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The country about Wilmington contains some of the finest scenery that anyone might wish to see, and familiarly with the different driveways of New Castle county will present innumerable romantic scenes to the inquiring person. A very pleasant route for an afternoon's recreation is to start about 2 o'clock for Smith's bridge by way of Rockland. There are several roads that lead thereto. The most direct is to drive out the Concord pike, crossing the B. & P. Railroad just above the tollgate, turning to the left at the Blue Ball, and continuing in that direction. Another is to go up Jessup's road about two miles, passing under the B. & P. bridge and through the woods now clothed in their beautiful Autumnal dress. At the top of this steep hill that must be climbed in this direction, the entrance to one of the powder yards will be found on the left, at which point a turn is to be made to the right. A few minutes drive will bring the direct road from the Blue Ball, on which a turn should be made to the left.

Still another way to go to Rockland is through Rising Sun, care being taken when descending the steep hill under the W. & N. Railroad; passing the row of willows that fringes the road along the Brandywine. The creek here is wide and free from rock, making it delightful for boating. After leaving the willows, a turn to the left comes at the Barley Wood Mills, crossing the W. & N. Railroad, and continuing straight on in the direction of the Kennett pike, on to the little yellow school-house will be met. DuPont's station on the W. & N. Road is then to be reached by turning to the right, and another turn in the same direction at the station will take the driver direct to Rockland, five miles from Wilmington.

Crossing the bridge at Rockland and taking the road to the left for about two miles and a half will find Thompson's bridge, and the next one, which crosses the Brandywine, is Smith's bridge. Different varieties of handsome ferns can be gathered while going through the woods on the way. Part of this road is cut out of the hillside, and is quite close to the water. When contemplating this historic stream and the rich beauty surrounding it, the beholder can truly say:

How beautiful the water is!
 To me 'tis wondrous fair—
 No spot can ever lovelier be
 If water sparkle there;
 It hath a thousand tongues of mirth,
 Of grandeur and delight,
 And every heart is gladdened made
 When water greets the sight.

Having passed over Smith's bridge, the road directly in front is to be kept on the return, crossing the W. & N. Road, and the old Centre Meeting House, with its ancient burial ground, will soon be reached. Here the road leads a little to the right, and not far from the venerable Quaker resting place will be found a cross-roads. Turning to the left, the Kennett pike will be reached at the base of a hill upon ascending which the Lower Presbyterian church and cemetery will be seen on the right, five and a-half miles from Wilmington. The W. & N. Road is met every now and then. It is crossed at Greenville, and again, just below the toll gate, this time the tracks passing under the street, the B. & P. Road is crossed, and the fifteen-mile drive is about ended.

A pleasant moonlight drive may be enjoyed by taking the following route: Out Front street to Union; then to the left, taking what is known as the New Road, leading directly to Greenbank. The B. & P. and W. & N. roads, lying side by side, are crossed soon after leaving the city, and the D. W. road and Red Clay creek just before arriving at Greenbank.

After crossing the mill and driving around Phillips's mill, a straight road is kept, ascending quite a steep hill, and Marshallton is reached. Here the high ground overlooks the valley, and the moonbeams seem to make it almost enchanted ground.

My own loved light
 That every soul and solemn spirit wondrous,
 That lovers love so well—strange joy is thine
 Whose influence o'er all sides of soul hath power,
 Who hast 'th' thy light in nature and despair;
 The glow of hope and awe but of sick fancy
 Alike reflect thy rays. Alike thou lightest
 The path of meeting or of parting hours
 Alike on mingling or on breaking tears
 Thou smil'st in throned beauty.

Beyond the bridge, traversing straight ahead, a deep cut on the B. & P. road will be gone over coming back, and the old Newport and Lancaster turnpike at

the little colored church will be met. Passing through Newport, across the P., W. & B. road and the Christiana, the New Castle water works and reservoir will be reached in turn. The Delaware railroad is to be crossed at Hare's Corner, near the new Almshouse, and after driving about two miles and a half, the streets of Wilmington will be met and the evening's drive will be an event of the past.

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Thus thought a representative of THE TIMES the other day, as he looked upon the workings of the Wilmington Commercial College, in the Institute Building. Such an institution for this city has often been suggested, and several times almost became a reality, but not until a couple of months since was the person found who had courage to venture. For there were those who dolefully said that such a failure would in a very short time end the existence of such an enterprise. "Too near to Philadelphia," was the reason given.

But what are the facts? Seven weeks ago the college at Eighth and Market streets opened with five students. Seventy-seven more have since been enrolled; night sessions have been added; an additional room and another teacher have become necessary; the best citizens of the county have sent their sons and daughters, and the croakers are silent. Among the patrons are William Luke of Rockland, and of County Treasurer Herbert, and Eli Mendelsohn, Dr. J. B. Barne, Dr. C. Quinby, Henry F. Dure, N. M. Morley, C. S. Middleton, Water Commissioner Carmichael, Willard Thomson and Councilman Norton.

These works are not a mere advertisement. In S. Goldie, the principal, has started out to found a college as good as any in Philadelphia, and his character is a guarantee of good faith. He is a graduate of Millersville State Normal School and the Bryant and Stratton Business College, Philadelphia, and has had practical business experience. He has had fifteen years' experience as a teacher, four of which were at Newark Academy and as many more at the Bryant and Stratton College, whence he came here.

The principle of education adopted is to teach by practice what is given in theory. Public inspection without a word of explanation will disclose the school shows for itself. There is a bank erected at one end of the main room, with the cashier's receiving table and discount desks; there are three business houses, with their signs displayed, a jobbing and a commission house and a general agency, and a freight office will soon be put up.

Mail must be opened and answered each morning, and with college money as a medium of exchange, and other incidents of actual business life, the student is given such practice that he can go into any counting house and in a short time feel at home with the multiplicity of duties of such a place. The principal will take pleasure in explaining to all who will call at the college, the course of study, methods, etc.

The following well-known persons testify to the worth of the institution: Stanbury J. Willey, William M. Canby and Henry C. Conrad, Esq., of Wilmington; Professor A. N. Barb, Wright & Son, John Pilling, George W. Lindsey and the Rev. C. W. Prentiss, Newark, Delaware, and Professor Edward Brooks, A. M., author of Brooks' Series of Mathematics, Philadelphia.

The faculty is itself a recommendation—H. S. Goldie, formerly chief instructor Bryant & Stratton College, Philadelphia, instructor in theoretical and practical book-keeping, arithmetic, correspondence, etc.; S. Jackson Harvey, plain and ornamental penmanship; Professor William A. Reynolds, lecturer on practical book-keeping; Henry C. Conrad, Esq., lecturer on commercial law; W. S. Prickeit, evenings; book-keeping, arithmetic and spelling; R. J. Fay, photography; Mrs. H. S.

Goldie, students' records; S. Potts Eagleton, general instructor. The proximity of the Institute Library is of importance to students as a means of obtaining good reading matter.

The first grand reception of the Wilmington city police will be given in Institute Hall, on Friday evening, November 5, the tickets to which will be sold at St. Dennis S. Shields is secretary, and Henry Schoor, treasurer.

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