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TWO ANNOUNCEMENTS

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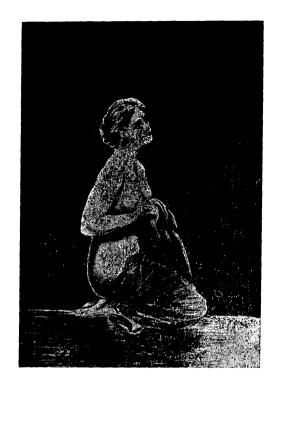
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MARCH, 1907



The above cut represents the official seal of the State Normal School of Bellingham, Washington. The design was made by Miss Frances Moncrief, of the Class of '07. This class will long be remembered for having one of its member as the originator of the seal which will be stamped upon all official documents of the school in years to come.





SUNSET

The God of Day, Apollo,
In his golden chariot bright,
Is driving now his horses
Through the curtains of the night.

As he ascends slowly

To the portals of his camp,
He bathes all earth and heaven
In the splendor of his lamp.

The bay, so calm and quiet,
In the peace of heaven's smile,
Reflects this magic beauty
To the shores of Lummi Isle.

Across the wide land, trembling,
From east unto the west,
Are rays of golden splendor—
Violet hues and amythest.

Beyond, the Selkirk mountains
Enthroned in Chrystal snow,
Are rejoicing in the evening
Of Apollo's mystic glow.

These Western Alpine Glories, In softened beauty stand Like gleams of the tinted silver, That borders Fairyland.

Mount Baker, nature's sentinel, Who all the day has stood Viewing with proud, cold visage, This beautious sisterhood.

Reveals a brow, rose-tinted
Through the rays of mellow light,
A face that's smiling, tender
With warmth and beauty bright.

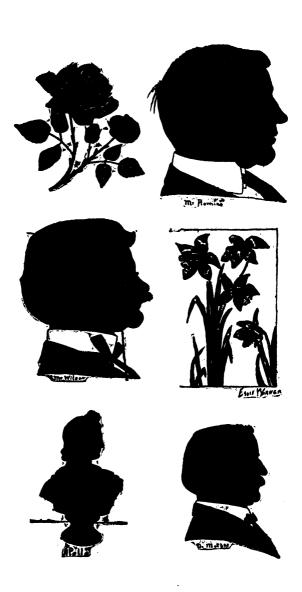
O tell us, lofty mountain

From your throne, so near the skies,
Whence comes this flood of beauty,
Fair nature's wondrous dyes.

The Normal Messenger

Is it the sun refracting
A million rays of light,
Or is it, revealed in nature,
The Soul of the Infinite?

ALMIA WHITTIER.



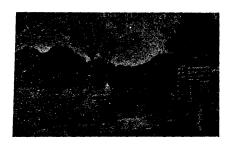














EVENING THOUGHTS

SILENCE

Thou harbinger of mind's strange things— Dreams, fancies—all that thou dost bring, To thee, I dedicate, I consecrate today's Last waking moments, tonight's first vigil's praise,

This present now, which Time has lent, To me, I give to thee, thou creature sent To tell me to stop and think—to be discreet, Yea, be discreet,—and so I think, then sleep.

EVENING

Silently Night gathers about her those robes of sombre hues,

Place upon her head a crown of diadems, the myriad stars,

Advances in the wake of day, sprinkling the earth with dew,

And stooping to hush the birds and flowers to peaceful dreams,

She whispers, "be still, sleep now, to thee sweet dreams."

She beckons me my work to cease, my cares release,

To linger just a while, to stop and think, then close my eyes,

While she sings lullabies, to soothe me off to sleep;

And thus, I too, with flowers and birds, obey her sweet commands,

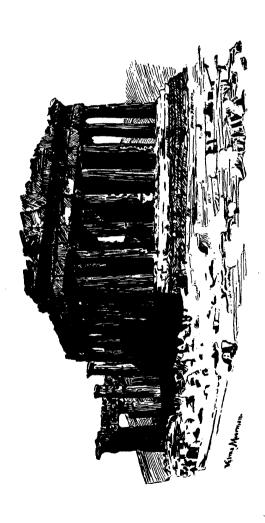
And soon I wander off into the realms of slumberland.

GOODNIGHT

Before I close my eyes in sleep
And enter dreamland's realm,
I'll think of Him who guides my ship,
The Captain at the helm.
I'll lift to Him a prayer of thanks
For blessing me today,
And ask of Him an angel guard

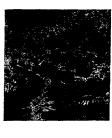
To hover 'round my bed,
To keep me thru the hours of night
And soothe my restless head;
Then, my eyes I'll close in slumbers light
While angels guard me through the night.

G. S. Allison.













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EDITORIAL

The staff wishes to thank the students for their hearty cooperation in contributing so freely to the pages of the present issue. The artistic talent of many of the sudents is quite remarkable and we are pleased to show their work thru the columns of our paper. We regret that more work could not be used, but the financial conditions of Messenger would not permit of having more cuts made.

The student body are very fortunate in having the privilege of seeing reproductions of about 200 of the world's famous paintings at the Normal from April 8 to 12, inclusive. This collection is being sent to the higher instutions of learning thruout the United States, with the view of creating a familiarity with and a love for the great works of art. The society hall and Y. M. C. A. rooms will be used for the display. The admission will be only 10 cents and every student should avail herself of the opportunity.

THE STUDENT'S SOLILOQUY

ACT II. SCENE VII.

To flunk, or not to flunk: That's the question: Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer The stings and sorrows of the F's and C's, Or to take up a pony against the C of ——And by persistent cunning to end them? To flunk: to be conditioned:

To pass not; and with that steed to say we gain

The A's and B's and a thousand unnatural grades

That pets are heir to, 'tis a constipation
Devotedly to be wished. To pass! a B!!
An A!!! Only a dream: aye! there's the rub,
For in that epistle to pa what grades we put
Then we weekly shuffle off a copious abundance of heated atmosphere

Determines our check: There's the respect That makes calamity of boarding house life; For who would bear the stings and bites of a "cimex electalarius,"

The greasy bacon, and the hair in the sorghum,

The pangs of calamity biscuits, and fricaseed hash on toast,

The strenuosity of the coffee, and the burns That the patient trouser-presseer when "busted" takes,

While he himself might all his trouble save With a bare two-bits? Instead, he lives in a barrrel,

To grunt and sweat under a celluloid collar, But the dread of a disastrous conflagration therefrom,

And the speedy (?) approach of the Bellingham Fire Department,

And the eminently probable ensingement
Of his whiskers, puzzles the will,

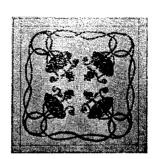
And makes us rather bear the slams and roasts,

Than live on eggs whose time we know not of. Thus Caesar doth make martyrs of us all; And thus between the lines of this book there Is scribbled o'er with the pale cast of thot,
And examinations of great length and solidity
With this, retard their currents, turn aside
And lose the name of action. Soft you now!
The fair stone! Beloved quadruped, in thy
neighings

Be all thy tones modulated.

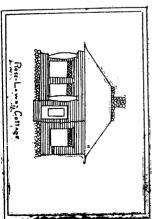
(By one who has been there.)

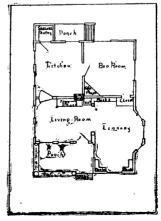


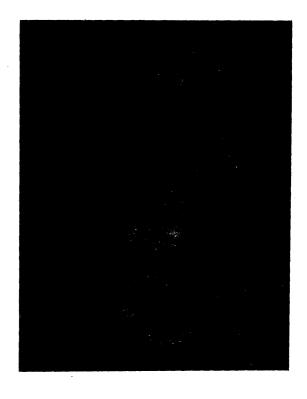












IN TIME TO COME

When Stone's last papers are graded,
And his red ink bottle all dried,
When his red chalk's all of it faded,
And his latest victim has died,
We shall rest; and in faith we shall need it—
Quit cramming an alon or two,
Till the dread of us poor Normal students
Shall call us to quizzles anew.

And those who were cindered will be happy;
They sit in the same old chairs,
And write on the same old questions,
And not even the worst one despairs:
They shall have no grades to work for:
No tests where you make ninety-five,
Or you flunk out the next quarter,
And wonder you'r still alive.

And not even Stone can sinch them;
And not even Stone can blame—
And none shall "remove a condition,"
And no one shall work for fame:
But each for the joy of working,
For each, in the easiest way,
Shall make all the mistakes that he wants to,
And Stone shall have nothing to say.

-With due apologies to Kipling.

The following is an unique excuse sent to Miss Gray by a mother:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

On the last day of January, 1907,
Some boys were playing in Normal frog
heaven,
Into the slush our Truman did do
Getting one side wet from hip to toe.

"Go home and get dry," said Miss Nellie Gray. With lunch pail and cap he scurried away; And arriving home about the hour of two, Hustled into dry trousers and stockings new.

That night he exclaimed on going to bed—
"I must have an excuse; so Miss Gray said,"
Well, here it is teacher, but, why it must be
When you sent him home, I really can't see.

C. B. F.

Bay View, Jan. 31, 1907.

THE NORMAL TRAITORS

In every army there's a traitor
And sometimes two or three,
So I warn you to be careful
For just a few have we.

They're in the army of rooters
For every basket ball game
And they always yell for the opposite side
With all their might and main.

They're glad to see our boys beaten
By foul means or by fair,
It doesn't make much difference
So long as they can jeer.

I suppose that their lungs need exercise,
Is the reason they yell so loud,
But if they only knew it,
They are thought less of by the crowd.

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