

PRES. MASON GIVES INTIMATE REVIEW OF KEENE NORMAL

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Practice Schools

"The most important factor in the success of any Normal school is its training department. The school board of the city of Keene co-operates most heartily with us providing practice facilities. By a contract renewed every five years, three buildings, the Central Junior high, a 12-room elementary building, and a rural school, are assigned to us for practice work of our students. We hire all the teachers of these schools, provide supplies, etc., and the city pays us tuition for the children. There are about 500 children in these three schools and we have probably the best training school facilities in New England. In addition to these schools we have this year taken over, by contract, the High school at South Acworth and in connection with the Plymouth Normal school are conducting the High school at Hampstead.

Rural Cadet Work

"A few years ago it was almost impossible to get normal graduates to accept positions in rural schools. Keene has solved this problem for southeastern New Hampshire by a plan of rural cadet work. Under this plan we conduct 13 small rural schools during the entire year by our senior classes and a very large proportion of our two-year elementary graduates each year are not only willing, but prefer to accept rural schools. This cadet plan cost the state nothing. The towns pay the expenses.

Personnel

"Our Normal school faculty consists of 18 men and 20 women. Our training school faculty consists of three men and 15 women, a total of 56 instructors. There were registered at Keene at its opening in 1909, 26 students. This is the 20th year of our existence and the registration for last year was 100 men and 501 women, a total of 601.

"What are they there for?—One purpose and one only—to prepare themselves for the profession of teaching all branches of school work in all schools of the state, from the kindergarten through the high. To train them for this work we give them a wide variety of subjects. Our teaching, however, differs greatly from that of the ordinary cultural college work. The college teaches the subject matter. We teach the subject matter also, but with this added idea constantly in mind 'How are you going to teach these facts and these ideas to your pupils in elementary and high schools?'

"We stress also the idea that as teachers they are not only teaching children reading, history, French, Latin, etc., but more important than these they are to teach these subjects as to develop character in their pupils.

"We are somewhat old fashioned, holding daily simple devotional exercises consisting of scripture reading, the Lord's prayer, and the singing of a hymn.

20 Years' Growth

"In response to a demand for trained teachers in the junior high

schools of our state, a three-year training course was introduced in 1909. The number of students enrolled in the three and four-year courses training for junior high and high school exceeded those in the two-year course and this condition has continued. Last year there were 238 students enrolled in the elementary course and 357 in the junior high and senior high courses. At the present time there are about twice as many in these courses as in the elementary.

Additional Courses

"Just a word about this change in the choice of courses lest it be misunderstood. It is an established fact that new courses or new studies are never introduced into school work by those in charge until there is a demand for them from the patrons of the school. You can all remember when commercial work such as typewriting and stenography first appeared as an occupation for girls and boys, how private schools were started and the parents were compelled to send their children to these commercial schools to have them prepare for this vocation.

"This condition continued for some time until parents began to say, 'Why can't these studies be given in our high schools and save us this expense?' And it was not long before their demands became so strong that the schools were obliged to introduce commercial studies into their curricula. The same thing has been true of manual arts, home economics, art, music, etc. All these subjects have followed the demands of the parents and of their communities.

"This was the case in the introduction of the three and four-year courses in Normal schools. School committees and the public were demanding trained teachers for junior high and senior high schools and also demanding that New Hampshire boys and girls should have a chance to get this training to fill these positions, and also that they should be able to get it in New Hampshire and not have to go to the expense of attending out of state schools.

"For many years it has been increasingly recognized that two years is altogether too short a time for a girl to prepare herself to teach all the subjects of the modern elementary schools. 'Cut some of them out' some one says. You can't do it because the majority of the people have demanded them and they will not let the school men drop them. The only remedy is to increase the length of the training for elementary teaching. California requires four years of training before one can teach an elementary school. New York, Boston, and many eastern places are increasing their requirements. I find many of my students who would welcome a chance to study three or even four years before going out to teach in our graded town or city schools.

Cost of Operation

"I have tried to give you a picture of our plant, our students, and their work. What about the costs?

"The state appropriated \$77,500 for our maintenance for 1928-1929. We registered 601 students. Our maintenance cost to the state was therefore \$129 per student.

"You will be interested in a graph which shows the per capita cost in Massachusetts schools of 500-600 students, range in cost from \$197 to \$368 on the average. Nearly three times as much as ours.

"Our plant at Keene is complete. I see no reason why we should have to ask the legislature for any more new buildings, but I submit to you whether the maintenance cost for teachers salaries, text books, supplies, and repairs should not be increased.

Per Capita Cost for K. N. S.

"The present appropriation for Keene costs the state 19 cents apiece for the 400,000 citizens of the state. Doubling this we should still be much below the Massachusetts average and the total cost would be only 38 cents for each one of our population.

"The state valuation for 1928-1929 was \$618,000. The Normal school maintenance for that year, for both Keene and Plymouth, was \$60,025 (twenty-five one-hundredths of a mill), on each dollar of valuation. i. e., if a man owned \$1,000 in taxable property his state tax for normal schools would be 25 cents.

"Our dormitory is self-supporting. Each student pays \$6 a week for board, room, and one dozen pieces of laundry. Everyone asks, 'How do you do it?' The graph shows you what becomes of this \$6. Much of the dining room labor is performed by students who earn from a half to full board.

"Our lighting costs were greatly reduced last year through the efforts of State Purchasing Agent W. A. Stone, who secured a new contract with greatly reduced rates from the local Public Service company.

"Practically all food stuffs are bought of New Hampshire merchants. Our ice cream bill last year was over \$3,000. We serve well cooked plain food, and plenty of it. Students usually gain in weight after entering. If you want to know what we serve, send me a card and I will send you a sample two weeks' menu, or better still, come and visit us as our guests and see for yourself.

"The item of \$50,997.52 is made up of tuition paid us by the school board of Keene for the education of the city children in our training schools and out-of-state tuition. This is turned over to the state treasurer. It in no sense belongs to the state. It is held in trust. If the out-of-state pupil teaches in New Hampshire after graduation the deposit is returned, year by year. If not, it is forfeited and then becomes available as miscellaneous receipts.

"The state maintenance appropriation, the Keene city tuition, and out-of-state forfeited tuition must course was offered for the first time in 1916 and the four-year courses were added in 1924. These courses met a ready response and the regis-

K. N. S. OUTING CLUB

BUYS LAND FOR CAMP

Outdoor Sports Organization to Own Sprague Property at Wilson Pond

The Keene Normal school Outing club, through accumulated funds of recent years from entertainments and other activities, has purchased the Sprague property at the southern end of Wilson pond, in Swansey, for use as a camp site, for overnight and week-end parties and other outdoor activities.

The property has not been bought by the state or the school, but by the Outing club which has made first payment, and given a mortgage for the remaining sum which will be paid off within three years. As an accommodation, Robert T. Kingsbury, chairman of the Keene board of education and a member of the state board of education, will serve as trustee.

The property consists of six acres of land, three acres of which is open field which may be used for play purposes. There is 500 feet shore front, with sandy beach, which will make an excellent place for bathing. There is a promising growth of small trees on the approach to the shore.

Students in the mechanic arts department of the school will work during the winter on plans for a camp building, with special emphasis given to a large assembly room, piazza and kitchen facilities. Plans will also be made for a large swimming float and diving platform and the students in the wood-working department, assisted by members of the Outing club, will start work on these projects as early as the weather will permit in the spring.

A large house and barn now occupy one end of the lot and the house will be rented for the present.

pay for the maintenance of Normal school and practice schools for the year.

"Just a word in closing. Is Keene Normal a success?

"You have heard during this past year something about the surplus of trained teachers. There is no such thing in New Hampshire. In many of the Massachusetts normal schools from 25 to 50 percent of the graduates could not find places, but that was not true of New Hampshire. Only six, or less than three percent of our graduates of last June are not teaching, and some of those were offered positions which they did not see fit to accept, and the same thing was true at Plymouth. I have always looked upon Keene as a factory for making teachers and it is just as much the business of a factory to sell its product as it is to make it. Any factory which cannot sell its product is not a success. New Hampshire normals sell their product and the buyers call for more. Can we not fairly claim that New Hampshire normals are successful?"

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KEENE NORMAL GRADS SPONSORS OF STUDENT PAPERS IN SCHOOLS

Hughes and Gauthier Start Publications at Newport and Hampstead

Two Keene Normal school graduates of last year have started successful school papers, William S. "Bark" Hughes at Richards Junior High school, Newport, and Albert E. "Curley" Gauthier, at Hampstead High school. Christmas numbers of both papers have been received at the Normal school among the exchanges from New Hampshire and other schools and colleges.

The Hampstead paper, of which Gauthier is faculty sponsor, is named "The Trumpet" and contains an interesting article by one of the students on "Why A School Paper?" as follows:

"If you were confronted with the above question what would your answer be? Here is ours—we believe in a school paper because it promotes school spirit, because it serves as an outlet for the expression of student opinion, and because it gives real training in the practical use of English.

"But the most important benefit derived from a school paper is that it serves as a medium whereby the parents and friends of the school may become acquainted with school activities and its existing needs. These are our beliefs. Are they sound?"

Hughes' paper at Newport is entitled "The Hilltop" and is a mimeographed publication showing much student talent, including a front page drawing of the schoolhouse and other clever sketches. It is run independently of advertising. The one at Hampstead is supported by advertisers of that vicinity.

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NORMAL SCHOOL PROGRESS IS INCLUDED IN 10-YEAR N. H. EDUCATION REVIEW

Teacher Training One of Important Subjects at State Meeting

A review of the accomplishments of the New Hampshire educational system in all its phases during the past 10 years was presented by "those who know" at an anniversary gathering of educators including school board members and others from all parts of the state interested in the schools, at Concord, Dec. 6. Pres. Wallace E. Mason of Keene Normal school was among those in attendance.

Robert T. "Bert" Kingsbury of Keene, a member of the state board of education, and a trustee of the Univ. of New Hampshire, who has had the opportunity to study the workings of Keene Normal school at close hand, because of his residence in Keene and being chairman of the union school district, was among the speakers on the program and devoted his address to the value of the normal schools as shown in the school teachers developed during the 10 year period.

Commissioner Ernest W. Butterfield told the conference what had been accomplished since the enactment of the educational code in the re-organization of 1919, and gave many interesting figures which will be summarized for a future issue of the Kronicle.

All rural schools are modern, healthful and sanitary said Commissioner Butterfield. In each city and large town there is a high school or junior high school. The school year has been standardized throughout the state and the short school year no longer exists.

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Senior Dramatic Club Members do themselves proud in "The Rivals"

Old English Comedy-Drama Presented Under the Direction of Mrs. Dawn Nelson Wallace Receives Much Praise

The members of the Senior Dramatic club presented their annual performance on Wednesday evening, Dec. 11, in Spaulding gymnasium. The play selected this year was "The Rivals" by Richard Brinsley Sheridan. This sprightly comedy was first produced in England in 1775 and has been a universal favorite ever since.

The scene of the action of the entire play is laid in England at Bath in 1775. The costumes of the period added decidedly to the audience's enjoyment. Eunice Lanigan's excellent performance as the rich and beautiful, but oh so romantic and wilful Lydia, was well contrasted with the sympathetic interpretation of Julia, the older, more practical cousin, played by Edna Johnson, and the absolute treat of Mrs. Wallace's Mrs. Malaprop.

Leonard Harwood's Sir Anthony Absolute, and Bob Acres, played by Sprague W. Drennan, were outstanding characters in a production that had no poor characterizations.

Chandler Hurd played Jack Absolute, the hero, a straight lead which was admirably done. Ralph Creedon, as Julia's lover Faulkland, was truly the "teasing, captious lover." Edward Hickey was the "proud but penniless" Sir Lucius O'Trigger.

Earl Hles as Fag, Jack Absolute's "man" added more fine

character work to his former success; and Dorothy Joyal as Lucy, Mrs. Malaprop's maid, fulfilled the promise of her work in the Junior Dramatic club play. Louis Ramsey, John Frye, and Charles Stevens made their small parts seem important by their good acting.

If any of these tributes seem superlative, for confirmation it is only necessary to ask anyone who attended the play. The consensus of opinion may be quoted as "the best Senior Play yet—I laughed so hard I completely disgraced myself."

Mrs. Dawn Nelson Wallace coached the production, in addition to playing Mrs. Malaprop, and she reports that credit for the rapid work in scene shifting, lighting effects, and general back-stage arrangement belongs to Lloyd T. Olmstead, Lawrence Cornwell and Elwin Avery who stage-managed the play, and to Susan Crouch who was property mistress and general assistant.

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Y. W. C. A. STUDENTS ARE SPONSORS OF CHRISTMAS PARTY OF THE SCHOOL

The Spaulding Gymnasium was the scene of a most delightful Christmas party, sponsored by the Y. W. C. A. on Saturday evening, Dec. 14.

This all-school celebration took the place of the separate dormitory Christmas parties of the past few years.

Kris Kringle was there in the person of H. Warren Dow of the Central Junior High school faculty. Santa Claus distributed presents to the students and faculty as they passed in front of the stage in a grand march led by Pres. and Mrs. Wallace E. Mason.

There was a Christmas tree on each side of the stage which was decorated with Christmas bells and shaded with red and green lights.

Before the distribution of the presents a fine program was given.

It opened with the singing of Christmas Carols by the girls from Thayer House. Miss Dorothy L. Whitney, Laconia was piano accompanist.

Miss Dorothy N. Perkins, Manchester read a Christmas story from the Bible and Miss Eunice E. Williams, Haverhill, Mass., sang with Miss Mary Keegan, Franklin at the piano.

An instrumental trio consisting of Miss Evangeline B. Tubbs, Miss Dorothy Barnes, Haverhill, Mass., and Elden Smith, Troy, rendered two selections. Mr. Smith also gave a violin solo with Miss Tubbs as accompanist.

Miss Irene C. Blatchford, Salem, entertained with a piano solo and Miss Irma B. Hollingshead, Derry, danced.

Miss Ann B. Tankard, Berlin, gave two readings, the first "The Night Before Christmas" and the second, "The Night After Christmas."

Miss Edna L. Johnson, president of the Y. W. C. A. announced the program. The general committee in charge was composed of Miss Ruth Langley, Merrimack, Miss Elizabeth Jones, East Weare and Miss Dorothy L. Whitney, Laconia.

Varied Club Activities

PHI SIGMA PHI

A long but pleasant nature hike was enjoyed by members of Phi Sigma Phi, Saturday, Dec. 7. About 12 members left Fiske hall at 9.30 a. m. The route to Sunset Rock led up Marlboro street, out Eastern avenue, and followed a wandering course to our destination. The party was divided into two groups, the "Pines" captained by Miss Ester M. Richards, Sharon, Mass., and the "Hemlocks" by Miss Luella Smith, Brattleboro, Vt.

By the time the destination had been reached, the fresh air and enjoyable December weather had quickened the party's appetite to such an extent, that, even though the hour was early, a fire was built and the members ate from the splendid lunch provided by the school, including sandwiches, pickles, "weenies," apples, cookies and later topping off with marshmallows.

On returning, part of the group, with Miss Thyng's aid, gathered moss, rock ferns, wintergreen, periwinkle, and a tiny evergreen tree, which completed the warden case for the nature room.

At the meeting Dec. 16, held in Parker hall, Charles H. Pease of Marlboro, gave a talk on "Bee Keeping."

The sorority is also making plans for a trip through one of the mills in town and for an entertainment to be given in the gymnasium after Christmas.

ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

A most interesting meeting was held in Parker hall at which Miss Isabelle M. Blake of the faculty, related her experiences while in Turkey. Durwood Owen, Colebrook, was appointed as chairman of a committee to decorate the Christmas tree, on the campus, in front of the Hale building, during the holiday season.

Y. W. C. A.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 17, the Y. W. C. A. welcomed over 50 new girls into membership. The initiation was in the form of a Candle Light Service and was most impressive. After the ceremony, club pins and membership cards were given out.

DE LA SALLE

A meeting of this club was held on Dec. 11, primarily to plan for a Christmas entertainment. After business had been settled, an impromptu program of entertainment was presented.

George T. Mahar, Milford, as master of ceremonies, told the romantic but engaging tale of "The Three Sisters," accompanied by Helen Flemming, Ashland. Laura Pelky played and sang. Francis B. McGrath, Manchester, rehearsed "The Shooting of Dan McGrew." The last number, a trio, included Ray S. Webster, Keene, George T. Mahar and Francis B. McGrath, who sang "Lovable and Sweet," and other selections.

Plans were consummated for the Christmas entertainment, which was held on the evening of Dec. 20, consisting of a Santa Claus, a Christmas tree and refreshments. Each member contributed an inexpensive present for the tree.

MANCHESTER CLUB

The annual masquerade and dance was given by the Manchester club to the students and faculty of Keene Normal School on Dec. 7, in the Spaulding gymnasium.

The affair opened with a grand march led by Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Davis. After the march, general dancing and a fine entertainment were enjoyed.

Three prizes were awarded. Miss Irma B. Hollingshead, Derry, who wore a becoming white skating suit, won the award for the prettiest costume. The judges considered the wasp costume of Miss Doris M. Ladd, Contoocook, the most original. To Miss Audrey A. Boone, Berlin, a fear-inspiring pirate, went the prize for the funniest costume.

The judges were Miss A. Marie Eppinger, Miss Winona E. Robbins and Sprague W. Drenan of the faculty.

Indignant Elephant: "Curses! That last peanut had a worm in it!"

The Y. W. C. A. now has about 85 members and prospects for a profitable year are anticipated.

MISS THURBER, HEAD OF ART DEPARTMENT WAS CHRISTMAS DAY BRIDE

The Kronicle board take it upon themselves to speak for the school in extending congratulations to Miss Thurber, head of the art department, on her marriage. Christmas day to John Given Reed, a publisher of New York City. May her matrimonial career be equally successful and happy as her teaching years, especially those at K. N. S. We also add our good wishes to Mr. Reed.

The ceremony was performed in the Unitarian church, Wollaston, Mass., with Rev. Carl G. Horst, pastor of the Unitarian church, East Bridgewater, Mass., officiating. The double ring service was used.

Mrs. Reed is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thurber of Wollaston and Mr. Reed the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Reed of the same town. Norman Crane of Baltimore, Md., and Winter Harbor, Me., was best man, and Miss Elsie M. Thurber, Milwaukee, Wis., sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. The ushers were Frederick Rollins of Canton, Mass., and Richard Rideout of Arlington, Mass.

The bride was dressed in a trailing pearl-white satin empire dress, with her grandmother's veil of tulle, with orange blossoms, she carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. The bridesmaid wore honey georgette crepe and carried Coolidge yellow roses.

A reception was held at the home of the bride from 3 to 4, with the parents of the bride and bridegroom assisting in receiving. The decorations in the church consisted of soft candle light, Christmas greens and white lilies.

Mr. Reed is a publisher. He is a graduate of Bowdoin college and Harvard university, a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the Psi Upsilon fraternity. Mrs. Reed is a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design. She served as art instructor in Keene Normal last year and was promoted to head of the department this year.

We welcome you back Mrs. Reed.

STUDENT PAPERS

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William S. Hughes

A journal club has been organized at Newport, meeting regularly every two weeks. The paper mentions an innovation introduced by Principal Hughes, uniforms for the boys and girls, the former dark blue trousers, light colored blouses and red neckties, and the girls, white middie blouses, red ties and dark skirts. The sixth and seventh grades wear different kinds of ties.



Albert E. Gauthier

Doings of the Alumni

1921

Mrs. F. Chester Swigert of Detroit, Mich., the former Miss Marjorie Pagan, of Claremont, K. N. S., '21, and a teacher in the Keene and Claremont schools, is now teaching in a private kindergarten in Detroit.

Miss Ursula P. O'Connor, Manchester, was married Nov. 30, to Herman A. Jenson of Little Falls, N. Y. Mrs. Jenson graduated from Keene Normal in 1921. Since that time she has taught in Manchester. At present she has the second grade at the Bakersville school.

1925

Mrs. Evelyn Tucker Norton, '25, is acting as part time assistant in the grade schools of her home town, Henniker. About a year ago she retired from the profession, after several years of successful teaching at Contoocook. She is married and has one son, J. Albert Norton, Jr.

Miss Margaret M. Woods, '25 of Berlin, is teaching in the Berlin High school.

Miss Lillian A. Patenaude, '25, who is teaching art in Laconia, has sent to the Normal school a copy of her calendar made. The drawings are excellent and are typical of that lake district.

1926

Miss Ruth E. Abbott, '26, of Berlin is teaching in Manchester.

Miss Constance C. Brungot, '26, of Berlin, is teaching in that city this year. While at Keene Normal, Miss Brungot was prominent in debating and in the Glee club.

Miss Hazel M. Graham of Keene, who is teaching English in the Hillsboro High school is the critic teacher in English under whom Gertrude Upton is training. Miss Graham graduated from Keene Normal school in 1926.

Miss Eleanor Gerrish, of Berlin, graduate of Keene Normal in 1926, was married June 1928 to Everett Humphreys of Tilton, N. H. They are now residing in Waltham, Mass. Mrs. Humphreys taught for two years in Tilton.

Miss Elizabeth E. Baker of Berlin, graduate of Keene Normal in 1926, was married Oct. 5, at Bellows Falls, Vt., to Garfield Young.

1927

Miss Edith I. Newell, '27, of Berlin, was married Nov. 3, to Alban Keenan of Berlin.

Miss Doris L. Gorman, of Berlin, is teaching in that city this year. Miss Gorman graduated from Keene Normal in 1927.

Miss Stella Redal, of Berlin, taught her first year in Oslo, Minn. She is now teaching her second year in the Berlin High school. Miss Redal graduated from the Keene Normal school in 1927, and was prominent in debating and in the Glee club.

Miss Gracye Dodge, Suncook, a graduate of 1927 at K. N. S., and instructor for two years at Lancaster is now teaching at Bristol, R. I.

Miss Ruth E. Bassett, '27, of Antrim is teaching in Leominster, Mass.

1928

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Ruth E. Hutchinson, '28, of Keene, to Herbert Reed, also of Keene, in February, 1929. Mr. Reed is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Austin H. Reed of St. James' Episcopal church, Keene, and is a graduate of Univ. of New Hampshire.

Forrest C. Butler, Bath, Me., and Miss Emma White, Centre Sandwich, N. H., were married Aug. 20.

Miss Elsie M. Adams of Charlestown, graduate of Keene Normal in 1928, is teaching in Henniker this year.

Miss Gertrude Hersey, '28, of Antrim, is teaching in this town this year.

1929

Miss Helen M. Skill, '29, of Claremont was married Nov. 30, to John Koledo of Springfield, Vt. Mrs. Koledo has been teaching in Langdon Hill.

"His name is Bean."
"One of the beans from Lima?"
"No, he's a Yuman-Bean."

Prince of Wales' Song: (Now censored) "Over the Bounding Mane."

SCHOOL EXCHANGES

"The Tower" of Summit, N. J., High school has a varied and interesting sports page in its third issue. The "Tower Window" contains many personalities dear to the heart of the student body.

Our sister normal school at Ellendale, North Dakota, issues the "En Eye" in which every phase of school life seems to be mentioned. The platform of the "En Eye" is praise-worthy in that it is for the fostering of better scholastic, social, and athletic attitudes in the school.

"The Record" from Montpelier, Vt., High School is a well balanced little magazine with some rather fine poetry. The cut at the head of the alumni section is especially attractive.

"The Lancastrian" published by Lancaster Academy and High School has two departments, one devoted to music notes and the other to Junior High news, rather unusual in a magazine of its type.

Many kinds of articles are given space in the "Red and Black" published by Claremont High School, adding much to its interest. It is noteworthy that its editor-in-chief is the sister of one of the members of the Kronicle board.

Editor's Notes

We would be especially glad to receive papers or magazines from any New Hampshire high schools or prep schools with whom we have not already exchanged.

The Exchange editor acknowledges receipt of the two papers mentioned on the front page of this issue. "The Hill-top" at Newport, and "The Trumpet" at Hampstead, and will give more extended comment in the February issue.

Another review which will be given attention after the holidays is "The Tip-Top" published monthly by the students of Washington State Normal school, Machias, Me.

We are anxious to receive more comments from others as to our paper. If anyone happens to see any of these send them in.

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PRACTICE-TEACHING

A row of dolls, a toy blackboard, a book—and the ten-year old is playing school. Teaching is the most delightful game! A schoolroom of children, lesson plans, critic teachers—the normal school student discovers that the game is more complex than the uninterested one would believe!

Practice-teaching! The word conveys anticipation to the underclassmen and to the seniors, realization. As a topic for learned dissertations in chapel, valid letter material, and entertaining conversation at the table, practice-teaching has few equals.

The effectiveness of the normal school education depends upon the type of practice-training. It is in the supervised training schools that the student passes the final test of his ability as a teacher. Keene Normal school is proud of its training department which is ranked with the finest ones of New England. There is supervised training in the senior and junior high school and in Wheelock school in Keene, also in the schools of rural districts. Each student in his senior year has the advantage of 18 weeks of training. He receives the op-

HELP WANTED

WANTED:—Contributions of news and opinions; suggestions, questions, helpful criticisms of the school or the Kronicle. Send or give to Mail Bag or editors of Kronicle.
Think carefully upon the above "ad". Indeed, you have no right to be ashamed or proud of your school paper until you have "done your bit" in the making of it.

portunity to teach under expert supervision and to gain a decidedly professional attitude before he actually enters the field.

Notice the young teachers on their way to school—some are laden with books, others have adopted the professional brief case. Some accept practice-teaching as inevitable; others regard the term as one of worry and work. Some have assumed an air of dignity and reserve; others struggle in the attempt "to be one with the pupils not one of them." Regardless of individual differences, everyone is determined to do his best, knowing that the opportune moment has arrived for the practical application of "the survival of the fittest."

M. S. B.

1930 KRONICLE GREETINGS

The beginning of a new year is variously pictured as an opening door, as a clean unmarred page, as an infant, Father Time, as a milestone.

The Kronicle says to you: "May the door open for you to a room of peace and happiness. May the page to which you turn be filled with an unstained record at the end of the year; may the young year, 1930, grow to strength and wisdom; may the milestone of this year mark great achievements and success.

May happiness and health be yours throughout the coming year."

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, Jan. 19. Carveth Wells, explorer, lectures on "In Coldest Africa" with pictures; Unitarian Forum, 3.45.

Monday, Jan. 20. Carveth Wells, Chapel speaker.

Sunday, Jan. 26. Norman Thomas, great modern Socialist leader. Candidate for President and Mayor of New York; Unitarian Forum, 3.45.

Monday, Jan. 27. Prof. Margaret Slattery of Wellsley, Chapel speaker.

Sunday, Feb. 2. Rev. William S. "Bill" Stadger, noted Methodist preacher of Boston at Union church service at First Congregational church, 7 p. m.

MIDDLEBURY DEBATERS WIN FROM K. N. S. MEN

The men's debating team of Middlebury college defeated Keene men by a unanimous decision of the judges at the Spaulding Gymnasium, Dec. 18.

Keene was represented by Reed Hardy, Ralph H. Creedon and D. Leonard Harwood who upheld the negative side of the proposition on "Resolved: That the emergence of woman from the home is a regrettable feature of modern life."

This is the leading intercollegiate question this season, and the Vermont boys had already twice debated the subject, as was evident from their familiarity with the case. The English plan of debating was used, allowing only one rebuttal speech, and that for the affirmative.

The judges were Harry C. Shaw, editor of the Keene Evening Sentinel, Headmaster Carl D. Grupe of the Winchester High school, and Oscar L. Ellwell, Secretary of the Monadnock District Y. M. C. A.

"How can a person disinfect his hands?"

"Boil them for five minutes."

AROUND THE CAMPUS

The Spaulding gymnasium has been used recently on two occasions by the Keene Woman's club. An exhibition of heirlooms and choice antiques was held in November, followed by a lecture by Mrs. Alice VanLeer Carriek, Hanover, well known author and authority on antiques; and on Dec. 9, a lecture was given by D. Thomas Curtin, of Manchester, internationally known newspaper correspondent.

A number of faculty members and a small group of students are attending a university extension course given each Tuesday at the Keene High school building, by Prof. R. G. Hunnewell, of the faculty of Boston University, on the subject of American biography.

Through the efforts of Pres. Wallace E. Mason, and Mrs. Mason, the teachers' room on the first floor of Parker hall has been redecorated and refurnished. The color scheme is a soft yellow and attractive curtains add a touch of daintiness. This work was done under the direction of the school carpenter, Frank Angier, and the furniture was refinished by the manual students, directed by Spencer E. Eaton of the faculty.

During the days just preceding the Christmas holidays, the various Protestant churches held parties for their young people, which many of the Normal school students attended as special guests. Dancing, holiday games, and refreshments, were the featured items on the programs.

Why not have a boxing and wrestling team this year? It would be great sport even if we didn't have outside contests.

ALPHA FRATERNITY

Friday, the 13th, might not have been a troublesome day to many of our friends at K. N. S., but to the Junior fraternity it meant the completion of their second degree. We warrant that they will never forget it.

In accordance with "Daddy" Mason's suggestion we have adopted the idea of a special talk for each regular meeting. Brother "Jack" Garand started things off in the right way when he gave us an illustrated talk on the publication of "The Alpha."

On Monday evening, Dec. 16, both pledges and fraternity men joined in a "smoker" at the Alpha house. It proved to be a wonderful meeting and offered opportunity for better acquaintance, something we have almost lost through the distribution of our members in different parts of the city. Brother "Dick" Erwin, in his weekly report to the fraternity, congratulated the new members for their seriousness in working while they work, and in playing while they play.

FACULTY DOINGS

Some of the recent speaking engagements of members of the Normal school faculty include the following: Frederick J. Simmons head of the social science department before the Keene Fortnightly club, and before Laymen's league of the local Unitarian church; Henry D. Carle, head of the science department, at Lebanon, in two separate addresses before the Lebanon Woman's club, and the assembly of the High school; and Harry B. Preston, of the English department, before the Fitzwilliam Woman's club.

Clarence H. DeMar is another speaker much in demand. Of late he has appeared here and elsewhere before Boy Scouts, Y. M. C. A.'s and other boys' organizations, before local church groups, and at meetings of the Keene order of Elks, and other fraternal bodies.

KAPPA NEWS

Pres. "Zeke" Shuff was up from Hampstead to attend the Manchester Club dance.

James Armstrong returned to school Dec. 7, and will complete his course with 18 weeks practice teaching at Junior High school. He is staying at the Fraternity house.

The Fraternity conferred the second degree on its pledgees, Friday night, Dec. 13.

Frank Bushey of the Art department is practice teaching in the surrounding towns this nine.

On Sunday evening Dec. 15, Mrs. Dawn Nelson Wallace entertained the cast of "The Rivals," at Kappa house. Supper was served at six o'clock and "Mrs. Malaprop" showed her versatility by donning an apron and serving her guests.

Pres. Mason appeared and joined the circle. Plans were discussed for more helpful work along drama lines.

Mrs. Sprague W. Drennan assisted Mrs. Wallace in looking after the needs of the hungry crowd.

ART DEPARTMENT

Many were delighted to receive the beautiful gifts that students created in the Art department, under the direction of Misses Bessie M. Thurber and Lucie Doan. Special classes were organized for the purpose of making toys, lamp shades, wall hangings, etc. The class in toy-making was correlated with manual training. The soap sculpture is also fascinating. Lamp shades of parchment have been beautifully designed and colored effectively. Painting on glass in lacquer with a background of silver paper is most attractive.

Miss Evelyn Ruiter '32, Manchester made the drawing for the Christmas Calendars' cover; while those responsible for the inside were the Misses Frances Bickford, '32, Manchester, and Mary Kenyon, '32, Bellows Falls, Vt. Leo Nash, '32, did the lettering on the calendars.

MUSIC NOTES

At the First Congregational Church men's supper Dec. 11, a group of girl students furnished excellent dinner music. Their kindness was greatly appreciated by the men. Those girls who furnished the entertainment were Teresa Vercauteren, Manchester and Merle Collins, Keene, violins; Dorothy Barnes, Haverhill, Mass., cello; Lucille Thompson, Greenfield, Mass., melophone; Elaine Ellis, Berlin, piano.

Rehearsals on the operetta "Pinafore" of Gilbert and Sullivan's, are well under way. There will be a chorus of 50 which with the solo roles will comprise a cast of over 60. The operetta is under the direction of Harry W. Davis and Miss Evangeline B. Tubbs.

On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15, the Girl's Glee club gave a concert at Elliot Community hospital, under the direction of Miss Tubbs. They also appeared in chapel, Dec. 16, and sang several numbers on a Christmas program.

HOME ECONOMICS

Eleven girls were initiated into the Nu Beta Upsilon sorority Nov. 26. In former years the entire sophomore class of the Home Economics course has been initiated but this year the large number in the class necessitated changing the custom. The new members are: Doris Warner, Keene; Frances Peabody, Berlin; Marjorie Gould, Athol, Mass.; Frances Smith, Laconia; Ruth Langley, Reeds Ferry; Margaret Kent, Methuen, Mass.; Phyllis Roalf, Amesbury, Mass.; Phyllis Whitehouse, Alton; Marjorie Rhodes, Walpole; Dorothy Brennan, Newport; Ellen C. Crockett, Portsmouth.

Miss Brooks of Newton Highlands, Mass., a faculty member, told the Home Economics club girls about her tour of Europe last summer, at the meeting Dec. 4.

MECHANIC ARTS DEPT.

Everybody knows that this is the experimental age, and we have one instructor in our department who is trying out something new in the administration of the finishing-room. Up until now the room has been in a state of chaos. Under the system the responsibility of keeping the room in good order is divided between the individuals that have work to be finished. For those that use the room there is a card that is to be filled out telling just what the materials are that they are using, the name of the student and the date of using. There is hope that the things that were being done will be eliminated.

The classes in the mechanical drawing room are under way and students are drawing up plans for a building to be erected on the plot of land recently purchased by the school for the purpose of a school camp. The plans will be completed so that they will be available by the spring term.

K. N. S. MAIL BAG

Here is a thought for the upper classmen—Why not have a Freshman reception next year to get the new students acquainted with the teachers and the upper classmen?

Some noted religious leaders are being secured to lecture in some of our leading colleges. At Dartmouth the noted clergyman and speaker Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick and the Rev. A. Herbert Gray, pastor of the Crouch Hill Presbyterian church in London, will lecture.

We have speakers in other lines—why not have some noted religious speakers here at Keene Normal?

Here is something for our men faculty to think about. At Medford, Mass., a school men's club, composed of the men school teachers of the city held an annual outing. About 50 of the men teachers attended the affair. Sports, including quoits, ball game were held.

K. N. S. Grid Players Prove Worthy Foes



Front row. Left to right: Ralph Kelley, Manchester; John Hobson, Concord; Robert Ringland, Keene; Gilbert Tuson, Manchester; Capt. William Ladieu, Newport; Edmond Fleming, Keene; Frank Moller, Manchester; Gordon Peavey, Manchester; Keith Quimby, Andover.

Second row: Harold Bridge, Keene; Martin Heffernan, Portsmouth; Edwin Jones, Manchester; Donavon Stevens, Franklin; Robert Mahar, Milford; Raymond Harwood, Manchester; Herbert Hecker, Manchester; Gordon Sargent, Keene; Carle Bair, Berlin.

Third row: Everand Young, Franklin; Oland Swett, Franklin; Coach David Webb; Manager Earl Isles, Manchester; Assistant Manager Elwin Avery, East Kingstown; John Conrad, Wilton; John Bentley, Manchester; William Doskevitch, Nashua; James Connelly, Gouie; Lewis Bailey, West Lebanon; Assistant Coach Manford L. Palmer.

Football at K. N. S. has not been given its rightful place in the extra-curricula activities of the school. With the fine co-operative spirit of its participants, and the wonderful character-building potentialities it has shown in the past year, the editors demand greater recognition of this sport.

"Sissy School Marms" we were branded by one team. They had reason to be sorry they said it! We defeated them fairly and squarely, and we did it as men should. Although we know that those words aren't so, they cut us.

The majority of the people of our state believe as that mistaken team did; even many people right here in Keene do. It's true; it has stared us in the face—this fact that we haven't yet established a reputation. All we ask is the whole support of

the school and a fair chance to show those people that we can play the game on a par with any school.

WON 4, LOST 5

With the last game played and won, the gridsters put away the moleskins with a little smile of satisfaction. Five games lost and only four won. The record doesn't look so good but considering the schedule, and the actual practice time, it is the best athletic achievement so far written on the books.

Paduka! Paduka! That word echoed throughout the campus during the past season. The Paduka's were our first string subs, in other words minute men, ready in an instant to rush into the fray, and play a creditable game. They were the main stays, the steel back bone of our spirit, the iron men. We

couldn't have got along without them. Every one will be back with us next year; watch them go.

John S. Hobson

BOYS' SPORT NOTES

The basketball team has got to have every student out for the first game.

We are desperately in need of some "real" school songs and cheers in keeping with "our" type of school. Please leave the ones you used in junior high at home.

Basketball prospects at the first practice game looked great.

We are expecting big things from our Faculty Athletic Board.

SEASON'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FOR VARSITY

Keene Normal Team Has Unusually Strong Hoop Opponents Listed

The Normal quintet will face a stiffer brand of opposition this season and if they come through on top it will be a credit to the team and the school.

The squad is fast rounding into shape under Coach Webb and with the development of a center the team will be a factor to contend with in all games.

Manager Jack Garand has drawn up the following schedule. It is worthy of your whole hearted support this season.

Let's back the team.

The schedule to date is as follows:

1. Saturday, January 11, Springfield Frosh (home).
2. Wednesday, January 15, Dartmouth Frosh (away).
3. Saturday, January 18, Fitchburg Normal (home).
6. Friday, January 31, Tilton School (away).
7. Saturday, February 1, New Hampton (away).
8. Saturday, February 8, Tilton School (home).
10. Saturday, February 15, New Hampton (home).
12. Thursday, February 20, Mass. Aggie (Varsity) (away).
13. Thursday, March 6, U. N. H. Frosh (away).
14. Friday, March 7—open.
15. Saturday, March 8, Bridgewater Normal (away).
16. Friday, March 14, Keene Y Club (High School Gym.)

GIRLS' SPORT FLASHES

Rifle practice is now in full swing. Besides several veterans, there are a large number of freshmen, who are reporting at the range. The schedule is being arranged by Coach Paul E. Hitchcock and Manager Violet White of Fitzwilliam. Elizabeth Fletcher of Claremont is captain of the team.

Cage ball, a game quite similar to volley ball but played with a much larger ball, is popular at N. H. U.

Review of Menu at Dining Room Reveals Good Food and an Economic Variation

What do you get to eat? Our parents often ask this question when we are home for a visit. Knowing the great interest they take in this question, a Kronicle reporter asked Dean Esten to favor us with a copy of the table menu for one week. She readily complied and the following is what was served from Oct. 13 to Oct. 20 at the K. N. S. dining room.

Wednesday, Oct. 16

Breakfast — Cereal (cooked and uncooked), bacon, cereal muffins, coffee, cocoa and milk.

Lunch — Sausages, mashed potato, apple tapioca pudding, dark and light bread.

Dinner — Beef in gravy, with peppers and carrots, string beans, baked sweet potatoes, frozen pudding, dark and light bread.

Thursday, Oct. 17

Breakfast — Cereal (cooked and uncooked), marmalade, creamed eggs, toast, coffee, cocoa and milk.

Lunch — Meat salad with celery, Sally Lunn cake, cocoa, dark and light bread.

Dinner — Roast pork, dressing, potato, spinach, frosted lemon pie, dark and light bread.

Friday, Oct. 18

Breakfast — Cereal (cooked and uncooked), grapefruit, unsweetened doughnuts, syrup, coffee, cocoa and milk.

Lunch — Scalloped tuna and salmon and potato, plums, cake, dark and light bread.

Dinner — Baked stuffed cod, lima beans, mashed potato, orange sherbert, dark and light bread.

Saturday, Oct. 19

Breakfast — Prunes, muffins, cereal (cooked and uncooked), coffee, cocoa and milk.

Lunch — Corned beef, creamed potato, cake, raspberries, dark and light bread.

Dinner — Baked beans, Graham bread, picallili, baked coconut custard, light bread.

10-YEAR REVIEW

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Every pupil, he said, goes to school 36 weeks a year. The commissioner said that about 500 new teachers are required annually to fill vacancies. Enrollment has increased, he said, in 10 years in elementary schools five percent, and in secondary schools 33 percent. He declared that it now requires \$3,800,000 to purchase school material which could have been purchased for \$2,225,000 in 1914.

Other speakers on the program were Gov. Charles W. Tobey, former Gov. John H. Batlett, former Gov. Huntley N. Spaulding and Orton B. Brown, chairman of the state board of education.

Mrs. La Fell Dickinson of Keene, president of the New Hampshire Federation of Women's clubs expressed the belief that better teachers would be gained by extending the time of training from two to three and four-year courses, stating that even the students admit that more time is needed to absorb the large number of subjects in the curriculum.

"We expect our teachers to learn too much in the short space of two years," she said. Ex-Gov. Huntley N. Spaulding expressed dissatisfaction with the survey of normal schools made by the legislative committee, stating that the members had too little time to give the subject thorough study.

Former Gov. Bartlett felt that too much time is being spent in the preparation of the boy and girl for college and not enough on the pupil who, upon graduating from grammar or high school, must start to earn a living with the pick, on the farm, or working in the industry.

"Take care of the boy who is slow mentally; the bright pupil will take care of himself," he advised.

The former governor made a strong appeal for more reasoning, for the better preparation of the pupil so that he can stand on a platform before an audience and put his ideas across. He suggested to the district superintendents that they go into the class room and teach rather than sit around and criticize the teacher.

MAJ. KINGSBURY'S VIEWS

Maj. Kingsbury emphasized the slogan "New Hampshire Teachers for New Hampshire schools," and spoke in part as follows:

"No one questions that we should have teachers from other states in our system, not because they are better, but to give a varied and perhaps broader viewpoint and it need never be feared that we will not have sufficient versatility in that direction but it seems apparent from the lessons of these 10 years that the backbone and stability of our teaching force should be and must be in our own people.

"In no way is this evidenced more plainly than in the oft discussed question of turnover and the assertion may now be made that, as far as the elementary schools are concerned 'New Hampshire teachers for New Hampshire schools' has practically solved the problem.

"If we may take the present year as a typical one. The total replacement of teachers in the public schools up to the senior high schools was 269 out of a total of approximately 24,000, or slightly over 11 percent. This would indicate a tenure of office of 9 years, surely a favorable comparison with other states or with industrial plants.

"We may hope to still further reduce this but in taking into consideration, the promotions, marriages, family reasons, retirements and deaths, it is a good record and marks a great progress.

"In the senior high schools, however, there is a different story; 180 new teachers were required out of a total of 710, 25 percent instead of 11 percent and indicating an average teaching period of only four years. To lengthen this tenure seems one of the vital problems that confronts us.

"If we study our sources of supply we find that 217 of the 267 new elementary and junior high teachers required this year were graduates of New Hampshire normal schools, while of the 180 required for senior high, 32 were graduates of New Hampshire normal schools, 33 of the University of New Hampshire and 115 of colleges and normal schools outside the state.

CONRAD A. ADAMS TELLS OF MOTOR TRIP OUT WEST

Describes Vivid Impressions of 4,600-Mile Travels During Summer

Six months ago our recent trip seemed like something to be deliberated for a long time but now in the light of past experiences I can join the throng that urge the phrase "See America First".

We set out one fine morning the latter part of June, headed West. The Mohawk Trail being closed we went to Northampton and turned there toward Albany. We arrived at Albany during the noon rush hour and this happened again and again on the trip. We can tell you what the rush hour traffic is like in Syracuse, Niagara, Chicago, Kansas City Mo. and St. Louis, not to mention many other smaller cities.

After a half day spent in Niagara, where we not only viewed the wonders of nature but also the Shredded Wheat factory, we crossed into Ontario and arrived in Detroit the next evening. We were fortunate in being in Canada on one of their holidays and the picnic parties and celebrations gave us a good opportunity to see how our neighbors across the border make merry. The cherries were worth going a long distance to see. We drove miles and miles past orchards whose trees were just red with the ripe fruit.

After a brief delay at the Customs the ferry took us to our own U. S. and to familiar customs and traffic signs. We were welcomed in Detroit by John Bruder, a former Keene boy. The impressive things about Detroit were the wide streets and the traffic lights on Woodward avenue, all timed for 35 miles an hour. Every one coming from a side street was making a full stop, which made driving on the main streets a real pleasure.

The next day's drive carried us across the Mississippi at Clinton and on into Iowa for the night. Here we stayed in a cabin on the prairie and received our first impression of a Western thunder storm. There was one continuous roll of thunder for hours with most of the lightning flashes in a horizontal direction from cloud to cloud.

One more day took us across the Missouri river and into Nebraska near the mouth of the Platte, at the place mentioned in the recent book "A Lantern in her Hand". This was the former starting place of the covered wagon trails. These are appropriately marked by the State Highway department. While staying near Lincoln we learned what a section of land is and that the square corners can only be made in safety while driving very slowly. The whole state of Nebraska is laid out in these square sections with all roads running either north and south or east and west. The Winter wheat was being harvested while we were there and the teams of splendid big horses driven four abreast was quite a sight for us. I had the pleasure (?) of riding on a binder in one of the large fields.

Our return is filled with memories of the fried chicken in Missouri, the mighty bridges over the Mississippi at St. Louis, and the discovery that all the worn out cars in the U. S., are being driven at 15 miles an hour by the dark population of Louisville, Ky.

We met the "old South" in Lexington, Va. We spent one night in this town of Washington and Lee. Our hostess for the night told us many stories of the days before the war and of the time when Lee came riding into the town to become the President of the University there.

The day we spent riding through the West Virginia mountains was one of much pleasure for the male members of the party. Coal mines, coke ovens and brick factories were everywhere.

We spent our first night near Washington, in a camp which is on land that once belonged to the Mt. Vernon estate. After doing the usual things in Washington we came on home

LIBRARY COLUMN

From the 1,300 books now catalogued in the school library, members of the faculty, together with the librarians, have drawn up the following list of books which they recommend to you as being particularly worthwhile:

The Winged Horse
Anslander and Hill

Tristram
Edward Arlington Robinson

Life of Pasteur
Vallery-Radot

Charles Protens Steinmetz
J. S. Hammond

American Portraits
Camaliel Bradford

Plays of J. M. Barrie:
Fifty One-Act Plays

Shay and Lovering
Ariel Maurvis

Theodore Roosevelt's Letters to
His Children

Literary By Paths
Agnes Repplier

Pere Marquette
Agnes Repplier

Memories of a Sculptor's Wife
Mrs. Dan. Chester French

Woodrow Wilson
William Allen White

Bare Souls
Gamaiel Bradford

The Father of Little Women
Morrow

From Immigrant to Inventor
Pupin

Coniston, a novel of the '70's
Winston Churchill

North of Boston, poems of
New England character

The White Hills in Poetry
Robert Frost

Roosevelt's Autobiography
Eugene R. Musgrove

through Philadelphia and New
York, over the Bear Mt.
bridge.

We traveled about 4,600
miles on \$40.00 worth of gaso-
line and visited 16 states. We
arrived in Keene with the same
air in the tires that we started
with.

With the exception of per-
haps 200 miles our entire trip
was over paved roads, most of
which were cement.

Many states have no speed
laws and the police that we met
went out of their way to assist
us. The highways are better
marked than in the East and
dotted with over night cabins
so that any traveler needs only
his personal clothing to make
the trip as we did in comfort.

SENIOR DRAMATIC PLAY (Continued from page 1)

The cast:

Bob Acres
Sprague W. Drennan, Keene

Cap't Jack Absolute
W. Chandler Hurd, Pittsfield

Sir Anthony Absolute
D. Leonard Harwood,
Manchester

Sir Lucius O'Trigger
Edward J. Hickey,
Manchester

Faukland
Ralph H. Creedon,
Milton, Mass.

Fag
Earl S. Iles, Manchester

Thomas
Louis L. Ramsey, Colebrook

David
John H. Frye, Wilton

Boy
Charles A. Stevens,
New Rochelle, N. Y.

Lucy
Dorothy Joyal,
Methuen, Mass.

Julia
Edna L. Johnson, Hillsboro

Lydia
Eunice F. Lanigan,
Somerville, Mass.

Mrs. Malaprop
Dawn Nelson Wallace, Keene

Citizens of Keene interested
in the school joined with the
students in supporting this
play, the proceeds to be used
for the club scholarship fund.

Wouldn't next spring be a
good time to start a track team?

Tillie Jones says that the nice
thing about these new choc-
olate covered ice cream cakes is
that they make your stomach
feel like your foot was asleep.

Bob Cutter (giving words in
spelling test) "Barred."

Pupil: "What was the last
word?"

Cutter: "Barred."

Pupil: "What?"

Cutter: "Barred—b-a-r-r-e-d
—barred."

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Literary Review Given To Kronicle Readers by Mrs. Dawn Nelson Wallace Instructor in English and Dramatics Granted Leave of Absence to Secure Master's Degree, Writes of Elizabeth and Essex Plus Strachey

History repeats itself is a phrase often quoted. At the beginning of the 16th Century, Bacon in England and Montaigne in France almost simultaneously created a type of writing they termed the Essais, pleasantly and vaguely defining it, as a short composition in prose. The first quarter of the 20th Century produced in France, Germany, and England a new type of biography differing widely from the accepted form.

To define its place in literature is to make it a sort of mongrel with a thoroughbred ancestry. It partakes of the best of the novel and does not hesitate to borrow from the drama and the cinema. This may seem somewhat facetious in approaching so fine a figure as Lytton Strachey but what the writer wishes to imply is that it, even as Portia describes the Scottish Lord, 'hath a neighborly charity in it,' for it borrowed its seeds from Eighteenth Century French literature, a dash of color from the novelists' art, and capped the climax with a picturesque flourish from the modern movie.

Mr. Strachey has paid his debt to society by rescuing biography from lamenting widows and laudatory disciples. But what of the man himself, highly individualistic, a profound scholar, reared in the very Victorian atmosphere that he flouts, his ancestors administrators in tracts of land in India for generations, how has he brought about this artistry? Possibly his aim is best realized in the preface of his "Eminent Victorians," where he declares,



Mrs. Dawn N. Wallace

"The history of the Victorian Age will never be written: we know too much about it. . . It is not by the direct method of a scrupulous narrator that the explorer of the past can hope to depict the singular epoch. If he is wise, he will adopt a subtler strategy. He will attack his subject in unexpected places, he will fall upon the flank, or the rear; he will shoot a sudden revealing search light into obscure places; hitherto undivined. He will row out

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Keene Normal Students Are Participants in Treat Of Teachers' Institute Excellent Program of Educational Merit by New Hampshire Speakers Replaces Regular Studies for Day—Commissioner Butterfield Speaks

A visitor to Keene Normal school on Jan. 29 would have found regular classrooms totally deserted but the Spaulding Gymnasium filled to capacity with Cheshire County teachers and Normal school students awaiting the opening of the Institute. Promptly at 10 o'clock the meeting was called to order by Lawrence O. Thompson, Superintendent of schools at Walpole, and honorary vice-president of the Institute.

The business session was short and at its conclusion Commissioner of Education Ernest W. Butterfield, Concord, introduced the speakers of the morning.

Dartmouth College sent us our first speaker in the person of Prof. Harold E. B. Speight who spoke on the subject "Why Read Biography." In an interesting manner he proved to us that biographical material was very useful for pedagogical work. It is a form of history, a supplement to psychology, and an inspiring literature of wide range and wealth. Considered as such it can change the teacher who hands the pupils a body of facts to one who uses fact as a significant interpretation of life and finds in biography "the authentic voice of the human soul."

Health Talks

Did you know that daily milk lunches, perfect teeth campaigns, and demands for fruits and vegetables in the home are not merely "fads and frills" but circumstantial manifestations of the existence of an active health education in our schools? Such was the impressive message brought to us by Miss Mabel Bragg, Assist-

ant Superintendent of Schools from Newton, Mass., in her address, "Health Education."

Superintendent Benezet Speaks

The last speaker of the morning was greeted by a great number of friends in the student body. Louis P. Benezet, superintendent of schools from Manchester, through his address "New Hampshire Children Have Equal Rights," bade us, in an entertaining manner, to seriously endeavor to "throw off the tyranny of the dead" and open the doors of our secondary schools to all children who wish to study further in any field of work.

English Government

The afternoon session convened at 1.30 o'clock. Judge Chester B. Jordan from our own city was the first speaker. In a forceful manner Mr. Jordan explained the "Governmental Problems of England." It is far more important that American people, young and old, realize the territorial expansion problems presented to a sister nation than learn the mere geographical facts concerning that country. We, as teachers, must teach the chil-

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