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ADVICE TO NORMALS.

Come, all ye merry boys and girls
Who go to Normal School,
And listen to my story true,
And profit by its rule.
The time you spend within these walls,
Is the golden part of youth;
'Tis here you learn to teach the young
To walk in the paths of truth.
Now is your time, if you do not know,
To ask your teachers kind,
Why this is so, and that is such,
Don't let it drop behind.
If the world appears dark and gloomy,
Cheer up, there's bright beyond,
Remember to succeed in life,
You weather all the storm.
When you go out in the world to teach,
You have nothing for your guide,
But what you learned at Normal School
By that, you must abide.
Your sports and pleasures will be few,
You have not time for them.
So play your tennis while you may,
Enjoy it all you can.
With fifty little ones to tend,
Their active minds to train,
It takes a teacher all his time,
And tests his learned brain.
Then other things are apt, I'm sure,
To occupy his time,
He often wants to settle down,
If he finds a partner kind.
No doubt the words just said to you,
Will seem a trifle plain;
But teachers always know so much,
They sometimes can't refrain.
Take my advice and follow it,
You will the gainer be,
I've been through the mill before you all,
A limb from the Normal Tree.

A PLYMOUTH PILGRIMAGE.

ALTHOUGH so much has been written about
Plymouth, prose, poetry, history, romance,
sturdy volumes, and magazine articles, the theme
never seems to be exhausted. I suppose this is
because the interest of that place is so inexhaustible,
on account of its own beautiful scenery as well as its historic value.
It is this belief that gives me courage to relate the adventures of four
modern pilgrims who recently journeyed to the
land of their forefathers.

Our introduction to Plymouth was made at Sea
Side, a railway station at the extreme north end
of the town. From here one gets a panoramic
view of the harbor and its surrounding headlands
—what a Normal would call an idea of the thing
as a whole.

At the near left is seen Captain's Hill, where
the home of Miles Standish was. It is plainly
marked by a tall monument which is as yet un-
finished. Farther along is Rouse's Hummock,
the American terminus of the French Atlantic
cable, and Clark's Island, where the Pilgrims
spent their first Sabbath. Next is the headland
of Saquish and beyond it the Gurnet with its
twin light-houses. On the right is the bold bluff
of Manomet and connecting the two sides, the
narrow ribbon of Plymouth beach, renowned for
its clams, runs across the harbor.

If one can afford time to stop at this station he
will be amply repaid by a visit to the “laying
ground” of the Plymouth Cordage Co., where
ropes and cables are “laid” or twisted from
smaller strands. He may also see a mechanical
curiosity in the shape of a locomotive engine run-
ing without steam or smoke, the propelling
power being condensed air.

Pursuing our way to Plymouth, we went first to
see the famous rock. Little can be said of it, its
interest being chiefly historical. The figures 1620
are cut in the side and a handsome granite canopy
protects it.

Opposite the rock is Cole's Hill where the sixty
who died in the winter of 1621 were buried. Asc-
ending this hill, we moved easily into Leyden
St., the first street laid out in New England. We
tried to imagine those two rows of log houses just
rising above the heavy snow, with the low pines on either side and the icy harbor in front. It must have had a wild beauty even in that harsh season, but very different from the happy peaceful quiet which hung over it on the day of our visit.

Leyden St. leads to Burial Hill where we spent a great deal of time sketching the carved cherubs which are generally more curious than beautiful, and reading the quaint epitaphs.

Of all I read, this on the tombstone of a young girl seemed to me the most pathetic.

"As young as beautiful, and soft as young,
And gay as soft, and innocent as gay."

Not all were so poetic.

"Here lies interred three children: viz., three sons of Rev. Mr. John Cotton, who died in the work of the gospel ministry at Charleston, South Carolina, Sept. ye 18th 1699, where he had great success, and seven sons of Josiah Cotton Esq. who died in their infancy."

Here is one to a child,

"He glanced into our world to see
A sample of our miserie."

Another to a child,

"He listened for a while to hear
Our mortal griefs: then turned his ear
To angel harps and songs, and cried,
To join their notes celestial sighed,
and died."

We were unable to discover the significance of this one but it is certainly worthy of repetition:

"The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge."

One more, and this also to the memory of a child,

"Heaven knows what man
He might have made. But we
He died a most rare boy."

Following a street which runs from Burial Hill parallel with Court St., we came directly to the Pilgrim monument, dedicated this last summer. Words fail me to describe this beautiful piece of work. It is said to be the largest and finest piece of granite statuary in the world, and however this may be, no one who studies it can deny that, unlike the usual American monument, it is true art.

Its size, although great, does not impress one so much as the perfect fitness and appropriateness of all the parts and the elegant simplicity of the whole. On the main pedestal stands a figure of Faith, the gift of Hon. Oliver Ames. This figure is 216 times life size and cost $30,000. On the four wing pedestals are seated figures emblematic of the principles upon which the Pilgrims proposed to found this commonwealth,—Morality, Law, Education, and Freedom, each a work of art in itself. Below these are demi-reliefs in marble of scenes from the history of the Pilgrims,—the departure from Delft-haven, the signing of the compact, the landing, and the first treaty with the Indians. This is a brief outline of the monument but one must see it in order to appreciate its grandeur.

We had left the best part of our visit for the last, and now, following Court St. from the Samoset House, we came to Pilgrim Hall, with its Doric portico above which is a finely executed demi-relief of the Landing.

A charm above that of an ordinary museum lingers about the memorials of our ancestors, and it was with no careless eye that we examined these interesting relics of the Pilgrims.

In the ante-room is a commission from Oliver Cromwell to Gov. Edw. Winslow, written on parchment and particularly valuable for a contemporaneous portrait of Cromwell in one corner. The original signature was torn off by some unscrupulous person but a skillful facsimile takes its place.

The cases in the main hall which attract the most attention are those bearing the names of Alden and Standish—perhaps because these men live in poetry as well as history. The famous sword of the redoubtable captain is here. Its Arabic inscriptions, as it has been lately discovered, are of different dates, one Cufic, very ancient, one Medieval Arabic, and the third later and more readily translatable. This sword probably came down to Capt. Standish from the Crusaders who obtained it from the Saracens and must have possessed a long history even in his day.

The first patent granted to the Plymouth Colony by the New England Company, the gunbarrel with which King Phillip was killed, the Thompson gun, a curious looking old weapon, Peregrine White's cradle, the old chairs, a copy of Eliot's Indian Bible, the original manuscript of "The breaking waves dashed high"—these and many more will occupy the visitor for several hours.
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The north ante-room is fitted up as a library containing rare and invaluable books. In this room is an old sofa formerly owned by Gov. Hancock, upon which he may have often sat plotting treason with Samuel Adams.

It was late in the day when we reached the end of these rooms and as we stood in the doorway looking back at the old portraits and furniture with the yellow September sunshine falling so softly upon them, I think we felt nearer to our Pilgrim forefathers than we had ever done before.

For some minutes we stood silently listening to the old clock which measured Revolutionary time, and I might have been mistaken—was I?—but I thought it said

"Forever, never, Never forever."

MARY F. BOSWORTH.

PROGRESS OF THE WORK.

During the summer vacation a remarkable transformation has taken place in the appearance of the school grounds. The main building has been moved directly back to the rear of the lot, and the laboratory to a position in the rear of the Hall. The former has not been removed from the blockings and is being temporarily boarded up, while the latter has been provided with a permanent brick foundation, the plan being to use it as a dormitory at the completion of the new building. In this way sixteen rooms will be added to the present much limited accommodations. During the coming winter the buildings will be heated from the old boilers, and also from three new ones which are being added, underground pipes having already been laid.

At the present time, work on the underpinning of the old main building and on the heating arrangements is being rapidly carried forward. During the first week of this term, the tall iron flues for the two chimneys of the new building were placed in position. They are seventy-five feet in height and will be enclosed by brick chimneys. Their elevation was a most interesting sight to the students and the classes in Physics had a practical illustration of the power and manner of working the pulley. As the pipes were raised, a pulley was left hanging to the top rim, and it was a source of much speculation to some of the ingenious ones as to how it would be taken down.

The new building will be placed thirty feet farther back than was originally intended, this alteration in the plan being made because of the improved appearance of the old building in that position as it was being moved back. The building contract has not yet been given out but the work will be pushed, and the new structure is expected to be ready for occupancy one year from next January.

F. E. G.

ATHLETICS.

The N. A. A. held its first meeting Sept. 9, at which much interest in the affairs of the association was shown. J. F. McGrath and H. C. Leonard were elected Vice-Presidents, the former to act as manager of the ball team, the latter as captain of the football eleven. The date of Field Day was fixed for Sept. 28, and the following list of officers for that day was elected: Field Marshall, H. P. Shaw; Referee, R. S. Atkins; Starter, F. B. Thompson; Timer, A. L. Crosby.

MARRIAGES.

MURDOCK-GARDNER. At Nantucket, July 24, by Rev. J. C. Emery, Frank Fuller Murdock of Bridgewater and Alice Moore Gardner of Nantucket.


DEWSON-FIELD. At the First Unitarian church, Quincy, on the evening of Sept. 14, were married Miss Maude D. Field and Mr. Edward H. Dewson, Jr. The event was as brilliant as beautiful faces, costumes, and flowers could make it. After a reception at the home of the bride's parents on Franklin Street, Mr. and Mrs. Dewson started on their wedding journey, which will terminate at their future home in St. Joseph, Mo., where Mr. Dewson holds a position on the Union Pacific railroad.

The Business Manager calls the attention of our readers to the fact that we can take a limited number of subscriptions to the Journal of Education for $2.00 instead of the regular price of $2.50.
At the beginning of this new year we miss from school the presence of Miss E. H. Hutchinson, who for the past few years has so successfully taught the branches of English Grammar, Language, and Literature.

When we learned with much regret that no more will she return to us in the capacity of teacher, her last words to the Senior class, which she spoke in reply to the call of Mr. Boyden at Senior Reception, were forcibly brought to mind. The thoughts which were most strongly impressed are something like this: "How many times we say, 'I shall never hear that said without thinking of a certain person,' or, 'I shall never see that person without thinking of something he once said.' As I remembered this law of association I wondered what saying of mine has been thus associated with me by those who have been in my classes. I think that those who have been in the grammar class will remember, if they remember any of my words, that I often said when they were in difficulty, 'Use your common sense and it will come out all right'; but those who have been in the literature classes will remember that I said equally as often, 'Use your imagination and you will find no trouble,' now these two thoughts do not seem to agree—let Mother Goose harmonize them for us in the words of Mrs. Whitney's poem:

"Plain sense keeps ever to the road
That's beaten down and daily trod;
While Fancy fords the rivers wide,
And scrambles up the mountain side:
By which exploits she's always getting
Either a tumble or a wetting.

To rid us of our doubt
Is there no other thing to do
But we must turn poor Fancy out,
And only downright Fact pursue?
Ah, see you not bewildered man!
The heavenly beauty of the plan?
'Twas so ordained, in councils high,
To give to sweet Imagination
A single deep and glorious eye;
But then 'twas meant in compensation,
That Common Sense, with optic keen,—
As maid of honor to a queen,—
On her blind side should always stay,
And keep her in the middle way."

Miss Hutchinson's work in the school is finished but her influence will long be felt by her...
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pupils and we all wish her much happiness and joy in life. May the lesson implied in her closing remarks be remembered by all!

We are sorry to announce to our readers that owing to her absence from school, Miss Savage has been obliged to resign her position on the Board of Editors. We feel that we have lost one of our ablest helpers, but are comforted by the knowledge that Miss Morse, who has been elected to fill the vacancy, is fully competent to fill the position to the pleasure and satisfaction of all.

The size of the entering class speaks well for the reputation of our school and we are glad to see them with us. From the spirit with which they have entered the work and the ease with which they have adopted the habits of the school we judge that the class is one to make its mark. To each member the OFFERING extends a hearty welcome and its best wishes for his success.

The vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss E. H. Hutchinson has been filled by the election of Miss E. C. Fisher, a graduate of the four years' course and late assistant in the Weymouth High School, to whom the OFFERING extends a warm welcome and whom it assures, in behalf of the school, of a hearty cooperation of all in her work.

With this number are sent bills to those in arrear. Some, by mistake, may receive bills already paid; any such will confer a favor to the management by notifying it at once.

GRADUATION.

The day to which the class of '89 had looked forward so long and so hopefully came, at length, clear and fine and with its happy sunshine came a glad company to the graduation. Among the visitors were Mrs. Crosby, Mr. G. H. Martin, Mr. A. E. Winship, Rev. Mr. Wright, Rev. Mr. Porter, Mr. Fitz, Mr. Cushing and Mr. Fletcher a member of Mr. A. G. Boyden's first graduating class.

The exercises were opened by devotional exercises after which members of the graduating class illustrated the methods of teaching in the following programme:

A lesson on words used to connect propositions by Misses Cahill, Duncan, Moran, Donovan and Shaw. Lesson on Orthographic Projection, by Mr. Weeks, Misses Fearing, Nickerson, Mason, Mr. French. Lesson on expression, Miss Bosworth. Lesson on figures of rhetoric by Misses Deane, Sullivan, Pattangall, Mr. Leavitt, Miss Maguire. Chorus by school under the direction of Miss Prince. Lesson on bills receivable and bills payable by Miss Sprague, Mr. Lewis, Miss Pierce, Mr. Bodfish, Miss Halsey. Reading, "The Bird’s Singing Lesson" by Miss McGlashan. Lesson on Logarithms, Messrs Catle, Hathaway, Misses Prophett, Robinson, Mr. Blanchard. Reading, "My First School" by Miss Cole. Lesson on method of studying French, Mr. Kingman, Miss McKenna, Messrs Whitford, Litchfield, Miss McDonald.

An exercise was next given in gymnastics previously taught by Misses King, McGlashan, Cummings, and Williams, Messrs Hathaway and Hobart under the direction of Mr. Jackson. Following this was a short recess after which the teaching was resumed in a lesson on iron by Miss Pitts, Messrs Burke, Ames, Miss Keith, Mr. Galger. Lesson on school organization by Misses Pratt, Williams, Mr. Wetherbee, Miss Cummings, Mr. Hines. Reading, Scene from Macbeth, Mr. Hobart, Miss Allen. Chorus, Hunting Song.

This closed the exercises of the forenoon and those of the afternoon were opened by the Chorus, “The Cuckoo Sings,” following this was the address of Mr. A. G. Boyden, Principal. Addresses were also made by Mrs. Crosby, Mr. Martin, Rev. Mr. Wright, Mr. Winship, Mr. Fitz, Mr. Cushing, Rev. Mr. Porter and Mr. Fletcher.

The valedictory of the two years' course was given by Miss Julia A. Williams of Quincy who read an essay entitled, “The Teacher’s Motives.” Mr. Sumner W. Hines of Middleboro' valedictorian for the four years' course read an essay on “The Revival of Learning in England.” After the reading of these essays diplomas were presented to the graduates by Mr. Cushing of Middleboro'. Singing closed the exercises of the afternoon.
In the evening the usual social reunion was held, during which the last good-byes were said, and the good wishes for the future were made.

**SENIOR RECEPTION.**

The usual social gathering in honor of the senior class was given by Mr. and Mrs. Boyden, Friday evening, June 21. The guests in addition to the teachers and seniors were Rev. and Mrs. Porter, and Rev. and Mrs. Wright.

After some time spent socially in the parlors the company moved to the dining room where after supper had been served, the toast master, Mr. Boyden, called on the following guests: Miss Hutchinson, Miss Comstock, Misses Cummings, McKenna, Robinson, Sprague, Williams, and Pierce, Rev. Mr. Porter, Rev. Mr. Wright, Mr. Kirmayer, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Murdock, Mr. A. C. Boyden, and Messrs. Hines, Cate, Burke, Galger, French, Battie, and Ames.

The dining room was then left and after some further conversation in the parlors, the class took leave of their host and hostess feeling pleased with their reception, and sure of the interest and best wishes of Mr. and Mrs. Boyden.

**ENTERING CLASS, SEPT. 1889.**


For Special Course:

Anna E. Gooding, (Boston University,) Arlington. Mary H. Teele, (Boston University,) Arlington.

**PERSONALS.**

**MISS SUSIE PHILLIPS.**

—'89. Miss Pitts is in Quincy.
—'89. Miss Cole is in Tiverton. R. I.
—'89. Mr. Burke is in Shirley Village.
—'89. Miss Keith is teaching in Oakham.
—'89. Miss Pratt is teaching at Hingham.
—'88. Mr. Ballou is teaching at Hingham.
—Mr. Whitney is sub-master in Cambridge.
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—'89. Mr. Blanchard is teaching at Palmer.
—'89. Miss Fearing has a school at Shirley.
—'88. Miss Whiton is teaching at Hingham.
—'89. Miss Maguire has a position in Scituate.
—'89. Miss Pierce has a school at Pembroke.
—'89. Miss Bosworth is teaching in Taunton.
—'89. Miss McGlashan is teaching in Easton.
—'89. Miss Dean is teaching in South Middleboro.
—'89. Miss Robinson is teaching in Duxbridge.
—'89. Mr. Litchfield spent part of his vacation in Maine.
—'89. Miss Cummings is in the Medway High School.
—'89. Mr. Whitford has entered Harvard College.
—'89. Miss Kate Thompson is teaching in Hanover.
—'88. Miss Kirby has accepted a position in Peperell.
—'89. Mr. Hobart is in the Peabody Grammar School.
—'88. Miss Blake is assistant in the Walpole High School.
—'89. Miss Williams is teaching at Manchester-by-the-sea.
—'89. Mr. Humphrey, a former student, is observing among us.
—'89. Miss Lillis returns to her school in Robertson, Me.
—'89. Miss McKenna has entered the Quincy Training School.
—'89. Mr. Galger is in the High School at Tewksbury Center.
—Mr. Scully has accepted a position in the Chauncy Hall School.
—Miss Savage is second assistant in the High School at Belfast, Me.
—'89. Mr. Cate is teacher of science in the Brockton High School.
—'89. Miss Allen is principal of Grammar School at West Medway.
—'89. Mr. Hines is principal of High School at Manchester-by-the-sea.
—'89. Miss DeNormandie is assistant in the High School at Kingston.
—'89. Mr. French has returned to school to finish the four years' course.
—'89. Mr. Litchfield is principal of Union Grammar School, Easton, Mass.
—'89. Miss Adams is principal of Conant High School, East Jaffrey, N. H.
—'89. Mr. Merton Leonard is observing among us, until the re-opening of his school at Rye, N. H., which occurs, Oct. 16.
—'89. Miss Duncan is a firm believer in Industrial Training, and is therefore taking a course in cooking at Harrisburg, Pa.
—Misses McKenna, Sullivan, Robinson, Pratt and Pitts, Messrs Kingman, Burke, Hines and Hathaway took the Boston examinations.

LOCALS.

MISS H. A. PILLSBURY.

—No "roosters" wanted here.
—Question among the Juniors. "What is the wooden arrangement on top of the closet in No. 5?"
—One of the events of Graduation Day was the exercise in bookkeeping with hand-organ obligato.
—At a meeting of the Zena Band, Saturday, Sept. 14, Miss E. C. Fisher was elected president. Be ready for the new collectors.
—Exercise in bookkeeping, June 26, 1889.
"Call this a draft," said the teacher. "It isn't even a breeze," sighed a half suffocated listener.
"I will buy this bottle of mucilage for 25 cts." "You will get stuck if you do," said an auditor.
—While the work on the New Building is advancing the boarding hall has not been neglected, the entire roof has been shingled and a dormer window added on the south side. In the space formerly occupied by the gymnasium has been made rooms for the cooking department, and these have been connected with the pantry by dumb waiters. A dining room for the help has also been placed in the basement. The removal of the kitchen from the first floor has left room for a reception room and some much needed store-rooms.
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