

## PINAFORE TO BE GIVEN IN THE EARLY SPRING

### All Departments Work Together for Elaborate Musical Program

Plans are well under way for the performance of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, Pinafore, which will be given in the Spaulding gymnasium in early spring. When all the forces of Keene Normal school unite in their efforts, something very worthwhile is sure to result. The musical direction is in the hands of our capable conductor, Harry W. Davis, assisted by Miss Evangeline A. Tubbs. Miss Winona E. Robbins, of the department of health will assist in the stage direction and dancing. President Mason and Sprague W. Drenan, head of the English department, are planning the staging, assisted by the boys of the Mechanic Arts division. Girls from the Home Economics department will have charge of the costumes, except those of the cast, which will be secured from a Haverhill, Mass., firm of costumers.

The following selections have been made for the PINAFORE chorus:

#### GIRLS CHORUS

ALTO: Violet White, Charlotte Davison, Alberta Smith, Irene Blatchford, Marie Elder, Mary Day, Elizabeth Macy, Ruth Jones, Katherine Josselyn, Grace Walker, Mildred Moore, Elizabeth Fletcher, Margaret Harrington, Josephine Pickett, Anne Oulton.

SOPRANO: Esma Ford, Mary Riley, Frances Farrar, Edna Johnson, Antoinette Carbone, Mary Bain, Dorothy Samson, Lauria Pelkey, Cinda LaClair, Alice Pigeon, Marion Lathe, Frances Jackson, Elizabeth Parratt, Catherine Curran, Bessie Preil, Sarah Preil, Emma Newton, Marjorie Osgood, Grace Marland, Marion Skibicki, Athena Brackett.

Mens' Chorus: George Chase, Ray Harwood, Harold Bridge, Carlton Brett, David Jones, William Properzio, R. Webster, Lewis Bailey, R. Davis, Leonard Smith, Forest Gray, Martin E. Heffernan, Paul Belluscio, Elmer Gibson, Robert C. Omand, Allen H. Charter, Gordon H. Sargent, Robert Ringland.

## MUSIC NOTES

Miss Cinda LaClair sang before The Keene Business Women's Club at their annual banquet on Jan. 20 at the Rest Room. Miss LaClair played her own accompaniments and made a very favorable impression.

Miss Elaine Ellis is the director of the Sunday School orchestra at the First Congregational Church. This musical group consists of 12 pieces and plays each Sunday morning at the opening exercises of the school.

Miss Vanda Sanguinetti, accompanied by Miss Evangeline Tubbs, sang before the meeting of the Fortnightly Club, one of the prominent women's organizations of the city, on Jan. 17, held at the home of Mrs. Edward F. Holbrook on Court street. Miss Tubbs also presented several piano numbers.

These two musicians also entertained recently in Marlboro, once before the Marlboro Woman's club and also at the meeting of the American Legion.

An orchestral group consisting of Theresa Verecauteren and Merle Collins, violins, Dorothy Barnes, cello, Lucille Thompson, horn and Elaine Ellis, piano, have been engaged to play for the four monthly meetings of the Mens' club of the First Congregational church. At the recent meeting, Miss Barnes and Miss Thompson rendered solos in addition to the regular ensemble numbers.

Practically, girls are better students than boys because they study harder according to Prof. P. L. Palmer of the Univ. of Chattanooga. This should hold a challenge to boys since psychological tests given the freshmen at this University reports them of higher mental capacity.

The cast:  
Sir Joseph Porter, K. C. B.,  
Lloyd T. Olmstead  
Capt. Corcoran, Ramos Feehan  
Ralph Rackstraw,

Robert Bailey  
Dick Deadeye, Ronald Nutter  
Boatswain, Clayton Perreault  
Boatswain's Mate,

Lawrence Cornwell  
Josephine, Virginia Dunlap  
Hebe, Cinda La Clair  
Buttercup, Eunice Williams

## LITERARY COLUMN

ARE YOU UP-TO-DATE in your reading? Do you know what Richard Halliburton's latest book is? Do you know what the different members of the faculty mean when they speak of "Hudson River Bracketed"? Who is the "Iron Man"? Do you agree with Ernest Dimmet's version of "The Art of Thinking"?

If you are interested in keeping up-to-date with current literature, if you are looking for some stories to while away Sunday afternoons; if you want to stock-up on material for bridge-talk, or table-conversation for February vacation, you'll be interested in the following list of books collected from the various book-shops in Keene. This list includes the best-sellers of the last month and those books for which local dealers receive the largest number of requests.

SALLY WELLMAN'S SHOP offers this list:

\*ALL QUIET ON THE WEST-ERN FRONT,

Erich M. Remarque  
YOUNG MAN OF MANHATTAN, Katherine Brush  
\*IRON MAN, W. R. Burnett  
ALL OUR YESTERDAYS,

H. M. Tomlinson  
\*THE ART OF THINKING,  
Ernest Dimmet

\*HUDSON RIVER BRACKETED, Edith Wharton

\*A FAREWELL TO ARMS,  
Ernest Hemingway  
BURNING BEAUTY,

Temple Bailey  
TWELVE AGAINST THE GODS, William Bolitho

\*NEW WORLDS TO CONQUER, Richard Halliburton

\*CAUGHT SHORT,  
Eddie Cantor

MOTHERS CRY,  
Helen Grace Carlisle

TILDEN'S BOOK STORE offers this list:

THE MIDNIGHT BELL,  
Patrick Hamilton

\*THE GALAXY, Susan Ertz  
LARAYETTE,

Brand Whitlock  
MY TROPICAL AIR CASTLE, Frank M. Chapman

\*FIELD OF HONOR,  
Donn Byrne

\*THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF CALVIN COOLIDGE

THE BIOGRAPHY OF HRH. THE PRINCE OF WALES,

W. & L. Townsend  
PEARL DIVER,

Victor Berge & Henry Lanier

## TO. K. N. S.

Keep us ever in the right, Earnest in Life's greatest fight;  
Ever steadfast, brave and true,  
Never failing to give to you  
Every service to you due.

Never let us sorrow bring  
Or shames sharp thorns your honor sting;  
Remold our thoughts so that we

May to you, Alma Mater, be  
Always ready to serve you best  
Longing to see you lead the rest.

Set your standards against the sky,  
Complete the picture,—Place on high

Her ideals, and then stand by  
Old Keene Normal's colors true  
Of red and white. This the rule  
Love, be loyal, and serve her too,

Our Dear Old Keene Normal School!

Genevieve A. Jaastad, '31.

But have you met the freshman whose feet are so big that when he calls on his girl he has to back up to the door to ring the bell?

THE IRON MAN AND THE TEN WOMAN,

Stephen Leacock  
THE TWO FRONTIERS,

John Gould Fletcher  
THE SEVEN DAYS' SECRET,

J. S. Fletcher  
PROMISE NOT TO TELL,

Anonymous  
SPALTER'S BOOK STORE offers this list:

SINCERITY, John Erskine  
WHITEOAKS OF JALNA,

Mazo de la Roche  
ROPER'S ROW,

Warwick Deeping  
\*FRANKLIN, Bernard Fay

\*JULY '14, Emil Ludwig  
DIANA, Emil Ludwig

A GALLERY OF WOMEN,  
Theodore Deriser

CORONET, Manuel Komroff  
AFFAIRS AT THE CHATEAU, Mrs. Baillie-Reynolds

BABE IN THE WOODS (short stories),

Michael Arlen  
ANOTHER DAY,

Jeffrey Farnol  
\*THE DARTMOUTH MURDERS, Clifford Orr

\*These books seem to be among the most popular and may be found at any of the three stores mentioned.

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## MISS ESTEN PASSES ON HER ENTHUSIASM FROM ATLANTIC CITY MEETING

### Dean of Women Tells Students of Educational Convention Highlights

Having spent three glorious days at the "World's Play Ground," Miss Isabelle Upton Esten, Dean, had many interesting facts to tell the student body at Monday Chapel, Mar. 24.

Atlantic City is known, not only for its famous boardwalk skirting the ocean for seven miles, and its largest resort hotel, but also for its new municipal building which is the largest in the world. It seats 52,000 persons. It was in this auditorium that the sessions took place.

In company with her brother, B. Stewart Esten, superintendent of schools in Rockland, Mass., she made the trip by motor.

Sunday night found them attending the opening session of the Convention which consisted of a musical program and address on the "Spirit of Life."

Monday night they listened to an interesting talk on "Present Day Politics," delivered by Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen, noted woman in politics.

Tuesday night at 8.30 they witnessed "The Pageant of Time," which was an adventure of education in the realms of leisure, staged at the Atlantic City auditorium on a colossal scale. There were 2,500 persons in the pageant, a chorus of 500 voices, and 125 piece orchestra.

The pageant was the climax of the Convention. Its purpose was to show through the medium of drama the importance of the proper use of leisure time in our modern life.

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## COMMISSIONER BUTTERFIELD IN HISTORICAL REVIEW OF THE N. H. NORMAL SCHOOLS

### Kronicle Gladly Re-prints Pamphlet Telling of the Aims and Purposes of Keene and Plymouth Institutions and the Development of Their Curriculum

Commissioner Ernest W. Butterfield has issued under the date of Jan. 8, 1930 a brief historical pamphlet of the growth of the New Hampshire Normal Schools. This is such a good summary of the aims and purposes of our school that we are reprinting it for the benefit of our readers. Graduates of the earlier years of Keene Normal will be especially interested in this article.

New Hampshire was the last state in New England to establish a normal school but when, in 1870, it was convinced that trained teachers were a necessity it selected Plymouth from many competing towns and established in this most typical New England village a permanent training school for New Hampshire teachers.

In 1909, it became evident that a second school was needed in the southern part of the state and several cities eagerly presented their advantages. The legislature chose Keene and it is generally agreed today that few normal schools are better located. By this selection, the state placed its three post-secondary institutions at Durham, Plymouth and Keene, and vertices of a great triangle, and it brought the opportunities of advanced education near to the majority of New Hampshire homes.

For Common and for Higher Schools  
Many states at the beginning contemplated trained teachers for the lower schools but New Hampshire, with broader vision, in its first normal school law declared that the school should train not only teachers for the schools common to all districts and required in them but in a more extended course teachers for the higher branches. This provision is

more striking as in 1870 high school opportunities were not a district requirement and there were publicly supported high schools in only a few of the larger towns and villages. These are the words of the law:

"The trustees shall arrange two courses of study for the school. One course of study shall include all branches required by law to be taught in the common schools of New Hampshire and shall require for its completion at least one school year. The other course shall include the higher branches in addition to those included in the first course and shall require for its completion at least two school years."

The normal school opened with a one-year and a two-year curriculum. Then the trustees made both curricula two years in length, except that college graduates were given a single year of training with high school practice teaching.

#### Three-Year Curriculum

This plan was in force until 1916 when the trustees, at the request of the Educational Council of New Hampshire and to meet the needs of the newly established junior high schools, extended this upper curriculum to three years, retaining the two-year curriculum unchanged. The need and the plan were discussed in the 1915-16 biennial report.

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## SOUTHERN N. E. ALUMNI ESTABLISH SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR NEXT SEASON

### Tri-ennial Reunion of Entire School at Keene On June 14

The seventh annual reunion and luncheon of the Southern New England Alumni Club was held in Boston, March 15, at the Seville restaurant.

Prior to the luncheon, an informal reception was held in the lobby, and the club members exchanged greetings with each other and with members of the faculty. Many whose business and social engagements prevented them from attending the luncheon came for a few minutes to join the friendly circle, and to talk over the "good old times" at Keene.

Thirty-eight members and guests attended the luncheon. Miss Helen Collins, '24, of Laconia, N. H. presided, and Miss Florence Marston, '22, secretary, called the roll by classes. The Class of 1911 was the first to respond. Mrs. Leita Dodge Whitney represented this class. The Class of 1918 was voted the prize for largest attendance, seven members of the class being present.

Miss Bertha Arey, formerly instructor at Keene, now of the English department, Hyannis (Mass.) normal school and Mrs. Dawn Nelson Wallace, a recent member of the faculty, were present. Mr. Carle, Miss Farnum, Miss Vaughan, Miss Tenney '23, Miss Fitzgerald '17 and Miss Fisher '18 represented the present K. N. S. faculty.

The club members invited Miss Vaughan to be their guest and to tell them about their Alma Mater. She brought greetings from the faculty and student body and spoke of the

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## Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. has had several interesting meetings of late which have proved most instructive and entertaining to the club girls. Four members of the faculty have visited the meetings and have given talks of a most profitable nature. Harry B. Preston gave a fine talk on "Rivers" and Miss J. Eleanor Brooks spoke of her visit to Florence, Italy, at two of the meetings in February.

At the first meeting in March Miss Evangeline S. Tubbs told interesting bits about the lives of Bach, Beethoven and Brahms and then played selections from their repertoires. She was assisted in the two numbers by Miss M. Dorothy Barnes of Pepperell, Mass. and Eldon C. Smith of Troy.

At the meeting of March 18, Miss Martha E. Randall gave a most delightful talk on the subject, "A Month on a Swiss Mountain."

## DE LA SALLE

One of the Saturday night entertainments held at Spaulding gym was presented by the De La Salle club. The following program was in charge of Miss Alice H. Healy, Portsmouth, vice president of the club: A reading, "Study in Nerves," by Miss Margaret D. DuBois, Belmont, Mass.; followed by two solos "In the Garden of Tomorrow" and "I'm a Dreamer" by Laura E. Pelkey, Derry. George T. Mahar, Milford, accompanied at the piano by Miss Helen Fleming, Ashland, gave a musical reading, "The Three Daughters"; Miss Antoinette Carbone, Milford, and Edward J. Hickey, Manchester, gave a piano and banjo duet, which was followed by a banjo solo by Mr. Hickey.

At the regular meeting March 18, the members elected committees for the entertainment and a play which the club expects to sponsor in the future.

## KEENE CLUB

At a recent meeting of the newly organized Keene Club officers were elected and a constitution compiled.

Mrs. Marion H. Hudson is the faculty advisor and the officers are as follows:

Harold E. Bridge, president; Miss Theresa R. Gilbo, vice-president; Miss Charlotte S. Nims, secretary and Eldon C. Smith, treasurer.

## Varied Club Activities

## FORUM

The Forum has been unusually active during the past few weeks. Three debates have taken place in the club meetings since the last issue of the Kronicle.

On Feb. 20 the following subject was debated—"Resolved: That the Canadian System of Liquor Control is Preferable to that of United States." The affirmative was supported by D. Leonard Harwood, Manchester; Leonard J. Smith, Claremont; and William M. Sweeney, Nashua. The negative was upheld by Miss Rosamond P. Jerauld, Manchester; Miss Thelma R. Fitzgerald, Methuen, Mass., and Miss Alice L. Gage, Pelham.

The decision was 2-1 in favor of the negative.

An informal debate was held at the meeting of March 13. The question discussed was that of Disarmament. The affirmative side was presented by Paul C. Rizzi, Milford and the negative was given by Miss Dorothy L. Snow, Keene and Miss Dorothy M. Chute, Keene. An open Forum was held after the debate.

"Resolved: That Censorship of Books, Plays and Magazine should be Abolished," was the subject of debate for the meeting of March 20.

The affirmative was upheld by Miss A. Helen Sullivan, Nashua; Miss Madeline E. Burpee, Portsmouth and Miss Ruth F. Lane of Peterborough.

The negative was sustained by Norman H. Davis, Portsmouth; Lewis D. Bailey, West Lebanon and Ralph W. Creedon of Milton, Mass.

The decision was 2-1 in favor of the affirmative.

At a recent session of the Forum a new Literary Committee was appointed and they have planned for several interesting meetings for the remainder of the year. The committee consists of Miss Thelma R. Fitzgerald, Methuen, Mass.; Miss Lillian Solomon, Franklin and Miss Rosamond P. Jerauld, Manchester, chairman.

## VERMONT CLUB

The Vermont club helped to sponsor the Saturday night entertainment March 8 in the school gymnasium.

Wilson Alwyn Bentley, "The Snow Crystal Man," was the speaker, who was introduced by the club president, Miss Luella Smith, Brattleboro. Mr. Bentley lives in Jerico, Vt., and is a scientist and artist, whose work is known, studied, and admired not only all over this country, but in England and on the Continent as well. He began taking pictures of snow crystals in 1884, before he was 20 years old, and has been doing it ever since.

Mr. Bentley has spoken to audiences in the City Hall in New York, in nearly all the states of the union, in Canada and in all the larger towns and cities in Vermont except Brattleboro. His stereopticon pictures, in sets of from one to several hundred, have been purchased by every college and university of any standing in this country except Princeton. Wisconsin university alone has a collection of 2,000 of his lantern slides, and Harvard college also, has a very large collection.

By the aid of about 100 snow crystal photomicrographs and lantern-slides, Mr. Bentley showed and explained how he took pictures of these snowflakes and their principal forms and shapes, although in all his years of study he has never found two exactly alike. Other slides also showed magnified forms of dew, clouds, snow and frost.

Mr. Bentley proved a very entertaining speaker, making his different crystals all especially interesting by pointing out various forms in the patterns such as ducks, bats, birds, and features of "The Old Man Himself," ladies, and laughing men, and telling a number of funny stories.

Mr. Bentley is also an ardent lover of music. After the lecture there was dancing as usual. Here Mr. Bentley surprised the young folks when he demonstrated another talent by playing the piano for one of the dances. Hearty applause came from the young dancers in response to his playing.

## PHI SIGMA PHI

The Phi Sigma Phi sorority sponsored a novelty valentine dancing party for normal school students in Spaulding gymnasium Saturday, Feb. 15, from 2.30 to 5.00 p. m., this social program taking the place of the usual Saturday night entertainment and dance. The social opened with a grand march lead by Miss Ida E. Fernald, assistant dean, and Carl Bair of Berlin, student member of the committee. Miss Fernald, Miss Isabel U. Esten, dean, and Miss A. Marie Thyng, faculty advisor of the sorority, were chaperones. Louis Ramsay, Colebrook, and Miss Antoinette Carbone, Milford, were prize winners in a spot dance. Other specialty dance numbers were one for the Alpha and Kappa men, a balloon dance Paul Jones dance, and a broken heart dance.

Manford L. Palmer, teacher of chemistry and physics in the normal school, gave an interesting talk on Cancer, at the regular meeting, March 10. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by Misses Marjorie L. Cleveland, West Lebanon, Lois A. Day, Antrim, and Winifred D. Hall, Brookline.

On March 17, the meeting was given over to a business meeting and a short St. Patrick's Day program. The program was in charge of Misses Audrey A. Boone, Berlin, Elaine E. Kennedy, Monson, Mass., and Evelyn G. Fowler, New Hampton.

The four Wheelock-Nature clubs are proving themselves to be worth while and interesting for both students and teachers.

Varied collections and projects have already been started in each of the clubs and are being rapidly carried toward completion by the interested and active children. Lectures, given by a few of the normal school men to some of the clubs, on such topics as the "Building of Bird Houses" and "Electricity" are also fast becoming popular. These lectures not only help the normal school students to present their material plainly, but greatly interest the children as well.

DORIS E. PERREAULT '28  
WRITES INTERESTINGLY  
FROM NORTH COUNTRYPittsburg High School Teacher  
Tells of Many Teaching  
Values

Miss Doris E. Perreault, graduate of Keene Normal school, 1928, teacher of French and English at Pittsburg, N. H. High school writes interestingly of her work in a letter to "Daddy" Mason. She sends along a copy of "The Top Notch," a school paper of which she is one of the chief faculty advisors. The paper will be reviewed in the next issue of the Kronicle.

The letter: "I am enclosing a copy of the 'Top Notch,' our school paper, which was introduced last year. Perhaps you remember that our first issues were mimeographed and rather poorly done at that, for our machine did not function very well. Even under such a handicap as this, we managed to publish two issues and realize thirty dollars, clear profit.

"This year we actually discovered a publishing house which would do our printing at very reasonable rates. In view of this fact, our paper is much better and is costing us considerably less than the mimeographed copies did. We have sold over 200 copies in less than a week. This in my mind shows exceedingly good salesmanship, school spirit, and co-operation on the part of the Pittsburg High pupils. It is with this same spirit that they enter all school activities.

"We have had an especially successful year in all phases of our school work. Both basketball teams have done very well, winning several more games than they lost. The senior play presented last November was considered the best ever given by the high school. At present we are preparing another play which will take place Apr. 11. Although we are quite pleased with the extra-curricula activities, we are particularly proud of our seniors who received scores of 103 to 126 on the state intelligence tests.

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## Doings of the Alumni

1922

Miss Evelyn Doris Stearns, graduate of K. N. S. in 1922, who has been teaching at Saxtons River, Vt. and Charles Edmund Snow, Jr. of Holden, Mass. were married on Monday, March 24, at Saxtons River. Mr. and Mrs. Snow will make their residence in Charlestown, Mrs. Snow's home town. Mr. Snow is employed by the New England Power company.

1927

Miss Shirley Bemis, 1927, Whitefield, graduate of the three year course in 1927, and since then a teacher in Jaffrey, has signed up as a leader at Camp Takodah of the Monadnock District Y. M. C. A. at Richmond, N. H., for girls' camp during the month of August.

1928

Miss Gladys Fairfield of Hancock, of the class of 1928, who has been at her home the past year, has accepted the mid-year vacancy at Washington Centre school. She will take the place of Miss Ruth McEvoy, graduate of '29, who has resigned.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Whitehead of Henniker, both members of 1928, announce the birth of a daughter, Jean Patricia.

1929

Cleon E. Heald, submaster of the Whipple Junior High school, Portsmouth, has instituted an experiment in student participation in school management. Monitors or traffic police have been elected to have charge of the passing between rooms and on the school ground. The plan has proved very successful and violations of the school's traffic rules have been reduced to a minimum.

Alfred S. Holt passed a recent week-end with his many friends at A. P. T. "Pete" is now principal in Greenland.

Miss Mary Tobin recently paid us a visit. She is teaching at Weymouth, Mass.

Miss Ethel Hillsgrrove, graduate of '29, visited with us over the week-end of Mar. 22.

1929 (Non-Grad)

The engagement of Miss Lucille Barker of Nashua to Roswell W. Sadd of Cleveland, O., was announced recently. Mr. Sadd attended Keene Normal in 1926-27 as a member of the music group and was active in the musical life of the school and in the Keene Chorus Club. He is at present employed in Cleveland and is a member of several music clubs in that city.

TWO '29 GRADUATES DO  
WELL AT WEST HOPKINTON

Two of last year's graduates, Pearl Smith and Marion Nelson, are teaching in the same school in West Hopkinton. We recently received an interesting composition by one of Miss Smith's pupils, Josephine Severence, who is in the sixth grade.

It is a clear and detailed account of a winter picnic in icy weather. The "story" has many touches of humor, and the young writer shows an appreciation of the importance of "little things" and of the human element which must be encouraging to her teachers.

We quote only two sentences, which certainly have a universal suggestion of humor. "Miss Smith said that it was funny why other people fell down and she didn't. Just as she said that she sat right on the track."

KEENE NORMAL "GRADS"  
SUCCESSFUL WITH FRENCH

In the schools of Sunapee, Miss Elizabeth Dudley, '28 is trying an interesting experiment. With the consent and cooperation of her superintendent she is teaching French from the first grade up. Of course in the lower grades the work is entirely oral and conversational. Miss Dudley is one of the most successful teachers of French in the state.

Another graduate of the French group who is doing excellent work is Miss Helen Perkins, '29, who is teaching in Walpole.

MR. CARLE EVALUATES  
GENERAL INTRA-MURAL  
PROGRAM ACTIVITIESFaculty Member Describes  
Training Benefits Outside  
of the Classroom

Now and then education is criticized by business men, the claim being we are not developing leaders. This criticism is somewhat justified. Classroom procedure tends to stifle rather than bring out this desired trait. In the classroom the teacher is the center of the picture. The teacher holds the reins and is the guiding hand. Often initiative to do more and better work comes out of classroom teaching but this must not be confused with leadership. Students come back from supervised or cadet teaching all enthused and filled with ambition and the desire to get out on their own. For nine weeks these supervised teachers and cadets have been leaders, the center of their own educative world. Some say they have received more and learned more in their nine weeks of teaching than during any other periods. Of course they have, for a part of that time at least they have been the leaders.

Varsity athletics are similar to the classroom work. The coach is the main figure and dominates the gym and the field. He is the monarch of all he surveys. The players do as he says. Captains are only figure heads. The game is run by the coach from the side lines. There is value in knowing how to obey orders, and athletics, develops initiative and cooperative effort, but little leadership.

The club activities and intra class sports are the best places in any school to develop the desired trait of leadership. Here the teacher should be subordinate, ready with advice, but not dominating. The president and officers may work out their own ideas. Members of the organization can express their thoughts and desires without being over-awed by a member of the faculty. The activity

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## HERE'S HEALTH

How often we hear the blessing of "Health" extolled; how often is it borne upon us that without health, wealth and success mean nothing. The bronze plaque in the front of our splendid gymnasium dedicates it to the health of the children of our state.

The above paragraph is but an introduction to the observation that the health equipment of our school deserves a more thoughtful treatment than it gets. Our small athletic field may be inadequate, but it is our only place for the games of hockey, baseball and soccer that bring participation to many of the students. Remembering this, please keep off the grass of the campus in the spring! It is for more than aesthetic reasons that we ask this; by avoiding the lure of the "open spaces" you are helping the health of the nation as surely as by buying T. B. seals.

Our gymnasium is a health building. Therefore the use of it for health purposes should come before all others. The building should be used for lectures, for socials, for concerts, ideally it would never be empty, but rarely should these

activities interfere with the health education program of the school.

The other day we saw scores of feet walking over a pile of mats in the corner of the gym—those mats upon which we stand on our heads, and lie, and roll. Look out! Those mats cannot be cleaned without great expense and great difficulty.

All that we're trying to say is, "Come on, let's be sensible; let's be thoughtful; let's be healthy!"

## THE KRONICLE ROOM

The bare little "geography room" at the head of the wooden stairs in the Hale building has undergone a change. It is not a change immediately apparent to the casual observer. There is a printed card on the door, and a large table in the exact center of the room. Upon this varnished expanse lie a stack of newspapers, a few scattered sheets of yellow paper, a ruler, and a pair of scissors. In the corner is a typewriter with a paste-pot close by. The shelves around the room are still nearly bare, but in one corner one may find a very small library of books on journalism, some copies of the "Writers' Monthly" and

## EDWIN MARKHAM

Edwin Markham, the venerable poet of three score and seventeen winters, was in Concord, New Hampshire, Sunday evening, March the ninth. He is a remarkable man in appearance as well as in inherent abilities. He is of ordinary height which is seemingly increased by a slight massiveness and a most impressive head. With his flowing, snow-white hair and beard he calls to mind Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. A soft artist's tie and a white-buttoned waist-coat help to differentiate him and to create a true idea of a poet.

Mr. Markham prefaced his reading by speaking of poets. He said, quoting from Shakespeare, that when a poet found an idea which held him, his eye began a "fine frenzied rolling." He enlarged upon this by using as an example an old woman leaning against a wall. To an ordinary person she is merely that—no more. Unattractive perhaps, she certainly seems not a cause for stimulating thought. But a poet goes beyond the physical to higher things. To a poet she might hold untold treasure for he ever sees the spiritual embodied in the physical. His mind soars to great heights of thoughts from which come poems. He makes of this woman by the wall, a standard, a thing of beauty by which others may be judged.

The audience, enlightened by the poet's explanation of poetry, and amused by his humorous moments, turned to the more serious pleasure and rare delight of hearing a poet read his own poems and give them his interpretation. Here, Mr. Markham was very eloquent, bringing into play expressive gesture and into his clear voice shadings of meaning. Closing with that favored poem, "Lincoln, a Man of the People," he rests in one's memory as a poet by himself, a man among the last of the old school of poets.

—Elizabeth Fletcher.

back issues of the Kronicle. As you have already gathered, this humble room has become the official residence of this publication.

We are tremendously proud of our independence. Come up and see our "office" sometime—and leave your contribution under the paste pot.

## AROUND THE CAMPUS

Both Miss Vryling W. Buffum, librarian, and Miss Evelyn L. Truesdale assistant, have been absent from the school library at Ball house, because of illness. Mrs. Sprague W. Drenan, substituted and with the student assistants, library service was not interrupted. Miss Buffum and Miss Truesdale are now back on duty.

At the recent banquet on the occasion of guest and ladies night at the men's club of the First Congregational church, Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Keyes entertained a party of 18 normal school faculty. Several students acted as waitresses; Harry W. Davis, head of the music department led the group singing; and an orchestra of young ladies from the school furnished music during the meal.

On the return of Dean Isabelle U. Esten from her trip to Atlantic City, Assistant Dean, Ida E. Fernald left for a brief vacation, which included a visit to St. Petersburg, Fla., by motor with relatives.

Miss Helen Davis, formerly instructor in physical education, now a student at Boston University, spent a recent week end with friends here.

Miss Doris Boothby, head of the department of Home Economics, spent a week recently in New York City, at the North Atlantic Regional conference on Home Economics, held by the Home Economics agents of the Federal Board for Vocational Education. The conference was held at the Gramercy Park hotel.

Mr. Shirley Pollard and Miss Natalie Hodgdon, former K. N. S. instructors, now teachers in Newton and Worcester, Mass., respectively attended the Masonic ball in Keene recently. They were guests over the holiday week-end, Feb. 22, of Mr. and Mrs. Percy A. Hudson.

## MAIL BAG

The Keene High School, with other schools and organizations, celebrated the 2000th anniversary of the birth of Virgil, Roman poet and famous for his epic work, the Aeneid, at an assembly of the school on Mar. 28, when a group of students taking Latin presented a dramatization of Book I of this famous work.

Is this not a good plan for some of our clubs to try out here at Keene Normal?

In one of the schools of Sharon recently there was tried out a plan that promises to be of great value. The class was studying the customs and business of a certain country, and the teacher conceived the idea of inviting the consul of that country to appear at the school and give a friendly little talk upon the land he represented in Boston.

It gives our scholars a clearer idea of foreign resources and it surely advertises, so to speak, the country the consul represents.

## FACULTY NOTES

Miss Marjorie P. "Marge" Masters, former athletic coach and director of physical education, when games were played in the "old barn" which was used as a gymnasium prior to the generous gift of the new building by Gov. Huntley N. Spaulding, was married last July to William "Bill" Wallace. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace are now making their home at 242 South Huntington avenue Jamaica Plain, Mass. Mrs. Wallace was physical director from 1923 to 1926.

The March number of the BULLETIN of the New Hampshire Public Libraries, official publication of the State Library Commission, contains an article by Harry B. Preston, on the topic: "How a Trustee May Help the Librarian." Mr. Preston conducts a regular department of book reviews for the New Hampshire Congregational RECORD, a quarterly sponsored by the State Conference of that denomination.

## ALPHA PI TAU

The fraternity is beginning to realize more and more each day the value of visits from brothers who are now in the teaching field.

Among those visitors of the last few days might be mentioned William S. Hughes of Newport, Alfred S. Holt of Greeland, and Gordon L. Streeter of Stanford, Conn. We knew they would make good, and reports from their various schools help to confirm that belief. Ever keeping in mind their fraternity they have returned for a short visit to hand on to us their experiences, problems—and impressions of school activity. Here, then is a lesson for the eight members of our fraternity who graduate this year.

We could not help but notice the "Alpha" band at the recent basketball games.

Brother "Muggs" McGrath is a busy man of late. He was a recent visitor in Boston and did you see him referee that Faculty game?

## ART DEPARTMENT

New crafts are now being made in the art department in the way of special art work. The art classes are making very attractive lamp shades cut out of heavy paper, lined in colored paper and painted over with colored tempera. Some of the designs are very clever and original. Chinese characters used as in their lanterns are ingeniously worked into modern lamp shades. Others have taken inspirations from the old European countries such as a Holland scene with dutch figures and windmills, and when done in conventional designs lined with colored paper against the light gives a wonderful effect.

The special art classes are devoting their class time in making screens. A framework of wood with clapboard painted in various designs is used for the screen, itself. Remarkable results have been produced. The heavy beaver board is then painted in tempera on the designs chosen by the individual students.

## KAPPA NEWS

The First and Second Degree has been conferred upon four future Kappa men. They are Lewis Bailey, Lebanon; Earl Colbeth, Portsmouth; Forrest Gray, Portsmouth; and John Conrad, Wilton. The third and last degree will be conferred Friday night, April 4.

On Saturday night, March 29, the entertainment was furnished by the Kappa Koons, directed by George Chase. The Kappas also furnished the music for the dance which followed. The boys take this opportunity to thank George for his untiring efforts in making this show a success.

Jim Armstrong has been substitute teaching in Walpole during the absence of the regular teacher on account of illness.

"Andy" Boland is back with us again after a week's illness. A letter of thanks has been received from the director of the Boston Public Library for a copy of The Kappa year book which has been placed on file there. A committee is at work on a new year book.

## MECHANIC ARTS DEPT.

Through the courtesy of Henry G. Neugebauer it has been possible to use a Foot Candle Meter to check up on the illumination of the present buildings and the new library.

Four Smith-Hughes teachers; Mr. Adams, Mr. Pierce, Mr. Eaton and Mr. DeMar, will attend the American Smith-Hughes conference held at Dover, April 24, 25, 26. The purpose of this conference is to bring together the Smith-Hughes teachers of the state and to discuss the required program for the coming year.

From the School Report of the City of Concord (Morrill School of Mechanic Arts), we take this statement: "Four cadets from the Keene Normal School have had practice-teaching here. They have been of service and a credit to Keene Normal."

Ronald E. Nutter, Dover, senior president, has been selected to supervise the new manual training course at Hillsboro next year.

## MUSIC NOTES

Members of the Orpheus club have worked diligently on various musical efforts in preparation for the annual concert of the club in April.

During the month of May The Orpheus club is planning a trip to the MacDowell Colony in Peterborough. Much interest over the trip is shown as it certainly will be of great interest to students in music.

A trio composed of Miss Tubbs, piano; Dorothy Barnes, Haverhill, Mass., cello; and Eldon Smith, Troy, is doing much playing lately. Recent engagements were with the Marlboro Women's club and at the Wheelock P. T. A.

At the First Congregational Church, an excellent Sunday-School orchestra is under the direction of Miss Elaine Ellis. The orchestra rehearses regularly and plays at the school service on Sunday. They will also play at a Lenten service in the near future.



## CLOSING ACCOUNTS OF SEASON'S BASKETBALL

N. H. Frosh Win

The University of New Hampshire Freshmen team defeated Keene Normal 49-17, Thursday, March 6 at Durham. The game was much better than the score indicates.

M. A. C. Worthy Opponents

The Mass. Aggie Varsity triumphed over the Keene Normal Team, 43-17, Feb. 20 at Amherst. The game was featured by the closeness of the score up until the last quarter, when the M. A. C. coach put in reinforcements.

Keene Y Noses Out Keene Normal

In a hard fought struggle the Keene Y Club gained the whip hand over the Normal school aggregation 28-25 in the High School gym, Friday, Mar. 14.

The normal men playing under a decided handicap showed the true normal combative spirit.

The side line "authorities" openly criticized the support given the K. N. S. squad which, indeed, was lacking. We hope this won't happen again.

Normal Loses To New Hampton

Keene Normal lost the second game with New Hampton Institute, 39-27, Saturday evening, Feb. 15, at the Spaulding "gym."

The New Hampton team was a well balanced aggregation, all energy who have developed a remarkable record this year.

Our team couldn't cope with the offensive strength of the visitors but did a good job holding them as they did.

Tilton Wins 48 to 40

After winning the previous game with Tilton on their own floor, Keene Normal lost a close decision here Saturday evening, Feb. 8, 43 to 40.

The game was featured by the marvelous long shots of the visitors, who, not being able to penetrate our defense chose this alternative.

The game seemed cinched for the Tilton aggregation until the last quarter when Keene Normal began to climb.

## DE MAR IN GOOD TRIM, LOOKS FORWARD TO ANNUAL PATRIOTS' MARATHON CLASSIC IN BOSTON

**Faculty Member Increases Speed and Distance Each Day, Has Kept in Good Condition By Daily Runs Throughout the Winter—Students Wish Him Well in April 19 Venture.**

Clarence H. DeMar, printing instructor at Keene Normal, and internationally known marathon runner is now training hard for the greatest race of the year, "The Patriots' Day Marathon," to be held in Boston, April 19.

A striking example of perfect physical condition without over-training is displayed in the physique of Mr. DeMar. He is able to prepare for the most strenuous race in short notice, due to the diligence in his everyday trainings. His record shows him to be a true sportsman who runs for the true love of the game.

Last summer he journeyed to California to prepare for participation in the 1932 Olympics. During a short talk Mr. DeMar mentioned that the western Indians were far better runners than the western white men, due largely to superior training.

A big patriotic celebration was held in Houston, Texas, March 2 and Mr. DeMar was a guest of the city and ran in their 20 mile race. The race was won by Ward, a New York man who nosed out Mr. DeMar by a few seconds and who has previously been beaten by him.

Students Run

Several of the men in the school have jogged a few miles down the road toward Troy with Mr. DeMar in preparation for our intermural cross country race held April 5. The men have been free in asking questions and have got a great deal of help out of Mr. DeMar's long experience. This is a start for our future track team.

The Marathon in Boston will be a gigantic test. Over 50 of the best runners in the whole country will be on hand to participate as well as several hundred other runners. We wish Mr. DeMar the best of luck in his trip to Boston and trust he will show the younger men his dust.

## "JOHNNY" HOBSON NEW CAPTAIN-ELECT OF GRIDIRON LETTER MEN

At a meeting of the 1929 football letter men John S. (Johnny) Hobson '32 of Concord, was unanimously chosen to lead the 1930 gridiron squad. He is fully qualified for such a position, having captained Concord high, and later attained recognition as all-state full back at Vermont Academy. Indications point to a successful season this coming fall, with all but one letter man planning to return to school.

—W. L.

## GIRLS' STUNT CLUB GIVE EXCELLENT SHOWING OF PHYSICAL TRAINING

The stunt club, under the direction of Miss Winona E. Robbins, physical director made its first appearance in the gym on Tuesday evening, March 25. The girls who have been chosen from all classes because of their abilities along this line and because of their interest in physical education, put on an excellent demonstration of tumbling, pyramids and individual work on the horse.

The following girls participated in the short demonstration: Mary Bain, Walpole; Madelene Burpee, Rye; Mary Cannon, Manchester; Marjorie Castonguay, Franklin; Orpha Collins, Pittsford, Vt.; Ellen Crockett, Portsmouth; Ruth Emerson, Thetford, Vt.; Ruth Gillingham, Contoocook; Ida Kirkpatrick, Keene; Edna Mar-

## GIRLS' SPORT NOTES

The senior division in physical education are having volleyball in class. Much interest has been shown, and it has been suggested that a tournament be played.

A notice given recently in chapel by Dr. Mason has been greeted with enthusiasm by the members of the physical education classes. "Daddy" tells us that if the weather continues to pleasant, the campus will be sufficiently firm so that we may have out-of-door gym classes soon. Of course, those baseball and tennis enthusiasts, who are looking forward to a long spring and the tournaments, are ardently hoping for continued good weather.

## DORIS WILSON, STUDENT, AND "DOT" MOBERG OF FACULTY WIN BOWLING

The girls' bowling tournament was won by Doris Wilson, Concord, who defeated Alice Gage, Derry, by an average score of 82 to Miss Gage's 79.

Miss Dorothy R. Moberg defeated Miss Elizabeth P. Shaw in the faculty finals 79-63.

Each of the winners is to receive a handsome medal, which has been on exhibition in the Hale building.

## ATHLETIC EXPERIMENT OF COACH AND REFEREE TRAINING IS SUCCESSFUL

The final game of the inter-division basketball tournament was played on March 6. Division 2HR, winner of the sophomore class tournament defeated Division B, freshman winners, 31-18. Miss Eleanor J. Howe, assistant in the physical education department, coached the 2HR'S, while Miss Dorothy L. Whitney was the coach of Division B. The handling of this tournament has been somewhat of an experiment. Three of the upper class girls have had entire charge of the coaching of the freshman teams and of the officiating at the games.

Those who were given the opportunity to do this work as a part of their physical education were: Dorothy Whitney, Laconia; Susan Crouch, Nashua; and Dorothy Ingham, Winchester.

tinson, Manchester; Alice Mullen, Portsmouth; and Alberta Smith, of Woodsville.

## NORMAL SCHOOL GROWTH

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From 1916, there have been at both schools a large number of three-year students and several hundred of these three-year graduates are now teaching in our senior and junior high schools with a success which shows that they are filling a recognized need. To avoid duplication, teachers in commerce and in junior high school history, Latin and mathematics are trained at Plymouth, while teachers in home economics, in mechanic arts and in junior high school English, French and science are trained at Keene.

## Four-Year Curricula

In 1926, after prolonged discussion and following many conferences, the State Board, as trustees, established four-year curricula to meet the need of trained teachers in the junior-senior high schools. This action was explained in the 1925-26 biennial report.

The plan has been in operation now nearly four years and its success, as well as its necessity, has already been amply demonstrated. In 1928, the first four-year class, seventeen students, and in 1929, the second, thirty students, graduated, and all were at once employed in the public schools.

This is the New Hampshire plan as adopted four years ago.

## New Hampshire Plan

The large majority of the normal school students are in the two-year elementary curriculum and are trained for rural village and city elementary schools. The supply of graduates very fairly meets the demand and now for several years all one-room rural schools which have called for inexperienced teachers have been filled with full normal school graduates. It is to be noted that the normal schools of the southern New England states are now passing to the three-year basis for all elementary teachers on the ground that elementary pupils need as broadly trained teachers as pupils of higher grades. The same point was recently made in a public address by the President of the New Hampshire Federation of Women's Clubs.

A smaller number in the three-year curriculum train for the work of the junior high school or for the seventh and eighth grades, and again the normal school supply equals the demand. Many of the teachers teach their specialty, English, history, science or mathematics, not only in Grades VII and VIII but in the lower grades of the high school, since the junior and senior high schools in most of our smaller towns are organized now in the same building. Last year our superintendents reported on the thirty three-year graduates of Keene and Plymouth who were teaching the two subjects English and history in such schools and stated that ten were superior; sixteen, good; four, fair. None were poor and none were failures. Nearly one-fourth of the teachers employed in our senior high schools are normal graduates and are mostly from the three-year curriculum.

The number enrolled in the four-year curricula is still smaller and is limited to selected pupils, chosen from the sophomore class. These groups are made large enough so that there may be economy in instruction and small enough so that the state need shall not be exceeded. At present, however, the supply is far below the demand as is shown by the fact that a majority of the new high school teachers chosen for New Hampshire schools last September were neither residents of New Hampshire nor graduates of the post-secondary institutions located within the state.

There are five curricula for four-year students. In the English curriculum at Keene students are trained to teach English, history, science and French; in the mechanic arts curriculum to teach mechanic arts, mathematics and science; in the home economics curriculum to teach home economics, English and science. In the history curriculum at Plymouth students are trained to teach history, English, Latin and mathematics; in the commercial curriculum to teach commerce, history and mathematics.

## As To Cost

As in Massachusetts and the other states, the establishment of four-year curricula in the normal schools resulted in no

large state expenditure. The reason is plain. The normal schools in the laboratories, libraries, practice schools and gymnasias needed for the two and three year curricula already had the equipment needed for the four-year students. The cost has been for one year of additional instruction for a small group. For New Hampshire, this amount is about \$6,000. In spite of this and other additions, the state cost for normal school maintenance has in twelve years increased but from \$77,762 to \$124,318, while the number of students has increased from 240 to about 925. The per student maintenance cost to the state in these years has actually decreased from \$324 to \$135.

The establishment of four-year curricula made possible a careful and detailed study and investigation by the American Association of Teachers Colleges and Normal Schools, with the result that both New Hampshire normal schools are listed in Class A, the highest national classification.

## In Other States

Throughout the Union the last decade has marked a transfer of two-year normal schools into four-year teachers colleges with curricula of two, three or four years. The movement has continued until now in forty of the forty-eight states there are state supported four-year degree granting teachers colleges or normal schools. In the organization of our own four-year curricula, every attempt has been made to avoid duplication and the degree granted to graduates is not the bachelor or arts or bachelor of science degree but the professional degree—bachelor of education.

## What School Boards May Do

The State Board admits to the normal schools all graduates of approved high schools since our state system is a unit from the first grade but it scrutinizes all applicants whose school record or personal record is indicative of failures and it admits these only on trial. It asks school board members, in a joint effort to improve our public schools, to send to the normal schools the most competent high school graduates and to advise these young people in regard to the curricula which they should select.

## DODO'S DICTIONARY

**A**  
Absence—A common occurrence on exam day which makes the teacher's heart grow fonder (?) for the absent one.  
Age—The unknown quantity in every senior girl.  
Alibi—Anything from a toothache to a deceased third cousin.  
Alternative—A temporary boy friend when you "Inspiration" is lured away.

**B**  
Ballroom—Place where girls make business for the boot-blacks.

Book—Highly decorated, cruelly abused, and sadly neglected.

Boy—An easily trained pet, obeys very well when correctly educated. Very useful thing when the Prom comes around.

Breakfast—Quickly gulped hen fruit and burnt bread.

Beauty—Few girls have it, many others admit it.

Brother—General informer on sister's conduct.

**C**  
Chapel—Embarassing place for seniors when they do their sacred stroll.

Classroom—A good place to sleep.

Compact—Five in an auto seat built for three.

**D**  
Detention—The bad boy's privilege.

Dangerous—We heard the freshman say he saw a lot of those things at the zoo.

Dog—Kicked out during the first period, returns at recess between bread.

**E**  
Editor—Peculiar species of human being having only one half a brain and one goat.

Ectasy—I passed!

Elbow—The fine point of every girl.

**F**  
Freshman—Young lad who thinks Jordan Marsh is a swamp.

Fraternity—An excuse to lose money on a dance.

Failure Slips—The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee today.

Ford—Four out of five have one.

Faculty—Constant source of irritation.

From Brown and Gold, Haverhill, Mass., High School



## LITERARY NOTES

THESE ARE NEW—Some of them are not on the stands yet, but keep your weather-eye on the following books: great popularity is predicted for them.

**Golden Dawn**, by Peter B. Kyne. A society cinderella cast into the underworld by force of circumstances. A best seller.

**August Strindberg, The Bedeviled Viking**, By V. G. McGill. A colorful story of Strindberg, hater and worshipper of women, materialist, and seeker of Philosopher's Stone.

**The Pattern of Life**, by Alfred Adler. Analysis of the "problem child."

**Retreat**, by C. R. Benslead. A novel of 1918.

**Memoirs of a Victory**, by George Clemenceau. The only book written by Clemenceau himself, and the one which hastened his end.

## EDUCATIONAL NOTES

## New Vermont Dorm

Through a lease consummated between the Vermont State Board of Education and Morris Hill of Johnson, the State Normal School will acquire "Hillhouse," a new girls' dormitory. This will double the number of students who can be accommodated in dormitories at present. "Hillhouse" will be fitted up especially for girls who wish to do co-operative cooking and serve meals.

Beginning next September a new rule will be put into effect whereby all students attending Johnson Normal School will be required to live in dormitories, unless special arrangements are made with the principal.

## Student Government

Livermore Hall at Plymouth Normal School was the scene of the inauguration of Miss Marion Stearns of Nashua as governor of the school state for the second semester. There were many guests, relatives, townspeople and members of the faculty and student body present.

Pres. Ernest L. Silver presided, while Acting Secretary of State Pauline Keyser, Lancaster, conducted the ceremonies. After the newly-elected officers were inducted Miss Stearns gave an address on the student government and its work.

## EXCHANGES

Nearly all the exchanges this month are old friends, and, since none of them has been radically changed in appearance or make-up, comment on each seems unnecessary. Nevertheless, the exchange editor enjoyed reading them so much that she is glad to share some of the fun.

"What are those brown spots on your vest—gravy?"  
"No, that's rust. They said this suit would wear like iron."  
—The Sentinel, New Haven, Conn., High School.

Teacher: Order please.  
Absent-minded student: Egg sandwich.  
—The Tattler, Nashua High School.

Teacher: Why is this a short story?  
Pupil: Well, it's the tale of a pig, and nothing's much shorter than that.  
—The Red and Black, Stevens High School.

## COMMENTS OF OTHERS

Equally interesting are three comments.

"A good paper."  
—The Lancastrian, Lancaster Academy and High School.

"Praise: 'Say, I think the Keene Kronicle takes the prize for school magazines. It is just full of worth while things from beginning to end, and everything is separated into departments.'"

"Blame: 'Well, I'll have to admit it is good but a few jokes would liven it up a bit.'"  
—The Madisonian, Madison High School.

"Your different departments are cleverly kept."  
—The Record, Montpelier, Vt., High School.

"Among the many college papers sent to us is one from the State Normal School of Keene, N. H., which is published monthly. It is very well arranged with departments covering all school activities. It is indeed a very, 'Keene Kronicle.'"  
—From Brown and Gold, Haverhill, Mass.

ALUMNI REUNION  
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various activities of the school. She spoke of President Mason's efforts in securing a school camp, and of the new library which is nearing its completion. She also urged the members to come to Keene to the Tri-ennial reunion, June 14.

At the business meeting following the luncheon, it was voted to call the scholarship fund, which has now reached two hundred dollars, "The Southern New England Club Scholarship Fund." This fund will be available next year to help some worthy student at Keene Normal school. A novel and effective method of securing money for this fund and of stimulating interest in the club, was explained to those present. Fifteen alumni are to be chosen in the various districts around Boston where Keene graduates are living, and are to be known as "contact workers." As the name suggests, they will get in touch with all graduates of K. N. S. living in their district, arrange social gatherings for the purpose of adding money to this fund. They will assist the officers of the Club in making arrangements for the annual reunion and luncheon in March.

The present officers were re-elected for 1930-1931. After singing the school song, the meeting adjourned.

MISS ESTEN'S TRIP  
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It sought to emphasize the growing need, to give such training in the schools that the youth of today and the adult of tomorrow may know better how to choose wisely those things to do in his leisure.

Miss Esten speaks of the costumes as "beautiful beyond description." The music thrilled the whole audience. The magnificent settings of the various scenes in common with the well trained actors succeeded to blend realism and symbolism in such a way as to produce certain elements of unity, progression, suspense and climax.

The following day preparations for departure were made thus ending their sojourn in Atlantic City. They returned by way of the Bear Mountain Bridge over the Hudson.

GRADUATE LETTER  
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"Perhaps you would be interested to know that even though I did not take the home ec. course at K. N. S. I am now teaching seventh and eighth grade domestic science. Although there are but three in the class we have accomplished a great deal. At the close of the canning season, we had a sale of our products and were quite surprised to realize ten dollars.

"Just at present we are planning a banquet for both basketball squads, the faculty and those who so willingly furnished transportation for the teams throughout the season. It is quite a task for three Junior High people to prepare and serve a banquet to 50 people but they can do it, I know.

"I have enjoyed this year very much as I have now had an opportunity to meet, know and thus better understand the people in this community. Much pleasure has been derived from participating in several different plays and at the present time I am coaching a production for the Grange.

"Pittsburg has taught me that a person may do as little or as much as she wishes for the school and community, but the more she does, the happier she is and the better the results will be.

"Please pardon me if I have taken too much of your precious time, but I felt that I must tell you and other people in the southern part of the state that even though we are at the 'Top Notch,' we are striving, and actually are accomplishing something."

INTRA-MURAL PROGRAM  
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should be a student enterprise and if this is felt by the members much progress may be made.

With our fraternities, dormitories, clubs could we not here at Keene co-operate with the class room which develops habits, skills, and attitudes in terms of uses of knowledges and vocation training, and add to this skill in leadership?

—H. D. Carle.

Don: You'll ruin your stomach gulping down those sandwiches whole.

Duke: Oh that's all right, it won't show with my vest on.

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NEW K. N. S. LIBRARY BUILDING  
IS NAMED FOR PRESIDENT MASON  
Vocational Building Will Bear the Name of Retiring  
Commissioner Butterfield, by Vote of the State  
Board of Education

The governor and council at their meeting in Concord, Wednesday, October 30, approved plans of the state board of education for further remodeling the Ball house, and the building of an addition 72 feet long and 36 feet wide for library purposes at Keene Normal school, at an approximate cost of \$18,000 for the building; and an additional sum for furnishings and equipment.

This action taken by the state is in keeping with the recommendations of the special legislative committee of educators who studied all phases of Normal school development at Keene and Plymouth with the following report:

## Committee's Report

"The library facilities of both Keene and Plymouth are pathetically and tragically inadequate. Nothing is more conducive to the broadening of the outlook and the strengthening of the intellectual reserves on which a teacher must constantly draw than the opportunity provided during the years of training by an ample and well-stocked library. We believe that the state could make no better investment than by providing adequate library facilities for its two normal schools."

The chief use to which the addition will be devoted is that of a reading room. The Ball house is on Main street opposite the school and was formerly used for dormitory purposes.

The extension is on the southwest side of the house and one story, 15 feet high, with a basement for a class-room and a room for textbooks.

The reading room has bookcases on four sides, reading tables and seating accommodations for 100 students.

The old Ball house on Main street opposite the main campus which was recently converted into a modern library building through the efforts of Pres. Wallace E. Mason, with Commissioner Butterfield and members of the state board of education, has been fittingly named the Mason library. It is a testimonial to the forward look of Pres. Mason not only in caring for the needs of the school in this much-needed phase of educational development but in generally looking out for the physical welfare of the school in its several buildings.

The state board of education at their spring meeting in Keene not only thus honored Pres. Mason but also paid tribute to Commissioner Butterfield who retires in September to accept a similar position in Connecticut. They named the vocational building on Winchester street, rear of Fiske hall, the Butterfield vocational building. They officially named the domestic science building, the Nathan Blake house, and the old Thayer and Collins houses in the rear of Huntress dormitory were named Sullivan and Cheshire cottages for Sullivan and Cheshire counties.

Maj. Robert T. Kingsbury of Keene, was a member of the state board of education, chairman of a special committee studying the needs of the school as regards library facilities.

STUDENTS LOOK FORWARD TO  
CLOSING GRADUATION PROGRAM  
Seniors Have Already Lived the Joy of Banquet and  
Ball—Now Enter Last Week to be Filled With  
Many Lasting Memories

With the senior class banquet, the annual school picnic and the commencement ball, things of the past, pleasant memories of these and other events linger in the hearts and minds of all. The 1930 graduates will look forward to the remaining program of the final week of school, which will be crowded with many happy hours.

Parents, friends of the school, former teachers, alumni and all other interested persons are invited to join in these closing ceremonies as follows:

Sunday, June 15—3 p. m., Baccalaureate address, gymnasium, Rev. Austin H. Reed.

Monday, June 16—8 p. m., concert by combined musical clubs of Normal school and Keene High school, gymnasium.

Tuesday, June 17—7 p. m., "sing out," on the campus.

Friday, June 20—3 p. m., class day exercises, planting of the ivy, on the campus; 8 p. m., commencement play, "Taming of the Shrew," gymnasium.

Saturday, June 21—10.30 a. m., commencement exercises, Colonial theatre.

The other members of the state board working with Maj. Kingsbury in the study of this matter were James A. Wellman of Manchester, Mrs. Alice S. Harriman of Laconia, and Mrs. Elizabeth R. Elkins of Concord.

Maj. Kingsbury, Commissioner Ernest W. Butterfield and Pres. Wallace E. Mason composed a committee to carry out the plans.

The addition will permit special departmental uses of the Ball house, provide a work room, a children's literature room, and reference rooms on the first floor, a museum and a room for books relating to music, drawing, painting, etc., on the second floor.

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JAMES N. PRINGLE WILL  
TAKE MR. BUTTERFIELD'S  
PLACE AS COMMISSIONER  
Deputy Since 1918 Is Given  
Unanimous Vote of the State  
Board of Education

James Nelson Pringle, deputy commissioner of education since 1918, was unanimously elected commissioner at a meeting of the state board of education. Mr. Pringle will succeed Ernest W. Butterfield who resigned to accept the position of commissioner in Connecticut, and will take up his new duties September 1.

Mr. Pringle was born Dec. 2, 1874, in Ryegate, Vt. He graduated from St. Johnsbury, Vt., academy, and Phillips Andover academy in 1894. He received his A. B. degree from Dartmouth in 1897. He was a classmate of Mr. Butterfield at Dartmouth. He served as headmaster of Hillsboro High school 1897-99 and at Sharon, Mass., 1899-1909, as district superintendent of schools in East Jaffrey from 1909 to 1912, superintendent of schools in Portsmouth from 1912-1918, and deputy commissioner since that time.

On November 24, 1909, Mr. Pringle married Eva L. Robbins of Cambridge, Mass. Mr. Pringle is a member of St. John's lodge, A. F. and A. M., Portsmouth.