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The teachers’ training class has an enrollment of eleven members.

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OUR ATTENDANCE IS THE LARGEST
FOR THE FALL TERM, IN THE HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL.

THE INSTITUTE MONTHLY, WISHES TO ITS MANY FRIENDS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Dawson Hall, the girls’ new building, will be open for the admission of students at the beginning of Winter Term January 4, 1899.

The Whirl of Our Stam Laxury machinery will be singing a happy song January 4th. It has been a long weary wait, but it will be the much more enjoyable when over.

The Failing of the Monthly, to make its appearance earlier this year must not be construed on a sign of death; it was only passing. In the future we hope to make it a regular visitor.

If the Spirit Manifested at Both of the Teachers’ Association Hold Ins. Thanksgiving, is any measure of the educational interest in our state, then the future of the Institute may be encouraging. Both of these meetings were well attended, but there was room for more at each of them.

Many of our teachers take no interest what ever in the work outside of the narrow bounds of their own schools. In this way, the shield of satisfaction, which is growing more and more among the teachers in the State, is lost. We have in our colony at Lawrenceville, Mr. Page is making good. Women teachers have been very busy as all the women have a place in the Institute. Miss Mollie Robinson Christmas work, THK University Magazine of Oxford. I am now completing this article.

ECHOES FROM “OUT THE ROAD”

Mr. John Curtis of Detroit Michigan, the brother of Professor A. W. Curtis is visiting his brother and mother.

Miss Inez Tuck, the sister of Cadillac Tuck, was the guest of Mr. And Mrs. Grant during the vacation.

Miss Minnie Carr, of ‘88, principal of the Eagle schools, was the guest of Miss Mollie Robinson Christmas work.

Mr. Henry Patterson, of ‘98, visited with students last week. Mr. Parker is contemplating going into business soon.

Mr. Charles page of ‘93 was here the 30th. ult. enroute for his school at Moundsville. Mr. Page is making good.

Mr James Wilkes of Clarksburg was the guest of his cousin Bernard W. Lowry during the Christmas vacation.

Professor Pefflemann and family spent a very pleasant day with Dr. and Mrs. Blanche at Richmond, following Christmas.

Mealooms Flavilla Bailey, and Goldie Page of Montgomery, and Eva Pack of Charles town spent the holidays at the homes of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Brown.

Miss Alice Cabell Curtis the latest addition to the faculty, had a very busy time during the Christmas vacation.

Miss Anna Badger and Master Stephen spent their vacation here with Mr. and Mrs. Brown and are principal of the schools at Buckharts. They have since returned to their work.

NEW YEAR WATCH PARTY

The annual watch meeting for students remaining here through vacation meets at 11 o’clock and is preceded by the reading of the resignation of the President at the beginning of the New Year. Preadmissions have been issued, and the students are attending.

AMONG THE SOCIETIES

The meetings of the Sunday Evening Club have not abated in interest and attendance.

The V. M. C. A. continues to hold its meetings during this semester, the meeting of December 17th, was interesting and impressive.

The regular Wednesday evening prayer meeting has been closely attended and the meetings by a dash, finish, and class, which amply rewarded the large audiences of students and visitors.

President Jones has delivered several spirited and instructive sermons, and assisted by members of the faculty has far made of these sessions a source of intellectual and moral uplift.

The Athletic Society assisted by members of the faculty, and the V. M. C. A. made Lindsey Alexander of Charleston, a Christmas present of $20.00. It will be recorded that Mr. Alexander was injured in a football game on our grounds.

The Bible Study Class, under the leadership of Mr. E. M. Burgess, is still in its first half, wide spread understanding and a general increase of love for scriptures as literature and a source of moral support. Mr. Burgess, who was the guest to the World’s Student Bible Conference held at Columbia, 1899, October 18th is doing good work at the college. A new course of study: “The Life of Jesus” according to Mark, by Andrew Murray, will be taken up this month. Plans for preparing a Bible Study Reference Library are under consideration, and the present general outlook bespeaks a banner year for student bible study.

Young men are becoming more and more interested, and the membership is increasing.

OUR EXCHANGES

The following summary of this week is taken from the “Isis,” the undergraduate magazine of Oxford. It promises to be a most enjoyable day.

SUNDAY

The Sabbath day is sacred, and work must not be done on this day.

MONDAY

1st for too close to Sun. For Labor. Rest on Mon.

TUESDAY

Midweek work’s best; I must; Not quite midweek is Tuesday.

WEDNESDAY

My vital force it demands Somewhere to take the vacation visiting entertainers. This is the recipient of many presents.

Mrs. E. M. Jones of the faculty, and the head of the local branch of the Women’s Improvement League, attended the State session of the Club at Huntington. She reported a very interesting session.

Miss Amanda Brown and Master Stephen spent their vacation here with his family and relations. Mrs. Brown is principal of the schools at Buckharts. She has since returned to her work.

A Midsummer Night’s Dream

By L. G. Patterson, Jr.

At last the great parade is over. The last uniformed knight has marched proudly past the reviewing stand with a flag waving gently to the tune of the Washington Post March. It only remains for me to shake hands with the associations and wend my way to my board- house; there to snatch a few hours sleep, and then take the Midnight Flyer for home.

To introduce myself: I am an Southern Wyoming, President of the Wyoming Military Academy, and S. G. W. C. of the K’s of the I. I had come to Washington two days prior to the opening of my store, to study at the grand reunion of the Knights, and on the day of departure, I had stood for hours on the reviewing stand, acknowledging the salutes of the hundreds of marching Knights as they filed gaily past.

But at last it was over. I walked with my companions until we reached their rooms, where they were wont to keep God-speed. I continued my way towards Master Grant’s humble abode.

I woke when entering the city for the first time, I was waked by some one, and the motherly attention that she accorded me then has always weighed in the course of my life., and so I always call her house home.

Walking slowly along, dreaming of the bright future ahead for our order, I was startled by the warning horn of an automobile. Glancing hastily up, I beheld a monster “Red Devil” bearing down upon me. I jumped, but also, too late. A bump, a short flight through the air, a heavy jar, then darkness.

Slowly, slowly, the mists seemed to unfold, and as though a hand was on me, I seemed to hear the sound of voices; unintelligible at first but gradually growing clearer, until at last I could distinguish between the sound of the voices. Then I realized that there was not at least three people near me. My skin has grown hard and callous, I was hatred, then I realized that there was not at least three persons near me.

Myself, I do the latter, as you tell him; not a muscle has he
I am completely nonsensical. I can not follow along and my learned discussion; but I paid but little heed to their words, for I was pondering over my condition. I felt no pain; I seemed to have full control of my thinking faculties; but I found that I could not open my eyes, nor move any part of my body. I was dead yet wonderfully alive. I wondered if my mind dwelt upon me upon that I was unknown; my uniform had not arrived in time for me to wear at the review, and had the pockets been found to result that there was nothing that would serve to identify me. My wife would have historians—a retreat only five years known. I was alone and unknown, and on account of my injury, I was being treated as a patient was never treated before. 

Then followed days and nights of agony, of sleep I scarcely spoke or move; food put into my mouth seemed to slip mechanically down my throat in the talk of the doctors and nurses, I learned that the split in my skin was slowly growing wider. I learned that they had come to the conclusion that I was going to shed my skin, and as the cracks appeared on my body, all extending to the tips of my fingers and toes, they had decided to let my malady run its course. 

About this I was dumb, unable to feel, I could listen to the talk of those around me and be almost as well informed as though to feel; I could listen to the talk of the doctors and nurses, I learned that the split in my skin was slowly growing wider. I learned that they had come to the conclusion that I was going to shed my skin, and as the cracks appeared on my body, all extending to the tips of my fingers and toes, they had decided to let my malady run its course. 

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February 12, 1909
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BRUCE of Washington City, has been asked to be the orator for the occasion.

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