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LEND ME YOUR EARS!

Commencement.

The date for graduation of the class of '17 has been definitely set for Friday, June 15th. This is the largest class the college has turned out, and all preparations to make the program varied and interesting, are under way. The speakers will include Mr. A. E. Kindervater, Supervisor of Physical Training in the public schools of St. Louis and member of the Board of Trustees of the College, and Mr. Paul Krimmel who has been chosen valedictorian. The preliminary alumni meeting is on the day of graduation. There will be a business meeting at 11:00, followed by a banquet. At 2:30 there will be a short demonstration of the work on the floor by the seniors. The graduation exercises will begin at 8:00 p. m.

Let us all make a special effort to be present.

Alumni Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association takes place at 2:30 p. m., June 30th, this year.

The meeting held in connection with the graduation exercises on June 15th is mainly for the purpose of admitting the new crop of physical educators to the association. No business of importance will be transacted at that time, but will be postponed until the annual meeting, which, according to a resolution of last year's meeting, is to take place just previous to the opening of the summer session.

Turnlehrerschaft.

The annual meeting of the Turnlehrerschaft is scheduled for July 1st. Questions of vital importance and of deep concern for all of the members will come up for discussion, so do not fail to be present.

The Summer Session.

Each year the call of the alma mater brings back a larger number of our graduates to our summer sessions. Last year about 45 of those graduated since our school is again in Indianapolis, were present. We are expecting a larger number this summer.

The program, which you have received, offers timely and up-to-date subjects appealing to men and women in the various departments of physical education. Then there is the invaluable opportunity of learning by exchanging experiences, of getting new ideas, gaining confidence in one's own methods or finding better ones, making new and meeting old friends to idle away summer hours in pleasant reminiscences, returning to work with increased enthusiasm and higher ideals. You must not fail to be with us.

Re-Unions.

"As two floating planks meet and part on the sea,
O friend! So I met and then drifted from thee."

To see again the faces of those who once were constant companions, who struggled together through the profound problems of education, who floundered

hopefully through the games, floor and field work and hiked joyously together in nature walks; to see this group once again as much intact as the grim struggle of life has left it, is the object of these re-unions.

What a wealth and variety of tales there ought to be to tell! How delightful will not these hours of retrospection be in the company of companions long ago set adrift on the sea of experience and now again homeward bound to meet in the beckoning port of our alma mater.

We have decided upon five-year intervals for these re-unions and urgently request the erstwhile presidents and secretaries of these classes to do all in their power to bring as many of their classmates together as possible and to get in touch with Mr. Hans Reuter, 1409 East Michigan street, Indianapolis, in order that preliminary arrangements may be made. The Normal College extends to each class a cordial invitation to celebrate these re-unions in its home in Indianapolis.

It is hoped that the following classes will be present:

The Silver Anniversary: The class of 1892, will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of its graduation this summer. It had been planned to hold this important re-union in connection with the National Gymnastic Festival (Bundes Turnfest), which was to have been held in Brooklyn in June, but owing to the indefinite postponement of this tournament, the members of the class of 1892 will assemble at the Normal College at Indianapolis on June 30th and July 1st to "live over again" the many pleasant hours spent at Milwaukee in the Bundes-Turnhalle.

All members but one of this class are still spreading the gospel of Physical Education. Their field of activity lies in many States. They are located as follows:

Robert J. Burger, Calumet High School and Schweizer Turnverein, Chicago, Ill.

Francis Dohs, West Point Military Academy, New York.

Herman Groth, East Pittsburgh Turnverein and Public Schools of Allegheny, Pa.

William Hesse, Turnverein, Brooklyn E. D., New York.

Andreas Mueller, Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wis.

W. A. Ocker, Supervisor, Public Schools, Indianapolis, Ind.

Jacob Rettich, Woodward High School, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Oscar Ruther, Turnverein and Public Schools of Leavenworth, Kansas.

Louis Schmitt, Public Schools of Buffalo, N. Y.

Curt Toll, South Side Turnverein and Public Schools of Indianapolis, Ind.

It is hoped that the class of 1877, consisting of

Morris Adler, address unknown;

Theo. Bissing, address unknown;

Laura Gerlach, address unknown;

Gust. Hanssen, St. Louis, Mo.;

Carl Heydweiler, Pittsford, N. Y.;

Otto Lampe, address unknown;

Anton Leibold, Columbus, Ohio;

Francis Mueller, address unknown,

will celebrate its fortieth anniversary at Indianapolis this summer.

That the class of 1882, consisting of

A. Fuhrberg, address unknown;

Oscar Sputh, Chicago, Ill.;

Henry Widdekind, Wilmington, Del.;

Herman Koehler, West Point, N. Y.;

George Wittich, Milwaukee, Wis.,

will celebrate its thirty-fifth anniversary.

That the class of 1897, consisting of

Francis Dreier, Saginaw, Mich.;

Francis Schneider, LaSalle, Ill.;

Nicholas Seuss, Cincinnati, Ohio;

Max Strass, Chicago, Ill.;

Carl Sutor, LaCrosse, Wis.,
will celebrate its twentieth anniversary.

That the class of 1907, consisting of
Maude Andridge, Cincinnati, Ohio;
Hermann Beckmann, Milwaukee, Wis.;
Charlotte Bozart, Chicago, Ill.;
Frank Ernst, address unknown;
Edwin Hodge, Minneapolis, Minn.;
Ernst Klafs, Chicago, Ill.;
Mrs. (Madge Allen) Ira Mabie, Milwaukee, Wis.;

Otto Rost, Lawrence, Kan.;
Louise Schulmeyer, Indianapolis, Ind.;
Meta Signor, address unknown;
Carrie A. Snively, Fort Wayne, Ind.;
Carl H. Stein and wife (Mabel Sheaffer
Stein), Pittsburgh, Pa.;

Arthur J. Ullrich, Denver, Col.;
Guy C. Wertz, address unknown,
will celebrate its tenth anniversary.

That the class of 1912, consisting of
Florence Dodge, Peoria, Ill.;
Henry J. Haeberle, Cincinnati, Ohio;
Nellie B. Havens, Milwaukee, Wis.;
Olive Knorr, Cincinnati, Ohio;
Geo. F. Miller and wife (Clara Scott
Miller), Evansville, Ind.;

Gilcher Neeb, St. Louis, Mo.;
Mrs. Robt. Nohr (Harriet Mead),
Richmond, Ind.;

Anna C. Trumble, Decatur, Ill.;
Otto Boehmke, Annapolis, Md.;
Adolph Pohl, West New York, N. J.;
Erwin Volze, Los Angeles, Cal.;
Herman Waizenegger, Milwaukee,
Wis.;

William Zabel, St. Louis, Mo.,
celebrating its fifth anniversary, will all
meet to join in the festivities of a class
re-union and to exchange greetings with
their many Indianapolis friends.

It is also desirable that the secretaries
of the classes of 1878, 1883, 1888, 1893,
1898, 1903, 1908 and 1913 communicate
with Mr. Hans Reuter as soon as possible
to make preliminary arrangements
for next year's re-unions.

TURNVEREIN NEWS.

It is interesting to note that since our
last issue several more Turnvereins have
undertaken exhibitions on a larger scale
than ever before. Among these were the
Evansville Turnverein under direction of
colleague "Pop" Steffen. The Cincinnati
Turngemeinde under leadership of
colleague Eckstein held its annual exhibition
in the Music Hall which, as
usual, proved to be very successful.

Probably the largest physical preparedness
demonstration by the Turnvereins took place
in the International Amphitheater at Chicago.
The local societies of the Illinois Turnbezirk
combined for this event and were represented
by 1,200 participants, and according to last
reports realized about \$1,200.00 for their
efforts. This sounds doubly good, because
this sum is to be used for the upkeep and
improvement of their summer camp at Gary,
Ind. Credit for the successful work done is
due to colleagues Wild, Strobel, Eichler,
Barnickol, Teuscher, Burger and Hell.

The Louisville Turngemeinde is looking
forward to the completion of their new home
which will be ready in September. The Dayton
Turngemeinde and Chicago Turngemeinde are
likewise very busy with the same proposition.

Have You the Habit?

What habit? Why, that of hiking, of
course. Now is the time to get your
classes out of doors. If possible, take
all of them. It is only too bad that there
are not more Saturdays and Sundays in
the week to enable us to go oftener. As
it is, it certainly keeps a teacher busy;
but then, rather be a "hiker" than a
"piker". From my own experience, I
have found that by conducting these outings
on schedule time, you can accomplish a
great deal more than if you let things
drag along in a careless way. It seems
always more interesting for chil-

dren if you don't tell them exactly where you are taking them. Keep them guessing. You don't have to take them to different places every time, but rather find different ways of getting there. Boys and girls like to explore, so if you can pick your way through woods or fields, it will prove a great deal more interesting than following the much traveled roads and byways.

It is amusing as well as interesting to hear and see some of the "original stunts" which very often take place. For instance, on one occasion when we stopped to eat, there was one boy who had brought enough "EATS" for two or three meals, so, of course, when it was time to resume our hike, he was still eating. After walking awhile, he made the remarkable discovery that, as he expressed it, "it is a good thing to walk while you are eating, because every time you step the "eats" settle and then you can eat more." All his lunch, however, proved later to be somewhat of a burden, for he kept complaining that his "banquet" hurt him.

A little later in the day we passed through a country school yard, where, as you know they very often have no gate, but instead have steps on either side of the fence, so that you can go over instead of through. In this case, upon crossing, it immediately occurred to one of the boys as a speakers platform. Without another word, he removed his hat and was ready for a speech. Two other boys upon their own initiative, assumed positions of guards, while the speaker went on reciting Lincoln's Gettysburg address. This little incident, and one or two others offered nice little rest periods and at the same time showed that the boys could enjoy an afternoon hike in a different way than by just walking. It is just such little "side events" which go to make the hike interesting and long re-

membered. Later, when speaking about the various outings the boys and girls always talk about what happened on the way, very seldom do they talk of the walk itself. So if you want to make your hikes a success, try to conduct them so as to offer opportunities for spontaneity and originality.

H. R.

MEETING OF SOCIETY OF TEACHERS OF PHYSICAL TRAINING OF THE N. A. G. U.

The society of teachers of physical training of the North American Gymnastic Union met April 5th in the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh. Forty-five teachers, nine of them from Turnvereins, were present. Dr. H. Groth of Pittsburgh, led the discussions.

The first theme on the program, "The Value of Swimming Pools to Gymnastic Societies," was presented by Dr. Carl Ziegler of Cincinnati. The following points were emphasized by the speaker and in the debate following:

1. A swimming pool is a necessity in every society.
2. If properly managed, a swimming pool is a financial success.
3. New members can be secured for a society through its swimming pool.
4. The standing of the society can be raised through its swimming pool; it gives the society a higher place in the community.
5. From a hygienic standpoint, swimming is one of the best, if not the best, form of bodily exercise.

During the debate it was shown that the Philadelphia Turngemeinde cleared \$3,000 from their swimming pool; the North Cincinnati Turnverein, \$761.90. In Evansville, Indiana, the membership rose from 200 to 500, after the society had moved to their new building which has in it a swimming pool.

In Philadelphia and Cincinnati dues were collected for the use of the swimming pool and in both cities swimming lessons are given for an extra fee.

It was decided that all societies should strive to establish swimming pools.

Mr. Carl Burkhardt spoke on "Miscellaneous Physical Activities and Their Usefulness During School Age." The speaker emphasized the need of bodily exercises, especially those carried on out of doors as swimming, skating, games, rowing, etc. He laid emphasis on the forming of clubs as sections which have for their aim the furthering of these activities.

A resolution was passed which is of importance to all societies, namely, that they should foster physical training in the open and, if possible, form sections to promote the above activities.

W. A. Stecher, Supervisor of Physical Education, Philadelphia, spoke on "Boy Scouts and Summer Camps." Both movements should have the support of the societies. Leaders should be sought for this work who are really interested in it, and these do not necessarily have to be physical directors. The least that a society can do to further the movement is to allow the young people the use of the necessary room for the work.

The society of teachers of physical training decided to affiliate with the American Physical Education Association as N. A. G. U. section.

Dr. H. Groth was elected president and Karl D. Hofer, secretary for the coming year. Dr. Groth was also elected delegate to the "National Council."

STUDENTS' ALLIANCE.

The officers of the second semester who were elected shortly after the beginning of the second semester are: President, Mr. Stevens; vice-president,

Miss Ruth Mason; secretary, Miss Nellie Mershon, and treasurer, Mr. Myles Havlicek. KATHRYN NORRIS, '18.

GOVERNOR'S VISIT.

In direct opposition to the idea that the 13th of a month is unlucky, we believe it to be lucky. On April 13, Governor Goodrich and a great number of his staff honored us with a visit to review some of our work by the men.

Those of the staff present were:

Colonels—William E. English, Indianapolis; Charles Jenkins, Noblesville; Richard Lieber, Indianapolis.

Lieutenant - Colonels—John B. Shelly, Lebanon; Aaron Wulfson, Indianapolis; Lewis M. Simpson, Elkhart; George O. Dix, Terre Haute; E. F. Kitselman, Muncie; E. P. Hawkins, Connersville; Frank Shellhouse, Indianapolis.

Majors—E. V. Knight, New Albany; Byron Sommers, Ft. Wayne; George Palmer, Sheridan; P. L. Dennis, South Bend.

Among others were Mr. Charles A. Bookwalter, of Indianapolis, Adjutant General Harry B. Smith and two regular army officers, Captain Clarence Dean, Jr., of the Sixth U. S. Artillery, First Lieutenant James G. Ord, at present stationed at Culver, in charge of reserve officers' training camp, and our colleague Hugo Fischer of the Culver Military Academy.

After the "falling in" of the boys of both the Junior and Senior classes, Lieutenant Ord gave a short talk. He had been traveling over the country, visiting training camps, military schools and army posts, and, realizing the need for efficient and capable young college men to fill the offices of directing the physical training of the forces of the United States, pointed out that there would be a most worthy opportunity for our men

of the college to serve their country. Here, he said, in their chosen work were being produced strong, well-developed, sturdy specimens of true Americans, so badly needed just now. It was fitting, as he suggested, that they find service as trainers for making more of such able men. The advice of such a man as Lieutenant Ord was greatly appreciated, as manifested by the enthusiasm.

The students then executed tactics (order movements) with military precision and alertness. This was a manifestation of clean-cut accuracy in response to the dean's rapid-fire commands of mixed variety. Following this were some strenuous, impressive free exercises, with wands and without hand apparatus. The college is justly proud of the showing made, as well they might be, for the difficult exercises chosen by Mr. Rath were splendidly demonstrated. The last third of the student exhibition was devoted principally to apparatus work, the men being divided into groups and placed under squad leaders previously chosen. At the same time demonstrations of foil fencing and broadsword fencing were enjoyed by the audience.

A number of the more daring, fluent, difficult apparatus combinations were heartily applauded. In conclusion were shown a variety of fencers' vaults over the long horse, and long vaults in rapid succession. In these exercises each man followed so closely on the heels of the one before that it proved most thrilling and effective, quite in keeping with the spirit of the last few weeks—the idea of attacking battalions with rapid precision. The work suggested the dependability of young men of the caliber of these to respond quickly and accurately, with confidence and exactness, to every command.

The Governor was then introduced to us by Dean Rath. From his seat in the balcony he arose and was accorded gen-

erous applause. He gave a short talk, stating his admiration of, and interest in, the work just given, and praised the men, emphasizing the fact of the necessity of perfect physical powers to be able to show such skill. Just here he intimated a doubt of the ability of Mr. Fischer to assume like contortions. This "jovial aside" was appreciated, because Mr. Fischer has grown somewhat since he finished the work of N. A. G. U. To reach a stage of development of the caliber of our men, able to exhibit our work so worthily, could only be accomplished after long and tedious hours of training; but when men of affairs from all over the state, such as the Governor and his staff, show such interest and appreciation of our demonstration, we feel our assurance strengthened that it is indeed a noble and worth-while field. The visit marks another step in our growth, for recognition such as this can mean nothing but steady progress. ALICE L. SWAIM, '17.

PRE-MILITARY TRAINING.

The Indianapolis Board of School Commissioners approved and accepted a plan of physical and military training submitted by Dr. W. A. Ocker, the supervisor of physical training.

In explaining the plan to the board, Dr. Ocker called attention to the large number of young men who are being rejected because of physical deficiencies. He said, "This deplorable condition can not be materially improved unless the necessity of regular and systematic exercise is inculcated in our grade and high school pupils. The rapid increase in height and weight during the period of early adolescence (13 to 17 years of age), demands that systematic and well directed exercises be practised. It is during this age that so many boys develop heart disease because of the strenuous games and athletics in which they

indulge. This is the time in a boy's life when he needs to **develop his entire body, when educational gymnastics** are of the greatest help to him.

The high schools can do much to prepare the youth of our country for future military service by giving the boys a thorough course in physical training, modelled somewhat (as far as practical, according to facilities available) after the system in vogue at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Every boy and girl in the high schools should be given a thorough course, covering four years, in **Pre-military Training**. Those who suffer from organic or physical defects should be placed in special classes and be given such special attention as their cases may merit."

The plan was thoroughly discussed with an officer of the United States army. He approved of it in every detail and expressed the belief that such a plan, if followed, would entitle the boys to a generous credit under the provisions of the Chamberlain Universal Military Training Bill. The officer emphasized the great need of better "all-round" physical development of our young men, and said the high schools of this country should take an important part in the scheme of preparedness by making physical training compulsory and insisting that **everyone** take an active part in the work.

The plan requires that physical training in the high schools for both boys and girls be taken from the "optional" and placed on the list of **"required"** subjects. It specifies the time to be devoted to physical training and the amount of time for military training. It doubles the time for physical training in the grades and requires that "marching exercises which conform to such parts of the United States Infantry Drill Regulations as are reasonably applicable" be embodied in

each lesson. It places the physical director of each high school in direct charge of **all** physical activities of the students, which means that he or she will be held responsible for games, contests, field meets, hiking, etc.

CHILDREN.

We have never played in meadows where
the buttercups are gold,
And the fortune-telling daisies always
grow;
No little laughing stream, enticingly a-
gleam
Has ever held our bare knees in its
flow;
We have never seen the glory against the
early sky
Of a sudden flight of blue-birds, sun
on wing,
Nor in the forest deep, where the
thoughts of Autumn sleep
Have we found the first arbutus, heart-
of-spring.
Yet we're children—children—children
And in our wistful eyes
You can see the white, sweet dreams of
us—still-born—
For filth and grime enfold us,
And the smoke-stained cities hold
us—
They have blotted out the sunshine
from the morn.
Oh, our playground is the asphalt of a
gray and dirty street,
Or the entry-ways where loafers
smoke and stare;
We fight between ash-barrels and dodge
the horses' feet,
And play at craps in gutters, with a
swear.
No sorrow, sin or shame that our baby
lips can't name,
No bit of sordid truth we do not share,
But if our ways are rude, and the words
we use are lewd,
Who's to tell us? Who's to teach us?
Who's to care?
Yet we're children—children—children
And in our wistful eyes
You can see the white, sweet dreams of
us—still-born—
For lust and greed enfold us,
And the sin-stained cities hold us—
They have blotted out the sunshine
from the morn.

HILDEGARDE HOYT.

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Among the purposes of the Alumni Bulletin one of the most important is the uniting of all graduates of the Normal School and the Normal College of the North American Gymnastic Union for common endeavors toward bettering our profession. This can only be accomplished if every one of our colleagues becomes a member of the association. We have on our list one hundred names of alumni who have neglected for one year or more to send in their dues.

The expense of publishing the Bulletin is large; each issue costs over \$40. If we are to succeed in our undertaking it is necessary that the graduates lend us their support. We can not afford to send you the Bulletin free, and hope that you will immediately mail a \$1 greenback for this year's dues to Curt Toll, 1936 Madison avenue, Indianapolis, Ind. This is the last issue of the Bulletin to be sent gratis to nonmembers.

SORORITY FUNCTIONS.

At the home of Mrs. Karl Lieber, March 24, the Phi Delta Pi sorority was informally at home to Delta Psi Kappa. The guests were pleasantly entertained with dancing, music and unusual contests. In conclusion a light luncheon was served and dainty bouquets of violets and Aaron Ward roses, the sorority flowers, were given as favors.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE CLASSES OF 1916-17.

January 3 saw many of the students returning from their homes after a two-weeks vacation, and all seemed anxious to resume their work on Thursday, January 4.

Our friend, Mr. Theodore Stempfel, treated us to a theater party in appreciation of the work we did in connection with the "Indiana Centennial Celebration." This party took place on the evening of January 18, when the entire student body occupied seats at the Circle Theater and enjoyed a very pleasing performance.

In accordance with the customs of the previous classes, a kommers was given in honor of our faculty on the 26th of January. Kommersleiter Paul Krimmel kept things moving at a lively pace, and some very interesting talks were given by the Messrs. Peter Scherer, E. H. McComb, G. H. Westing, J. E. Weyant, Dr. Sputh, Dr. Morris, Dr. Guedel, Gus Braun, Otto Schissel, A. Stevens and Fred Hell.

Mr. Otto seemed rather impressed over the affair, as he made the following remark: "I don't know what kommers means, but I'm strong for it and hope to be invited to many more of them."

The Messrs. Whipple, Weber, Duebendorf and Joerling provided us with some very good singing and introduced a new song in which the entire assembly joined. The song is sung to the tune of "Frat" and runs as follows:

"Here's to the Normal College, here's to the N. A. G. U.

Here's to the dear old profs, boys, so gentle and kind and true;

Here's to the dear old dean, boys, leader in all we do;

Here's to the Normal College, the home of the N. A. G. U."

The only disappointment was the absence of our dean, who was in New York at the time on a business trip.

On February 5 the Socialer Turnverein gave its annual exhibition at the Murat Theater, and the Normal College gave for its share the following numbers, for which tremendous applause was received from the overcrowded house:

1. Apparatus work in squads by Seniors and Juniors, men and women.
2. Club swinging by Senior men and women.
3. Folk and couple dances by Senior men and women (Ritka, Santiago, Galanterie).
4. Setting up (health) exercises and response work by Senior and Junior men.
5. Class work on combined apparatus by Senior and Junior men.

Invitations were extended to the students of the college for a concert and dance given by the "Musik Verein" on February 6. A large number of the students attended and enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

Although the mercury hovered close to zero on February 9, the classes were dismissed and every one participated in a hike to Fall creek. The more fortunate ones, who had skates, took them along and kept themselves warm by spending an hour on the ice at Fall creek.

The basketball rivalry which existed among the Senior and Junior ladies was brought to a close on February 12, when the Juniors bowed in defeat to the Seniors in a very exciting game.

In the meantime the entertainment committee of the Students' Alliance had been working out plans for the big masquerade, which took place on February 17. This affair proved a huge success, prizes being accorded the following masqueraders:

First prize, Miss Schmitz and Mr.

Pritzlaff; second, Miss Leen and Mr. Reichelt; third, Mr. Reess.

March 21 saw us tramping along the banks of the White river on another hike. The weather was so beautiful and warm that several of the hikers suggested taking a swim in the inviting water of the White river.

"Are you going home?" "What time do you leave?" and many such questions could be heard about the school the following week, as the welcome spring vacation was drawing near. On Saturday, March 31, all alarm clocks rang an hour earlier than usual, as the classes were so arranged as to enable the Chicago crowd to catch a 12 o'clock train, thereby necessitating the starting of classes at 7:15 instead of 8:15. Those students who were so unfortunate as to fail in their semester exams were obliged to remain Saturday afternoon for exams.

It may be interesting to know that Fred Hell, of Chicago, a Junior at our college, won first prize for horizontal bar work and fourth all-around championship in the recent A. A. U. meet held in New York. A slight accident caused a slump in his work or he undoubtedly would have won several more first prizes. Let's watch him next year.

The pleasant spring weather is making Broad Ripple a very popular place again, and many of the students are spending leisure hours paddling their canoes along White river.

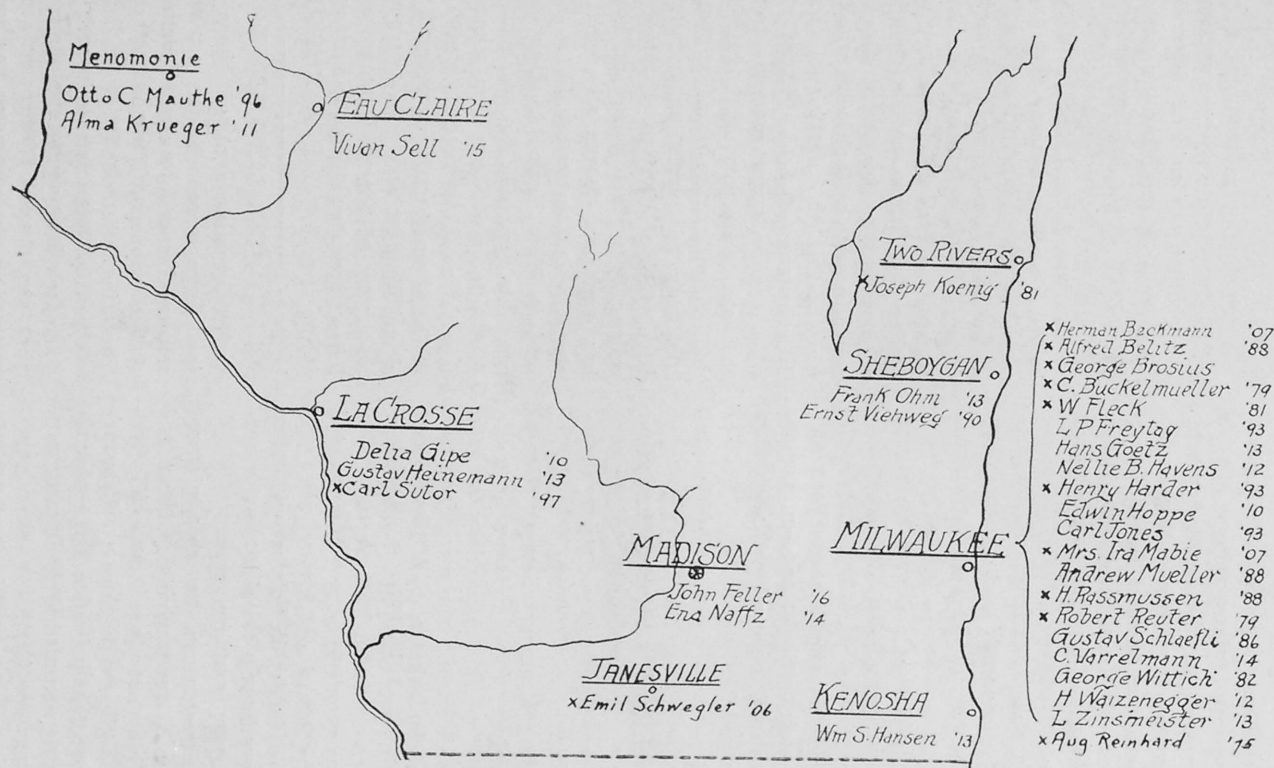
E. A. KNOTH, '18.

QUIBS AND NEWS.

The announcement of Mary Brownings engagement (by the way, her new name is "Speedy") created quite a stir. As it happens, it was another Mary Browning.

Clarissa Williams was in such a hurry to make a hasty exit from the exhibition that she stumbled over some one and arrived in the rest room headlong.

Alumni in Wisconsin



Thirty-four alumni reside in the state of Wisconsin. Those whose names are starred are not working in the profession.

PHI EPSILON KAPPA.

Brothers—We are taking this opportunity to make known to you some of the proceedings of our meetings. Brother Louis Koster, who had been elected president of the fraternity, was called to the colors to do duty on the Mexican border. His resignation as president was received shortly after the opening of the school. Steps were immediately taken to elect a new president. Brother Arch Stevens, who was elected successor to Koster, is proving himself very worthy of the position. It is due to his work that the fraternity is making rapid progress. Probably the greatest accomplishment of the present active body was the forming of a Beta chapter in Buffalo, N. Y., of which Brother Eugene Heck of '13 was elected president. Other members of the Beta chapter are Richard Heinrich, '16; Eugene Hofmeister, '13; Otto Harz, '14; Carl Burkhardt, '05; Frank Galles, '15; Albert Haas, '16.

All efforts are being made to form similar chapters in St. Louis, Cincinnati and Chicago, and all other cities in which a number of our members are located.

The Messrs. Carl Barnickol, Ervin Knoth, Leo Rosasco, Arthur Faulstich, Theodore Shapinsky and Harry Wieck are the new members of the Junior class whom we have taken into our midst. The applications of several other Juniors are being considered.

A banquet was tendered the new members on Wednesday, March 21, at which some of our graduate brothers were present and helped to inspire the good work of the active body. Some very interesting and beneficial speeches were given by Brothers Emil Rath, Louis Koster, Gustav Braun, Joe Weissmüller, Arch Stevens and Dr. Sputh.

All the new members gave short talks in which they expressed their willingness

to keep up the good work of the class of '17.

"Friendship hath power."

EPSILON PI EPSILON.

December 21, 1916, saw the formal announcement of the birth of a new fraternity at our Normal College. On this day arose the voice of Epsilon Pi Epsilon.

As we look back over the first six months of our being we look with pride on our achievements. True, they do not stand out for all the world to see, but they are there and growing. "Big oaks from little acorns grew." Not for a "big splash," not for appearance, nor for advertising, but rather for the foundation of a strong and steady organization have our efforts been directed. With this end in view every man has faithfully co-operated for its fulfillment, and we see our goal. There is a time for work and a time for play. Our time for play is coming.

We would not say that there have been no social times, for there have. Every meeting has been brimful of "pep," co-operative spirit and pleasure, and the social side of the meetings has been more than enjoyed by all. A reception was tendered Brother Feucht, of Detroit, on his recent visit here. A canoe party is set for Sunday, May 13, and plans are now under way for the big event of the year, a farewell banquet, to be held early in June. Bigger and better every time.

The study record has not been neglected, as the figures showing the average grade of the organization bear witness. With thirteen active members the last term reports show an average for all in all studies of 82.5 per cent.

Before closing, just a word about the organization itself for the benefit of our many friends amongst the alumni. We are a professional fraternity, limited to male students pursuing a teacher's

course in an accredited normal school, college or university. After a somewhat lengthy discussion as to whether or not we should limit ourselves strictly to teachers of physical training the present course was decided upon as a broader one that included the former, yet was not held down by its bonds. A state charter has been applied for and nationalization plans are under way. The following officers have conducted the organization through its first trials: George E. Mueller, president; Edward Krueck, vice-president; Louis J. Schmitt, secretary; Fred J. Spier, treasurer; Charles Smidl, sergeant at arms, and George Kalbfleisch, reporter.

"Know thyself" is the open motto, and the aim, "to help prepare the members for efficient citizenship, for adjustment in the social process. We shall strive for character and the cultured man, loyalty in all things to our brothers in the Bund, co-operation in the advancement of mankind, and faithfulness to our God (in whatever light we may see that Power)."

To our many friends we extend greetings of fellowship. To Phi Epsilon Kappa we offer good cheer, and hope that there may always be a spirit of friendly rivalry between us, and that we may always stand together and co-operate in all things for the good of our Normal College.

GEO. E. MUELLER, '17.

Sunday, April 29, 1917, our gymnasium was the scene of an exhibition given in honor of the Indiana district of the North American Gymnastic Union.

Military tactics, wand drill and free exercises were given by all the men.

The Senior ladies contributed two es-the-tic dancing numbers and a club swinging number.

The afternoon performance was closed by a lively game of schlag ball by the Senior men.

E. FOSDICK, '17.

PERSONALS.

Florine Siling, '16, is in the schools of Greensburg, Ind.

One of the Baltimoreans, answer for Charles Sultan, '81.

Is Emil Thielecke, '81, still in Milwaukee? Send his address.

Be sure and study the map of Wisconsin before you lay the Bulletin away!

Harry Fink, '16, has charge of the gymnastic classes of Christ Church, Cincinnati.

Francis Dohs, '92, listed among the missing, is back at West Point Military Academy.

Harry Allen, speak up and let us know where we can find your sister Madge, Mrs. Ira Mabie.

Cease Heilbrunn, '14, down from Chicago for a week-end, gave us some substantial encouragement.

Sorry to say this issue of the Bulletin must go to press like its forerunner, without that poem from Arth Pfaff.

We have sent you a copy of the Bulletin, Dr. David Osterheld, but the address was rather vague; may it find you well.

Miss Hein recently visited the Nohrs of Richmond, Ind., and brought back words of cheer from them for the Alumni staff.

Some one in Cincinnati, please send the address of Meta Rieker, '03, who, we are informed, is married and living over the "Rhine."

Any St. Louisan in need of books should meet an interesting N. A. G. U. graduate, Hans Ballin, who is in charge of Witter's bookstore.

Larry Molis, '13, of Kansas City, spent the first part of last summer at the Tulane University, New Orleans, teaching summer students.

Fritz Berg, '16, is the man in his home town! Teacher in the public schools and coach of track work and games, and then the Y. M. C. A. calling on him to help.

Wm. Fleck's, '81, many friends will be glad to know he has recovered from a severe illness and is getting his place at Elkhart Lake, Wis., in shape for the summer.

Carl Barnickol, '07, was in Indianapolis while we were working on the first edition and we had hopes of getting some news items for '07, but he got away on a promise.

Alfred Diete, '14, is the teacher of the Louisville Turngemeinde. If you all ever go to Loivil you all betta speak good of Mr. Diete. He sho won those all Germans down thea.

We had a word of cheer from Netta Oertel, '16. "I am enthused over the Alumni Bulletin and want to do all I can to support it." That doth indeed make us to take heart.

Has that Round Robin come in yet? Kindly do not forget us when he arrives. You may use your discrimination and send only those parts of the bird intended for the unfortunate outsiders and we shall be grateful for a mere wing.

Hugo Fischer, '88, is quite a busy man at the Culver (Ind.) Military Academy since special classes for young men who desire pre-military training, have been organized. Hugo has charge of all physical training work at the academy.

Have you heard how Minnie Wasserman began her career as a nose and throat specialist? Well, she made so good at it that they kept her there in Lafayette. This should be a neat little lesson to those who are afraid to take positions that have various little odd jobs attached to them.

Cincinnati shows her appreciation of the Normal College products. During the

last year she added May Paddock, '14; Hilda Schuman, '14; Gus Eckel, '16, and C. J. O'Donnell, '16, to the list of instructors in public schools, which already included fourteen men and seven women graduates of our school.

"Enclosed find one dollar for my dues to the Alumni Association. I received a copy of the 'Bulletin,' for which thanks. It is a very good book. I enjoyed every article in it. I hope the good work will continue. If there is anything that I can do to help out, please call on me. Yours truly, W. E. Picket, '16."

"Allow me to offer my heartiest congratulations upon the advent of the 'Alumni Bulletin.' It's fine. I read it from cover to cover, and as editor of 'Mind and Body,' I know whereof I speak when I say, 'It's fine.' My hope is that you will find enough graduates to supply you with material; that's the main job," said W. A. Stecher, '81.

A course in Short Story is now the content of the first semester Freshman English. A suitable collection of typical short stories is used as the basis of the course. The history of the short story, the prevailing types, the contributions of the different nations, and the present status of the short story as indicated by current magazines, are considered. Seventy-five to a hundred stories are read and discussed, and occasional written studies and reports are required. The purpose of the course is to acquaint the students with the past and present of the short story, to show the development in technique, especially at the hands of the American writers, and to establish standards by which readers may judge the worth of stories read in the current magazines.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Florence Dodge, '12, is married.

Joe Weissmüller, '15, was married three weeks ago.

Carl Sputh, '04, is the father of a daughter and son.

The engagement of Helen Devlin, '15, has been announced.

Else Seiffert, '05, is now Mrs. George Fuchs (Detroit) and the mother of two children.

Helen Puckett is now Mrs. Gordon Eby and the mother of a three-months-old future teacher of physical training.

Edward Hoppe, '10, can boast of being the father of a three-year-old boy and a two-months-old girl. Congratulations!

Did youse all know that Walter Cox, '14, is married and the supervisor of physical education in East Chicago, Ind.?

Alfred Almassy, '13, and wife, Muriel Weber Almassy, live in Indianapolis and have a dear little three-year-old daughter.

Ceona Bergemann, '14, is married. We hope Bergy will write and give us her new name and address so's we can get these Alumni Bulletins to her.

We have dedicated a space in our Bulletin to the little girl that has come to crown one of our school day romances. We refer to the daughter of Flora and Herwig Toeppen, '13.

Some one is kind enough to inform the wondering ones that Agatha Carstens, '04, listed among the missing in the first issue, is now married and living near Grafton, Wis. We hope that these lines will bring a response from her.

Where systems of examinations are all dominant, pupils work to pass, not to know, and outraged science takes her revenge. They do pass and they don't know.

HUXLEY.

N. A. G. U. IS BOOMING.

Soldiers tall and straight,
Nurses spick and span—
These, our aspirations,
We'll get 'em if we can!

Governor's staff to see us,
Speeches by them all;
All our hopes go soaring—
We'll heed the country's call!

Trundling stretchers, staunching wounds,
Now that sounds mighty gory!
The Union's aid brings victory—
Well, that's another story!

Shafer is still in our midst and announces that any graduates wanting a copy of the 1917 Gymnast please get in touch with him at once.

We love to sign the contracts,
We demand a mighty wage;
We're choice about location
And as learned as a sage.
We've hitched ambition to a star,
Our hopes are bright and gay;
Commissions do not trouble us—
The "cream" just streams our way.

Mr. Rath left April 30 to visit the normal schools of Chicago; also Ypsilanti.

Weather permitting, Willard Park activities are resumed.

Safety First—Military training in our school.
E. FOSDICK, '17.

DORMITORY DOINGS.

In spite of the numerous tornadoes in this part of the universe, the dorm at 516 North New Jersey remains ever and anon the same. Did you know that we had rechristened it? Normal College female gymnasts now reside at Trenton Hall Dormitory, if you please. We merely thought it sounded better—and it does, too, doesn't it?

You surely have not forgotten our open house on Thanksgiving afternoons. Last November it was just as successful

as ever, but there were not half enough of your smiling faces here to be greeted. Don't you suppose that you could manage to come back and call on us a little oftener? We always have good meals when company comes, and there is invariably a spare bedroom. If not, there are always a few unselfish ones who will gladly sleep on the roof or with their best friend.

I wonder, when you were here, did you have delightful surprise dinners once a month? Ahem! We do. Just before Christmas vacation we had a little tree and a grab bag. It awakened within us the Christmas spirit before we had left for our home. In January monster Finals kept us from enjoying anything with fun in it, but February brought two surprise dinners. On the 14th we went down into the dining room to find red hearts and cupids flying around, with broad red streamers and small red candles. And that never-to-be-forgotten dinner, too. Then the 22d of February brought a Washington surprise dinner. American flags (we are true patriots here) and decorations festooned the whole room. Several of our patronesses were present and afterwards we sang patriotic songs. Of course the brilliant ones who sit at the fourth table had to pipe up with:

"Happy birthday to you,
Happy birthday to you,
Happy Birthday, dear Georgie,
Happy birthday to you."

Then in March "Heilich," "Dot Eliot," "Peg Schnitzer" and "Harch" arranged a truly delightful St. Patrick's party. We had funny little green place cards, green candles in green wigs. That was such a clever surprise dinner. I remember I sat at Miss Hein's table (you know that's table two), and there was so much life and fun that night.

Nell is almost always the first one down to breakfast. Why, she's even so

regular and prompt that Fletcher puts her "Ralston" or "Grape Nuts" at her place at seven o'clock sharp, knowing that it won't become cold before she arrives. Nell is our house president, and she surely is a peach. She always knows just what to do and say, and—well, I think she is a good politician, too, for she does know how to swindle people into doing things. When we think that in three more months Nell won't be here—well, I am shedding tears over this paper now. The printer probably won't be able to read it. But then it's time for me to stop now, anyway.

JUST A FRESHMAN, '18.

THE CITY CROWD.

The city bunch is fifteen strong this year. They are **some bunch** and manage to keep both the rest room and gymnasium in a lively chaotic state during the noon hour of every school day. Parades, circuses, balancing acts and original dancing compositions form a conspicuous part of the daily program. Grotesque basketball and burlesque baseball games are staged in the gym. Every one has to take part, so the performance is minus an audience.

The war is a favorite topic of discussion. Numerous views (and lack of them) are aired. This topic has wrought havoc and squabbles on many an occasion, but everything always ends merrily in this "happy family."

Races to be first in the showers and tirades against the lack of soap end up the exciting noon hour. Horrible qualms as to the preparedness of the following lessons are but momentary before the final rush to class.

P. S.—Every one in the "bunch" has a nickname. E. FOSDICK, '17.

BOOK REVIEWS.

"The Normal Child and Primary Education," by Gesell; published by Ginn & Co.; price, \$1.25. Copyrighted in 1912, therefore not a new book, and it is to be expected that some of us are already acquainted with it. In the preface the authors put the question, "What is the normal child?" and condemn the assumption that the normal child is the average child. The great mass of teachers lapse into undervaluing what is truly normal.

In fact, the book is so superb from cover to cover that one can only wish to convey the wisdom in it verbatim: "We are becoming too satisfied with the collars and ribbons of our primary pupils and not keeping alive our natural disapproval of the frail, unshapely bodies which clothes conceal. Likewise we are losing a sense of what is mentally normal."

In the chapter on nature study: "Why is it that the little child who bends in hushed tenderness over the new baby's crib, who instinctively strokes the baby's cheek as gently as if it were the frail petal of a rose, who assumes at once the attitude of defense and parental protection, often becomes the quietly inquisitive, unclean boy or girl? Why do children seem to meet life with eager purity and go away soiled by the contact? Is it not because we are all afraid of the truth, because we give them feeble, foolish makeshifts about life instead of its wonderful facts? We begin with the perverted interpretations and sentimentality of the so-called nature study in the primary grades, to offer unscientific and inane fairy tales about nature, which degrade the imagination, but do not deceive the understanding. Children are poetic, sensitive, and pure-hearted. They are never startled by the truth, but are more logical than we concede, and silently re-

ject what their reason tells them is untrue. Nature is frank; she presents a beautiful panorama of life, death, reproduction, mating and parenthood, and calls the growing child to come and look upon it. The child is ready to take it in with pure eyes, to catch the wonder, beauty and responsibility of it all, to become the champion of its cleanness and of its health. But instead of such frank contact with nature, which is fundamentally necessary to awaken a true regard for the great facts of sex, he is stopped and blindfolded on the very threshold of his experience; he is given fiction instead of truth, and filled with sophisticated and false ideas of modesty which eventually drive out genuine purity and reverence for truth. The child who has truth confided to him as a precious gift will cherish and guard it, but the child who ferrets it out for himself with inquisitive suggestiveness will feel no responsibility for its keeping, but toss it about in boastful grossness. Ignorance is not purity; but knowledge colored with emotional reaction, reverent possession of truth, can never soil the mind. The child who in nature study holds some frail bit of life in his hands and reverently watches the beautiful unfoldment will appreciate and champion its sacredness."

Then again, to those of us who go into the primary grades and have a chance to observe the different methods employed as "busy work" or "seat work," the chapter on "busy work" will open our eyes to the good and the bad types of it.

The chapter on "The Saving Sense of Humor" carries a timely message to all teachers.

Having read the book, one can not help but be in closer sympathy and understanding with our fellow-workers, the teachers in the grades and departments

K. R. S.