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Miss Ida Remmele, who succeeds Miss Osen in the department of reading and expression, is a graduate of Heidelberg College, in Ohio. After two years of study at the Emerson College of Oratory, she completed her course at the Columbia School of Oratory, Chicago. She has taught successfully for four years at the state normal school at Ellensburg, Washington.

Miss Belle M. Deans, who becomes critic teacher in the seventh and eighth grades of the model schools, is a graduate of the River Falls, Wis., state normal school, and of the Wisconsin State University. She has taught with distinguished success in the River Falls normal for four years.

Miss Edith Bickell, who directs the primary critic work, is a graduate of the St. Cloud normal, and completed her college course last June, when she graduated from Chicago University. She is a teacher of successful experience.

The return of Miss Watts from her year's study in Paris finds her again in charge of the music department, and Miss Mears' transfer from the critic department to that of geography and history fills a vacancy that has not been regularly occupied since Miss Dowling's departure for Columbia.

PERSONALS.

Paul Tungseth spent September fourth at the Normal.

Mabel Hannay visited her parents at St. Hilaire September nineteenth.

P. G. Swenson dropped in Sept. eighteenth, en route to his school at Norcross, Minn.

Flora Tripp enjoyed the hospitality of friends at Barnesville September sixth and seventh.

A wedding and other momentous events took Georgia Redpath to Frazee September eighteenth.

Leah Cockroft and Josephine Stringham spent Sunday and Monday, September twen-

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ty-seventh and twenty-eighth, at their home at Fergus Falls.

Wayne May entered the medical course at the State University at the beginning of the school year.

Grace McDunn, of Barnesville, visited her cousin Elizabeth at Wheeler Hall September twenty-fifth.

Mrs. Neilson, of Minneapolis, spent September thirteenth and fourteenth with her sister, Miss Donaldson.

Hannah Boe left October third for her home at Lake Park, where she spent a day or two hunting chickens.

Will Erickson and his two sisters, of Red Wing, and Wendell Odenburg, of Wheaton, spent September twenty-sixth with Emma Erickson.

LITERARY SOCIETIES.

The literary societies are looking forward to a most prosperous year; and if the interest displayed by the new students is indicative of a desire to take an active part in literary work, their expectations bid fair to become realized. The initial step was the election of officers which occurred September eighteenth. Following are those chosen by the Livingston Society:

President, Hannah Boe; vice-president, Margaret McKenzie; secretary, Stena Henderson; treasurer, Mary Curran; and marshal, Ruth Keeney.

The Augustine Society selected the following: President, Julius Skaug; vice-president, Helma Skundberg; secretary, Selma Hogelund; treasurer, Otilia Westlund; and marshal, Helmer Cole.

An auspicious beginning was made Monday, September twenty-first, when the two societies tendered a reception to the students and faculty in the gymnasium. The receiving committee consisted of the presidents of the two societies, President Weld, and Mrs. Smith, and the Misses Dow, Remmele and Simmons, who constitute the faculty committee on literary societies. The Normal orchestra, and several students and members of the faculty contributed musical and literary selections. The chief object of the meeting was to give new students an opportunity to secure membership tickets for the society into

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which they were drawn. About sixty names were added to the membership rolls.

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ATHLETICS.

School opened with the usual scarcity of boys, but within a week a sufficient number had been persuaded to take the field to make a complete football team. These immediately set to work, giving an hour or two each day to practice, and soon had the new men initiated. In spite of the fact that it has been found impossible to get enough men out for a second team, the prospects are considered bright, and the Normal boys expect to play football that will reflect credit upon the institution.

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September nineteenth the team lined up on the Normal grounds for a practice game with Fargo College. The boys got into the game in splendid style and had perhaps a little the best of the college. A few days later Fargo High's veteran team gave the boys a chance to show their mettle. Fargo has a capital lot of fellows in training and will undoubtedly produce a strong team.

Following are the names of the men who constituted the Normal squad Oct. 1st:

Left end, Bodkin-Butler.
 Left tackle, Bergh.
 Left guard, Larson.
 Center, Pomeroy-Askegaard.
 Right guard, Allstrom.
 Right tackle, Wright.
 Right end, Barnes.
 Quarterback, Eastlund-Tillotson.
 Left half, Babst.
 Right half, Hanson.
 Full back, Skaug.

Oscar Oskegaard, who did valiant work for the Normal on the 1902 team, and Clifford McCubrey, quarter back for the Moorhead High last year, are expected to join the team in a short time.

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Normal vs. University.

North Dakota's big men were matched against the Normal team at Grand Forks on September twenty-eighth. It was simply the old story over again. Heavy line rushes by the University rolled up a score of 47 to 0 in its favor in spite of a fine display of pluck and grit on the part of the lighter team. While the boys were badly beaten, the contest brought out elements of strength which are highly encouraging and which will undoubtedly appear to better advantage in other games.

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Schedule of games for the season:

Sept. 28, University of North Dakota.

Oct. 5, Barnesville High School.

Oct. 12, Valley City Normal School.

Oct. 19, Fergus Falls High School.

Oct. 26, Fargo College.

Nov. 2, Fargo High school.

One or two of these dates may be changed and other games added if the season is favorable.

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The Athletic Association met September third and elected the following officers:

President, Julius Skaug; vice-president, Herbert Hanson; secretary, Wallace Butler; and members of the Board of Control, Casper Bergh and Curtis Pomeroy. The Board of Control selected for the office of treasurer, Eugene Askegaard, for custodian, Ben Tillotson, and for manager of the football team, Julius Skaug.

KODAKS.**The Wind of the Church Yard.**

The night wind has a dismal trick of wandering around old churches, and moaning as it goes; and of trying with its ghostly hand the windows and doors; and hunting out some crack or crevice by which to enter. When it has gotten in, as one not finding what it wants, whatever that may be, it wails and howls to get out again; and not content to stay and rest a minute, it glides into that corner and stalks into this, then flings itself to the roof and strives to rend the rafters; then it sinks despairingly upon the stones below and passes muttering into the graveyard. It steals stealthily along on tip-toe back and forth between the tombstones, and peering here and there, attempts to read the inscriptions sacred to the dead. At some of these it bursts out shrilly as with laughter; at others it moans and wails as if lamenting. More ghostly still it seems as the trees bow down and whisper as it holds them each in a quick embrace and passes on, calling, calling to its unseen associates.

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The venerable Professor Alexander Bain, professor at Aberdeen, and author of well-known philosophical and psychological works, died September 17th, at the age of eighty-five.

Professor Edwin D. Starbuck, whose contribution to the psychology of religion is a standard work in its field, has permanently resigned his professorship in the Leland Stanford University.

Dr. E. W. Scripture, head of the Yale psychological laboratory, has gone to spend a year in study at Leipzig as a fellow of the Carnegie Institute. He is succeeded at Yale by Charles H. Judd, formerly of the University of Cincinnati.

Professor John H. Finley, formerly of Princeton, was inaugurated as president of the College of the City of New York on September 29th. The inaugural ceremony was notable for the number of distinguished men in attendance. Addresses were made by Presidents Remsen, Hadley, Schurman and Butler, and by Governor Odell, Mayor Low and ex-President Grover Cleveland.

Professor Alexander Darroch has been appointed to succeed the well-known Dr. S. S. Laurie in the chair of education in Edinburgh University. Professor Darroch is perhaps best known to Americans through his little book, "Herbert, a Criticism." Having been a student and an assistant to Professor Laurie, he should be as capable as anyone of succeeding to his position.

Educational journals are all filled with enthusiastic declarations of the wonderful success of the summer meeting of the N. E. A. in Boston. In point of attendance and of the excellence of the papers and discussions, this meeting is declared to be climax of the asso-

ciation's history. But with Eliot as president, and the meeting held practically under the shadows of the walls of historic Harvard, what else could be expected!

Two recent events have added materially to the new movement for religious education, viz., the publication of Professor James' "Varieties of Religious Experience" and the delivery by President G. Stanley Hall of a course of lectures on the psychology of religion, during the summer assembly of the Chautauqua Institution. Numerous minor stirrings all over the country give evidence of this new awakening of the social consciousness.

Clarence M. Boutelle, superintendent of the Marshall schools, died Sept. 16. He was one of the oldest and best known schoolmen in Minnesota, and was a type of the class of schoolmen which is fast disappearing. He was conservative in his judgments, and ever maintained a sturdy adherence to what he was wont to term Eternal Principles. He enjoyed the confidence of the people whom he served, and his death closed a well ordered career.

It is a matter of great regret among his friends and admirers that Dr. Richard G. Boone has withdrawn from the superintendency of the public schools of Cincinnati. While no reason for his resignation has been published, there are significant hints abroad of political connivances and reactionary influences, both of which are incompatible with Dr. Boone's methods and ideas. It is probably another case of the man's being too large for the place. Dr. Boone will spend the year in lecturing and institute work, meanwhile retaining the editorship of the magazine "Education."

Nearly one thousand students were in attendance at three of the state Normal schools last summer. The attendance at the University Summer School was considerably less than that at the Normal schools, and yet the cost of maintaining the University Summer School exceeded by a considerable sum the appropriations made for maintaining a six weeks' term at the Normal schools. Full credit, in the regular Normal school courses of study, was given to all students for work

accomplished. Under such an arrangement very many students will be enabled to complete a Normal school course of study, who otherwise would be unable to do so.

One of the really important educational events of the summer was the presentation of \$1,000,000 to Columbia University, by Joseph Pulitzer, for the establishment of a professional school of journalism. As proprietor of the New York World, Mr. Pulitzer has had an excellent opportunity to learn through actual experience the need of professional training for journalism. A building for the new school, to cost \$500,000, is already under way, and the donor has promised a second million when the school shall be in actual operation, probably three years hence. The influence of this event on the history of journalism in our country no one can now foresee.

The Minnesota Public School Library Commission held two important meetings during the summer vacation. It was decided to revise the old list of books, and add many new titles; and the contract for handling the books during the ensuing two years was awarded to the St. Paul Book and Stationery Co. The secretary of the commission was authorized to prepare a new catalogue, and it is now in course of preparation. The members of the commission have devoted much time to the examination of new books, and the forthcoming catalogue will be the most complete of any heretofore issued by the commission. A distinctive feature of the new catalogue will be the large number of publications listed for juvenile readers. In general, it has been the aim of the commission to bring the catalogue up to date.

President Harper, of the University of Chicago, has recently returned from a summer journey to Turkey, where he negotiated for the privilege of making explorations and excavations in the neighborhood of Babylon in the interests of the University of Chicago.

Another substantial promoter of educational progress passed away on September 12 in the death of Hon. Frank A. Hill, Litt. D., for nine years secretary of the Massachusetts State Board of Education. Dr. Hill rendered conspicuous services, through many years, in

various positions in Massachusetts. Under his administration as secretary—which is equivalent to our state superintendent—his state has taken many forward steps in educational affairs. At the time of his death, in addition to his secretaryship, he had the distinction of being a trustee of three famous institutions,—the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the State Agricultural College, and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

A department of Philosophy and Psychology has been established in the graduate school of Johns Hopkins University, with Professor J. Mark Baldwin of Princeton at its head. Since the withdrawal of Dr. Hall to accept the presidency of Clark University a dozen years ago, there has been no serious work in philosophy offered at Johns Hopkins. A better choice for the new chair could not have been made. With the possible exception of Professor James, there is no other American psychologist who has received such distinguished recognition abroad or whose books have been translated into so many languages. It is to be hoped that the present resources of the University may be such as to permit the organization and equipment of the new department in a manner commensurate with the ability and energy of its head. If this be so, we have certainly reason to look forward to a bright future for the development of mental science and the training of psychologists in the United States.

The Summer School for teachers held at the Normal School during six weeks of the summer season was in many respects a success. There was decided interest manifested in the work by the student body, and there seemed to be enthusiastic desire on the part of the students, generally, that the experiment of holding a Summer School at the Normal School should become a permanent feature of school administration in Minnesota. The work last summer was in a sense an experiment. More intensive work can be accomplished another year, because those in charge will better appreciate from the year's experience what the students are capable of doing. The county superintendents in the five counties which supported the school at Moorhead were earnest in their efforts to make the school a success, and much of its

success was due to their encouragement and helpful suggestion. The Normal School has been benefited by the Summer School. We have a greater number of students than usual at this time of the year. This increase is due in some degree to the work of the Summer School, and the larger the attendance is at the Normal School, the greater service can it render to the country districts. There is an unprecedented demand for teachers in Minnesota, who have received training in a normal school, and it would seem but just, and a matter of economy to keep the normal schools of the state open during the summer months, and thus give them the opportunity to render the service which they are prepared to offer. Unless we are mistaken in our judgment of public opinion concerning the Summer School problem, there will be a general demand for a summer session at the Normal Schools in the near future, and this demand will be made in the interest of the common schools.

NEWS COMMENT.

Many improvements in the plant were perfected during the summer vacation, the new ornamental steel ceiling in the corridor of the third floor being especially noticeable. Well arranged janitor's quarters on the first floor and a large coal shed add greatly to the convenience of those who take care of the building. Wheeler Hall has also undergone a thorough renovation. New furniture and carpets also increase the attractiveness of that popular domicile.

Janitor Freeberg, who has served the school since its first year, has given up his duties and will retire to a farm, where his declining years may be spent in peace and quiet. Mr. Freeberg invariably performed his duties in a faithful, conscientious manner, and all of the old students will join in wishing him prosperity and unlimited happiness.

The University Club was handsomely entertained by Judge and Mrs. Pollock at their home in Fargo on the evening of September eighteenth. Besides the members of the club, who seemed to have rallied in unusual numbers, a considerable company of University graduates who have recently come to the two

towns helped to swell the attendance, making probably the largest gathering of exclusively college people ever assembled in the Dakotas. Engaging entertainment was provided, and refreshments were served from the library on the second floor. Altogether the occasion was a most charming one—an emphatic credit to the club and its hospitable president.

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An informal party, the first of the year, was given Saturday evening, September twenty-sixth, by Mrs. Smith and the members of Wheeler Hall. The gymnasium had been tastefully arranged for the occasion; the floor was in particularly good condition, and an unusual number of the girls joined in making the party a success. Frappe was served from two small tables on opposite sides of the room. Schirrmann's orchestra played. Only those who had attended a party in the dining room of the Hall could fully appreciate the attractions of entertaining in so large a room. The young men, of whom there were an exceptional number, were enthusiastic in their praise. Farewells were exchanged at promptly eleven-thirty.

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Among the good things that President Weld has been giving us at chapel, in addition to his talks, are Mr. Flynt's absorbing accounts of the hobo and the criminal as seen at first hand, and Mr. Howells' "The Boys' Town," which is no less a favorite than the "Pony Baker" chapters of last year.

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Of the members of last year's faculty who are not with us this year, Miss Eaton is in the Duluth Normal in charge of the domestic science department; Miss Osden is in the Macomb, Ill., Normal, in charge of the department of reading and expression; and Miss Leonard has the department of music in the River Falls, Wis., Normal. Miss Kelly was married during the summer to Mr. Patrick Murphy of Stillwater, where she is presiding over a home as immaculate as snow and as burnished as a brass knocker. Miss Heywood is at her home in Topeka. Very grateful memories and loyal good wishes, on the part of all normal people, follow these devoted workers to their new fields.

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The Normal community was profoundly

stirred on receiving news, only a week after the close of school, that Miss Parkinson had died suddenly of acute appendicitis at her home in Darlington, Wisconsin. She had fallen ill at Madison, while attending the commencement exercises of the State University, and had scarcely reached home, under the care of her brother, Dr. Peck, when she expired. No adequate sense of the grief her death occasioned here can be expressed in these brief paragraphs. A woman of brilliant qualities and graceful presence, positive in manner and loyal in attachment, she was widely admired and ardently loved. The ascendant character of her work in the Normal—its incisive energy, its broad charity,—acquires a very tender and mournful emphasis through the mystery of her death.

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The biological laboratory has lately been enriched by several sets of mounted specimens. Among these are skeletons of a frog, a cat, a chicken and a fish. In glass cylinders, filled with preserving fluids, another series of mountings shows the complete metamorphosis of the frog, the grasshopper, and the dragon fly. These specimens are mounted on clear white surfaces, plainly tabulated.

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On Friday, September twenty-fifth, the Junior class met for organization, electing Casper Bergh, president, Grace McKenzie, vice-president, Margaret Walker, secretary, Otilia Westlund, treasurer, and Ida Landblom, marshal. Mr. Chambers was chosen class counselor. A committee of three was appointed to select several combinations of colors from which the class colors will be chosen.

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Hon. George E. Perley addressed the school, with his usual urbanity and good cheer, on the morning of the nineteenth, referring happily to the earnest characteristics of our students, to the opportunities for growth and service in this state of vast resources, and to the stimulating example of the northwestern pioneers.

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The first senior class meeting of the year was held in the auditorium, September 23, when the following officers were elected: George Wardeberg, president; Bessie Van

Houten, vice-president; Elizabeth Lincoln, secretary; Carrie Barnes, treasurer, and Mr. Ballard, class counselor. Aside from the work of election, the principal business of the meeting was the summary ejection of several juniors, whose presence in the balcony was revealed by a prolonged giggle from that vicinity.

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A method of selection that seems to lend some authority to the plan of county uniformity of text-books is that recently employed by Hubbard county. At a meeting of teachers and school officers, held early in July, a committee of five, whose chairman was Superintendent Bradford, was authorized to examine the books of the various publishers, and to adopt such as seemed best suited to the needs of the county. The committee took action in early August, publishing its findings in the newspapers and in a circular letter to the school boards.

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Did you get a Christmas box at the N. P. express sale? Only a few of the wisest got in on it. And now they are wiser still.

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The Normal orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Hillyer, promptly reorganized and began rehearsals at the opening of school. With the encouragement of a successful year's work back of it, and new material to strengthen it, the orchestra will doubtless increase in efficiency and popularity. Its student members are the following. Edna Hedrick, Eva Mark, Leah Cockroft, Hilma Monson, Josephine Stringham and Abner Jones.

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Mr. Mackall and his sister, Mrs. McCabe, delightfully entertained the members of the faculty and the family of the resident director on Tuesday evening, September 15th. The occasion was refreshingly informal and partook of that rare charm that has given the Mackall home a name for distinguished hospitality. The music and other entertainment was spontaneous and happy; there was much pleasant visiting, and what with the graceful display of flowers, the delicious refreshments and the charming spirit of the hosts, the occasion was one of the finest good cheer. Since Mrs. McCabe was soon to leave for her home in Maryland, and Mr. Mackall to re-

move to his new lodgings at Rev. Webster's, the party was in a sense a "house closing." To the earlier members of the faculty it recalled many joyous occasions of other days.

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The St. Cloud Normal has a lecture course this year, the first number of which was given on the evening of September 30th in the auditorium, when Hon. James T. McCleary lectured on The Story of the Constitution.

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Solemnity is a good thing when you can't help it; but nothing is so vacantly unimpressive as a whining voice and a long face when the tide of feeling has left them high and dry.

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Mrs. Stanford gave an afternoon reception in honor of her mother on Thursday, September seventeenth. Autumn foliage lent a festal grace to the rooms, which were lively with visiting ladies. A bevy of normal girls assisted with the music and served dainty refreshments from the study.

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It is easy to wear a superior air—airs are light; but essential kindness is a thing that springs only from a ripened personality.

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A pleasing innovation among the initial society events of the school year was Mrs. Smith's reception to the ladies of the school,—faculty and students,—on Saturday afternoon, September twelfth, from four till six o'clock. Chocolate and wafers were served.

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The Philosopher's Club, under the direction of its president, Mr. Chambers, has been holding its usual meetings this fall and finds much profit and enjoyment in its study of Paulson's Ethics.

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The Literature class enjoyed a rare literary experience in listening to Pres. Weld's admirable interpretation of Cynewulf's "Christ," on the evening of September eighteenth. By an exceptional piece of good fortune, Pres. Weld succeeded in getting possession of a copy of this recondite classic, exclusively published by an English society, and read it to his class. In the course of the interpretation Miss Watts sang an appropriate solo.

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On Monday evening, September 28th, Dr.

and Mrs. Kerr entertained the young people of the Congregational Church at their home.

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It's a small thing no doubt to occasion so much joy, so much tender solicitude, so much kindly curiosity; but the precious bundle from babyland that arrived for the Hillyer home on the afternoon of September fourteenth has aroused a deal of excited interest. Whether he has Mrs. Hillyer's eyes, or Mr. Hillyer's nose, the ecstatic visitors have not yet definitely determined (and some of them have nearly come to blows), but the fact is undeniable that he already wears his father's name, and the time will undoubtedly come when Thomas Hillyer, Jr., will step handsomely into his father's boots. And here's to him, start and finish!

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If the feasibility of summer training schools at the normals is to be judged by the number of students who attend, the enthusiasm manifested, and the practical efficiency of the teaching, the success of the recent summer sessions must go far toward establishing their worth. Three hundred students were enrolled in the Moorhead Normal School, and their scholarship, gauged by the regular normal school standard, was of a very high character. The attitude of these students toward their work and the cause was most encouraging. In addition to the regular courses, eight lectures were given during the session. Following is the corps of instructors:

Frank A. Weld, conductor, literature; Caswell A. Ballard, physiology and civics; Harold M. Stanford, physics and geometry; Alice M. Osden, reading and physical culture; Thomas A. Hillyer, psychology and pedagogy; Helen M. Dow, arithmetic and algebra; Mary Olson Stanford, English grammar and primary methods; Lena Lee Leonard, music and history; G. E. Parkhill, geography; Abbie L. Day, drawing and penmanship.

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The student editors of the Red Letter for the fall term are given below. Of these, two were elected by the Augustine Society, two by the Livingston Society, and five by the faculty committee on the Red Letter, upon the nomination of the business manager or the news editor. The departments to which the students are assigned precede their

names: Editor-in-chief, athletics, Julius Skaug; assistant business manager, George Wardeberg; literary societies, rhetorical exercises, Stena Henderson, Jessie McKenzie; news comment, Catheryn Sprague, Margaret Walker; personals, social events, Stella Holton, Eva Mark; chronicle, James Bilborrow.

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Two hundred and sixty-eight volumes were added to the general library during the month of September, and two hundred and sixteen volumes of periodicals were sent away to be bound. Some handsome and substantial furniture has been ordered, and it is earnestly hoped that by the opening of the winter term the new library room will be equipped in a style befitting the dignity of the school and the importance of this department of school work.

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Miss Ivy Wagner, who is taking special work in literature and psychology, is assisting Mr. Reed and Miss Watts in attending to the general library.

MINING ON SEWARD PENINSULA.

BY E. W. ALLSTROM, '07.

Feeling in my veins the fever for gold, I concluded to make a trip to the gold fields of Alaska. Seattle seemed to be the best starting point, so I went there early in the spring, and after looking around a little, decided on going to Nome, as that part of the country seemed to give the most promise. After making up my mind as to where I was going, I started to procure an outfit. A gentleman staying at the same hotel very kindly volunteered to help me, and as I did not know what was needed, I readily accepted his offer.

The first thing on the list of necessities was bedding. A good supply of heavy wool blankets was all that was necessary, as quilts were too bulky and a mattress and cot were not to be thought of. The grocery supply was made up principally of bacon, beans, flour, dried fruit, canned vegetables, butter, and cream, pepper, salt, sugar, etc. A Yukon

stove, cooking utensils, tin plates and cups, knives, forks, and spoons completed the culinary part of the outfit. Next in order came a quantity of heavy wearing apparel, rain clothes, and an 8x10 tent. An axe, pick and shovel, and a gold pan completed the list of necessities.

The steamer left Seattle June 1st. It is impossible to leave previous to this time on account of the ice in Bering Sea, and because the insurance companies will not be responsible for vessels north of Dutch Harbor until after June 10th. After leaving Dutch Harbor we encountered ice all the way, and it was not until June 19th that we reached Nome. The vessel anchored about five miles off the city, as the water is very shallow and prevents a nearer approach.

It may seem curious, but from Dutch Harbor to Nome, a distance of 815 miles, the water is not more than twenty or less than thirteen fathoms deep. In the spring the whole Bering Sea is as muddy as the Red River, a condition caused by the constant scraping of ice along the bottom.

A little tug came out from the city, and

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we all went ashore on a "lighter" which she was towing. I immediately commenced to look around for some means of transporting my outfit to the mines. I found that the Wild Goose Mining Co. operated a little narrow gauge railroad which ran fifteen miles up on Anvil Creek. This I took to the end. Then came the task of making a pack horse of myself. It took me some days to get my tent pitched and my stuff all packed to camp, several miles from the center of mining activity. My camp was in a little draw between two hills, and I soon had everything arranged against bad weather.

One morning I started out, taking a little lunch, a pick and shovel, and my gold pan, to commence prospecting. It took me some time to find a piece of ground that had not been previously staked, and when at last my search was rewarded, it was lunch time. After eating, I commenced work by stripping off the tundra, which is a mass of roots, mosses, and grass, that catches all the moisture that may pass over it, just like a sponge.

Under the tundra was about two feet of frost, and it took me some time to dig through this. Finally, however, I came to good gravel, and with the assistance of a nearby creek, commenced panning. Filling the gold pan nearly full of gravel, I began shaking it, as I had seen others do, with a peculiar rotary motion, gradually letting the coarse dirt and stones run out of the pan. As I soon found out, it requires experience to use a gold pan properly. Unless it is handled just so, the gold as well as the dirt, will run out.

After some time, however, an occasional color, or fine piece of gold, was to be seen in the bottom of the pan. It was very interesting work, and absorbed my attention so much that when the pangs of hunger began to make themselves felt, and I looked at my watch, I was surprised to find that it was 9:30 p. m., and still broad day light. Hurrying home, I went to bed, rather fatigued but eager for the morrow.

The next morning I went out and staked the claim and went to Nome to record my property. In staking a claim, five stakes are erected, each four feet high and not less than four inches square. Two of these are placed, one on each side of the creek, at a distance of fourteen hundred fifty feet from each other. Two more are placed six hundred feet either up or down stream from the first two, making a rectangle 600x1450 feet, or twenty acres. Half way between either of the end stakes, the fifth one, called the initial stake, and bearing the owner's name, name of claim, date of staking, and date of recording, is erected.

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claim in a certain locality, and on payment of \$10.00 you are made owner of that property for one year. The sum of \$10.00 is required each succeeding year in order to hold the property. I had no sooner recorded than a man stepped up and asked me to give him a "lay" or lease on the claim for 50 per cent of its gross earnings. As I had no previous experience in working a claim, I readily consented to his proposition. After that I had nothing to do but look on and see that I received my share of the proceeds.

I will now try to describe the way a claim is worked. The first question is sluice boxes. These are made by placing three planed boards together; one flat and the others on edge. The boards are twelve inches wide at one end and ten inches at the other. Nailed together in this way, the boxes telescope into each other, and there is no leakage. The boxes are twelve feet long and are strung out with a fall of eight inches to the box. In the bottom of the boxes are placed riffles, which are frames six feet long. Two of these frames go into each box, one being fitted with cross-pieces and the other with pieces running lengthwise. Into the spaces in the riffles the gold, being so much heavier than the other dirt, falls.

If the ground is very rich, a clean up is made every night. In this operation all of the riffles excepting the last one are taken out. A small head of water is then turned on and everything in the bottom of the boxes is carefully washed to the lower end. The last riffle is then taken out and everything washed into a tub or box. This is panned out into the tub, so that no gold is lost.

Mixed with the gold there is always a quantity of black sand which is almost as heavy as gold, and to get rid of this the concentrate is amalgamated.

Amalgamation is the process of separating the black sand from the gold, and this is done by means of a retort and mercury. A quantity of the concentrate is put into a retort with some mercury and placed over a hot fire. The stem of the retort is placed in a basin of water, so that the mercury, which the heat changes to vapor, will again condense. When the mercury is all out of the retort, the retort is opened and the gold comes out in a solid mass, while all alien substances remain in the bottom of the retort.

On large property, considerable hydraulic mining is done, as so much more dirt can be handled by fewer men, and at a great deal less expense, making it possible to work poorer dirt and still have an enormous profit. The greatest expense in hydraulic mining is water. The larger companies usually manage to secure the water rights on the important creeks, and they sell the water to mine owners at an average rate of \$1.00 a

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miner's inch. The water is carried by means of ditch and flume from the creek to the highest ground near the camp, and here a pressure box is built. From there the water is carried in steel pipes from eight to twenty inches in diameter and sometimes several miles long.

At the lower end of the pipe the giant, or monitor is attached. This is a diminishing pipe about eight feet long and usually tapering to six inches at the end. To the end of this is secured a nozzle eight inches long, differing in size according to the pressure of water. Using a three-inch nozzle and with a fall of two hundred feet, it is possible to throw a stream of water a quarter of a mile and roll rocks weighing a ton or more. A good giant will average in fine gravel about two thousand cubic yards every twenty-four hours. Under these circumstances dirt averaging 25c per yard is good pay; men shoveling into the sluice boxes cannot make it pay under \$3.00 per yard.

After the gold has been mined, cleaned, and weighed, it is put into specially made boxes and shipped to the assay office in Seattle. The owner is paid whatever the gold assays, not what it weighs, as most people suppose. The average value of Alaskan gold is about \$17.50 per ounce.

As to the future of the Alaskan gold fields, every year the region becomes less of a poor man's country; i. e., the richer ground becomes worked out, and it requires machinery to make the ground pay. Of course there is the standard wage of \$5.00 a day and board, but until some new rich strike is made, the moneyed corporations will control the output of gold. There is an unlimited amount of ground, however, that will pay when worked by hydraulic, steam shovel, or dredge, and fifty years from now there will be as much, if not a great deal more, gold coming out of Alaska as there is today.

CHRONICLE.

Sept. 1. School opens. New students throng the halls and general office.—Opening registration 159, largest in the history of the school.—Everything "ship-shape" about the buildings.

Sept. 2. Classes meet, lessons assigned.—Old students in evidence today.—Miss Kirk still has assistants "behind the bars" and registers 214, as compared with 160 last year.—Model schools are promptly put at work.—First chapel exercises; stirring addresses by Pres. Weld and Director Comstock.

Sept. 3. Athletic society meets and elects officers. Prospects bright for football team.—Mr. Ballard handles business in the text-book library.—The auditorium overflows; more seats are added.

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Sept. 4. Several alumni come to call.—Busts of Huxley, Darwin and Linnaeus adorn the biological laboratory.

Sept. 5. First faculty meeting; committees appointed, plans announced, delinquents discussed.—The team does regular practice.

Sept. 6. First Sunday; the heavens weep, and so do the girls. The two weeks' rain begins.

Sept. 8. New students still arriving; registration in normal department 255, as compared with 173 last year, 154 the year before.

Sept. 9. Casper Bergh registers; consequent rejoicing among the juniors and football boosters.

Sept. 10. Drawing for membership in literary societies. Names of new students posted on bulletin board. "Rushing" begins.

Sept. 11. Pres. Weld goes to St. Paul on business.

Sept. 12. Æolus breaks his own record; blows a mile a minute. Trees dismantled, signs unhinged, windows smashed in.—Mrs. Smith receives the normal ladies at Wheeler Hall.

Sept. 14. Thomas Hillyer, Jr., arrives; puts up convincing plea that the world owes him a living.—Miss Donaldson goes gunning.

Sept. 15. George Wardeberg appears upon the scene. Seniors blink the other eye.

Sept. 16. Fargo College opens,—the moon over her left shoulder.

Sept. 17. Pres. Weld speaks for the literary societies, urging all the faithful to join.

Sept. 18. Literary societies elect officers.—Pres. Weld entertains the literature class at his home.—Judge Pollock receives the University Club in Fargo.—Mr. Reed lectures on Browning to the Fargo Woman's Club.

Sept. 19. Hon. Geo. E. Perley speaks in chapel.—Practice game with Fargo College.

Sept. 21. Literary societies make merry in the "gym."

Sept. 22. Chronicler takes a nap—nothing doing.

Sept. 23. Seniors getting busy.

Sept. 24. Seniors hold election. Many smiles.

Sept. 25. Juniors follow suit. Ditto smiles.

Sept. 26. First Hall party in gymnasium.—Fargo College faculty receives its friends.

Sept. 28. Football boys take annual excursion to Grand Forks.

Sept. 29. Juniors meet in Mr. Chambers' room.—Georgia Redpath snores in class.

Sept. 30. Student editors of the Red Letter meet and sharpen quills.—Quiz in ancient history.—Total enrollment in normal department 261.

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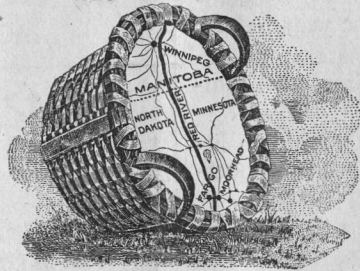
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