splendid training.

#### PICTURE OF THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

An attractive panoramic view of the buildings on Normal Heights has been made and is ready to be mailed. Those who desire to have a copy of this picture should write and ask for it. We shall be glad to send a copy without any cost to you whatever. It is a handsome picture; one that you will take pleasure in hanging on the wall of your school room or elsewhere.

#### WRITE FOR THE CATALOG.

The Course of Study in which you may be interested is, no doubt, explained in detail in our new catalog. It also gives information concerning fees, tuition, and other items of expense connected with attending this institution. **BE SURE TO WRITE FOR IT;** it will be sent with pleasure. We shall also be glad to answer any questions you wish to ask.

#### THE LIBRARY.

Our library of about eight thousand volumes has always been extensively used by the student-body. Under the management of three professional librarians, as it is today, it enjoys a circulation of about five thousand volumes monthly. There is no department of the school that is more important or that is being utilized to better advantage than our library.

#### FORMER GRADUATES RETURN.

Among the former members of the faculty who have been welcomed back this year are Miss Margaret Acker, who recently secured her degree from Indiana University; Mr. A. G. Wilson, a graduate of

the same institution; and Messrs. O. L. Cunningham and H. M. Yarbrough from Wisconsin University. They are doing magnificent work in the departments of History, Latin, Agriculture, and Mathematics, and are popular with the student-body.

#### TRACK MEET AND BASEBALL.

Track work will be given a very prominent place in our school this year. We will have a dual athletic meet with Richmond early in May at this place, and some excellent contests are promised. Baseball, our standby, will receive even more attention this year, as we will meet stronger teams than we have heretofore. It is planned to bring the best college teams of this section here for games. The team will be made up this year principally of new men, as the former players are ineligible on account of the five-year rule.

#### LET US MEET YOU AT THE TRAIN.

Be sure to write to us two or three days before you start from home, and we shall be glad to meet you at the train and to go with you and aid you in getting classification and in making suitable boarding arrangements. It is always a pleasure to extend any assistance possible to our students, and we hope that you will not hesitate to write us and ask us for any information or assistance needed. Many new students will be entering here at the beginning of the next term, November 15th, and we hope to have you among the number.

#### COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS OR SEND THEM TO US.

Will you kindly write us, telling us about your educational plans and what the outlook for a good attendance from your community is. If you cannot enter school yourself, can't you send some one to us and thereby confer a favor upon us as well as upon the individual whom you influence to enter? Many a young man or woman has received his first impulse toward a successful life from a suggestion of a friend or fellow-teacher to secure a good education.

#### ORATORIO SOCIETY.

Plans are being made for the annual work of the Oratorio Society. The May Festival, which has already become a yearly affair of the Normal, has grown in brilliancy with each successive year. An orchestra of more than fifty instruments, a chorus of nearly two hundred voices trained by Mr. F. J. Strahm, Director of the School of Music, and a number of the most noted oratorio and opera soloists in the country, have all combined to make it the success for which the director has been striving. The magnificent oratorio "Abraham," by Moligree, has been selected as one of the numbers for the next Festival. Those students who can sing passably well and enter here for the November Term will have an opportunity to secure this valuable training without any cost whatever.

#### ANNUAL CHESTNUT HUNT.

With the coming of Indian Summer and early frosts, the thoughts of Normal students begin to turn toward the annual Chestnut Hunt. It has been decided that this delightful holiday is to occur at an early date. As usual the entire school in wagonettes, automobiles, etc., will go out to the childhood home of President H. H. Cherry,