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A Word to School Trustees and to All of Those Who Employ or Recommend the Employment of Teachers

If the educators, trustees and division county and city Boards of Education of Kentucky who have the power to employ the teachers will insist upon the employment of trained teachers, Kentucky will experience within the next few years a new birth in the teaching profession and the children of the State will have the advantage of a qualified instructor. Those individuals having the power to recommend or to select the teaching force of our State are able to do more for the cause of education during the scholastic year of 1913-1914 than possibly all the other forces combined. It is to be deplored that many have not fully appreciated the value of the qualified teacher and have failed to investigate the character, scholarship and teaching ability of the teacher who is employed to instruct the children. Thousands of letters in the office of the Western Normal and personal investigation give unmistakable evidence that the teacher who has availed himself of the training offered by this institution has rendered to his community a much higher teaching service and secured greater results than before entering the institution. We invite all persons who are looking for trained teachers to investigate the work that is being done by the student-teachers who are attending and who have attended the Normal. No individual has a right to remain in the profession unless he is willing to assume the great responsibility of training the youth and to prepare for his chosen work. It is hard to think of a crime that is higher than a professional dishonesty and indifference that rob the child, our noblest possession and the future Commonwealth, of a training he is inherently entitled to receive. There is no class of people who have as good an opportunity to assist in the work of building up a teaching standard in Kentucky as those persons who are charged with the re-

sponsibility of employing the teachers.

Behind number lies the power of personality; behind every great school lies a great soul, the constructive burning personality of a great teacher. The school will never rise above the teacher. In one sense it is what is in the mind of teacher, pupil, layman. It follows, however, that what is likely to appear in the life of the layman and pupil first appears in the life of the teacher. The teacher is inherently the leader of educational thought in the school community; and, if he is weak in leadership, there is not likely to be a good school in the community. The school is largely the spirit of the teacher. In its last analysis, the teacher is the school. The community that pays a good salary and demands a good teacher pursues a wise policy and one that will secure educational results. So long as friendship, kinship, and other items that frequently influence the selection of a teacher enter into the organization of a school rather than a desire to secure educational efficiency, we shall not have properly taught schools. The interest of the children of a community is infinitely higher than that of any individual, and true patriotism will put the interest of the children above that of the applicant's individual interest. Those persons who employ the teachers can revolutionize the schools of Kentucky by demanding and paying for qualified teachers—teachers who are leaders; teachers who wear the whole professional armor; teachers whose voice is the voice of preparation and conscience; teachers whose knock at the door is a consecrated love; teachers who carry the child life in their own lives; and teachers whose lives prompt community unity and ideals.

Persons desiring qualified teachers should communicate with H. H. Cherry, President Western Normal, Bowling Green, Ky.

Summer School

The outlook is very bright for a very large attendance for the Summer School of 1913. A great program has been arranged for the entire season. Persons desiring regular courses of study will have an opportunity to take them. Many noted educational experts have been em-

ployed to do special work along special lines for the Summer School. **THE SUMMER SCHOOL BULLETIN, A PUBLICATION OF FORTY-FOUR PAGES, IS READY FOR DISTRIBUTION AND WILL BE SENT ON APPLICATION.**

The "Tired Teacher"

Many teachers, after the worry and work of the school-room through a nine- or ten-months' term, want to get away into a restful environment, for a few weeks of the summer, where they can recreate and at the same time do some special work to keep themselves abreast of the profession. The institution does not want idlers, but the tired teacher who recre-

ates and who carries with his recreation one or two subjects in regular classes or who hears some special lectures and catches a new inspiration, a new spirit, is in no wise idling. Such teachers make most desirable students and are choosing work most wisely. The Summer School of the State Normal offers the best possible opportunity to the "tired teacher" who wants rest, inspiration, and instruction.

Commencement Exercises Western Normal

A great program has been arranged for Commencement week. The Commencement will occur this year at the end of the Spring Term instead of at the end of the Summer Term.

PROGRAM.

Sunday, June 8, 1913.

8.00 p.m.—Baccalaureate Sermon, Vanmeter Hall, by Bishop Woodcock, of Louisville, Ky.

Music by the Faculty of the School of Music.

Monday, June 9th.

8.00 p.m.—Graduating Exercises of the School of Music.

Tuesday, June 10th.

8.00 p.m.—Reception, Normal Heights. By the Faculty to Visitors and Students.

Music by Orchestra.

Wednesday, June 11th.

10.00 a.m.—Alumni Address, New Vanmeter Hall, by James Knoll.

Music by Orchestra.

4.00 p.m.—Business Meeting of the Alumni Association.

6.30 p.m.—Alumni Banquet, Normal Heights.

Thursday, June 12th.

10.00 a.m.—Graduating Exercises of Advanced Class and awarding of certificates to the Elementary and Intermediate Classes.

Class Address, by Hon. Jacob Riis, the Noted Tenement Worker, of New York City.

Music by Orchestra.

Friday, June 13th.

Camping Party Excursion to Mammoth Cave.

Convocation of County Superintendents

The next annual meeting of County Superintendents will convene in Bowling Green on Monday, June 9th. This is Commencement week with the Western Normal. The County Superintendents will have round table discus-

sions daily. No program will be arranged ahead of the meeting. All Superintendents are requested to present such problems as are of vital interest and to discuss the same. All are urged to participate in the round table discussions.

Notes on Summer School

The outlook is very flattering for a large attendance during the Summer School.

H. H. Cherry. Meet us at the Louisville Hotel, Louisville, Ky., Thursday, May 1st.

The Training School will continue during the Summer Session. The children will be in attendance and Critic teachers will be in charge of the different grades. Student-teachers who attend the Normal will have exceptional opportunities to do Observation and Practice work in the Training School.

A very large number of teachers have already written that they will attend the Summer School of 1913. The prospect indicates that about a thousand students will be in attendance at the Summer School. Special and regular work will be offered.

Many of the leading lecturers and educational experts, as well as some great musical programs, will constitute a part of the program of the Summer School. The Summer School Bulletin gives full information. Write for a copy.

The Training School will be as heretofore in session during the Summer School. This vacation school has been in operation since the establishment of the Summer School. It offers student-teachers an opportunity to do Observation and Practice work under expert Critic teachers and Supervisors. The children will continue their work in the grades the same as during the regular school session.

Miss Margaret N. H'Doubler, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, special student at Harvard Summer School of Physical Education, teacher of Playground work for the city of Madison, and instructor in Physical Education at the University of Wisconsin, as well as a young woman of charming personality, will have charge of the work in Physical Education during the Summer School. The Normal feels itself fortunate in having secured her.

The attendance at the Western Normal this year is larger, the interest is higher, and the work is better than ever before in the history of the institution. Teachers and students regard the present year as the best since the organization of the school.

The Spring Term opens April 8th. A student can enter at this time and continue during the Spring and Summer terms and have an opportunity to do sixteen weeks of continuous work.

State Rural School Inspector T. J. Coates gave the institution a great service during the five weeks he was with us. He had charge of the Rural School Supervisors' Course of Study and did much work in other departments. His wide experience, his special preparation, and his keen insight into the needs of the State, make his instruction thoroughly practical and interesting. He has a message that inspires and stimulates efficiency. All regretted to lose him. Faculty and students greatly appreciated his work.

Headquarters for the Western Kentucky State Normal School will be at the Louisville Hotel, Louisville, Ky., during the session of the Kentucky Educational Association. More than eight hundred student-teachers who are now attending the Normal will attend the K. E. A. A train has been chartered and the excursion party will leave here on Thursday morning, May 1st, and return on Friday evening, May 2nd. Hundreds of former students who are now engaged in the teaching service in the different parts of the State will be in attendance. Let's make this the greatest reunion of former students and the largest session of the K. E. A. known in the history of the school and the Association. Persons desiring further information should write President

The Western Normal will have pleasure in mailing its forty-four page Summer School announcement to anyone desiring it. We most earnestly request all persons who contemplate entering school during the summer to write for a copy of this announcement and investigate what the Normal will offer during the Summer Session. We have arranged for a great educational program. The instruction will be offered by noted educational experts from different sections of the nation, as well as by the regular faculty of the institution.

Music Festival

The Music Festival is a part of the Lyceum Course, and all regular students are entitled to free admission. Three programs will be rendered on May 8th and 9th:

1. Thursday, May 8th, 8 o'clock p.m.
2. Friday, May 9th, 3 o'clock p.m.
3. Friday, May 9th, 8 o'clock p.m.

The three programs will be rendered by a chorus composed of about two hundred members, the Orpheum Orchestra, of Memphis, Tennessee, with about forty instruments, and the following noted musicians as soloists:

Miss Marie Stoddart, soprano, who has appeared as soloist in nearly all the important musical events from one end of the country to the other.

Mrs. Frances Morton-Crume, alto, a Kentuckian whose voice has been pronounced by competent musical critics as one of unusual sweetness and purity.

Mr. Frederick Martin, basso, the foremost basso in this country.

Mr. Walter Ernest, tenor, who made such a

success on a former occasion in Bowling Green.

Mr. Geo. R. Mayo, baritone, who never fails to delight his hearers.

Prof. F. J. Strahm, the Dean of the School of Music, in speaking of the Festival, which he will direct, said: "The annual Music Festival, a most brilliant event, is always anticipated with great pleasure not only by the school but by the city of Bowling Green. In fact, it has become an event that brings to our city people from hundreds of miles. The whole State is interested in this great annual occasion. The chorus of this performance will consist of two hundred voices. The orchestra will be composed of thirty-two musicians. The following great vocal soloists have been engaged:

"Miss Marie Stoddart, soprano; Mrs. Frances Morton-Crume, alto; Mr. Frederic Martin, basso; Mr. Walter Earnest, tenor, and Mr. George R. Mayo, baritone.

"This great company of musicians will, no doubt, attract and bring to the festival every lover of good music."

Do You Need a Teacher ?

Do you need a teacher for your Rural School?

Do you need a teacher for one of the grades of your Graded School?

Do you need a superintendent for your Graded School?

Do you need a teacher for one of the grades of your High School?

Do you need a principal for your Consolidated or High School?

Do you need a teacher to take charge of Special Branches?

Do you need a supervisor?

We are in a position to recommend a limited number of instructors who possess character,

scholarship, and who have the ability to organize the school interest into a working unit and to accomplish educational results. We shall exercise very great care in making all recommendations. Only teachers who have given themselves special training for the great work they have chosen and have dedicated their lives to the service of teaching will be recommended. We invite correspondence with persons desiring a good teacher. All questions cheerfully answered.

Address,

H. H. CHERRY, President,
Western Kentucky State Normal,
Bowling Green, Ky.

THE FALL SESSION

The Fall Session of the Western Normal Opens Tuesday, September 9, 1913. Persons desiring further information should address
PRESIDENT H. H. CHERRY, BOWLING GREEN, KY.