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BEREA COLLEGE NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

The Normal Department carries two courses, one requiring three and the other four years for completion. The first two years are the same in both courses. The first year prepares students for a first grade certificate. All the branches required are thoroughly taught from standard textbooks supplemented by the teacher. All books are furnished free in this grade.

Normal students who graduate from the three years' course are prepared to take the examination for a State certificate. Those who graduate from the long course are ready for an examination for a State diploma, which is the highest grade of certificate granted by the State.

Berea students have made splendid records both in examinations and in the actual work of teaching.

Our students this year have averaged better than ever before.

A more faithful band of workers I have never seen. It has been a pleasure to teach such earnest students, and the schools they teach will be the richer for their year at Berea.

There is no time of the year so delightful as the Spring Term. The College grounds and surrounding country are beautiful. The campus with its great variety of forest trees is especially attractive.

Healthful games, excursions, etc., add enjoyment and give zest to the hours of study.

Then Commencement is the great event of the year. Eight or ten thousand people attend. They come by train, by wagon, buggy, horse and foot until the spacious grounds are alive with humanity. The large Tabernacle seating 2,000 is always crowded, aisles and all without apparently diminishing the crowd upon the grounds. All sorts of refreshments are sold, and the whole is like an immense county fair. All the buildings are thrown open for inspection, guides are furnished hundreds and of people visit the various departments.

PERSONALS.

Mr. Clarence Phelps is manager of the baseball team. Some interesting matches are being planned. The material for making up two or three good times is better than ever.

The noted humorist, Ralph Parlette, will deliver a lecture in the Tabernacle Monday night, March 16. Laughter is better than medicine, and you will laugh until your sides ache when you hear Parlette.

Taylor Gabbard, of Owsley county, who has been in school at Berea winter and spring terms for the past six years, is now one of the Berea teachers, and is giving excellent satisfaction.

Ellis Seale is another mountain student who has steadily risen, until now, by teaching certain classes in the day and night schools, he is able to support himself and family while carrying his College course.

The College Band of 20 pieces has received many compliments lately for their excellent playing, but none that they have not fully earned. Mr. Simpson, the efficient leader, has the boys under the best of training. A number of new instruments have added much to the excellence of the music.

By reading the expense tables in our bulletins you will see that the cost of a term of 12 weeks in any of the grades below second year Normal

or first year Academy is only about \$2 per week. This includes board, room rent, fuel, light, text books, hospital fee, and in short all necessary College bills. Many students work out a part of this.

Carl Hunt was the first mountain student from Northeastern Kentucky who came two years ago last fall in response to a letter from Pres. Frost. He is one of the best all-round workers in the institution, strong in body and mind. He is now in the third year Normal, is making his own way by working summer and fall and his spare hours while he is in school winter and spring. Mr. Hunt has made an excellent record as an extension worker.

Probably no student has made more satisfactory progress or is more thoroughly reliable than Wm. Flanery. He is now reaping the reward of his several years of study and attention to business. Last year he was graduated with credit from the Farmers Course. This year he is taking selected studies in the Academy and has charge with the beginning of the spring term of the garden work in the capacity of Horticultural Foreman.

Mr. P. M. Frye came to Berea from Owsley county several years ago, and has been one of our faithful students. For the last two years he has taught school in the summer and fall. In his last school he enrolled 68 students out of eighty-three in the district. The average attendance was fifty-one. This was an exceedingly high average for a mountain school. Eight of Mr. Frye's pupils came to Berea through his efforts. Can any one beat this record? Mr. Frye has made an enviable reputation as a speaker and debater.

One of the special attractions of the spring term will be the lectures and talks of Mr. James Speed, of Louisville. Mr. Speed is one of the best entertainers in the whole country. His imitations of bird tones and animal voices are wonderful. He can draw pictures of birds, animals and insects with great accuracy and rapidity while he describes them in the most simple and delightful manner. Mr. Speed will be in Berea four days, and will be kept very busy. His lecture on "Red Head" is one of the taking things.

Many others might be mentioned did space permit.

A WORD TO PARENTS

On Keeping their Children in School in the Spring Term.

Many do not understand what it means to take a pupil out of school in the Spring Term. But a person, who has been in either the free school or College for the fall or winter, should go on with his work through the spring. If it does not there is a loss either he will need to go over the same ground next year or else he will not attend school at all.

The Spring Term's work should be the best in the year. The classes are already organized, pupils have got acquainted with their teachers, and momentum is up, and this is a great advantage. It takes a good part of the Fall and Winter Terms to get under head way, but that is already accomplished for the Spring Term and the work goes right on rapidly with vigor. Then the expenses such as R. R. fare have been paid and the cost is little more for six or nine months schooling than for three. When a student has once gone to the trouble to get ready to go away to school, it is to his advantage to make the most of it, and one of the ways of doing this is to stay through the year.

Now there are cases where it is absolutely necessary perhaps that parents take children out of school, but we feel that in many instances if the parents could understand the situation they would try to manage to let the children stay for the Spring Term even if they had to hire some of the spring work on the farm. Many of our pupils practically lose the benefits of a whole year's work by dropping out in the spring.

We wish we might see the parents of all our pupils and talk with them in regard to these matters, and get them to see that it is to their advantage to keep their children in for the Spring Term. As this is not possible, it is hoped that this letter will do something towards calling parents attention to so important a consideration.

SOME ADVANTAGES OF TILE DRAINAGE.

One of the great advantages of tile-draining land is the readiness with which the land can be worked in wet weather. The College farm affords several examples of this.

One field of ten acres, drained for three-fourths of its length, was in corn last year. In the fall the fodder was not all hauled off before the rains set in, but as far as the drains extended the teams could go on and remove a good load without trouble though previously a part of the ground had been too wet for cultivation.

A hundred feet beyond the tile the ground was found so soft that one of the teams was nearly mired down, having difficulty in getting out with the empty wagon.

At present writing one of our tile-drained fields of very black loam land is fit for plowing while an adjoining field of exactly the same quality of soil, but not yet tiled, is so wet that a man can scarcely cross it on foot. These drained lands have yielded forty-five bushels to the acre, while before the tile was laid they were not considered worth cultivating.

There are many hundreds of acres of Kentucky lands where equally great improvement could be made by drainage or other improved methods of farming. The young men who take the Agricultural Course are carefully instructed in all these methods, and get a great deal of actual practice on the College farm. If they have not farms of their own to go there are many calls for well-trained men to go on to well-equipped farms or fruit plantations at excellent wages.

Estmer Hudson, who became expert at grafting apple stocks during his Horticultural Course a year ago, is being employed all his spare time in putting up a lot of grafts of various varieties of apples for the Horticultural department. S. C. MASON.

GREAT PUBLIC OCCASIONS.

The fine opportunities offered at Berea for seeing and hearing people who are great in some direction cannot be too much emphasized. These at least double the chance for enjoyment and profit offered at some places where the mere class work might be as good as here. The Decoration day and Commencement crowds, illustrated lectures, elocutionary entertainments, concerts, graphophone exhibitions, addresses of great orators, etc., give a succession of most delightful and inspiring occasions.

The majority of these are absolutely free. Where there is a charge, it is much less than in most places for similar entertainments. Many have wondered that such a splendid lyceum course could be furnished at Berea—five great events for a dollar! Prof. Dodge authorizes the statement that if the patronage of the great humorous lecture by Ralph Parlette March 16 is equal to reasonable expectations, he will be able to put at least fifty dollars more into next year's course. Already he is negotiating for a combination of attractions which will throw into the shade all previous courses. A dollar for the lyceum course should be in every student's plans.

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