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OF THE
STATE NORMAL SCHOOL,
AT BRIDGEWATER, MASS.
FOR THE
SPRING AND SUMMER TERM, 1864.

The examination for admission takes place on Wednesday, the first day of each Term, beginning at half-past eight o'clock, A. M. Extra in extraordinary cases, we may be consulted hereon.

The prescribed Course of Study extends through two years; but pupils may enter in advance, when their examination shows that they can do this advantageously.

STUDIES.
The regular course of study includes the following branches: They are given without reference to the order in which they are pursued, or the length of time devoted to them:

First. Reading, English Grammar (and Analysis,) Geography, (Mathematics, Physical, Political, and map-drawing,) Arithmetic, History of the United States, Algebra, Vocal Music, Physiology, and Hygiene, which are prescribed by law for all the Public Schools of the State.


Arithmetic, History of the United States, and English Literature, which, with the exception of the last, are prescribed by law for the High Schools of the State; and a knowledge of their elements, at least, is deemed essential to a competent preparation for teaching in all the Public Schools.

Third. The Theory and Art of Teaching, including Mental and Moral Philosophy, General Principles and Methods of Instruction, School Laws of Massachusetts, School Organization and Government, Exercises in Reading, Writing, Orthography, Composition, Vocal Music, and Gymnastics extended through the whole course.

Botany, Surveying, Geology, Latin and other languages are optional.

The primary object of the course of instruction is to secure a thorough investigation of the principles of the studies pursued, and of the best modes of teaching them. All the exercises of the School are conducted with constant regard to preparation for the work of instruction in the Public Schools.

Pupils who have successfully completed the prescribed course of study, receive the regular Diploma of the Institution.

There will be an Advanced Class, in which the Graduates of the School may continue their studies beyond the prescribed course.

LIBRARY, APPARATUS, AND CABINET.
The Institution has, besides the supply of text-books upon the different branches of the course of study, a valuable Library of works for general reference and reading, to which the pupils have access without charge. It is supplied with apparatus for the illustration of some of the more important principles in Natural Philosophy, Astronomy, Physiology, and Mathematics; and has the foundation of a good Cursory of minerals and geological specimens. Additions to these are made as frequently as funds of the School or the donations of its friends will permit.

The School Building has recently been entirely remodeled and greatly enlarged. It now presents ample accommodations for the School, including separate rooms for the Library, Apparatus, and Cabinet.

During the Civil War, Bridgewater Normal School was a thriving institution of higher learning despite the human tragedies associated with the conflict between North and South. The catalogue of the college presented here is from 1864 and highlights admission procedures, the course of study, fee schedules and financial aid.

As can be seen in this pamphlet, the tradition of providing access to a rigorous liberal arts education has roots that stretch back over one hundred years.