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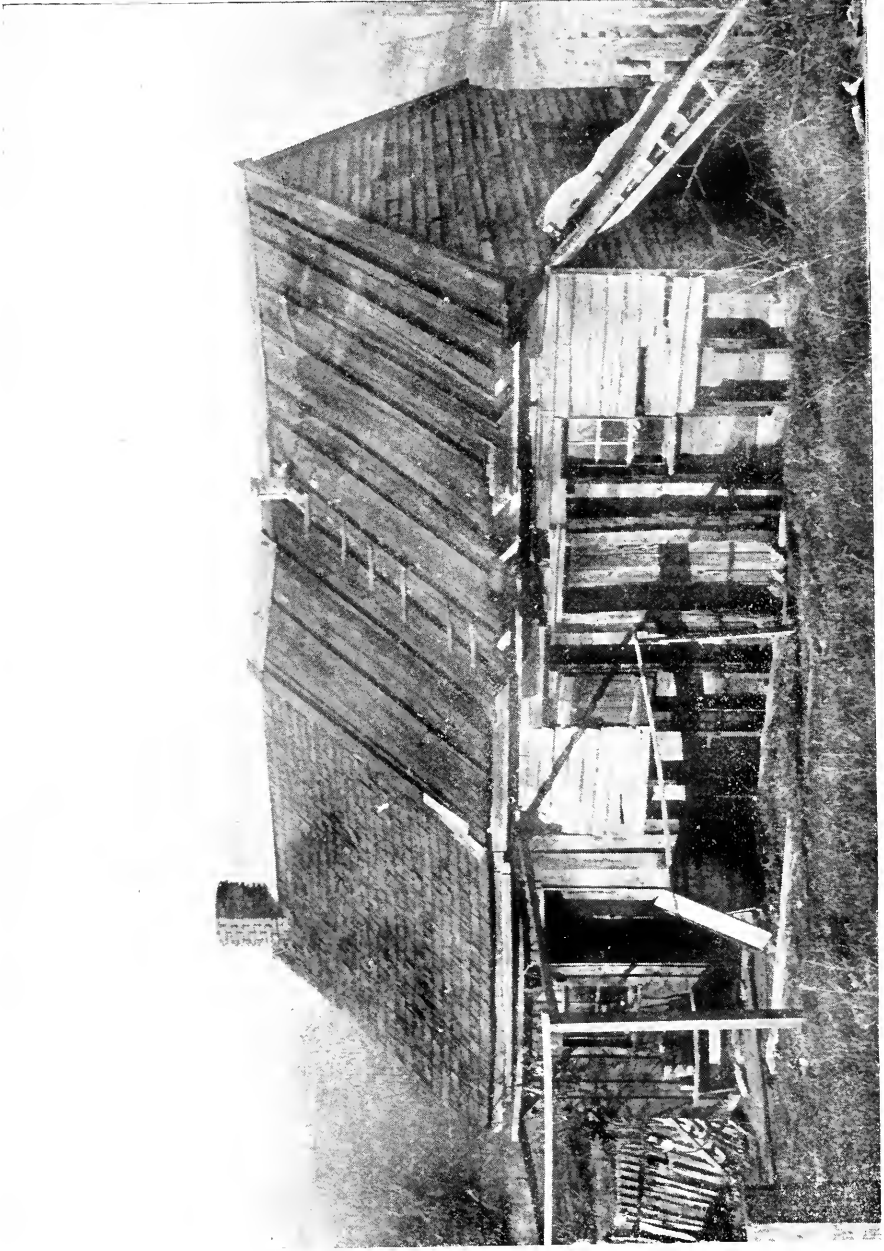












Burgetstown's First School Building.

A CENTURY  
OF EDUCATION;

—OR—

The History of the Schools of Burgetts-  
town, Washington County, Penn-  
sylvania, For One Hundred Years.

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To David Reed, president; Moses L. Cooke, secretary; W. Wesley Pyles, treasurer; Samuel Scott, Francis L. Andrews, and Charles H. Zeigler, constituting the School Board of Smith township, Washington County Pa., for 1897-8, and

To William T. Reed, president; Dr. John C. Nesbit, secretary; John W. Bryan, treasurer; John D. McCabe, Matthew W. Scott, and John A. Russell, constituting the School Board of Burgettstown, Washington County, Pa., for 1897-8,

This work is respectfully dedicated in grateful recognition to them and their predecessors for their kindly support.

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## PREFACE.

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A NUMBER of facts relating to the School History of Smith Township and Burgettstown have been published by the author. He now presents them in this form for their better preservation for the benefit of those who may dwell here in the future. This is not a *complete* history, but it is as complete as circumstances would permit. Our forefathers made history every day, but they failed, in too many instances, to record it for the benefit of their descendants. Let local history be better preserved hereafter.

We are indebted to Mrs. Ann Hays, Mrs. M. M. Brockman and John L. Proudfit, Esq., older citizens now deceased, and to Mrs. Esther Wood, Joseph P. Leech, Josephus Miller and many others for valuable information. Thanks are due Hon. Boyd Crumrine for use of his county history.

*Burgettstown, Pa., May 30, 1898.*



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## CHAPTER I.

### HISTORY OF BURGETTSTOWN.

Burgettstown is situated on the Pan-Handle railroad 27 miles west of Pittsburg by rail and 25 by wagon road. It is in the northern part of Washington county. The postoffice in the old town is  $17\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the court house, and 14 miles east of Steubenville, Ohio.

Settlements were made in the north end of the county before the Revolutionary War. In 1783 there were three log cabins in the old town, and the Burgett flouring mill was completed that year. George Burgett, administrator of Sebastian Burgett, laid out a town on the north side of the "West Boston" patent with Peter Kidd as surveyor, January 27, 1795. The town was called West Boston. In 1860 the population did not exceed 250. Upon the completion of the Pan-Handle railroad in 1865 the selling of town lots and the erection of buildings began, thus starting a new town, three-fourths of a mile north of the old one. The new town extended its limits south and the old one north. The first step towards uniting the two towns under a municipal government was in March, 1877, but nothing came of it. The next meeting was held in July, 1880, which resulted in the incorporation of the two towns, March 23, 1881. The main street—Washington—is one and one-fourth miles long.

CHURCHES.—The United Presbyterian, organized about the year 1800. Membership 260. Rev. David W. Carson, D. D., was the last pastor, installed in October, 1878, and released January 25, 1898.

The First Presbyterian, organized the third Tuesday of October, 1849. Present pastor is Rev. Percy H. Gordon with a membership of about 480.

The Westminster Presbyterian church, organized June 26, 1893. Present pastor is Rev. Harry Nesbit. Membership, 236.

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

In the early history of the town those who inclined to the Methodist belief worshiped from house to house and in the old woolen factory. The date of the organization of the society can not now be given. It was first attached to the Florence Circuit and later to the Midway Circuit. The brick school house, built in 1834, was used by the society until it was sold by the school directors in 1867. The society built a neat frame structure on the "Slow and Easy" patent in 1871, near the present school building. The society was a small one. The early settlers inclined more to the teachings of Calvin and Knox than to the teaching of Wesley. On account of death and removals the society ceased to be self-sustaining. When, in 1885, it was disbanded, the house was sold to Mr. M. R. Parks, who remodeled it and now occupies it as a dwelling.

NEWSPAPERS.—The Burgettstown *Enterprise* appeared as a monthly March 1, 1879, John P. Donnan local editor and manager, and printed by C. Knepper in his Mansfield (now Carnegie) office. It appeared as a weekly August 3, 1881, with J. Howard Cramer, editor and proprietor. The *Call* appeared August 2, 1881, with M. R. Allen, editor and proprietor. In 1887 Mr. Allen was elected Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Washington County, when he sold out to Mr. Cramer. The two papers appeared as the *Enterprise-Call* Dec. 29, 1887. After the fire of Nov. 29, 1895, which



destroyed the plant and a number of business houses, the "*Call*" part of the title was dropped.

THE POSTOFFICES.—There are two postoffices in the borough. The first was established in the old town and named Burgettstown and went into operation January 1, 1811, with Thomas Miller as postmaster. The second was established in the new town and named Cardville, in honor of W. W. Card, then one of the railroad officials, and went into operation April 1, 1870, with James A. Galbraith as postmaster, and John D. McCabe as assistant. In about one week after the office went into effect Mr. McCabe received a commission as postmaster. In August, 1883, the name of the Cardville office was changed to Burgettstown, and the old Burgettstown office was abolished. Before the change took effect the postoffice department re-established an office in the south end or old town, and named it South Burgettstown.

The Burgettstown National Bank was established 1879.

The population at present is over one thousand.

The town contains the usual number of various kinds of stores, shops, industrial establishments, contractors and professionals.

## CHAPTER II.

### FIRST SCHOOL IN SMITH TOWNSHIP.

The school history of Burgettstown is closely allied with that of Smith township. The territory now embraced within the present limits of Burgettstown was a part of Smith township for one hundred years. This county was organized March 28, 1781; Smith township organized July 15th, of that year, and was named for the Rev. Joseph Smith, by James Edgar.

The first school in Smith township was taught before the close of the Revolution, by William Lowry, a surveyor and a soldier of that war, on a farm in the first precinct, now owned by Maxwell Work.

Mr. Lowry died in Beaver county, Pa.

Mr. Sinclair taught in the Cinder Hill district some time before the year 1800.

In 1796 James Criswell, Robert Colvill and Nathaniel Jenkins were assessed as teachers.

### CHAPTER III.

#### THE FIRST TEACHER.

The first teacher of whom we have any knowledge was George McKeag. He was a lot owner in 1798. He taught in the winter of 1798-99. In 1803 he taught in Smith township, on a farm now owned by Prof. S. C. Farrar and brothers. He was one of the five Smith township teachers mentioned in 1807. He died in Texas.

#### THE FIRST SCHOOL HOUSE.

George Burgett leased to David Bruce, Robert Boland and James Wylie, trustees of the Burgettstown school, a lot, No. 45, in the town of West Boston, (the original name of the town,) bounded by Liberty street, and a lot of Joseph Caldwell, dated April 23, 1807. This was the first school building in Burgettstown. The house is now owned and occupied by John Divitt.

#### TEACHERS IN THE LIBERTY STREET SCHOOL HOUSE.

Henry Robinson, Robert Patterson, Esq., Dr. Joseph Campbell, Anthony Gallagher, Hugh Barton, Mr. Littlefair, Mr. Hatch, John Crooks, Hamilton Washington Carter and Joseph Buchanan.

Henry Robinson taught in Smith township in 1807. He taught his first term here about the year 1812. His teaching here amounted to about fourteen years. He taught in Smith, Hanover, Robinson and Mt. Pleasant townships. His last term in Smith township was in No. 8, in 1841. His last term was in the Rankin school, Mt. Pleasant township, about the year 1842. He died in Mt. Pleasant township in 1854.

Robert Patterson taught before the war of 1812. He was the first president of the Smith township school board. Nathaniel Hunter was the first secretary. Mr. Hunter died in 1879 in Jefferson county, Ohio. Mr. Patterson was president of the convention of Nov. 4, 1834. That convention was a joint meeting of the County Commissioners and one delegate from each of the 26 townships and the borough of Washington, which met in the court house and determined by a vote of 21 to 5 to accept of the provisions of the school law of 1834. He was the leading spirit in the movement which led Smith township to accept the provisions of the school law. Mr. Patterson was a justice of the peace in 1818, and county commissioner, 1825. He did more, probably, than any one man to bring about the organization of the First Presbyterian church in this place. He was one of the principal advocates of the temperance cause in this locality. He died February 9, 1861.

Anthony Gallagher taught here about the year 1817. He taught in Smith township afterwards. He was an excellent swordsman and drilled a class in fencing during the evenings.

Dr. Joseph Campbell was a Smith township teacher. In 1808 he taught a school on the farm now owned by Capt. John B. Hays. It is not known when he taught his first term here. He taught several years in Burgettstown, the last term was in the brick school house in 1836-7. Dr. Campbell was a justice of the peace and a practicing physician, and was the proprietor of a drug store. He died February 15, 1857, and was buried in the Presbyterian cemetery, Cross-creek Village, Pa.

Joseph Buchanan began a term in the Liberty street house, but on account of its bad roof, he completed the term elsewhere.

It is not known when the other teachers mentioned taught in the Liberty street house.

## CHAPTER IV.

## OTHER BUILDINGS AND THEIR TEACHERS.

Sometime between 1820 and 1825 Miss Jane Daugherty taught in a building fronting on Pittsburg street, now owned by the estate of Dr. Wm. Donnan, deceased, long known as the Brydges property. The house is now occupied by Joseph Richey. It is the same building where John Brown, of Harper's Ferry fame, bought wool one season.

A building which stood near the present residence of S. P. Riddle, Esq., corner of Liberty and Market streets, was used in 1832 by Mrs. Sally Taylor, mother-in-law of Dr. Stephen Smith. Mrs. Taylor gave instructions in needlework in connection with the branches taught.

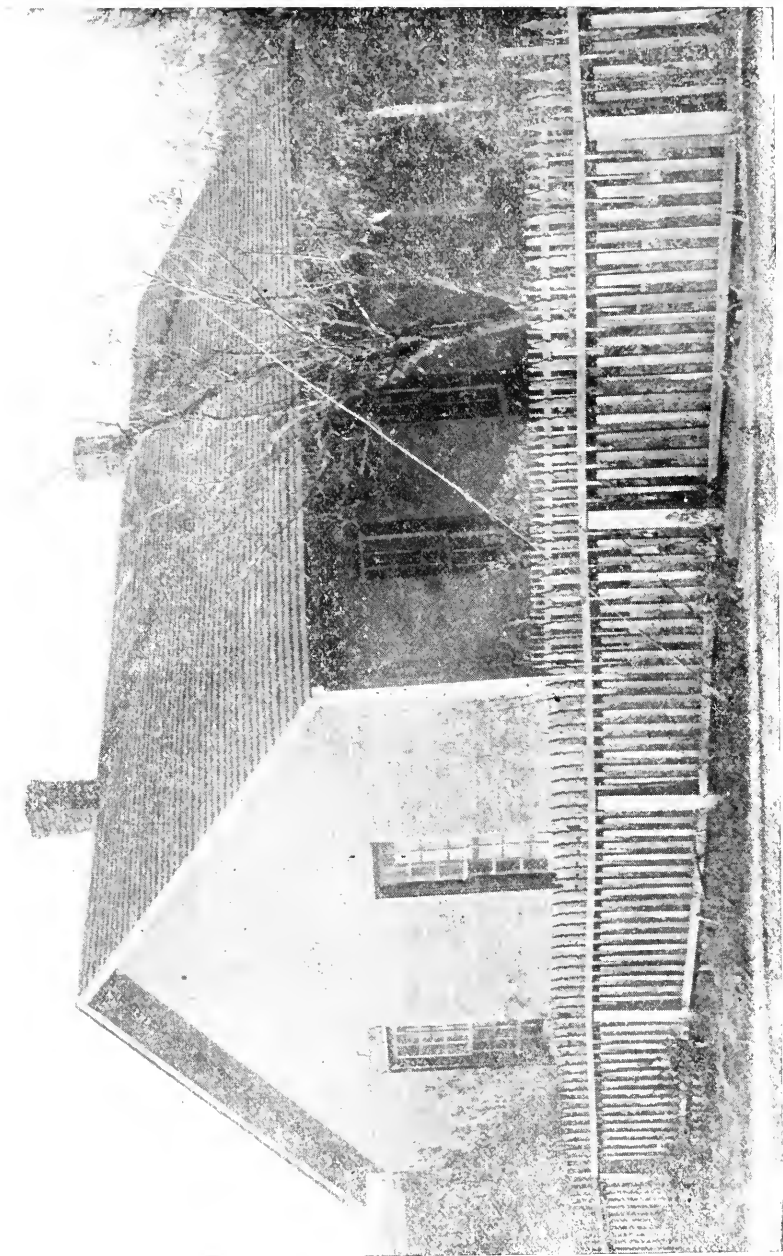
Samuel Douthett and Robert Forester each taught in what was for a long time known as the Maxwell house, on Market street. It is now owned and occupied by James C. Shook.

Dr. Joseph Campbell taught in the house, corner of Pittsburg and Liberty streets, now owned and occupied by Mrs. Mary Kennedy since April 1, 1848.

Joseph Buchanan completed a term in 1834, in the house now owned and occupied by Miss Nancy Shillito, on Pittsburg street. Mr. Buchanan began the term in the Liberty street house, but left it on account of its bad roof. Miss Potter and Joseph McLain each taught in the house where Mr. Buchanan completed his term.

Miss Sibella Galbraith taught two winters and one summer in a log building that fronted on Washington street, on the lot now owned by the Dr. Wm. Donnan estate. John Stephenson used the same room at one time for a tailor shop.

Miss Potter taught in a room of the house now owned and occupied by Dr. J. T. Harper, dentist, on Pittsburg street. Miss Potter became the wife of Dr. Samuel Marshall.



The Second School Building, now Owned by Joseph Robinson.



## IN THE FARM HOUSE ON THE "WEST RADIUS" TRACT.

In 1833 Samuel Douthett and his sister, Isabella, taught in the house now occupied by John T. White, and owned by the Rev. John Hood, a former pastor of the United Presbyterian church, Burgettstown. The school was in the second story of the building. Mr. Douthett paid Mrs. Elijah Henwood one dollar a month for the privilege of walking through her kitchen. Hamilton Washington Carter taught in the same house at one time.

## THE BRUCE PROPERTY.

James McLain taught in the dwelling house owned by the estate of David Bruce.

Robert Forester taught in the same house in 1834.

In 1834 Miss Sibella Galbraith taught in the building where David Bruce moved his store in 1795—the first in Burgettstown.

Mrs. Sallie Taylor and Joseph Buchanan each taught in the same building. The Bruce property is now owned by William Melvin. He removed the first building mentioned in 1883, and the old store room in 1884.

Miss Sibella Galbraith became the wife of Rev. Samuel Middleton.

James McLain became a Presbyterian minister.

Robert Forester became a minister of the Associate church.

Samuel Douthett became a minister of the Associate church and died shortly after entering the ministry.

Joseph Buchanan became a minister of the Union church. He died in Southern Ohio.

The names of but few teachers are remembered to be handed down to posterity. These schools mentioned were all pay schools. Many of them were of a high order.

Hon. George S. Hart, who was elected Judge of the Washington County, Pennsylvania, Courts in 1876, spent his early days in Burgettstown.

In a letter dated April 25, 1883, the Judge says: "When quite a small boy I learned my alphabet, and 'a—b—abs' at the feet of good Mrs. Sallie Taylor. And afterward, I attended Henry Robinson's school long enough to learn to read and write, and to master the multiplication table—at least as far as twelve times twelve. Of both of these teachers, I have very pleasant recollections. Mrs. Taylor, as I remember her, was an elderly lady, of a very sweet, kindly and gentle temper. Mr. Robinson was a live teacher, full of enthusiasm for his work, and very fond of children, whose confidence and affection he always enjoyed in a high degree."

## CHAPTER V.

### SECOND SCHOOL BUILDING.

In 1834 a lot of ground was leased from Dr. Stephen Smith, on Washington street, on which was erected a one-story brick building, containing two apartments, by Edward Downing, of Hickory. It was built for church and school purposes. School closed when the house was needed for preaching.

When the County Commissioners were holding their triennial assessment appeals they were asked to contribute for the building; they did so, and gave their day's wages.

Those teaching in this house before the public school went into operation were: In 1834-5, Houston Walker, in the north room, and Dr. Joseph Campbell, in the south room. Dr. Campbell taught in the winter of 1836-7.

Mr. Brakeman taught one term in this building.

### ACCEPTING THE PROVISIONS OF THE SCHOOL LAW.

Smith township accepted the school law the year of its passage, although there was considerable opposition to accepting its provisions. A part of the opposition was by men



who were in favor of education, but were opposed to the policy of the immediate construction of new houses. On the day appointed to vote on its adoption the voters assembled in Burgettstown. The day being wet, and no hall in the town large enough to hold them, they went to the covered bridge at the foot of Pittsburg street, near the steam flouring mill; all favorable to the law went to one end of the bridge, those opposed went to the other. This is the only history we have of a meeting of the citizens of a township in the county in compliance with the Act of 1834.

#### SMITH TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS IN OPERATION.

In the state superintendent's report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1836, Smith township is credited with eight schools, and having received from the state appropriation \$209.76 for 1836-7, and \$99.48 for former years, but nothing from the county or district, and the schools not in operation.

In the report for Dec. 31, 1837, eight schools were reported and one required. Three months taught; teachers, seven male and one female; salary of males, \$20 per month; females, \$14 per month.

#### THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE BRICK SCHOOL HOUSE ASKED TO RELINQUISH THEIR CLAIM.

On August 27, 1853, the school board of Smith township resolved that if the stockholders of the brick school house in Burgettstown shall release their claim to said house, that the board accept the same and put the house in suitable repair.

Again, on Dec. 21, 1853, the school board resolved to repair the brick school house—No. 1st—in pursuance of the plan recommended by the state superintendent, so far as the same can be done without prejudice to the right of those who claimed the same for religious purposes. Messrs. Alexander Kidd, Esq., William Blair and John Daugherty were appointed to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Again, on Sept. 16, 1854, the board resolved that the seats in school house No. 1st be removed, so as to suit the new system of teaching. The two apartments were thrown together.

Members of the board for 1853: Alexander Kidd, Esq., James Russell, Capt. John Campbell, S. P. Riddile, Esq., Norris Duncan and John Stevenson, Esq. Secretary S. P. Riddile, Esq., is the only member of that board living. He resides in Burgettstown.

The records of the board prior to Aug. 27, 1853, are not to be found. From that time until 1868 they are not very complete. Since 1868 they have been fully kept.

#### THE FIRST PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER.

Alexander Swaney taught a three-month term beginning in February, 1837—the first public school in Burgettstown.

#### LIST OF THOSE WHO TAUGHT IN THE BRICK SCHOOL HOUSE.

Houston Walker taught in the room in the north end the winter of 1834-5, and Dr. Joseph Campbell in the room in the south end the same winter. Dr. Campbell also taught the winter of 1836-7.

Mr. Brakeman taught one term before the school law went into operation, the date not known.

Dr. Joseph Campbell taught the winter of 1836-7.

The public terms were taught in the fall and winter, and the pay schools in the spring and summer. The other teachers who taught in this building are:

\* 1837—Alexander Swaney.

1837-8—Joseph Rogers.

1838—John Galbraith.

1838-9—James C. Logan.

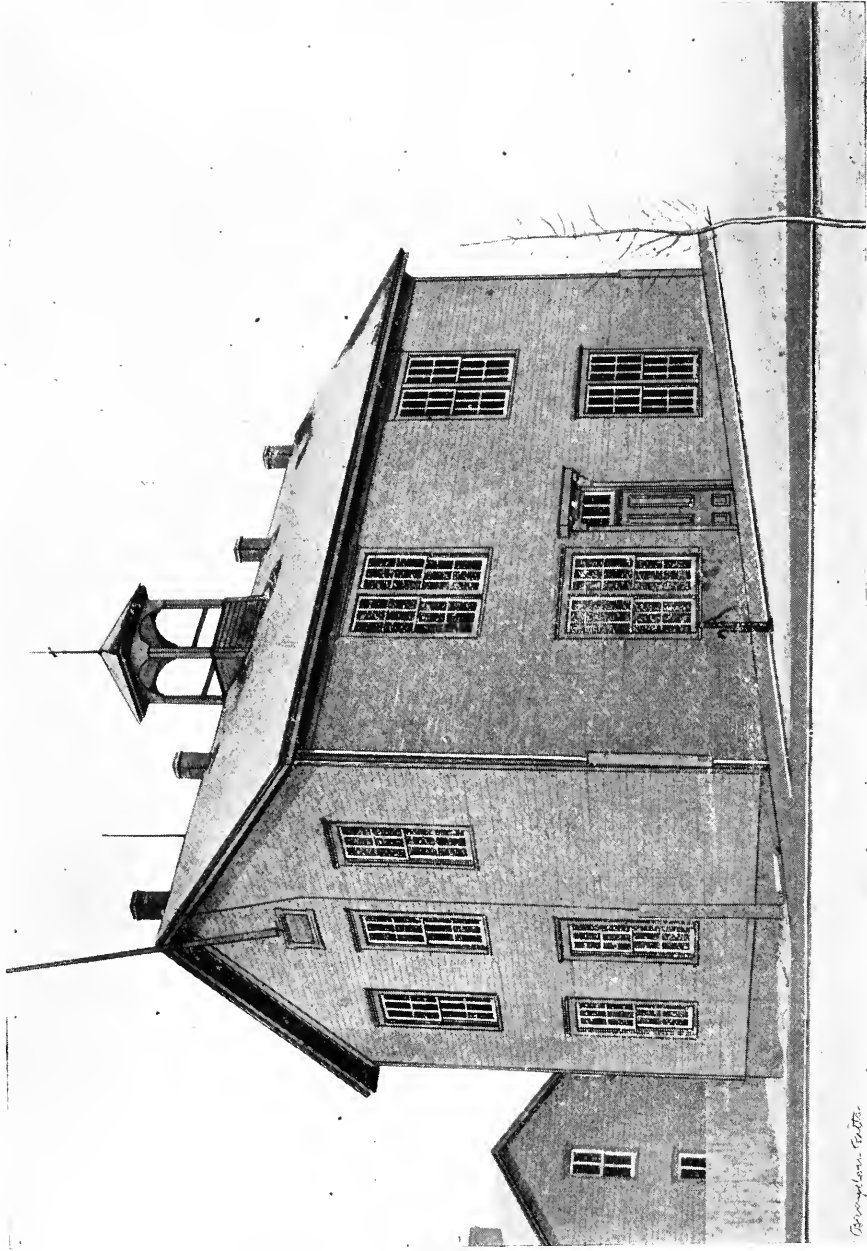
1839—James C. Logan.

1839-40—James Fulton.

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(\*) NOTE.—In distinguishing the pay and public schools, the pay schools are designated by the single year as 1838; the public schools, being taught during winter and spring months, are noted thus: 1838-9; or, 1840-41.

- 1841—James Fulton.  
 1841-2—Wm. P. Richardson.  
 1842—Not known.  
 1842-3—John B. Strain.  
 1843—James Boyce.  
 1843-4—James L. Patterson.  
 1844—Abel T. Richards.  
 1844-5—Robert S. Campbell.  
 1845—Joseph Farrar.  
 1845-6—Abel T. Richards.  
 1846—Abel T. Richards.  
 1846 7—Miss Nancy J. Cunningham.  
 1847—John B. Phillis.  
 1847-8—Patterson Smith.  
 1848—James L. Patterson, James L. Moore.  
 1848-9—James A. Galbraith.  
 1849—Abel T. Richards.  
 1849-50—Abel T. Richards.  
 1850—Miss Sarah M. Armstrong.  
 1850-1—John Stevenson, Esq.  
 1851—Edward Campbell.  
 1851-2—Matthew W. Galbraith.  
 1852—Miss Lizzie Matthews.  
 1852-3—Abel T. Richards.  
 1853—Miss Nancy J. Cunningham.  
 1853-4—W. W. Van Eman.  
 1854—W. W. Van Eman.  
 June 24, 1854, the school board allowed Miss Sarah M. Armstrong \$12 for one month's teaching in Burgettstown.  
 1854-5—W. W. Van Eman.  
 1855—No summer term.  
 1855-6—Gabriel Bilderback — months ; George Jardine — months.  
 1856—George Jardine.  
 1856-7—Wm. H. Hammond.  
 1857—Wm. H. Hammond.  
 1857-8—James F. McCarrell, 5 months ; James D. Campbell, 2 months.



The Third School Building.

*Birmingham, Ala.*

- 1858—William Melvin.  
 1858-9—William Melvin.  
 1859—Miss Mary Patterson.  
 1859-60—James E. Stevenson.  
 1860—Joseph Hays.  
 1860-61—William Melvin.  
 1861—W. S. Fulton.  
 1861-2—William Melvin.  
 1862—William Melvin.  
 1862-3—W. P. Montgomery.  
 1863—Miss Nancy McNary.  
 1863-4—Samuel R. Allison.  
 1864—Samuel R. Allison.  
 1864-5—Milton Paxton.  
 1865—Miss Sallie Marshall.

1855-6—The school was graded. V. B. Baker, principal, and his wife assistant. A room now owned and occupied by Miss Nancy Shillito, was used by the principal.

- 1866—Mrs. Van B. Baker.  
 1866-7—Samuel L. Farrar.  
 1867—Miss Cornelia Leopold.

The brick school house, a cut of which appears on page 12, then ceased to be used for school purposes.

## CHAPTER VI.

### THE THIRD SCHOOL BUILDING.

September 28, 1867, the school board of Smith township contracted with Isaac Fondersmith to build a new one—a two story frame—on a lot obtained from Rev. J. T. Fredericks. The citizens residing in the south end of town raised two hundred dollars, bought the lot, and presented it to the school board. Mr. Fredericks valued the lot at two hundred and fifty dollars, but threw off fifty dollars. The lot is a part of the James Miller patent, dated December 14, 1789.

## NAMES OF THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO BUY THE LOT.

Rev. James T. Fredericks, \$50.00; Rev. Samuel H. Graham, \$15.00; Samuel P. Wilson, \$15.00; Robert K. Scott, \$20.00; Francis Hood, \$10.00; John W. Daugherty, \$10.00; M. M. Brockman, \$10.00; Joseph Parker, \$10.00; James G. Brydges, \$10.00; Henry P. Abell, \$10.00; Lilburn Shipley, \$10.00; M. R. Allen, \$10.00; Alfred McCausland, \$5.00; William Blair, \$5.00; Joseph Robinson, \$5.00; Samuel W. Bell, \$5.00; Edward Sharp, \$5.00; J. J. Campbell, \$5.00; James S. Vance, \$5.00; A. Thornburg, \$5.00; James Reed, \$5.00; William E. Yates, \$5.00; Richard Howard, \$5.00; Dr. J. T. Harper, \$5.00; John Pry, Sr., \$3.00; Elijah Marshall, \$3.00; Daniel Reynolds, \$2.50; Joseph Richey, \$2.50.

The contract for building was \$3,300. Mr. Fondersmith was afterwards directed to enlarge the windows and put in lights 12x22; and also to put in the building eight additional windows of the enlarged size. The board agreed to give Mr. Fondersmith the sum of \$370 for the change.

The brick school house was sold the same year to Joseph Robinson, a nephew of Henry Robinson, the teacher, for \$130. It is now occupied by Mr. Robinson as a dwelling.

It has frequently been asked "Why was not a lot obtained on higher ground and back from the main street?" At that time the land adjoining was not yet laid out in town lots.

There was no public school during the winter of 1867.

A four-months' public term opened about April 1, 1868, in the two lower rooms, with George T. McCord, principal; Kate W. Ghrist, assistant.

1868-9—George T. McCord, Kate W. Ghrist.

1869—George T. McCord, Kate W. Ghrist, Carrie A. Brockman.

1869-70—Hibbard S. Phillips, Carrie A. Brockman, Sarah Hays.

1870—Hibbard S. Phillips, Sarah Hays.

1870-1—Daniel N. McCracken, 5 months; W. C. Lyne, 1 month; Carrie A. Brockman, Sarah A. McFarland.

1871—W. C. Lyne, Sarah Hays, Emma M. Burgett.

Miss Burgett's school was independent and taught in room 2.

For several years the patrons, at a public meeting, by vote, decided that the pay schools should be graded. They also selected the teachers. Occasionally an independent school was organized.

1871-2—W. C. Lyne, Kate W. Ghrist, Eva Simmons.

1872—W. C. Lyne, Sallie McCalmont.

1872-3—Charles W. McCord, Sallie McCalmont, Esther A. McCalmont.

1873—Sallie McCalmont, Esther A. McCalmont.

George Ralston was chosen by the citizens, at a public meeting, as principal of the summer term of select or pay school. Ill health prevented his taking charge of the school.

1873-4—Thomas B. McCain, Sallie McCalmont, Emma Wilson.

1874—George M. Miller, Emma Wilson.

1874-5—George M. Miller, Lizzie Hoffman, Eva Simmons.

1875—William Melvin, Eva Simmons.

1875-6—William Melvin, Mary Bingham, Eva Simmons, Mattie Fleming.

1876—William Melvin, Mattie Fleming.

The school was re-graded and the vacant room occupied for school purposes.

1876-7—William Melvin, Eva Simmons, Anna M. Riddile, Mattie Fleming.

1877—S. L. McCullough, Mattie Fleming.

R. W. Dawson and D. F. Enoch conducted a six weeks' normal term.

1877-8—L. C. Beal, Eva Simmons, Esther A. Porter, Rea T. Wilson.

1878—D. W. Patterson, Rea T. Wilson.

1878-9—D. W. Patterson, Esther A. Porter, Anna M. Riddile, Mattie Fleming.

1879—D. W. Patterson, Mattie Fleming.

Sarah K. Morris taught an independent school in room No. 2. D. W. and John Patterson taught a normal term of six weeks.

1879-80—D. W. Patterson, Esther A. Porter, Anna M. Riddle, Mattie Fleming.

1880—D. W. Patterson, Mattie Fleming.

D. W. Patterson and D. F. Enoch taught a normal term of six weeks.

1880-81—Luther M. Axtell, Mattie Fleming, Lizzie Galbraith, Alice Stevenson.

BURGETTSTOWN INCORPORATED AS A BOROUGH, MARCH 23, 1881.

1881—W. D. Hamaker, academic and normal; Alice Stevenson, independent.

1881-2—C. J. Vance, Agnes E. Keys, Lizzie McCarrell, Alice Stevenson.

1882—W. D. Hamaker, academic; Sarah E. Fredericks, independent.

1882-3—M. R. Snodgrass, Clara B. Reed, three months; John F. Vance, three months; Flora B. Daugherty, Leila J. Anderson. Miss Reed resigned December 9, 1882.

1883—M. R. Snodgrass, Flora B. Daugherty.

Prof. Snodgrass taught a normal term of five weeks after the close of the spring term.

1883-4—M. R. Snodgrass, 1½ months; John S. Porter, three days; Vincent J. Stillwagen, M. Ethie Brimmer, Leila J. Anderson, Leila C. McCabe.

Prof. Snodgrass resigned to engage in other business. Prof. Porter was teaching in Smith township. The school board of that township refused to release him.

1884—Geo. M. McFarland, academic; Annie Armstrong, Flora B. Daugherty.

1884-5—J. G. Dunbar, John F. Vance, Flora B. Daugherty, Mattie B. Jolly.

1885—Byron E. Tombaugh, academic; Flora B. Daugherty, Mattie B. Jolly.

1885-6—Byron E. Tombaugh, five months; A. P. Dennis, two months; John F. Vance, Annie M. Vance, Mattie B. Jolly. Prof. Tombaugh resigned on account of ill health.

1886—No summer term.



1886-7—Byron E. Tombaugh, Joseph H. Sutherland, substitute, seven weeks; William Melvin, Jean E. Montgomery, Mattie B. Jolly.

The school board granted Prof. Tombaugh leave to procure a substitute while he canvassed for the office of County Superintendent.

1887—No summer term.

1887-8—R. P. Stevenson, William Melvin, Jean E. Montgomery, Margaret A. Simcox.

1888—James A. Smith.

1888-9—W. C. Black, William Melvin, Lizzie McCarrell, Margaret A. Simcox.

1889—Byron E. Tombaugh, normal and high school; J. T. Frazier, independent.

1889-90—R. P. Stevenson, D. F. Enoch, Lizzie J. Nichols, Margaret A. Simcox.

1890—D. F. Enoch.

Byron E. Tombaugh, normal and high school; J. D. Hornbake, assistant.

Prof. Tombaugh was elected County Superintendent May 6, and the school was continued by Prof. Hornbake.

1890-91—William Melvin, Mrs. Clara M. Weaver, Lizzie McCarrell, Lizzie J. Nichols.

1891—D. F. Enoch, Lizzie J. Nichols.

1891-2—William Melvin, Mrs. Clara M. Weaver, Lizzie McCarrell, Adda M. Purdy.

1892—Flora B. Daugherty, Adda M. Purdy.

1892-3—J. C. Minor, Mrs. Clara M. Weaver, Lyda J. Purdy, Adda M. Purdy.

1893-4—S. S. Baker, Adda M. Purdy, Mrs. Clara M. Weaver, Sara W. Harper, Annie M. Vance.

The school was re-graded and five teachers employed. A room over H. B. McMurray's drug store was used for the primary department. The drug store adjoins the school property. Rhetoric and Civil Government were added to the course.

1894-5—S. S. Baker, Adda M. Purdy, Mrs. Clara M. Weaver, Dora Andrews, Ina Andrews.



The Fourth School Building.

1895—S. S. Baker, normal and high school.

1895-6—S. S. Baker, J. Etta Hobbs, Mrs. Clara M. Weaver, Dora Andrews, Ada L. Dowden.

The third building was occupied for the last time Friday, November 22, 1895.

## CHAPTER VII.

### THE FOURTH SCHOOL BUILDING.

The question of issuing bonds for the purpose of raising funds to build a new school house was submitted to the voters of the borough in February, 1893, and was defeated by a small majority.

The question was again submitted to the voters March 28, 1895, and was carried by a vote of 115 to 35. The question of the legality in the form of the ballot used arose, where similar elections were held for the same purpose. The question had been carried to the Courts by other districts and the legality in the form of the ballot used was sustained. The board did not wait for the decision of the courts, but upon the advice of its attorney, issued bonds by resolution, June 18, 1895, conformably to Section 2, Act of Assembly, April 20, 1874, *Providing* for the increase of indebtedness of any county, city, school district, or municipality or incorporated district. The amount of bonds issued was \$6,500. March 2d, 1895, the board appointed Doctors Botkin and Nesbit a committee to negotiate with the agent of the estate of Mrs. Jane Tucker, deceased, for the purchase of the lot east of and adjoining the school lot, at a cost not to exceed \$450. May 26, 1895, the committee reported the purchase of the said lot for \$400. The committee further reported that it had a bid for the dwelling house and a part of the lot. The committee was instructed to sell it.

June 3, 1895, the committee reported the sale of the

dwelling and a part of the lot to Mr. A. M. Armor, for \$250, thus making the additional ground cost \$150.

April 20, 1895, plans and specifications were submitted to the board. Those of J. E. Allison, Pittsburg, Pa., were accepted.

#### DESCRIPTION.

"The building is located on the old school lot, to which a piece of ground 55x100 feet has been added, making the present lot about 100x205 feet. The building is 65 feet front and 65 feet deep, and is L-shaped, to allow the erection of additional rooms when needed. It is two stories high, containing six rooms—three on each floor—25x30 feet, with 12-foot ceilings. There is a principal's room 10x12 feet on the second floor, over the vestibule. The front entrance is 10x6 feet. There are 11-foot halls on both floors, and cloak rooms 10x12 feet to each recitation room. Finished cellar, solid stone foundation. Superstructure of red brick, slate roof, with bell tower and flag staff on top of tower. Finished with yellow pine. The second floor deadened, so as to be noise-proof. The building will be heated with the latest hot air furnaces."—*Enterprise*.

The contract for the building was let to Armor & Linn in June, for \$6,990; heating and ventilating, \$418; black board, \$192; total cost, \$7,600.

The hot air furnaces were put in on trial. They were a failure, and were taken out by the company putting them in. In 1896 the board contracted with the Pittsburg Heating Supply Company to heat the building with steam. It was a success. The cost was \$895, making the total cost of the building, heating and ventilating, and slate black board, \$3,077.

#### SUMMARY.

Excavation began at noon, June 13, 1895. Stone work began June 26; first brick laid Saturday, August 3; building completed and ready for seating November 23; furniture re-

moved from the old building and placed in position during Teachers' County Institute; occupied for school purposes Monday, December 2, 1895; public dedicatory exercises in Auditorium Hall, Friday evening, December 6, 1895.

The old building was sold to A. H. Smith, for \$50. Mr. Smith used a portion of the material, and erected a very comfortable two-story house.

#### DEDICATION.

"Dedicatory exercises of the new school building, Friday, December 6, 1895, marked an epoch in the history of Burgettstown. That much needed convenience that the *Enterprise* has longed for and worked for with many of our good citizens is at last realized, viz: a new school building. The children and patrons of the town and vicinity turned out en masse and did honor to the new building, showing conclusively that the people believe it is what we needed. The exercises in the afternoon were in the various rooms of the new building, and were the parts assigned to the pupils. To say that they did it well, does not convey the full thought; they did it nobly. The efforts of teachers and pupils were reflected in the quality of the work done. Whenever one went into the rooms there were songs, speeches and essays, all relating to a praise and thank exercise for the new school home. The neatness, discipline and efficiency of the children in their work was commented on by the crowd of visitors.

"In the evening a prepared programme was carried out to the letter before a packed house, many being turned away for lack of room. The building was presented in a neat speech by the president of the board, W. T. Reed, and received most appropriately on behalf of the citizens by Rev. D. W. Carson, D. D. Prof. R. P. Stevenson in a stirring, patriotic and complimentary speech presented "Old Glory" in behalf of Burgettstown Council No. 212 Jr. O. U. A. M., which was most fittingly received by L. C. Botkin, M. D. One of the most interesting features of the evening was a summarized history of the local schools by William Melvin, the work of

his own hands, in description of that in which he has been a working factor for nearly forty years. Prof. S. D. Rose, of McDonald, gave an interesting and instructive talk on "The Duty of Parents to Schools," followed by County Superintendent B. E. Tombaugh in general remarks on schools and school questions, which were well received.

"The query box, conducted by J. C. Nesbit, M. D., brought out some lively hints on school matters and was a pleasant and profitable feature of the meeting. Invocation was made by Rev. Harry Nesbit and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. D. P. Smith.

"The music by the 'Strawberry Blonde Quartette' was well selected, varied in character, and rendered in the well-known good style of the club. It was deserving of the high appreciation with which it was received by the audience."—Burgettstown *Enterprise*, December 11, 1895.

The Strawberry Blonde Quartette consisted of Prof. S. S. Baker, John M. and J. Vincent Welch, (brothers,) and W. W. Galbraith.

When the citizens of Burgettstown next assemble to dedicate a new school building, may it be as far superior to the house of 1895 as the house of 1895 is superior to the one just vacated.

The school moved into the new building Monday, December 2, 1895.

#### TEACHERS IN THE NEW BUILDING.

1895-6—S. S. Baker, J. Etta Hobbs, Mrs. Clara M. Weaver, Dora Andrews, Ada L. Dowden.

1896—Rev. D. P. Smith, A. Wylie Fulton, assistant, academic and normal.

1896-7—Will C. Farabee, J. Etta Hobbs, Mrs. Clara M. Weaver, Dora Andrews, Ada L. Dowden.

1897-8—W. W. Pees, Elizabeth N. Stephenson, Anna M. Cowen, Mrs. Clara M. Weaver, Nora B. Osborn, Ada L. Dowden.

Owing to the crowded condition of some of the rooms,

the board decided to revise and enlarge the course of study, fit up the vacant room and add another teacher. This was done October 2, 1897, at which time Miss Elizabeth N. Stephenson was chosen teacher of room No. 5.

List of pupils in attendance on the first day of school in the new building Monday, December 2, 1895.

## ROOM NO. 1, ADA L. DOWDEN, TEACHER.

Willie Rankin,	Harry Donnan,	Leroy Case,
Ira Irving,	William K. Scott,	Freddie Manson,
Prosper Moore,	Freddie Pyles,	Willie Robb,
Harry Andrews,	Robbie Scott,	Raymond Bryan,
Samuel Richey,	Nat Andrews,	Clark Shipley,
John Russell,	Willie Botkin,	Freddie Leopold,
Lee McKinney,	Earle Manson,	Alexander Donnan,
Milo Shook,	Carl Finch,	Leroy Kennedy,
	Harold Simpson,	Archey Campbell,
	Harry Shook,	Chalmers Silverthorne.
Hazel Scott,	Allie Pyles,	Elsie Wright,
Ora Cassidy,	Sarah Robertson,	Lizzie Woodrow,
Jennie Cook,	Mollie Andrews,	Vinie Brown,
Ethel Scott,	Maggie McCombs,	Lela Westlake,
Ossie Brown,	Nancy Andrews,	Bessie Campbell,
Mary Brown,	Ida Emler,	Ollie Campbell,
	Blanche Brown,	Maggie Moore.

## ROOM NO. 2, DORA ANDREWS, TEACHER.

Eddie Andrews,	John Falconer,	Harry Montgomery,
Frank Kelso,	Arthur Graff,	Willie Nesbit,
Walter Kennedy,	Hugh Wilson,	T. Patterson Weaver,
George Pyle,	Cornelius Andrews,	Shirley Bruce,
John Pyle,	Harry Robb,	Paul Lyon,
Charles Westlake,	Garfield Brown,	Clarence Case,
Willie McAlister,	Orrie Hunter,	William McMurray.
Bertha Cain,	Hettie Leopold,	Edna Hill,
Belle Rankin,	Agnes Hindman,	Maude Graff,
Mabel Irving,	Lyda Shipley,	Lillie Russell,

Jessie Cook,	Lelah Graff,	Clara Hill,
Belva Jackson,	Estelle Patterson,	Bertha Boyd,
Pearl Karns,	Ethel Wilson,	Flora Smith,
Maggie Wright,	Nannie Brown,	Jennie Pettibon,
Winnie Karns,	Lizzie Shook.	

## ROOM NO. 3, MRS. CLARA M. WEAVER, TEACHER.

Minnie Silvers,	Jennie Daugherty,	Ella Montgomery,
Gertie Rankin,	Edna Richey,	Nettie Snodgrass,
Mary Cleland,	Fannie Andrews,	Blanche Robb,
Mary Porter,	Grace Botkin,	Georgie Stievenart,
Julia Smith,	Blanche Pyles,	Lillie Pyles,
Elta Porter,	Mary L. Weaver,	Louie Shook,
Jane Nelson,	Nellie McMurray,	
May Brabson,	Belle McClure.	

Lewis Pettibon,	John Gilbert,	Raymond Simpson,
Fred Ross,	Frank McCombs,	Wylie Daugherty,
Lawrence Cole,	John Cook,	Charles Karns,
George McClain,	Wyley Curry,	Frank Andrews,
Frank M. Russell,	Frank Leopold,	Joe McClain.

## ROOM NO. 4, J. ETTA HOBBS, TEACHER.

Harry Carnahan,	Joe Scott,	John Leopold,
Hubert McMurray,	Lewis Leopold,	Charles Snodgrass,
Robert Pyle,	Clarence Porter,	Miller Hill,
Robert Stephenson,	Floyd Linn,	John Davies,
Thomas Cole,	Willie Rankin,	Clare Manson,
Vivian Davies,	John Shipley.	
Mary Irving,	Essie Scott,	Edna Scott,
Lillie Shaw,	Flora Parks,	Lucy Williams,
Maggie Hill,	Myrtle Patterson,	Edna Miller,
Nellie Reed,	Louie Pyle,	
Mary Botkin,	Elva Manson.	

## ROOM NO. 5, PROF. S. S. BAKER, PRINCIPAL.

Dora Nelson,	Mary Riddile,	Belle Falconer,
Anna McClure,	Bessie Ringler,	Mary McClusky,



Zella Stievenart,	Ethel McNary,	Gertie Hill,
Bertha Abel,	Mary Silvers,	Willa Reed,
Nora Patterson,	Brita Vance,	Carrie Parks,
Hattie Nichols,	M. Alma Cox,	Edna Harper,
Bella Ringler,	M. Lou Pyles,	Effie Pettibon.
Lee McMurray,	Charles Russell,	Edwin McFarland,
	S. M. Reed,	Francis Rea Baily,
	Charles Jackson,	Charles Daugherty.

## CHAPTER VIII.

## GRADUATING CLASSES.

In the fall of 1888 the school board revised the course of study with a view of graduating those who completed the course.

## CLASS OF 1889.

Misses Mary P. Rice, Estelle W. Crane, Estelle Hartford, Mary Bell Galbraith, Verne Forsyth, Alice McFarland, Nannie Doak.

They received diplomas. There were no commencement exercises.

## CLASS OF 1894.

Misses Glenna Tipton, Margaret Hayden, Charlotte Belle Stephenson, Mary P. Stuart.

This was the second graduating class and the first to graduate with commencement exercises. The exercises were held in the Town Hall,\* May 3, 1894.

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(\* ) NOTE—The Town Hall was built by First Presbyterian Church in 1845, and was used by them until after the completion of the present brick edifice in 1875. The building stood in what is known as the Presbyterian cemetery, on the hill adjoining the borough on the east. The building was purchased by a stock company and removed to its present location on Washington street, near the center of the borough.

PROGRAMME OF COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES, THURSDAY, MAY  
3, 1894.

Prayer.....	Rev. D. W. Carson, D. D., Burgettstown
Piano Duet.....	} Miss Mary Judson Riddle, } Miss Mary P. Stuart.
Essay—"Courage".....	Miss Glenna Tipton
Essay.....	Miss Margaret Hayden "We Should Have An Object in Life."
Piano Solo.....	Miss Frankie McClure "Maiden's Prayer."
Essay.....	Miss Mary P. Stuart "Building of Character."
Essay.....	Miss C. Belle Stephenson "History and Prophecy of the Class of 1894."
Piano Solo.....	Miss Mary Judson Riddle
Address.....	Rev. A. T. Taylor, Hickory, Pa
Piano Solo.....	Miss Mary P. Stuart
Presentation of Diplomas.....	Dr. L. C. Botkin President of the Board.
Song.....	By the School "America."
Benediction.....	Rev. J. L. Weaver, Burgettstown

One member of the class passed the examination, but took no part in the commencement exercises, and was not awarded a diploma.

"The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, even standing room was at a premium, the aisles and every foot of available room being occupied. The graduates acquitted themselves well, and in fact the whole programme was entertaining and well carried out. All of the musicians were encored. Rev. Taylor's address to the class was especially good."—*Enterprise*.

CLASS OF 1895.

Misses Carrie M. Parks, Jennie O. Searight, Frankie McClure, Belle Falconer, Hettie I. McCabe, May Nichols, Mary

E. Silvers, second honor ; Jennie Cooper McMurray, first honor.

COMMENCEMENT TUESDAY, MAY 7, 1895—PROGRAMME.

Prayer.....	Rev. D. W. Carson, D. D., Burgettstown
Song—"Come! Come!".....	The Choir
Remarks by the Principal.....	Prof. S. S. Baker
Salutatory.....	Miss Mary E. Silvers
	"The Bright Side."
Essay.....	Miss Frankie McClure
	"Education ; Its Use and Abuse."
Declamation.....	Miss Hettie I. McCabe
	"The Guardian Angel."
Song—"Welcome to Summer".....	Choir
Essay.....	Miss Belle Falconer
	"The Advantages of a Good Education."
Declamation.....	Miss Carrie M. Parks
	"The Uncle."
Essay.....	Miss Jennie O. Searight
	"The Study of Nature."
Song—"Hurrah for the Model Republic.".....	Choir
Declamation—"Nell".....	Miss May Nichols
Prophecy, History and Valedictory.....	
	Miss Jennie Cooper McMurray
Song—"O Come, Come Away".....	Choir
Address.....	Rev. W. T. L. Keiffer, Washington, Pa
Presentation of Diplomas.....	
	Dr. J. C. Nesbit, Secretary of the Board
Song—"America" and "Farewell".....	Choir
Benediction.....	Rev. D. W. Carson, D. D

Three members of the class passed the examination, but took no part in the commencement. They were not awarded diplomas.

## REMARKS BY THE BURGETTSTOWN ENTERPRISE.

The commencement exercises of the Union school last Tuesday evening were highly successful in every particular. The attendance was very large. The aisles of the hall were crowded with people standing, and many were not able to gain admittance at all. The performances by the class were exceptionally good. The singing by the choir, composed of pupils of the school was good, and the address of Rev. W. T. L. Keiffer was a very happy, entertaining and instructive talk. The patrons of the school were pleased, and the board of directors and teachers have reason to feel satisfied with their winter's work.

All members of the class acquitted themselves well.

## CLASS OF 1896.

Misses Margaret Louise Pyles, Mary Alma Cox, Lea Nora Patterson, Mary Judson Riddile, Willa Iva Gertrude Reed, Bertha Mae Abell, Harriet Agnes Nichols, Bella Darling Ringler, Mary W. McCluskey, Ethel Rea McNary, second honor; Bessie Darling Ringler, first honor.

## COMMENCEMENT FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1896—PROGRAMME.

Prayer.....	Rev. D. W. Carson, D. D., Burgettstown
Piano Solo.....	Miss Mary Judson Riddile
Salutatory.....	Miss Ethel McNary "The New Woman."
Essay.....	Miss Margaret Louise Pyles "Contentment is Better Than Wealth."
Declamation.....	Miss Mary Alma Cox "Asleep at the Switch."
Declamation.....	Miss Lea Nora Patterson "How Kate Shelby Saved the Train."
Essay.....	Miss Mary Judson Riddile "The Clock of Time."
Declamation.....	Miss Willa Iva Gertrude Reed "Platonic."

Prophecy.....	Miss Bertha Mae Abell
Declamation.....	Miss Harriet Agnes Nichols "Evangeline on the Prairie."
Essay.....	Miss Bella Darling Ringler "Woman Suffrage."
Select Reading.....	Miss Mary W. McCluskey "Caleb's Courtship."
History and Valedictory....	Miss Bessie Darling Ringler
Piano Solo .....	Miss Mary Judson Riddile
Address to the Class.....	Prof. W. C. McClelland of W. & J. College, Washington, Pa.
Presentation of Diplomas...	Rev. D. P. Smith, Burgettstown for W. T. Reed, President of the Board.
Benediction.....	Rev. Harry Nesbit, Burgettstown

There were two others in the class, one not taking the full course—the other passed the examination, but took no part in the commencement.

The Burgettstown *Enterprise* says: "On Friday evening a remarkable crowd witnessed the advent of a class of eleven young ladies from the circumscribed limits of high school life into the broader sphere of young womanhood. The commencement exercises here have always been well attended, but the hall probably never was as much crowded as on this occasion. All the seats were filled and every available foot of space was taken up by those who were unable to procure seats. The class performances were excellent, and Prof. McClelland's address was punctuated by witticisms which were enjoyed by the audience."

A hall with a comfortable seating capacity of one thousand is needed here for an occasion of this kind.

The school term of 1896-7 closed Friday, April 30, 1897. There was no graduating class.

#### TERM OF 1897-8.

The school term of 1897-8 closed Friday, April 29, 1898. There was no graduating class.

## ALUMNAE.

The Alumnae of Burgettstown Union schools held a reunion and banquet at the home of Misses Sadie and C. Belle Stephenson, on Friday evening, April 30, 1897. The members of the classes of '94, '95 and '96, to the number of nineteen young ladies, were present. The classes originally numbered 23, but the death of Margaret Louise Pyles, which occurred January 30, 1897, leaves but 22. Three were absent. Prof. S. S. Baker, the former principal, was also present. Miss Bessie Ringler, of the class of '96, made an address of welcome. The evening was spent in vocal and instrumental music. The banquet was the principal feature, and was an elegant affair.

## CHAPTER IX.

## OTHER SCHOOLS SINCE 1837.

Miss Mary Rogers taught a term in a two-story building that stood on the south side of Pittsburg street, now on the Central Hotel property of Francis Hood. Date of teaching unknown.

In the summer of 1848 and the winter of 1848-9 Miss Agnes Rankin taught in what is now known as the upper Parker house, the property of Miss Harriet D. Parker, on the south side of Pittsburg street. Miss Rankin also taught worsted and needle work in addition to the regular school work.

Miss Lizzie Forrester taught a primary class in 1873, in a house then owned by the estate of William Fondersmith, deceased, on the south side of Market street, between Washington and Race streets. The house has been removed. The lot is owned by James Andrews.

Miss Sarah Hays taught a summer term in 1874, in the old store-room in the Gormley building. The property is now

owned by Mrs. Rebecca, wife of Thomas J. Malone, of Smith township.

#### ACADEMIC AND NORMAL SCHOOLS.

Of the academic schools previous to 1837, but little can be said. The teachers of those schools as far as known were Samuel Douthett, Hamilton Washington Carter, Robert Forster, Joseph Buchanan, James McClain and Houston Walker.

In the fall of 1858 Joseph Hays opened an academic school, and continued it until the spring of 1861, when he moved to Candor, Pa.

The school occupied the old store-room in the Gormley building in the fall and winter of 1859.

Summer of 1859 and winter of 1859-60, in building then owned by the late Judge John Farrar, on the west side of Washington street. It stood on the lot now owned by the estate of Dr. Wm. Donnan, deceased.

In 1860 the school was conducted in the brick school house. It is not now remembered where the school was held after that.

Samuel T. White was the successor of Mr. Hays. He taught the fall and winter of 1861-2 in Dr. Wm. Donnan's office, near head of Pittsburg street.

Mr. White was succeeded by his brother, Alexander M. White, who taught in 1862 in the northwest room of the building on the corner of Pittsburg and Washington streets.

Previous to 1848 the room was occupied as a storeroom.

The next school of this grade was opened in the fall of 1875, by Prof. Joseph R. Miller, assisted by Z. B. Taylor. Prof. Miller dying early in 1876 the school was conducted by Mr. Taylor until the spring of 1876. Mr. Taylor conducted a high school until the spring of 1877, occupying the Union school building in the summer of 1876.

Mr. D. F. Dickson came here in April, 1876, and occupied part of the T. T. Shipley house, that was afterward removed to give place to the Burgettstown National Bank building. In this house Mr. Dickson taught classical students until July of the same year.

In the fall of 1877 Rev. John Todd, a retired U. P. minister, opened a select school at his residence on Washington street, then owned by John A. Denny; now owned and occupied by Miss Esther McNary. This school was conducted until the spring of 1880 at his residence. Excepting the summer of 1878, when the Town Hall was used by the school.

W. D. Hamaker taught two terms of ten weeks each in room No. 4 in the Union school building, beginning April, 1881, and April, 1882.

Miss Sarah E. Fredericks had a Latin class in the school taught by her in 1882 in the Union school building. She had a class in Latin at her father's residence until some time in the summer of 1883.

M. R. Snodgrass taught Latin to a class during the public term of 1882-3. The class recited in the morning before the opening of the school.

James W. Fredericks during the summer vacation of 1883 taught a Latin class of six.

George M. McFarland taught an academic term in the spring and summer of 1884, in room 4, Union school building.

Byron E. Tombaugh taught an academic term—spring and summer of 1885—in room 4, Union school building. In the spring of 1889 Prof. Tombaugh opened an academic normal and high school in the Union school building. Nearly forty students patronized the spring term. The fall term opened the first Monday of September, in a room over H. B. McMurray's drug store. Average attendance about twenty. The winter term opened January 6, 1890. Twenty-three students in attendance. A literary society was a feature of the school during the fall and winter terms.

The spring term opened in April, 1890, in the Union school building with J. D. Hornbake, assistant. Mr. Tombaugh was elected County Superintendent May 6, 1890. Prof. Hornbake had charge of the school until the close of the term.

James Haworth, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, taught an academic term of twelve weeks, in a room over H. B. McMurray's drug store, Washington street,



beginning January 2, 1888. He began a term April 2, of the same year, taught a few weeks and quit for lack of patronage.

#### UNION ACADEMY.

The first academy board was organized in August 1890, Rev. D. W. Carson, D. D., president; Rev. J. L. Weaver, vice-president; Dr. L. C. Botkin, treasurer, and Dr. J. C. Nesbit, secretary. This organization continued until June 6, 1893, when Dr. L. C. Botkin resigned as treasurer, and Hon. D. M. Pry was elected to succeed him.

Prof. I. M. Bridgeman and his wife, of Franklin, Indiana, had charge of the school the first year, 1890-91.

Prof. O. C. Underwood had charge the second year, 1891-2, assisted by Miss Lois White during the second and third terms.

Prof. S. S. Baker had charge of the school the last year, 1892-3.

The school was conducted in the Town Hall during the three years of its existence.

During the early part of 1891 an effort was made to secure a lot and erect an academy building. A disagreement as to location arose, and the project failed.

#### NORMAL TERMS.

The first school for the benefit of teachers and those preparing to teach was conducted by Prof. W. C. Lyne, in connection with a ten-weeks' summer term in 1872. There were nine students in the class.

The next was a term of six weeks in the summer of 1877, conducted by R. W. Dawson and D. F. Enoch. There were about thirty students in the class. Union school building used.

In 1879 D. W. and John Patterson, brothers, taught a term of six weeks. Ten students in the class.

In 1880 D. W. Patterson and D. F. Enoch conducted a normal term of six weeks. Twelve students in the class.

W. D. Hamaker taught a term of six weeks in 1881. Fourteen students in the class.

M. R. Snodgrass taught a five-weeks' term after the close of his spring and summer term, 1883.

Prof. S. S. Baker conducted a term of five weeks in the summer of 1895.

Rev. D. P. Smith, of Burgettstown, assisted by A. W. Fulton, opened a school in May 1896, in room No. 5, new school building. Fifteen students enrolled.

## CHAPTER X.

### SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF BURGETTSTOWN SINCE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE BOROUGH, MARCH 23, 1881.

1881-2—R. T. C. Stephenson, president; William Melvin, secretary; W. P. Vance, James Carnahan, William Blair, and Joseph A. Rogers. James L. Patterson, treasurer. At the special election held to select borough and other officers William Blair, Joseph A. Rogers, William Brimmer and Charles C. Campbell were ties. They failed to appear when the board organized, as provided by law. Messrs Blair and Rogers were appointed.

1882-3—R. T. C. Stephenson, president; William Melvin, secretary; J. L. Patterson, treasurer; W. P. Vance, James Carnahan, W. B. Porter.

1883-4—W. P. Vance, president; William Melvin, secretary; J. L. Patterson, treasurer; W. B. Porter, John L. Scott, J. A. Bebout.

1884-5—Dr. W. V. Riddile, president; W. B. Porter, secretary; J. L. Patterson, treasurer; John L. Scott, J. A. Bebout, James Rankin.

1885-6—Dr. W. V. Riddile, president; S. J. McNary, secretary; J. A. Bebout, treasurer; John L. Scott, James Rankin, M. R. Parks.

1886-7—Dr. W. V. Riddile, president; S. J. McNary, secretary; James Rankin, M. R. Parks, James Carnahan, S.

T. McFarland. J. L. Patterson, treasurer. S. J. McNary removed from the State. S. T. McFarland was appointed secretary May 2, 1887.

1887-8—Daniel Hoffman, president; S. T. McFarland, secretary; J. L. Patterson, treasurer; M. R. Parks, James Carnahan. Dr. W. V. Riddile, by appointment, to fill out the unexpired term of S. J. McNary.

1888-9—Daniel Hoffman, president; S. T. McFarland, secretary; J. L. Patterson, treasurer; James Carnahan, A. G. Lee, W. M. McElhany.

1889-90—Daniel Hoffman, president; George M. Miller, secretary; J. L. Patterson, treasurer; A. G. Lee, W. M. McElhany, W. T. Reed.

1890-91—Dr. W. V. Riddile, president; W. M. McElhany, secretary; A. G. Lee, treasurer; George M. Miller, W. T. Reed, Dr. J. C. Nesbit.

1891-2—Dr. J. C. Nesbit, president; M. R. Parks, secretary; W. T. Reed, treasurer; George M. Miller, Dr. W. V. Riddile, J. Ray Armor.

1892-3—W. T. Reed, president; Dr. J. C. Nesbit, secretary; H. B. McMurray, treasurer; M. R. Parks, J. Ray Armor, Dr. W. V. Riddile.

1893-4—Dr. L. C. Botkin, president; M. R. Parks, secretary; W. T. Reed, J. Ray Armor, H. B. McMurray, Dr. J. Z. McBride. W. B. Linn, treasurer.

1894-5—W. T. Reed, president; Dr. J. C. Nesbit, secretary; Dr. L. C. Botkin, Dr. J. Z. McBride, H. B. McMurry, S. W. Jackson. W. B. Linn, treasurer.

1895-6—W. T. Reed, president; Dr. J. C. Nesbit, secretary; Dr. L. C. Botkin, Dr. J. Z. McBride, S. W. Jackson, M. W. Scott. W. B. Linn, treasurer. Mr. Jackson resigned before the close of the school year, when John P. Linn was appointed, in February, 1896.

1896-7—W. T. Reed, president; Dr. J. C. Nesbit, secretary; J. W. Bryan, treasurer; M. W. Scott, J. D. McCabe, J. C. White.

1897-8—W. T. Reed, president; Dr. J. C. Nesbit, secre-

tary; J. W. Bryan, treasurer; M. W. Scott, J. D. McCabe, J. A. Russell.

In the years 1881, 1886, 1893, 1894 and 1895 the treasurer was not a member of the school board.

## CHAPTER XI.

### FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

At a meeting of the school board held December 5, 1896, a resolution was offered toward establishing a free public library in compliance with the Act of June 28, 1895.

January 2, 1897, the board appointed the following trustees: Prof. R. P. Stevenson and Miss Margaret McGregor, one year; J. T. Patterson and Miss Ada L. Dowden, two years; Dr. L. C. Botkin and Mrs. Clara M. Weaver, three years.

The president, secretary and treasurer of the board ex-officio trustees, viz: W. T. Reed, Dr. J. C. Nesbit and J. W. Bryan.

The trustees met January 21, 1897, and organized by electing Dr. J. C. Nesbit, president; Mrs. Clara M. Weaver, secretary, and J. W. Bryan, treasurer.

Two entertainments were given. The first by rooms one, two and three, Dec. 18, 1896; the second by rooms four and five, March 5, 1897. The net receipts from the two entertainments were \$147.42. One hundred and forty-seven volumes have thus far been secured.

## CHAPTER XII.

## BIOGRAPHY.

*Reverend Alexander Swaney.*

Alexander Swaney was the son of John and Jane Swaney, and was born in Ireland, March 20, 1813. When he was about six years old his parents came to the United States. In the winter of 1836-7 he was a student of the Florence, Pa., Academy. He was invited by Robert Patterson, Esq., to teach the Burgettstown school. The term was three months, beginning in February, 1837, and ending about the first week of May. At the close of the term he entered Jefferson College, at Canonsburg, Pa., and graduated in 1839. He was married three times. His first wife was Miss Sarah McCutcheon, of Knox county, Ohio; married in October, 1840. His second wife was Miss Jane Lindley, of the same county, married in October, 1848. His present wife was Miss Catharine C. Brown, only daughter of Rev. Richard Brown, D. D., of New Hagerstown, Ohio; married November, 1873. He was licensed and ordained 1845, by the presbytery of Steubenville, in whose bounds he lived and labored over half a century. He has been honorably retired by the presbytery, and is residing at New Hagerstown, Ohio, awaiting the Master's call.

*Joseph Rogers, M. D.*

Joseph Rogers taught the public term of 1837-8. He was a native of Smith township, this county; studied medicine with the late Dr. William Donnan, of this place. He removed to Utica, Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his days. He was a very highly respected citizen; an elder in the Presbyterian church, and one time a commissioner to the General Assembly of that body. He died in May, 1896.

*Reverend John Galbraith.*

John Galbraith is a native of Ireland. He taught a pay school in Burgettstown the summer of 1838. He be-

came a Covenanter minister, and preached many years at Glade Mills, Butler county, Pa. He has retired from the ministry and makes his home with his children, who are located in different parts of the country.

**James Clemson Logan.**

James Clemson Logan was born near Chestnut Level, Lancaster county, Pa. He taught at Gabby's, this county; Circleville, Ohio; and in Burgettstown the public term of 1838-9, and the summer term of 1839. He married Jane, daughter of Jesse Spencer. Mrs. R. J. Culley, of this place, is a daughter. Mr. Logan died in Caledonia, Illinois, January 1, 1844. His widow married Joseph McCarrell, of Richmond, Ohio, August, 1855. She became a widow the second time. She returned to Burgettstown, and died October 12, 1877.

**James Fulton,**

Son of John Fulton, was born in the state of New York, about the year 1800. He received a good education in that state. About the year 1826 he came to Washington county, Pa., and taught school for several years at Patterson's Mill, Florence, Cross Creek Village, West Middletown and Burgettstown. He taught in Burgettstown the public terms at 1839-40 and 1840-41, and the summer terms of 1840 and 1841. He was considered a very successful teacher, and had no difficulty in securing the largest and best schools. The school of Florence having the reputation of being hard to govern, and having driven off two or three teachers. Mr. Fulton was solicited to take charge of that school, which he did; and on the first day of school, having two articles of agreement drawn up, one requiring and binding the pupil to preserve good order, and the other allowing him to do as he pleased, subject to what might follow any act of insubordination. He required every pupil to sign one or the other agreement, whichever they chose. They all signed the one requiring good order, and Mr. Fulton had no difficulty in preserving good order. About the year 1836 or 1837, Mr. Fulton went

back to New York State on a visit. On his return to Washington county he brought with him one hundred dozen hoes, which were the first improved hoe ever brought here. He was a member of Rev. Samuel Taggart's Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, West Middletown, Pa. He went to Richland county, Ohio, and finally settled near Wabash, Wabash county, Indiana, where he died in 1858.—(Per J. M. K. Reed, Esq.)

**General William P. Richardson**

Was born May 25, 1824, at Patterson's Mill, Cross Creek township, Washington County, Pa. He taught the public term of 1841-2. At the close of the term he entered Washington College, Washington, Pa., and remained there until 1843, and went with his father to Brooke County, Va., (now West Virginia,) and taught school until the spring of 1846, when he enlisted at Steubenville, Ohio, as a private in the Third Ohio Vol. Infantry, and served through the Mexican war. He married a daughter of Dr. Edward Smith, of Brooke County, Va, and moved to Ohio in 1850. Admitted to the bar in 1852, at Cadiz, Ohio, and began practicing at Woodsfield, Ohio. In 1855 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Monroe County, Ohio, in which office he continued until 1861. In 1861 he raised two companies of volunteers and was assigned to the Twenty-fifth O. V. I., of which regiment he was appointed major in May, 1861, Lieut. Col. in July, 1861, and on May 10, 1862, he was appointed colonel of the regiment. On May 2, 1863, he was shot through the shoulder at Chancellorsville, which disabled him for duty until January, 1864, when he was detailed as president of Court-Martial at Camp Chase, Ohio. On February 11, 1864, he was placed in command at Camp Chase, where he served until August, 1865. In the fall of 1864 he was elected attorney general of Ohio. In January, 1864, he was brevetted brigadier general, and in September, 1865, joined his command in South Carolina, with headquarters at Columbia. He was appointed internal revenue collector in July, 1866, and served until 1869. He removed to Marietta, Ohio, where he died October 4, 1887, and lies buried in Oak Grove cemetery.

**Reverend John B. Strain**

Taught the public term of 1842-3. He was then residing at Old Bulger, Smith township, this county. He became a minister in the U. P. church; afterward he united with the Presbyterian church. He resided for a number of years at Columbus Grove, Putnam County, Ohio, where he died March 25, 1892.

**James Boyce, M. D.,**

Was the son of Ebenezer Boyce, Esq., who was elected a justice of the peace in 1828, and removed from Burgettstown about the year 1845, to Allegheny, Pa. Dr. Boyce taught a summer term in 1842 or 1843. The exact year is not now remembered. The doctor has been dead for several years.

**James Linn Patterson, Esq.**

James Linn Patterson, son of Robert and Mary (Linn) Patterson, was born in Burgettstown, Pa., November 12, 1824. Mr. Patterson taught the public term of 1843-4, and a short time in the summer of 1848. He attended Florence academy 1837—1840, graduated from Washington College, Washington, Pa., 1842. He taught a winter term of 1844-5, near Baton Rouge, La. He was engaged in the mercantile business in the south end of town from March 1, 1849, until April, 1852. He served two terms as justice of the peace and three terms as school director in Smith township. He was the first freight and ticket agent at Burgettstown station, on what is the Pan-handle railway. While agent for the railroad company, he was a member of the firm of Patterson & Company, dealers in general merchandise. In 1858 he was secretary of the Union Agricultural Association; secretary of the Burgettstown Savings Bank from its organization in 1872, until 1879, when it was merged into the Burgettstown National Bank, being appointed its first cashier, a position he still holds. He was the first borough treasurer, and the first treasurer of the borough school board, 1881. He served two terms in the borough school board, and was treasurer of said board eight years. He has been an elder in the First Presbyterian church for many years. He is still a resident of Burgettstown.



**Robert S. Campbell**

Was the son of John Campbell, and was born in Smith township, this county, in 1821, and died March 14, 1848. He taught the public term in Burgettstown 1844-5. He taught in Nos. 3 and 9 in Smith township, and No 1 in Jefferson township. He attended the academies of Florence and Frankfort Springs. At the time of his death he was a student of Washington College, Washington, Pa.

**Joseph Farrar**

Was the son of Polly Farrar. He taught the summer term of 1845. He has been dead for several years.

**Abel Thomas Richards**

Was born near Friendsville, Susquehanna County, Pa., in 1804, and died at Salem, Ohio, July 17, 1854. He taught the public terms of 1845-6, 1849-50 and 1852-3, and the summers terms of 1844, 1846 and 1849. He taught Nos. 2, 3 and 9, in Smith township.

**Miss Nancy Jane Cunningham,**

Daughter of William Cunningham, was born in Hanover township, this county. Her parents removed to Smith township shortly afterward, to their farm one mile south of Burgettstown, which is now owned and occupied by Samuel S. Dunbar. She taught the public term of 1846-7, and the summer term of 1853. She was the first lady to have charge of the Burgettstown public school. She was eminently successful both as a disciplinarian and an instructor. She attended Washington Female Seminary, and spent several years in teaching. She was married May 4, 1854, to Alexander H. Duncan, who died in Burgettstown, October 9, 1889. Mrs. Duncan died December 12, of the same year. They were childless. They built a very good residence on Washington street. They occupied the house only five years, when death overtook them.

**John B. Phillis**

Was the son of Jacob Phillis, of Smith township, this county. He taught the summer term of 1847. He resided here at one time and was a member of the firm of Vance & Phillis, dealers in general merchandise. The firm ceased to do business in 1859. Mr. Phillis was treasurer of the Union Agricultural Association 1856, 1857 and 1858; corresponding secretary 1856 and 1857. He died in Cairo, Illinois.

**Patterson Smith**

Was born in Burgettstown, Pa., in 1819, and died in Cambridge, Ohio, 1865. He taught the public term of 1847-8.

**James Lewis Moore, M. D.,**

Was a native of Hanover township, this county. He taught a summer term in 1848. He studied medicine with the late Dr. Wm. Donnan, of this place. Dr. Moore began the practice of medicine at Service, Pa., but removed from there several years ago. We are not able to state whether he is living or not.

**James A. Galbraith**

Was born in Mt. Pleasant township, this county, March 30, 1829. He was the son of William Galbraith, Esq., who was for many years a resident of Smith township. Mr. Galbraith taught the public term of 1848-9. He was elected recorder of deeds for Washington county in 1875, and served one term. He resides at Canonsburg, Pa.

**Miss Sarah Maria Armstrong**

Was the daughter of West and Sarah (Spencer) Armstrong, and was born in Burgettstown. She taught the summer term of 1850, and one month of public term in 1854. The minute book of the Smith township school board shows that a warrant was cast for her in the month of June, 1854, for one month's tuition in No. 1, (Burgettstown.) At that time each school was allowed an equal sum of the public funds. It frequently happened that the funds were not all consumed,

leaving an unexpended balance, which must have been the case this time. By resolution of the board August 19, 1854, all balances on hand were thrown together. The resolution was not in full force in 1855. Miss Armstrong was married in 1855 to John McCuen, who was residing here and engaged in the mercantile business. Mr. and Mrs. McCuen moved to Oil City, Pa., where he was engaged in the same business until his death. Mrs. McCuen died about December 1, 1884.

**John Stevenson, Esq.,**

Was the son of James and Jane (Vance) Stevenson, and was born in Smith township, this county, November 15, 1804, and died in Burgettstown, Pa., August 7, 1862. It is not known how many years he spent in teaching. His first term was the first school taught in a school house that stood on the farm of Samuel G. Scott, in Smith township. That was in 1825. He taught the public term here in 1850-51. At one time he was a student of Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pa. He served two or more terms as school director in his native township. He was elected county auditor in 1848, and served one year; elected justice of the peace in 1850, and served one term; corresponding secretary of the Union Agricultural Association 1858, and secretary, 1859 and 1860. His widow is a resident of the borough. Robert P., a son, is one of Washington county's most successful teachers.

**Edward Campbell**

Taught the summer term of 1851. He was a son of Jesse Campbell, of Smith township, this county. Pressley Leech owns and resides on the Jesse Campbell farm. Mr. Campbell died in Kansas.

**Matthew Welch Galbraith**

Was born in Mt. Pleasant township, this county, November 8, 1825. He was the son of William Galbraith, Esq., who was a resident of Smith township for many years and at one time one of its justices of the peace. M. W. Galbraith taught the public term of 1851-2. He spent seven years or more in

teaching. He came of a pedagogic family. His father taught from 1817 until 1840. His father's brother, John, and two sisters, Sibella and Rebecca, were teachers. His two brothers, James A., and Samuel Middleton and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Shillito, mother of William G. Shillito, Esq., now one of the county commissioners, were teachers. His son, William M., now one of Pittsburg's prominent attorneys, was a teacher, and at one time principal of an English and Classical Institute in Pittsburg. His daughter, Miss M. Etta, is one of the corps of teachers in the Moorehead school, Eleventh Ward, Pittsburg, Pa. Had Mr. Galbraith continued teaching, he would have taken a position in the front rank of the teachers of his day. Mr. Galbraith resides in Carnegie, Pa.

**Miss Lizzie Matthews**

Was a resident of Blairsville when she taught the summer term of 1852. Three efforts to secure a fuller account have failed.

**William Wyley VanEman**

Taught the public term of 1853-4 and 1854-5, and the spring term of 1854. He was born in Cecil township, this county. October 15, 1824. In 1830 his father, William VanEman, moved from Cecil township to the farm now owned by Mrs. Thomas J. Malone, Smith township. After leaving the common school he attended three sessions at the Frankfort Academy. He taught his first term in No. 2, Smith township, in 1842 or 1843, and closed his last term at Holliday's Cove, West Va., about the year 1856. Mr. VanEman was the first to introduce the blackboard into the Burgettstown school. That was the term of 1854-5. He removed to Farmer City, Illinois, thence to Champaign, Illinois. He now resides in Webster City, Hamilton county, Iowa. Mr. VanEman was one of the successful teachers of his day. He thinks he would have accomplished more good in this world by remaining in the profession.

**Gabriel Bilderback,**

Son of Gabriel Bilderback, was born in Robinson township, Washington county, Penn'a, about two miles north of Candor, April 24, 1837. He was educated at the common schools and was graduated from Duff's College, Pittsburg, in May, 1855. He taught in Burgettstown in the fall of 1855. Afterwards taught at the North Star and Beech Hollow schools, near Candor. In 1858 he accepted the professorship of book-keeping and penmanship in the Lancaster, Pa., Commercial College. In 1859 he clerked for Vance & Phillis until they went out of business. He was married October 20, 1860, and went to Pittsburg in 1862 and assumed the position of confidential book-keeper and cashier for the wholesale grocery firm of J. S. Dilworth & Co. Remained with them until 1873, when he accepted a partnership with Mr. S. Ewart, then at 289 Liberty Street, under the firm name of S. Ewart & Co. During this time he took some interest in politics. He could have had the nomination for Mayor of the city on the Democratic ticket. In 1882 he was offered the nomination for Congress. In both years the Democrats elected their tickets. No doubt Mr. Bilderback lost an opportunity both to serve his adopted city at the head of her municipality and to serve his country in its national halls. For both positions he was eminently fitted and well qualified. But his business engagements were such he could not dissolve at the time. In 1884 he dissolved his partnership with Mr. Ewart and accepted the partial management of a wholesale coffee concern which Arbuckle & Co. attempted to start in Brooklyn, now a portion of Greater New York, but the project proved a failure on account of its location, etc. He made a tour of Europe in 1890, visiting the large cities and points of interest. Since that he has taken the world easily in retirement from active employment. He still resides in Pittsburg, Pa.

**George Jardine.**

The subject of this sketch—George Jardine—was born of Scotch parents, near Dromore, County Down, Ireland, August 2d, 1800, and was next to the oldest of a family six children.

After taking a course in the minor branches he completed a thorough course in the languages, Latin, Greek and Hebrew, and receiving his diploma from the Queen's College, Belfast, had the honorary title of A. M. conferred upon him. After marrying Miss Sarah Stephens he set out to seek his fortune in the "new world," and after a long and toilsome voyage of eleven weeks they landed in Baltimore, Md., (the sail ship having been published as lost) in August, 1829. From Baltimore they came overland by wagon in an emigrant train to Pittsburg, Pa. His first teaching was in East Liberty, (now part of Pittsburg,) teaching high school for a few private families, such as the Dalzells, Baileys, Reymers, etc.; such men who are the leading men of the town and State at the present time. His next teaching was in Chartiers Valley, where now stands the town of Carnegie, and I might mention the same in regard to his scholars there, the Rosses, Davises, Bells, Sculleys, etc. His next teaching was in the neighborhood of New Sheffield and Independence, Beaver county, Pa., for about four years, from 1832 to 1836. In 1837 he taught the Coventry school on the Pittsburg and Steubenville turnpike in Hanover township, Washington county, and again in the same school in the then new school room which was built adjacent to the old one in 1843. The fall and winter term of 1844-5 was at Bavington. His next teaching was in Robinson township near the residence of 'Squire Pollock on a branch of Raccoon creek, and also in a new school house near 'Squire James Donaldson's, and lastly in the same township on the farm of William Galbraith, now owned by Robert A. Geary. From there he went back into Smith township and taught several terms in a school house on the farm of John Russell, deceased, situated near the arch on the P., C., C. & St. L. railroad. Then, after teaching a few terms in Allegheny county, he again went back into Smith township and completed the public term of 1855-6 and also a summer term in 1855 in Burgettstown. It was while teaching here that some of the leading citizens of Burgettstown and vicinity conceived the idea of holding a fair at this place, and asked of him permission and use of the school room for their first meeting to

organize the society, which has been so successful and useful, and which has been in existence ever since—now 1897—and to which they gave the name of “The Union Agricultural Association,” of Burgettstown. At this meeting he was called upon and made an address on the subject of Agriculture, urging the importance of and showing that in all ages it has been held in high esteem as a healthful, profitable and useful employment. After this he taught for several years in the following named places: Half-Crown, North Star, and at last finishing up as a public teacher at Clinton, Pa. After this he taught several scholars the rudiments of Latin at his home. He died in 1876, in the 76th year of his age. He was the father of seven children, viz: Wm. Guinn, Mary Ann, John, Andrew J., Julius Cesar, George W., and Armanella, who died in her childhood. The names are in the order of their birth: George W. is at present in the mercantile business at Virsoix, Pa.; a postoffice was established at this place and he was appointed postmaster; Julius Cesar was by profession a school teacher—he died in 1860; Andrew J. followed the same profession, having obtained a professional certificate, being the highest and best the state then issued, and was successor to William Melvin as teacher in the brick school house, on James Stevenson’s farm, in Smith township; after teaching six years he engaged in the mercantile business at North Star, Pa., in which business, together with the postmastership at the same place, he has been continuously engaged for thirty-eight years. His son John chose farming as an occupation, and after the war of the rebellion broke out he volunteered to serve his country and enlisted in Company C, 116th Pennsylvania regiment, belonging to what was called The Irish Brigade—was wounded in the battle of the Wilderness, after having been promoted to corporal; he resides near Enlow Station, on the Montour R. R., at present. Mary Ann had a very liberal education, being taught principally by the “Master,” which was the invariable *nom de plume* of her father, and near the beginning of her first teaching was that of assistant teacher in the Frankfort Academy, after which she devoted seven or eight years, (or terms) in the cause of

education in the common schools, which were then under the vigilance of a county superintendent, which was inaugurated in 1854. She now resides on the farm about one mile north of Imperial, and two of her daughters are following the vernacular occupation; Miss Esther Wilson at North Star and Miss Dillie Wilson at Imperial, Pa. And now we will come to the first of his children lastly, William Guinn, who followed the occupation of his father until his death, in 1856. He was a very fine scholar—splendid arithmetician, and one of the best penmen in the state. He also studied surveying and trigonometry, and was widely known in this end of the three counties, Washington, Beaver and Allegheny, and now at the close of this brief record of Master Jardine—It may be said as the queen of Sheba said to King Solomon: It was a true report I heard of thee in mine own country, and behold the half was not told me. “Master” Jardine certainly deserves a page in history for the many faithful years spent in the cause of education.

**William H. Hammond**

Taught the public term of 1856-7 and the summer term of 1857. He was born near Hickory, Washington County, Pa., October 22, 1829. He began teaching in April, 1850, and closed the last term he taught in Washington county, in the spring of 1860. Resumed teaching in Hancock County, W. Va., September, 1866, and closed his last school in March, 1876. He was a member of the board of examiners of Hancock County, W. Va., three years. One son, James M., is principal of one of the ward schools, Wheeling, W. Va. His daughter, Kate M., taught four years or more in Smith township. She was ranked as one of the best primary teachers in this county at that time. Mr. Hammond resides in Steubenville, Ohio.

**James F. McCarrell, M. D.,**

Taught five months of the public term, 1857-8. Doctor McCarrell is the son of Samuel McCarrell, and was born in Hanover township, Washington County, Pa., November 26, 1836. He began to teach in 1857 and quit in the spring of 1863.



He began the practice of medicine in Hickory, Pa., in April, 1864. Removed to Buffalo, this county, September, 1864. December, 1865, he removed to Eldersville, Pa., where he remained until about 1891, when he removed to Brushton, now the 37th Ward, Pittsburg, Pa. He served one term as school director of Jefferson township while residing at Eldersville. He resides in Brushton, 37th Ward, Pittsburg, Pa.

*William Melvin,*

Son of John and Mary (Moore) Melvin, was born in Burgettstown, Pa., January 8, 1837. His first teaching was assisting W. W. VanEman in Burgettstown three months of the term 1854-5. He had charge of two classes. He took charge of his first school, No. 7, in Smith township, this county, September 19, 1855. He quit teaching in the spring of 1863 to accept a position as clerk in a dry goods store in Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois. He resumed teaching in 1865, and continued until May 6, 1897. He has taught forty years, one year in Schuyler County, Illinois; three years in Jefferson County, Ohio; four years in Brooke County, W. Va.; one year in Hanover township, this county, and thirty-one years in Smith township and Burgettstown. He taught twenty-six and one-half terms for the Smith township school board, five of which were in Burgettstown before its incorporation. He taught five years for the school board of the borough of Burgettstown. He was employed by the Smith township board in 1862 to teach school No. 4., and taught six days, when the house was burned. This was during the days of the Civil war, after he had served for a short time as Deputy U. S. Marshall. He removed from the state and returned in 1871. He taught in Burgettstown the public terms of 1858-9, 1860-61 and 1861-2. The summer terms of 1858, 1861 and 1862. Principal of the Union school 1875-6 and 1876-7, and the summer terms 1875 and 1876. Assistant principal the public terms of 1886-7, 1887-8 and 1888-9. Principal 1890-91 and 1891-2. He was a member of the first school board in the borough of Burgettstown, being elected for three years, and served as secretary of the board during that time.

that time. He was elected county auditor in 1884, and re-elected in 1887. He was elected secretary of the Union Agricultural Association of Burgettstown in 1862, re-elected in 1881, which position he still retains. He was again elected school director February 15, 1898. He resides in Burgettstown.

**Miss Mary Patterson**

Taught the summer term of 1859. She is a daughter of the late Hon. Finley Patterson, a native of this county. He served in both branches of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania. He was a resident of Armstrong County, this state, when serving as State Senator. He was a resident of Burgettstown at the time of his death. Miss Patterson married James S. Vance, and resides with him in Pittsburg, Pa.

**James Edgar Stevenson**

Taught the public term of 1859-60. He was born in Smith township, this county, September, 1832. He taught eleven years in all. He was principal of the Strasburg Union school, Lancaster County, Pa.; taught one year each in Maryland and Delaware; principal of the Sewickley, Pa., Union school one year; principal of the Second Ward school, Allegheny, three years, and taught one year in the Curry Normal Institute, of Pittsburg, Pa. He resides in Sewickley, Pa. He is agent for the American Surety Company, 341 Fourth avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.

**Hon. Joseph Hays**

Son of Alexander and Ann (Stevenson) Hays, was born in Smith township, Washington County, Pa., January 9, 1832. He graduated from Washington College, Washington, Pa., in 1857. He spent about five years teaching common schools, and four years teaching academical schools, and was for two years principal of what is now the Thirty-sixth Ward schools, Pittsburg, Pa. In 1860 there was no summer term. Mr. Hays occupied the brick school house for his academical school. He was a member of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania 1875 and 1876. He is an attorney-at-law, and resides in the 36th Ward, Pittsburg, Pa.

**William Scott Fulton**

Taught the summer term 1861. He is the son of John J. and Margaret (Cannon) Fulton, and was born in Smith township, this county, in 1842. He taught four years in all. He resides in Burgettstown, and is the agent for the P. C. C. & St. Louis (Panhandle) Railway Company.

**William Parker Montgomery**

Taught the public term 1862-3. He is the son of Moses I. Montgomery, and was born in Smith township, this county, July 9, 1841. He commenced teaching in Smith township in 1859. The early part of his teaching was in Cross Creek and Hanover townships, this county. He was for two years principal of the Brownstown school, Lower St. Clair township, Allegheny County, Pa., now the Twenty-fourth Ward, Pittsburg, and fifteen years principal of South Pittsburg school, now Knox school, Thirtieth Ward, Pittsburg. About the year 1883 he bought a farm in Montgomery County, Maryland, and moved there. He returned to Pittsburg in 1885. He has been teaching in public and private schools about one-half the time. He resides in Pittsburg.

**Miss Nancy McNary**

Taught the summer term of 1863. She was the daughter of Joseph McNary, and was born in Smith township, this county. She spent several years in teaching. She married Eli Marquis and resided with him in Cross Creek township, this county, until her death in 1881.

**Samuel R. Allison**

Taught the public term 1863-4, and the summer term of 1864. Mr. Allison was born in Hancock County, West Virginia, April 16, 1841. He commenced teaching in Hanover township, Beaver County, Pa., in the fall of 1860. He continued to teach, but not continuously, until the spring of 1870. He taught in Cross Creek Village and Hickory. He attended the Millsboro normal school one term. He died in Allegheny, Pa., April, 1887.

**Milton Paxton**

Taught the public term of 1864-5. He came here in the summer of 1864 with a portable photograph gallery from his home in Columbiana County, Ohio, where he died in 1866.

**Miss Sallie Marshall**

Taught the summer term of 1865. Miss Marshall is a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and is the daughter of Stewart Marshall. She married John Barnes and resides with him in Fairfield, Iowa.

**Van B. Baker**

Taught the public term of 1865-6. He was born November 4, 1841, in Independence, Washington County, Pa. He commenced teaching in 1858. The Burgettstown school was graded for the term 1865-6. Prof. Baker's department occupied a room in the house now owned and occupied by Miss Nancy Shillito. His wife had charge of the primary department and occupied the brick school house. Prof. Baker was afterward principal of the schools of East Liverpool, O., Beaver Falls, Pa., and Sidney, O. In 1883 he was one of the editors and proprietors of the *Irontonian*, published at Ironton, Ohio. He died November 28, 1893.

**Mrs. Van Baker**

Was a daughter of Andrew Martin, a carpenter, residing in Cross Creek township, this county. She was assistant teacher during the public term 1865-6, and had charge of the summer term of 1866. Her death occurred in 1883.

**Samuel L. Farrar**

Taught the public term of 1866-7. He was the son of Samuel Farrar, and was born in 1833, on Cherry Run, in Mt. Pleasant township, this county. He taught his first term the winter of 1855-6, and taught irregularly until the fall of 1861, when he left the desk and the children for the tent as a member of the Sixty-fifth regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and

was discharged July 8, 1862. He taught several years after leaving the army, but not continuously. He died January 5, 1891, in Washington, D. C.

**Miss Cornelia A. Leopold,**

Daughter of Lewis Leopold, was born in Burgettstown, Pa. She taught the summer term of 1867, which was the last term ever taught in the brick school house. Miss Leopold taught four years in all. Her first public term was in Jefferson township, this county. She married David Pettibon, of the same township March 7, 1871. She has resided in Burgettstown with her husband since the spring of 1882.

**Dr. George Thornton McCord**

Was the first principal of the Burgettstown Union schools. He was the son of John A. McCord, Esq., and was born in Cecil township, Washington County, Pa., September 1, 1845. Dr. McCord taught a four-months' public term here in 1868, beginning April 1; the public term of 1868-9, and the summer term of 1869. He began to teach in 1864, after his return from the army, and spent thirteen years in all in teaching. He was educated in the public schools, and at California State Normal School, California, Pa. The honorary degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him in 1876, by Waynesburg College. He was principal of the following schools: Sharpsburg, West Liberty, Etna, Second Ward Allegheny, and principal and proprietor of Curry Normal Institute, Pittsburg, Pa. While principal of Curry Normal Institute he traveled over Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and Virginia, lecturing at County Institutes. In 1877 he left the last named institution and attended Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa., from which he was graduated with the highest honors of the class in 1879. He located in Pittsburg, Pa., where he enjoyed a lucrative practice. He was frequently called as an expert before the Courts. He was one of the most successful educators in Western Pennsylvania. He was for many years a member of the Franklin and the Moorehead school boards.

He was a member of Post 230, G. A. R. He died June 7, 1897, at his home, 44 De Soto Street, Oakland, Pittsburg. In 1872 he married Miss Ella Hunter, of Dinsmore, Washington County, Pa., who survives him. He is also survived by his son, Thomas C. McCord, a student in the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and Miss Bessie, a teacher in Moorehead school, Eleventh Ward, Pittsburg.

**Miss Kate W. Ghrist**

Is a native of Smith township, this county, and is a daughter of the late Samuel J. Ghrist, of Burgettstown. Miss Ghrist was an assistant during the public terms of 1868, 1868-9, and 1871-2, and an assistant during the summer term of 1869. It was customary for a number of years after the occupancy of the Union school building, for the summer pay schools to be conducted on the graded plan. The citizens, at a public meeting, selected the principal and his assistant. The principal to grade the school. Miss Ghrist began to teach in 1865, and with the exception of two years, taught until the spring of 1874. She began at Braddock, Pa., and taught two years. The fall of 1867 at Russells, Smith township. Two months at Cinder Hill, Smith township, in 1868. In 1872 at Mt. Pleasant township, this county; 1873 at Independence township, this county. Miss Ghrist was married November 11, 1875, to Joseph R. McNary, and resides with him on his farm in Smith township, this county.

**Miss Caroline A. Brockman**

Is a native of Burgettstown, Pa. Her father, M. M. Brockman, is now a resident of Smith township, this county. Miss Brockman taught eleven years. She taught as assistant the summer term of 1869, and the public terms of 1869-70 and 1870-71, and seven years in the East Liverpool, Ohio, Union school. She was married July 21, 1881, to Robert E. Hill, of East Liverpool, and resides with him in that city.

**Dr. Hibbard S. Phillips**

Taught the public term of 1869-70 and the summer term 1870. Doctor Phillips was born at the "Rural," in Cecil township, this county, April 9, 1845. He attended the spring term of the Millsboro school in 1864 and began teaching in Cecil township the term of 1864-5. Attended the State Normal school at California, Pa., in 1865, and taught in Carroll township, this county, the term of 1865-6; in Cecil township the term of 1866-7; in Mt. Pleasant township, this county, 1867-8. In the fall of 1868 he entered Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa., and remained there until June, 1869, when he came to Burgettstown. Principal of the Brownsville, Pa., school 1870-71; Uniontown, Pa., 1871-2; Brownsville, Pa., 1872-3. In the fall of 1873 he located in Pierce City, Mo., and published the *South-West Immigrant* and sold out in three months, January 1, 1874, to accept the position of principal of Pierce City schools, teaching until June 1, 1874. Principal of the Connellsville, Pa., schools 1874-5; Superintendent of Johnstown, Pa., schools 1875-6. He was first assistant to Dr. Pershing, president of the Pittsburg Female College—being professor of ancient languages and natural sciences 1876-7 and 1877-8. He received the honorary degree of A. M. from Washington and Jefferson College in 1877. Principal of the Fourth Ward schools, Pittsburg, Pa., 1878-9 and 1879-80, resigning in April, 1880, on account of ill health. Attended Hahnemann (Homœopathic) Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa., 1880-81. In the spring of 1881 he went into the newspaper business at Brownsville, Pa., and remained in it until January, 1882, when he accepted his former position in the Pittsburg Female College, and taught until June 21, 1882—declining a re-election on account of his health. In 1883 he was one of the editors and proprietors of the *Rural Notes*, published in Canonsburg, Pa. He returned to Philadelphia in the fall of 1883, and graduated April 1, 1884. Practiced in Canonsburg, Pa., five years, but took a post-graduate course in the winter of 1885-6. Removed to Pittsburg in February, 1889, and practiced there until May, 1893. His health giving way, he went to Toledo, Ohio, and

did office work for another man. Returned to Pittsburg October 3, 1895, and re-opened office. He resides in Pittsburg, Pa.

**Miss Sarah Hays**

Was an assistant teacher the public term of 1869-70, and the summer terms of 1870 and 1871. She had charge of an independent school the summer of 1874, in the old store room in the Gormly building. She is the youngest daughter of Levi and Jane (Mason) Hays, and was born and raised in Cross Creek township, this county. Attended the common schools of that township and afterward the Steubenville, Ohio, Female Seminary. She commenced teaching at Beech Knob, in her native township, 1867-8, and taught two consecutive terms. She has taught at Independence, Pa. Some years ago she removed to California, and now resides in Pasadena, that state.

**Daniel N. McCracken, Esq.,**

Taught five months of the public term of 1870-71. He was born in Buffalo township, this county, December 24, 1847. He was admitted to the bar of the Washington County, Pa., Courts, April 10, 1871. He resided at Washington, Pa., from December, 1872, until his death, July 8, 1888.

**Miss Sarah Ann McFarland**

Is a native of Smith township, this county, and is a sister of the missionary to Siam, the late Rev. Samuel G. McFarland, D. D., who died in Canonsburg, Pa., April 25, 1897. Miss McFarland was an assistant the public term of 1870-71. September 6, 1883, she married D. P. Rogers, at Northwood, Ohio, where she resides with her husband.

**Wycliffe C. Lyne**

Taught one month of the public term of 1870-71, and the public term of 1871-2; also the summer terms of 1871 and 1872. He was born September 22, 1850, in Henrico County, Virginia. His father, Dr. Robert B. Lyne, removed to Rich-



mond when he was a child. At nine years of age he entered Pettigrew's Classical school, and completed the academical course in the Jefferson Male Academy, both of Richmond. He taught as an assistant teacher in the academy in the Latin classes. He entered Bethany College, W. Va., at the age of sixteen and graduated with distinction at nineteen. While teaching the public term here his salary was supplemented by thirty dollars extra per month, raised by subscription by the citizens. The same committee of citizens offered to give him fifty dollars extra per month if he would remain. He taught a normal term in Claysville, Pa., in the summer of 1872. He was principal of the Washington, Pa., Union school from September, 1872, until June, 1881, when he resigned, in order to enter journalism, purchasing a half interest in the *Review and Examiner*, Washington, Pa. At the end of one year he sold out and accepted the principalship of the Park school, Pittsburg, which position he held until June 30, 1884. In addition to graded schools he has been in normal school work. While principal of the Park school, his services were engaged by Curry University, to take charge for three years of the Saturday normal department in literature, history and methods of instruction. The *Washington Reporter* published in Washington, Pa., in its issue of April 18, 1883, says: "Prof. W. C. Lyne, who was one of the best principals the public schools of Washington ever had, is making his mark in Pittsburg. Here he did some of the best work ever done in our schools; his pupils afterwards carrying off the honors at the seminary and ranking high at the college. He was offered the professorship of Latin and Greek at Bethany College, which he declined, preferring the hard work to be done in the public schools. His energy and industry combined with a high order of intellect, rendered him invincible in his chosen field, and his numerous friends here will be glad to hear of his great success in his new field of labor as pointed in the following from the *Pittsburg Post*: 'Only six of the fourteen applicants for admission to the high school (Commercial Department) were successful in passing the annual spring examination. Five of the six were pupils of the Park

school, Sixteenth Ward. The principal of the school, Prof. W. C. Lyne, has never failed to pass the entire class offered by him for the academic, commercial and normal departments for the past four years, a rather notable record for thorough teaching.'” In 1884 he accepted the management for Western Pennsylvania of the National Life Insurance Company, of Vermont. In the field he built up so large and lucrative a business that his territory was enlarged to include Iowa and West Virginia, which management he still holds. He is a trustee of Pittsburg Academy and of Bethany College. Prof. Lyne was married in 1878 to Mary Vowell, daughter of the only sister of the Brown brothers, founders of the noted American and European banking houses. Prof. Lyne taught his first school in 1870-71, at the Miller school house, in Hanover township, this county. Prof. Lyne’s father, Dr. Robert B. Lyne, was a brother to the mother of William Lyne Wilson, author of the Wilson tariff bill, and Postmaster-General in the cabinet of President Cleveland. Professor Lyne is still a resident of Pittsburg, Pa.

**Miss Emma M. Burgett,**

Daughter of the late Boston G. Burgett, of Smith township, this county, taught an independent term the summer of 1871, in room No. 2, Union school building. She married Frank McCune, February 15, 1876. Mr. McCune is yard master for the P. C. C. & St. L. Railway Company, at Sheridan, Allegheny County, Pa.

**Miss Eva Simmons**

Is a native of Cross Creek Village, Washington County, Pa. She was a very successful teacher of several years experience. She was an assistant the public terms of 1871-2, 1874-5, 1875-6, 1876-7 and 1877-8, and the summer term of 1875. She resides in Cross Creek Village, Pa.

**Miss Sallie McCalmont**

Taught as an assistant the public terms of 1872-3 and 1873-4, and the summer terms of 1872 and 1873. She had sole charge

of the summer term of 1873, and was assisted by her sister, Esther A. McCalmont. She is a daughter of James McCalmont, Esq., and is a native of Robinson township, this county. She taught fifteen years or more. She married W. F. McClure, August 17, 1882. He is a minister in the M. E. church. They reside in Bishop, Inyo County, California.

**Charles W. McCord**

Was principal of the Union school 1872-3. He was a son of John A. McCord, Esq., and was born October 21, 1850, near Venice, Cecil township, Washington County, Pa. He attended Linnean Academy, at Canonsburg, Pa. Began teaching in the fall of 1868—teaching four years—three in Allegheny County, Pa., and one in Washington County, Pa. He was admitted to the Pittsburg bar in 1875, and removed to Denver, Colorado, in 1879. He was a brother of Dr. George T. McCord, the first principal of the Burgettstown Union school. Charles W. McCord died at the Tremont House, Galveston, Texas, July 14, 1891, en route to Pennsylvania. At the time of his death he was a member of the firm of Rogers & McCord, attorneys-at-law, Denver, Colorado.

**Miss Esther Agnes McCalmont**

Assisted during the public term of 1872-3, and assisted her sister, Miss Sallie McCalmont, the summer term of 1873. That was her last term. She is a native of Robinson township, this county, and the daughter of James McCalmont, Esq. She was married June 15, 1888, to Rev. Joseph McNeB, of the U. P. church. They reside at Blanchard, Iowa.

**Miss Lizzie Forrester**

Taught a primary class in the summer of 1873. She is the daughter of Samuel C. Forrester, a former citizen of Burgettstown. She married Albert R. McMillan, in 1883, and resides with him at West Newton, Pa.

**James D. Campbell**

Taught two months, completing the term of 1857-8, succeeding Dr. James F. McCarrell (page 54). Mr. Campbell was

born in Hanover township, this county, September 5, 1833. He completed his education at the Florence, Pa., Academy. Began teaching at the Hamilton school in his native township and taught eleven years in all. He enlisted in Company C One Hundred and Fortieth regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry in August, 1862, and was slain at Gettysburg, Pa., on July 2d, 1863.

Thomas B. McCain

Was principal of the Union school the public term of 1873-4. He was born in McKeesport, Allegheny county, Pa., September 10, 1850. He attended the State Normal School at California, Pa., a number of years. Commenced teaching in 1867 and was engaged in that profession continuously for nearly twenty years. He has taught at Bellevernon, Burgettstown, Claysville, West Alexander, the First Ward, Wheeling, W. Va., and Canton, Ohio. While in Wheeling he served a portion of the time as Superintendent of the City Schools and was the founder of the *West Virginia School Journal*. He did much work as an institute instructor throughout West Virginia by appointment of the State Superintendent. During the past ten years he has been engaged in newspaper work, having been for most of that time on the staff of the *Pittsburg Press*. Among his other duties he has charge of the educational department of the *Press* and has made it a valuable and popular feature. He is married and has one son. He resides at 126 Henderson street, Allegheny, Pa.

Miss Emma Wilson

Was an assistant the term of 1873-4 and the summer term of 1874. She is a native of Eldersville, Washington County, Pa. She taught the Gardner school, Jefferson township, this county, and was an assistant in the schools of Monongahela, Pa. She prepared herself for teaching elocution in the city of Boston. She resides in Washington, D. C., where she teaches elocution and gives readings for private families.

**George M. Miller**

Was principal of the summer term of 1874 and of the public term of 1874-5. He was born June 11, 1847, in Donegal township, Washington County, Pa. He began teaching in 1870 and quit the spring of 1876. Attended part of two terms at the State Normal School at Millersburg, Pa. He resides in Burgettstown, where, for many years he has been in the drug business, disposing of his interest in the drug store to his partner, W. E. McCurdy, January 1, 1898, to engage with R. P. Stevenson in real estate and insurance. Mr. Miller was appointed postmaster of Cardville postoffice in 1880. When the name of the office was changed to Burgettstown he was commissioned postmaster August 21, 1883, and served until 1885. He served one term as school director from June, 1889, until June, 1892, serving as secretary one year.

**Miss Lizzie Hoffman**

Was an assistant the public term of 1874-5. She is a native of Allegheny County, Pa. Her father, Daniel Hoffman, was a resident of Burgettstown at one time. He now resides in Washington, Pa. Miss Hoffman taught some five years in all. She married Dr. David Smith and resided for some time at Carnegie, Pa., but now resides with him in Indiana Co., Pa.

**Miss Mary A. Bingham.**

Miss Bingham was an assistant teacher during the public term of 1875-6. She is a native of Washington Co., Maryland. She was graduated from the Steubenville, Ohio, Female Seminary, which was then in charge of Rev. C. C. Beatty, D. D. She taught in the schools of Clear Spring, Smithsburg and Frankstown, Maryland, and in the Seminary at Kishacoquillas, Mifflin County, Pa. She resides in Burgettstown, Pa., with her sister, Mrs. Margaret McFarland, relict of Samuel McFarland.

**Miss Mattie Fleming**

Is a native of Cross Creek Village, Washington County, Pa. Her father, Isaac Fleming, is a resident of Burgettstown.

Miss Fleming was an assistant the public terms of 1875-6, 1876-7, 1878-9, 1879-80, and 1880-81, and the summer terms of 1876, 1877, 1879 and 1880. She taught two years or more elsewhere. July 4, 1881, she married Prof. D. F. Enoch, now principal of the public schools of Hyndman, Pa., and resides with her husband at that place.

**Miss Anna M. Riddle**

Is a native of Smith township, Washington County, Pa. She was an assistant for three years during the public terms of 1876-7, 1878-9 and 1879-80. She taught two terms in Hanover township; one in Cross Creek township; and one in Jefferson township, all in this county. She resides with her father, John Riddle, in Jefferson township, this county.

**R. W. Dawson**

Was born in Beallsville, Washington County, Pa., in 1853. He graduated at Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa., in the class of 1877. He conducted a normal term here in 1877, and reports thirty pupils in attendance. He was principal of the school of his native town and of the West Alexander, Pa., school. He entered the employ of the B. & O. Railway Company, and then went to Homestead, Pa., where he is calculating clerk in the Homestead Steel Works.

**David Franklin Enoch**

Is a son of Dr. Hiram D. Enoch, of Washington, Pa., and was born at Hillsborough, Washington County, Pa., January 1, 1855. Educated at Trinity and Washington Colleges; admitted to the Washington, Pa., bar in May, 1877. He was associated with R. W. Dawson in conducting a six-weeks' normal term in Burgettstown, in 1877. In 1880 he was associated with D. W. Patterson in conducting a similar term. He was assistant principal of the Burgettstown school the public term of 1889-90. He had charge of the summer terms of 1890 and 1891. He taught in Hanover and Smith townships, this county. Three years of the time spent in Smith township he was principal of the Midway school. Midway is an

unincorporated village, situated partly in Robinson and partly in Smith townships, this county. In 1891 Prof. Enoch was chosen assistant principal of the Washington, Pa., High school, which position he held four years. In 1895 he was chosen principal of the schools of Hyndman, Bedford County, Pa., which position he still holds.

**Dr. Samuel Logan McCullough**

Is the son of John L. and Julia A. (Logan) McCullough, and was born in Hopewell township, Washington County, Pa. Dr. McCullough was principal of the summer term of 1877. He spent twelve years in teaching. Part of that time in Smith township, this county. He graduated at a medical college in Baltimore, Md., in 1882. He practiced in Midway, Pa., and Frankfort Springs, Pa. He is now located in Carnegie, Pa., where he is engaged in the practice of his profession.

**Dr. L. C. Beal**

Was born December 30, 1851, in Franklin township, Fayette County, Pa. Entered the State Normal school at California, Pa., in 1871, and graduated in 1876. Began teaching at the Grable school, in Fallowfield township, this county, and was principal of the Brownsville, Pa., school 1876-7. Principal of the Burgettstown school 1877-8. He graduated in the medical department of the Western Reserve University, at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1884. He resides at Uniontown, Pa., where he is engaged as a physician and druggist.

**Miss Esther A. Porter**

Was an assistant the public terms of 1877-8, 1878-9 and 1879-80. Miss Porter spent several years in teaching. She is a native of Jefferson township, Washington County, Pa. She was married to Logan V. Duncan, March 20, 1884, and resides with him in Smith township, Washington County, Pa.

**Miss Rea T. Wilson**

Was an assistant the public term of 1877-8, and the summer term of 1878. Miss Wilson is a native of Paris, Washington

County, Pa. She taught twenty years. She taught music and penmanship each one term. She married William V. Dunbar, June 25, 1890, and lives with him at their home on the Willow Bend Farm in Smith township, Washington County, Pa.

**David Wallace Patterson**

Is a son of Lysander Patterson, Esq., of Washington, Pa., and was born near Patterson's Mill, Washington County, Pa., March 27, 1846. He was principal the public terms here of 1878-9 and 1879-80, and of the summer terms of 1878, 1879 and 1880. After the close of the summer terms of 1879 and 1880, he taught a normal term each of the two years named. He was assisted in the normal term of 1879 by his brother, Dr. John M. Patterson—term six weeks. He was assisted in the normal term of 1880 by Prof. D. F. Enoch. Twelve students in the class. Mr. Patterson had charge of a night class for three months during his last public term. He began teaching in his native township, Cross Creek, in 1870. Taught two years at Horeb, Hancock County, W. Va; three years at Manchester's, Independence township, this county; two years at Sharon, Beaver County, Pa.; two years in Robinson township, Allegheny County, Pa. In 1882 he took charge for three years of the Bolivar school, Westmoreland County, Pa. He also taught two normal terms there—1883 and 1884. He returned to his native township in 1884, where he taught one term; then two in Jefferson township, this county. Spent the next three years on the farm. In 1890 he took charge of the Cross Creek Village school for three years, and taught a summer term in 1891; Buckeye Valley, in his native township, one term; his home school, the Point, in 1895, which position he still holds. He resides near Patterson's Mill.

**Dr. John Mason Patterson**

Is a son of Lysander Patterson, Esq., now a resident of Washington, Pa., and was born near Patterson's Mill, Wash-



ington County, Pa., in July, 1853. He taught two or more public terms, and assisted his brother, D. W. Patterson, to conduct a normal term in Burgettstown the summer of 1879. He studied medicine and practiced at Lilley's Cambria County, Pa.; Pittsburg, Pa., and eight years in Colorado. He is now located at Hermine, Westmoreland County, Pa.

**Miss Sarah K. Morris**

Was a native of Venice, Washington County, Pa. She taught an independent summer term in room No. 2, in the Union school building, in 1879. She taught three winter terms in Mt. Pleasant township, this county. She died at her home at Venice, Pa., August 7, 1881.

**Luther Melancthon Axtell**

Was principal the public term 1880-81. He was a resident of Greenfield, now Coal Center, Washington County, Pa., where he had been for five years principal of the school of that place previous to his teaching here, and for two years after leaving Burgettstown. He was a graduate of the State Normal school, California, Pa. Mr. Axtell was born in Richhill township, Greene County, Pa., January 9, 1854. His parents shortly afterward moved to Franklin township, this county, where he lived until he was thirteen years old, and remained in this county until his death. He began teaching in 1869. He taught two years in West Brownsville, five years in Greenfield, Pa., now Coal Center. After leaving Burgettstown he returned to Coal Center and taught there several years. He was elected Recorder of Deeds for Washington County in 1890. He died March 18, 1891.

**Miss Lizzie Galbraith**

Was an assistant the public term of 1880-81. She is the daughter of James A. Galbraith, a former teacher here. She married S. A. Crozier, a merchant, and resides with him at Canonsburg, Pa.

**Miss Alice Stevenson**

Was an assistant the public terms of 1880-81 and 1881-2. She taught an independent term the summer of 1881. She resides with her father, James M. Stevenson, near Raccoon, Smith township, Washington County, Pa.

**Dr. W. D. Hamaker**

Taught an academical and normal term in 1881, and an academical term in 1881. He was born in Shellsburg, Bedford County, Pa., in 1859. Attended Washington and Jefferson College. He is located at Meadville, Crawford County, Pa.

**Charles Jerome Vance**

Was the first principal after Burgettstown was incorporated, teaching the public term of 1881-2. He is the son of John S. Vance, and was born in Smith township, Washington County, Pa., August 31, 1853. Attended Oakdale academy. Began teaching in September, 1870, and closed the spring of 1882. He taught the public schools of Oakdale and Saltsburg, both in Allegheny County, Pa. Taught mathematics one term in Oakdale academy. He engaged in the boot and shoe business for a while here after teaching. He now resides in Oakdale, Allegheny County, Pa.

**Miss Agnes E. Keys**

Was an assistant teacher the public term of 1881-2. She has taught some eight or ten years. She is a native of Smith township, this county, and is the daughter of John and Mary (Shillito) Keys. She resides with her mother in Smith township.

**Miss Lizzie McCarrell**

Was an assistant the public terms of 1881-2, 1888-9, 1890-91 and 1891-2. She is a native of Jefferson township, Washington County, Pa. Received her education at Washington Female Seminary and Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio. She was prevented from graduating at the latter

school, being called home on account of the death of her brother. She has taught a number of years in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, and was counted a very successful teacher. She resides in Eldersville, Pa., with her sister, Mrs. Henry Cooper.

**Miss Sarah E. Fredericks**

Is a native of Burgettstown, and daughter of Rev. James T. Fredericks, who was pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Burgettstown from 1858 until his death in 1886. She graduated from the Pennsylvania College, Pittsburg, Pa. In 1882 she taught an independent summer term. She taught Latin for some time at her father's residence. She was married October 17, 1883, to Rev. Samuel F. Marks, now pastor of the Presbyterian congregation at Tidioute, Pa., where she resides with her husband.

**Milton Richard Snodgrass**

Was principal of the public term of 1882-3, and a part of the term of 1883-4, resigning to engage in other business. He taught a summer term and a normal term each in 1883. He was born in Donegal township, Washington County, Pa., January 13, 1859. He graduated at the State Normal school, California, Pa. Began teaching in the fall of 1876. About the year 1884 he went to Nebraska, and was for some years principal of the public school of Osceola, Polk county. Then at Wisner, Cuming County, Nebraska. At the seventh annual graduating exercises of the Wisner High school, June 1, 1896, there were twelve graduates, two ladies and ten gentlemen. Here the reverse is more likely to occur—ten ladies and no gentlemen. He resides at Wisner, Nebraska, where he is still continued as principal of the school in that place.

**Miss Clara B. Reed**

Is a native of Cross Creek township, Washington County, Pa., and is a daughter of James M. K. and Mary P. Reed. Miss Reed was an assistant three months of the public term of 1882-3. She was educated in the common schools and the

Cross Creek Academy. She began teaching in her native township in 1879, beginning at Willow Valley, one term; two terms at Buckeye Valley; one term each at Beech Knob and Cross Creek Village, all in her native township. Four summer and three winter terms at Hardy's, North Strabane township, this county, and four terms at Imperial, Allegheny County, Pa. Miss Reed married Andrew C. Wilson, November 26, 1896, and resides with him in her native township.

**John Fremont Vance**

Completed the term as assistant the public term of 1882-3. He served as assistant the public terms of 1884-5 and 1885-6. He is a native of Smith township, Washington County, Pa., and is the son of John S. Vance, and was born February 9, 1862. He began teaching September, 1879, at the Collins school, South Fayette township, Allegheny County, Pa. 1880-81 at Bulger, Smith township, this county; 1881-2 near Wilkinsburg, Pa.; 1883-4 at No. 9, his native township. His last term was Burgettstown, quitting the spring of 1886. His occupation at present is clerk, having entered the service of the Pennsylvania lines, west of Pittsburg. When he entered the service he resolved to make himself so useful that the company would not dispense with his services. He has been promoted several times. He is now in the department of Auditor of Claims. He resides in Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pa.

**Miss Flora B. Daugherty**

Is a native of Burgettstown, and a daughter of John and Abigail (Cannon) Daugherty. She graduated at the Steubenville, Ohio, Female Seminary. She was an assistant the public terms of 1882-3 and 1884-5, and was a teacher the summer terms of 1883, 1884, 1885 and 1892. She has taught elsewhere as follows: Five years in Smith township; two years assistant at Claysville; five years assistant at East Washington, all in this county, and retained for the term 1897-8. In 1895 Miss Daugherty took a primary course in the Chautauqua school of Pedagogy. She resides with her sister, Mrs. M. R. Allen, East Washington, Pa.

*Miss Leila J. Anderson*

Was a native of Jefferson township, this county. She was an assistant the public terms of 1882-3 and 1883-4. She died in Burgettstown, July 20, 1884.

*Miss Leila Cora McCabe*

Was a native of Paris, Washington County, Pa., and a daughter of John D. McCabe, now a resident of Burgettstown. She taught her first term in the primary department, the public term of 1883-4. She taught two years elsewhere. She was married December 22, 1892, to Jesse H. Cramer, a printer, and resided at Crafton, Pa., until six weeks before her death, dying at the home of her parents in Burgettstown, January 2, 1895.

*John S. Porter,*

A native of Jefferson township Washington County, Pa., was born September 12, 1853. He was principal of the Burgettstown school three days, being elected to succeed Prof. M. R. Snodgrass, who had resigned. Mr. Porter was teaching at No. 7, Smith township, but the directors of that township refused to release him. Mr. Porter attended Rev. John Todd's school for two years; six months at Delaware College, Ohio, and quit on account of his health; two years—1879 to 1881—a student at Washington and Jefferson College, Pa. His health again failing him he was obliged to quit. Began teaching the fall of 1875. He was elected County Auditor in 1884. He assisted in the audit of 1885, but was not able to attend the audit in January, 1886. He died March 22, 1886.

*Vincent J. Stillwagen*

Completed the public term of 1883-4 as principal. He was born in West Finley township, this county, January 15, 1863. His father and mother dying when he was young, he removed to Claysville, Pa., and made his home with his uncle, A. J. Stillwagen. In 1877 he entered St. Vincent College, Latrobe, Pa., graduating in the commercial course with the highest honor in 1880, and in the following year he completed classics.

In the fall of 1881 he began the study of law with the Hon. E. G. Cracraft, of Wheeling, W. Va., and at the same time taught his first school term at No. 4, East Finley township, this county. At the time of his death he was a member of the law firm of Barbour & Stillwagen, Springfield, Mo. He died at Springfield in March, 1893.

**Miss M. Ethie Brimmer**

Is a daughter of William Brimmer, of Burgettstown, Pa., and was born in Hanover township, Washington County, Pa. She was an assistant the public term of 1883-4. She taught three years elsewhere. She was married August 29, 1888, to James A. McKeown, of Buffalo township, Washington County, Pa., and resides with her husband at Claysville, Pa., where he is engaged as clerk in the National Bank of that place.

**George Miller McFarland,**

Who taught an academic term the summer of 1884, is the son of Andrew McFarland, and was born in Cross Creek Village, Washington County, Pa., in 1841. Was graduated from Jefferson Academy, Canonsburg, Pa. Taught in Cross Creek Village, in the West, at Warrenton, Ohio, and Burgettstown. At Warrenton the school house was removed by the flood of February, 1884. He is in the employ of J. B. Haines, Pittsburg, Pa.

**Miss Annie Armstrong**

Is a native of Mt. Pleasant township, Washington County, Pa. She was an assistant the summer term of 1884, and had several years experience in teaching. She married Thomas M. Perry, of Cross Creek township, this county, and resides with him in Washington County, Iowa.

**James Garrett Dunbar**

Was principal the public term of 1884-5. He was born at the Dunbar Homestead, (Willow Bend Farm), Smith township, Washington County, Pa., September 20, 1852. He attended the common school at No. 3, Cinder Hill, Smith township, the

Burgettstown Union school and Frankfort Springs, Pa., academy. He taught his first school of two terms in Pleasant Hill district, near Macomb, McDonough County, Illinois, beginning in 1873. Read medicine with Dr. W. V. Riddle, of Burgettstown, Pa., but abandoned it on account of his eyes failing him. Took charge of the Calcutta graded school, Columbiana County, Ohio, in 1879, which position he held for three years. Taught two terms at No. 4, Point Pleasant, Smith township, beginning September, 1882. After teaching here he engaged in the boot and shoe business at this place; afterward a furniture dealer in East Liverpool, Ohio. For some time he has been engaged in the real estate business, at Pittsburg, Pa.

**Miss Mattie B. Jolly**

Was in the primary department the public terms of 1884-5, 1885-6 and 1886-7, and was one of the teachers the summer term of 1885. She was a native of Donegal township, Washington County, Pa. Her father, E. B. Jolly, was a prominent teacher in that part of the county. Her last term was in Canonsburg, Pa. She died at West Middletown, Pa., April 29, 1890.

**Byron Everett Tombaugh**

Was born at Vanceville, Somerset township, Washington County, Pa., December 3, 1861. He completed algebra in connection with the common school course. He attended a normal school at Beallsville, Pa., completing the course at Lone Pine, Pa. Took a course in mathematics at Huntingdon, Pa., College, and graduated at the State Normal School, California, Pa., in 1883, standing first in a class of forty-seven. He taught four terms in West Bethlehem township, this county. Two terms principal of the public school of Masontown, Fayette County, Pa. He taught a normal term in Burgettstown the summer of 1885. Principal of the Burgettstown school the public terms of 1885-6 and 1886-7. He taught five months of the term 1885-6, when he was obliged

to resign on account of sickness. The term of 1886-7 was eight months. He left at the close of the first week of the seventh month in order to canvass for the office of County Superintendent. In the spring of 1889 he returned to Burgettstown and opened an academical and normal school, occupying room No. 4, in the Union school building. During the fall and winter of 1889-90 he occupied a room over H. B. McMurray's drug store, and returned to the Union school building in April, 1890, with J. D. Hornbake, assistant. In 1889 Mr. Tombaugh brought his family to Burgettstown and became one of her citizens. In May, 1890, Mr. Tombaugh was elected County Superintendent, and re-elected in 1893. After the expiration of his term he studied law and was admitted to the bar of the Washington county courts in June, 1897. He resides at East Washington, Pa.

**Miss Annie M. Vance**

Was an assistant teacher the public terms of 1885-6 and 1893-4. She has taught eight years, and graduated from the State Normal school, California, Pa., in the class of 1888. She is a native of Cross Creek township, Washington County, Pa. She resides in Burgettstown with her father, W. P. Vance.

**Albert Pierson Dennis**

Completed the public term of 1885-6 as principal for two months. Before coming to Burgettstown Mr. Dennis taught four years in Hanover township, this county, and two years at Bulger, Smith township, this county. Mr. Dennis is a native of Hanover township, Washington County, Pa. He has been a resident of Wellsville, Ohio, for a number of years. He is conducting the business of plumbing and gas fitting. On April 4, 1898, he was elected mayor of his adopted city.

**Rev. Joseph H. Sutherland**

Is a native of West Finley township, Washington County, Pa. He graduated from the State Normal school, California,



Pa., in the class of 1883. He taught three years. He completed the public term of 1886-7 for Mr. Tombaugh, who was a candidate for County Superintendent in 1887. Mr. Sutherland graduated from the Western Theological Seminary, Allegheny, Pa., in 1890. His first pastorate was the Second Presbyterian church, Kittanning, Pa. In April, 1898, he received the appointment as post chaplain in the U. S. army at the hands of President McKinley, and resigned his charge at New Cumberland, W. Va., his second ministerial field.

#### Robert Patterson Stevenson

Was principal the public terms of 1887-8 and 1889-90. He is the son of John and Harriet (Smith) Stevenson, and was born in Smith township, Wash. Co., Pa., Oct. 24, 1852. His father was a prominent citizen and a leading educator in his time. Mr. Stevenson began to teach in 1872, and has taught continuously ever since. Beginning at Eldersville, Jefferson township, this county, teaching three years in that township, one in Cross Creek township, two in Burgettstown, six years in Robinson township, Allegheny County, Pa., and fourteen years in Smith, his native township. In the spring of 1886 he opened a normal and high school at Eldersville, Pa., of which he has had charge every year since. The class of 1896 contained forty normal students; in this class but one of proper age failed to receive a certificate from the County Superintendent. There were fifty-seven students in the class of 1897. All but one of proper age received certificates, eight being professional. There are sixty students numbered in the class of 1898. Mr. Stevenson stands at the head of the list as a normal school instructor. His classes on examination day are second to none in Washington county. He was connected with the Union Agricultural Association of Burgettstown, and was twice its president—1894 and 1895. In December, 1896, he was appointed justice of the peace for the borough of Burgettstown, until the first Monday of May, 1897, Hon. D. M. Pry having resigned to take his seat as a member of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania. Feb-

ruary 16, 1897, Mr. Stevenson was elected a justice for the full term of five years. He resides with his mother in Burgettstown. He taught the Plum Run school, Smith township, 1897-8.

**Miss Jean E. Montgomery**

Was an assistant the public terms of 1886-7 and 1887-8. She is a native of Smith township, and a daughter of Moses I. Montgomery. She taught about five years. When she taught here her home was with her mother, at Bulger, Pa. She married William McConnell, September 18, 1889, and resides with him at Crafton, Pa.

**Miss Margaret A. Simcox**

Is a native of Hickory, Washington County, Pa. She is a successful teacher of several years' experience. She was an assistant here the public terms of 1888-9 and 1889-90. After leaving Burgettstown she taught in the public school of Canonsburg. She is one of the present corps of teachers in the public school of McDonald, Pa. In the summer of 1897 she took a course in the School of Pedagogy, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

**James Albert Smith**

Taught the summer term of 1838. He was born in Independence township, Washington County, Pa., May 9, 1860. Attended several normal terms at Claysville, Pa. Began teaching in September, 1877, at McAdoo's, Donegal township, then the Gunn and Knob, in West Finley township; two terms in Petis County, Missouri; principal of the Burnsville school; one term at Beech Knob, Cross Creek township; two terms in Smith township; one term at Lee's, Jefferson township; principal of the public schools of McDonald, Pa., the terms of 1890-91 and 1891-2. All of the above schools are in this county except one. In February, 1895, he founded the *McDonald Telephone*, now the *Record*. After two years as its editor and proprietor he sold out. Mr. Smith resides at McDonald.

**William Chester Black**

Was principal the public term of 1888-9. He was born near Brookville, Jefferson County, Pa., February 24, 1859. Attended the common schools of West Mahoning township, Indiana County, Pa.; the spring terms of Saltsburg Academy, 1879 and 1880; six months in the high school, Beaver, Pa., and graduated from the State Normal school, Edinboro, Pa., in June, 1888. Began teaching in West Mahoning township, Indiana County, Pa., in the fall of 1879. Elected principal of the public school of Canonsburg, Pa., in 1891, which position he retains. He married Miss Margaret H. Work, of Indiana County, Pa., February, 1886.

**James Thompson Frazer**

Taught a primary and intermediate term here for two months in the summer of 1889. He was born October 21, 1868, in Hanover township, Washington County, Pa. He attended the academy at Hookstown, Pa., one term and a term at the State Normal School, Edinboro, Pa. Taught the Nickel school, Hanover township, Beaver County, Pa., 1887-8, and the Dillow school, Hanover township, this county, 1889-90. In the fall of 1890 he entered Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa., and graduated in the class of 1895. He was elected principal of the academy at Buffalo, this county, in 1896 and conducted the school for one year. In the fall of 1897 he was chosen principal of the West Middletown, Pa., public school.

**Miss Lizzie J. Nicholls**

Was an assistant the public terms of 1889-90 and 1890-91. She taught a summer term in 1891. She taught one term each in Cross Creek and Hanover townships, this county. She is a native of Iowa. Her father, J. K. Nichols, has been a resident of Burgettstown about twenty years. She married Holland A. Scott, October 20, 1891, and resides with him in Burgettstown.

**Joseph D. Hornbake**

Was born in California, Pa. He graduated from the State Normal school, in his native town, in 1884. In 1890 he came here to assist Prof. Tombaugh in his academical and normal school. Prof. Tombaugh being a candidate for County Superintendent that year, Mr. Hornbake took charge of the school and completed the term.

**Mrs. Clara M. Weaver**

Is a native of Smith township, and a daughter of John and Mary (Shillito) Keys. She taught eight years, and married Thomas P. Weaver, of Canonsburg, Pa., in 1884, and resided with him in Peters township, this county, until his death. In 1890 she was chosen as an assistant in the public school of Burgettstown, a position she still retains. She is a resident Burgettstown.

**Miss Adda M. Purdy,**

Daughter of Rev. James L. Purdy, was born in Hanover township, Washington County, Pa. She was educated at Oakdale, Pa., and Pittsburg, Pa., Academies. Taught her first term at the Farrar school, Hopewell township, this county. Continued to teach in various schools of the county until the fall of 1891, when she was elected to the primary room of Burgettstown Union school. After two years in that room she was promoted to room No. 4, in the school, where she remained until the spring of 1895, when she accepted a position in Allegheny County, Pa. She was an assistant here the summer term of 1892. She accepted a position in the school of Coraopolis, Allegheny County, Pa., in 1896. In 1897 she was chosen one of the assistants in the school at Crafton, Pa. Her home is with a sister in Allegheny, Pa.

**Miss Lyda J. Purdy**

Is a native of Hanover township, Washington County, Pa., and a daughter of Rev. James L. Purdy. She was educated at the academy at Frankfort Springs, Pa., and the normal col-

lege at Hopedale, Ohio. Taught her first term in the Purdy school, in her native township. She continued to teach for a number of years in Washington county. The last term in the county was in room No. 2, Burgettstown, 1892-3. She has since taught two years in the advanced room at Federal, Allegheny County, Pa. In 1896 she accepted a position in the Norfolk Mission College, Norfolk, Va. She makes her home with her sister, in Allegheny, Pa.

**John Calvin Minor**

Was born and raised near Poe, Beaver County, Pa. He taught in several of the prominent schools of Beaver county. He was principal of the Burgettstown Union school the public term of 1892-3. He is an attorney-at-law, and resides in Steubenville, Ohio.

**Miss Sara W. Harper**

Is a daughter of Dr. Joseph T. Harper, dentist, and was born in Burgettstown, Pa. She was an assistant the public term of 1893-4. She entered the Allegheny, Pa., General Hospital, in July, 1895, to become a trained nurse, graduating in the class of 1897. She is located in Allegheny, Pa., engaged in her profession.

**Simon Strouss Baker**

Was principal the public terms of 1893-4, 1894-5 and 1895-6. He taught a normal term in 1895. Prof. Baker was born in Amwell township, Washington County, Pa., July 11, 1866. He graduated from Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa., in 1892, receiving his preliminary instruction at Lone Pine Academy, Lone Pine, Pa. Prof. Baker came here in 1892, to take charge of the Union Academy. It was the last year of its existence. At the close of the academic year he was chosen principal of the Union school. Without experience in common school work, he was successful from the start. He proved himself an efficient organizer, a successful teacher and principal. He was found worthy of the confi-

dence reposed in him by the board. He was ably aided by a corps of competent assistants. He was married October 2, 1894, to Miss Grace L. Little, of Washington, Pa. For a year after leaving Burgettstown he was associated with his father, D. B. Baker, dealer in stoves, ranges and general hardware, Washington, Pa. We are pleased to learn that he has returned to school work. In June, 1897, he was chosen principal of the nine schools of Chartiers township, Allegheny County, Pa., from Carnegie to South Side, Pittsburg. It is said there were no complaints during his last term here—something new in the annals of school teaching.

**Miss Dora B. Andrews**

Assisted in the public terms of 1894-5, 1895-6 and 1896-7. She was re-elected in June, 1897, but declined in order to accept a better position in the public schools of Crafton, Allegheny County, Pa. Miss Andrews is a native of Ohio and was graduated from the State Normal School, Indiana, Pa., in the class of 1893. She makes her home with her father, M. Andrews, East Liverpool, Ohio.

**Miss Ina Andrews**

Spent four years in teaching. Her last term was as assistant in the Burgettstown school, 1894-5. She married Robert Dickson, June 20, 1895, and resides with him at Midway, Pa.

**Miss J. Etta Hobbs**

Was an assistant the public terms of 1895-6 and 1896-7. She was re-elected in June, 1897, but declined in order to accept a more advantageous position in the public schools of Crafton, Pa. She was graduated from the State Normal School, Clarion, Pa., in 1892. She has taught in the public school of New Cumberland, West Va., and in the Academy and public school at Oakdale, Allegheny County, Pa. She is a native of West Virginia and makes her home with her father, Columbus R. S. Hobbs, near New Cumberland, West Va.

**Miss Ada L. Dowden**

Taught the primary department the public terms of 1895-6, 1896-7 and 1897-8. She has taught six years. She is a native of Mt. Pleasant township, Washington County, Pa., and resides in Burgettstown with her father, D. J. Dowden, proprietor of the Pan-Handle Hotel.

**A. Wylie Fulton,**

Son of D. S. Fulton, was born in Hanover township, Washington County, Pa., in 1867. Attended the Academy at McDonald, Pa., three terms and the Normal and High School, Eldersville, Pa., four terms. He has taught nine winter terms. In 1896 he had charge of the normal department of the Burgettstown Normal and Summer School. In 1897 he conducted a summer school in McBride's Hall, Bavington, Pa. He taught the Plum Run school, Smith township, 1896-7. He was elected July 12, 1897, to teach the Tenan school, Smith township, this county. Before the term opened he resigned on account of ill health.

**Rev. David Pollock Smith**

Was born in 1864, near Fort Palmer, Westmoreland County, Pa. His parents, Robert and Susan Smith, died when he was quite a child. At the age of 16 he attended the fall and winter terms of Franklin College, New Athens, Ohio. In the spring of 1882 he went to Elgin, Cattaraugus County, New York, working on a farm and clerking in a country store until the fall of 1883, when he entered Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa., where he spent his third preparatory year. In 1884 he went to Franklinville, New York, and remained as a clerk in the mercantile business for seven months, when he formed a partnership with his brother in the mercantile business at Elgin. He remained there until the spring of 1886, going then to Ligonier, Westmoreland County, Pa., to the farm of a sister, remaining one year. He next entered Duff's College, Pittsburg, Pa., and then went to Topeka, Kansas, acting as salesman and bookkeeper in the lumber business. In the fall of 1888 he returned to Westminster College and graduated in

the class of 1892. Entering the Allegheny Theological Seminary in the fall of 1892, he graduated May 15, 1895. In the summer of 1893 he preached at the Tylerdale Mission, now the Third United Presbyterian church, Washington, Pa. In 1894 he preached for the Mifflin congregation, Monongahela Presbytery. He was married in 1895 to Miss Maude, daughter of James and Mary Hodgens, Taylorstown, Washington County, Pa. Their wedding trip was a novel one--a drive of 210 miles in a two-horse buggy to Franklinville, N. Y. Rev. Smith was ordained and installed pastor of the Paris (Washington County, Pa.) and Cross Creek (Brooke County, West Va.) congregations in September, 1895. In the latter part of 1896 he resigned the pastorate of these two charges. In 1896 he opened an academic and normal school in room 6, Union school building, Burgettstown, A. W. Fulton having charge of the normal department. In the fall of 1896 he removed to Taylorstown. He is now located in Allegheny, Pa.

#### Will C. Farabee

Was born February 7, 1865, in Morris township, Washington County, Pa. He attended two terms at the State Normal School, California, Pa., and graduated at Waynesburg College, Waynesburg, P., in the class of 1894 with the degree of A. B. Post graduated in the same college in 1895, receiving the degree of A. M. Began teaching in 1895 at Simpson's, in East Finley township, this county, then at the Joint school, East Finley and Morris townships. He was married in 1887 to Miss Sylvia Holden, of Morris township. Taught the Sparta school, in his native township, 1895-6; principal of the Burgettstown school, 1896-7. Conducted a normal school at Jackson Center, Mercer County Pa., the summer of 1897. His wife had charge of the musical department. She graduated with him at Waynesburg Conservatory of Music in 1895. Prof. Farabee was chosen principal of the Burgettstown school, for the term of 1897-8, but resigned to accept the principalship of the academy recently organized at Jackson Center, where he is now located.



**William W. Pees**

Was born August 5, 1872, in Somerset township, Washington County, Pa., and lived in that township until within the past year, when he removed to Washington, Pa. He attended the State Normal School, California, Pa., 1889 and 1890. Began teaching at No. 7, in his native township; one year at the Bryant school and two years at DeVoe's, both in Nottingham township; 1894-5 and 1895-6 at the Gibson school, and 1896-7 at Fairview, both in South Strabane township. The latter is now included in the new borough of North Washington, Pa. July 5, 1897, he was elected principal of the Burgettstown school. He married Miss Clara E. Thompson, of Chicora, Pa., July 23, 1896.

**Miss Anna M. Cowen,**

Daught of William H. Cowen. is a native of Cross Creek township, this county. Her father removed to Hanover township, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, a number of years ago. She graduated from the State Normal School, Slippery Rock, Pa., in the class of 1895. She taught four years in Hanover township, Beaver County, beginning in the fall of 1890; two at Florence, this county, the first year in the primary department and the second year in the advanced department. In the spring and summer of 1897 she taught in the Academy at Frankfort Springs, Beaver County. July 5, 1897, she was elected teacher in room No. 4, Burgettstown. Her home is with her widowed mother, in Beaver County.

**Miss Nora B. Osborn**

Is a native of Robinson township, Washington County, Pa., where she resided until the spring of 1897, when her father, James J. Osborn, removed to his farm, known as the Proudfit farm, on the east side of Dinsmore Summit, Smith township. Miss Osborn graduated at the State Normal school at Indiana, Pa., in the class of 1897. She taught one term in Jefferson

township and two terms in the same school, Mt. Pleasant township, both in this county. July 5, 1897, she was elected to teach room No. 2, in the Burgettstown school.

*Miss Elizabeth N. Stephenson*

Daughter of Matthew R. Stephenson, is a native of Cross Creek Village, this county. She attended one term at the State Normal school, California, Pa. She taught seven years in Cross Creek township, this county, and one term as principal of the school of Independence, this county. She was chosen teacher of room No. 5, Burgettstown, October 2, 1897. She makes her home in Burgettstown with her father, who is engaged in the general mercantile business under the name of Stephenson & Scott.

*Miss Agnes Rankin*

Taught one summer and one winter in what is now known as the Parker house, 1848 and 1848-9. Her brother, James G. Rankin, was pastor of the Robinson U. P. church, Robinson township, this county, from April, 1849, until his death, November 6, 1868. A sister married Rev. R. J. Hammond, who was pastor of the U. P. church, Burgettstown, from 1845 until 1857. Miss Rankin married Rev. Byron Porter, who had charge of the congregations of Elderton, Armstrong county, and Shelocta, Indiana county, this state. Mrs. Porter has been a widow for twenty years. She resides at Pleasant Unity, Westmoreland County, Pa., with her daughter, who is the wife of Rev. Robert Smith.

*Miss Mary Rogers*

Taught here at one time, date unknown at present. She was a native of Smith township, this county. She resided at Utica, Ohio, with her brother, Dr. Joseph Rogers, until his death, in May, 1896.

*Samuel T. White,*

Who taught an academic school the fall and winter of 1861-2, was a native of Smith township, this county, and a

son of John White. He is an attorney-at-law, and resides at Warrensburg, Mo.

**Alexander M. White**

Succeeded his brother, Samuel T. White. He taught the summer of 1862. He was a native of Smith township, this county, and a son of John White. He died in June, 1866. J. Cook White, of this place, is his son.

**Prof. Joseph R. Miller**

Came here from Michigan, in the fall of 1875. He had a good school gathered about him. Before the winter term closed death overtook him and called him away from his labor.

**Rev. Z. B. Taylor**

Succeeded Prof. Miller, and conducted the school for more than a year. Mr. Taylor entered the ministry of the Presbyterian church. He was located at Minnewaukon, North Dakota, for several years. Later he was pastor of the Presbyterian church at Independence, Pa. His present charge is at Harrisville, Butler County, Pa.

**Rev. D. F. Dickson,**

Of the class of 1874, Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa., who had finished his second year at the Theological Seminary, Allegheny, Pa., came here in April, 1876, and taught a classical school. The students recited in his own house, which was located on the present site of the Burgettstown National Bank building. Mr. Dickson left in July, the same year. He is pastor of the Presbyterian congregation, East Palestine, Ohio.

**Rev. John Todd**

Was born in Beaver County, Pa., January 25, 1806. Entered Jefferson College in 1832; graduated 1837; entered the Theological Seminary at Canonsburg the same year; was licensed to preach the gospel by the presbytery of Chartiers, July 4,

1841. He preached continuously for thirty-six years. He located in Burgettstown in 1877, and preached occasionally for two years. He was in academical work from the fall of 1877 until the spring of 1880. He was the first principal of the Academy at Brookeville, Jefferson County, Pa., November 30, 1857. He died in Burgettstown, September 30, 1881.

**James Haworth,**

A native of Philadelphia, and a graduate of the University of that city, taught an academic term of twelve weeks, beginning January 2, 1888. The spring session opened April 2. The school not self-sustaining, he returned to his native city.

**James W. Fredericks, M. D.,**

Is a native of Burgettstown, Pa., and a son of the late Rev. J. T. Fredericks, once a pastor of the First Presbyterian church here. He graduated from Washington and Jefferson College, and from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa. He is located at Duke Center, McKean County, Pa.

**Prof. and Mrs. Bridgeman.**

I. M. Bridgeman and his wife, Alice (Foley) Bridgeman, came here from Franklin, Indiana county, and had charge of the Union Academy the first year of its existence—1890-91. When they left here they went to Polo, Illinois.

**Owen Clark Underwood**

Was born in Washington, Pa., March 12, 1871. Graduated from Washington and Jefferson College in the class of 1891, with an honorary mention. Studied law with W. S. Parker, and was admitted to the bar in September, 1895. He was principal of the Union Academy from September, 1891, until June, 1892. His home is in Washington, Pa.

**Miss Lois White**

Graduated from the Female Seminary, Washington, Pa., and also from the Business College, in the same place. She assisted Prof. Underwood two terms, during the second year

of the existence of the Union Academy. Miss White is a daughter of Rev. R. G. White, at one time pastor of the Christian church, Washington, Pa., but now of the congregation at Harrison, Ohio. She is an assistant in the Washington, Pa., Business College.

#### A. G. Boal

Was born at Parnassus, Westmoreland County, Pa., November 27, 1872. Educated in the common and high schools of Steubenville, Ohio. Graduated from Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa., in the class of 1896. Rev. D. P. Smith opened an academical school here in the spring of 1896. When he left in the fall of that year Prof. Boal took charge of the school for two terms, beginning September 8, 1896, and closing March 24, 1897. Since that time the school has not been re-opened. Prof. Boal makes his home in Steubenville, Ohio. Recently he has been elected to the chair of Greek and Latin in the college at Nashville, Tenn.

## CHAPTER XIII.

### SCHOOLS TAUGHT BY WILLIAM MELVIN.

#### WASHINGTON COUNTY, PA.

##### Smith Township.

No. 7, the Brick—1855-6.

No. 1, Burgettstown—1858-9, 1860-1, 1861-2. Principal of the Union school 1875-6, 1876-7. Summer terms, pay schools, 1858, 1862, 1875, 1876. After the incorporation of Burgettstown as a borough in 1881, the Smith township school board formed a new school, the greater part or all of which was old No. 10. Old No. 10 was organized by Act of Assembly,

about the year 1849. It was disbanded by resolution of the board May 29, 1858. The new school formed in 1881 was given Burgettstown's number—No. 1.

No. 4, Bavington—1859-60. In 1862 the school board appointed him teacher of the same school. He taught one week and one day, when the house was destroyed by fire.

No. 10, Oak Hill—He completed the last half of the term 1860-1, beginning March 12, 1861. This school was formed by resolution of the board September 17, 1853, and was numbered 11 until the disbandment of No. 10, in 1858. Oak Hill was on the James Fulton farm. In 1869 the house was removed to the farm of Thomas Houston, now Frank L. Andrews'. The house was then known by the poetical name of "Mud Hollow." In 1876 the site was changed and a new house was built on land of J. L. Proudfit, Esq., now Dr. W. P. Taylor, a few rods north of Raccoon Station, P. C. C. & St. L. Railway, and called Raccoon.

No. 10, Raccoon—1884-5, 1885-6.

No. 3, Cinder Hill—1871-2, 1872-3, 1883-4.

No. 9, Yellow—1873-4, 1874-5, 1881-2, 1882-3, 1894-5, 1895-6.

No. 2, Plum Run--1877-8, 1878-9, 1879-80, 1880-1, 1889-90.

No. 5, Bulger—1892-3, 1894-5.

No. 6, Midway, South Side, upper room—1896-7.

#### Hanover Township.

No. 1, Coventry—1856-7.

#### Borough of Burgettstown.

No. 3, 1886-7, 1887-8, 1888-9. Principal 1890-1, 1891-2.

#### SCHUYLER COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

No. 2, Browning township—1857, 1857-8, public terms.

#### JEFFERSON COUNTY, OHIO.

No. 8, La Grange, Wells township—1862-3, 1865-6, 1866-7. A public term the summer of 1866, and a private school the summer of 1867. La Grange has since been incorporated as a borough, and is now known as Brilliant.

## BROOKE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA.

No. 9, Fowlers, Cross Creek township—1867-8, 1868-9, 1869-70, 1870-1, summer of 1868, all public terms.

No. 4, Wells, Buffalo township—A public term the summer of 1871.

## CHAPTER XIV.

## TEACHERS' NORMAL.

The second normal term for the teachers of Washington county was opened in West Middletown, April, 1859, and was conducted for six weeks by the County Superintendent, I. H. Longdon. The following who taught in Burgettstown were members of that school: Dr. J. F. McCarrell, S. L. Farrar, W. P. Montgomery, W. S. Fulton, William Melvin.

## CHAPTER XV.

## THEN AND NOW.

Looking back from the early forties, we see a change. We have now what is the so-called "new education," which simply consists in a better presentment of the subject taught. This is the change. The first step in reading was to learn the alphabet. Certain letters were early learned, while p, d, b and q were the last. The next step was to learn to spell; the first lesson was:

a-b	ăb	b-a	bā	b-l-a	blā
e-b	ěb	b-e	bē	b-l-e	blē
i-b	īb	b-i	bī	b-l-i	blī
o-b	ōb	b-o	bō	b-l-o	blō
u-b	ūb	b-u	bū	b-l-u	blū

The pupil or pupils stood around the "master," while he pointed to the letters with his tooth-pick, the pupils naming the letters and the "master" pronouncing the little words. Next came a list of words of three letters ending in at, it, en, in and an. Next words of four letters, ever keeping in view the teaching and learning of words whose ending rhymed. Next came easy words of two syllables keeping up the rhyming process. The spelling of these words "off the book" came next. When these words were mastered a First Reader was added as the second book—McGuffey's was ours. The days of reading the easy words of the English Reader were gone by. The New Testament was used as a class book until the breaking out of the Civil war. The spelling book was used for two purposes by the primary pupils; 1st. The spelling of the words *on* the book or by sight, and then pronouncing them—thus: b-a bā k-e-r ker bā'ker, and so on up to āb'-ra-ca-dāb'-rā. Sometimes the pupil was required to pronounce the words at sight; twice or three times a day this class recited. 2nd. The spelling book was used for the purpose of learning a given number of words to spell "off" the book, the words being dictated by the teacher. The pupils were anxious to see who would stand at the head of the class the longest, or to see who would get the most "head-marks." The older pupils formed another class in the same exercise. There was much rivalry and competition among the pupils. Saturday afternoon was devoted in part to spelling on "sides." (Twenty-six days constituted a month then.) Spelling schools were frequent during the winter term. Great interest was manifested in them by the several communities. Sometimes one school challenged another. These contests for the most part were of a friendly character, but occasionally there was "blood on the moon." There were giants in spelling in those days. The spelling book does not seem to be as important to-day as it was then. It was a happy thought that suggested written spelling for a change. By this method the pupil spells twenty or twenty-five words in the lesson instead of four or five. The teacher corrected the words as written on the slate, tablet or blackboard. But when the cor-



rection was left to the pupils an Ananias was occasionally developed. Cobb's Speller was our first. It was succeeded by Salem Town's Speller and Definer. McGuffey's was used in some of the Smith township schools. Osgood's followed in the sixties, but gave way for a few years for Willson's. Osgood's was re-adopted in 1872, and was succeeded in 1882 by Patterson's, which is still in use in the township. The borough adopted Pollard's for the primary rooms in 1893. McGuffey's was introduced in the advanced rooms in 1896.

But to return. The pupil did not make as rapid progress in reading as now, on account of the imperfect classification of the reading lessons. An improved method of teaching reading occurred in the early fifties by the introduction of Osgood's Reading Charts, published by A. H. English & Co., Pittsburg, Pa. It was a combination of the letter and word methods. Appleton's Charts—a combination of the word and phonic methods, were introduced in 1882. The Pollard system was introduced into the borough schools in 1893. It is meeting with fair success. The teachers in charge have not been fully instructed in regard to its use. We will not undertake to say which is the best method of teaching reading. We had excellent results by using the Osgood charts. Each teacher can do his work better in the harness best suited to him. McGuffey's Readers gave way for the American Series of Readers by Lucius Osgood. They gave way for a short time for Willson's, (Harper's Series.) This series had for its object the interesting of pupils in Natural History and Natural Science, "hoping that they would be stimulated to seek a farther acquaintance with them." In 1872 they were succeeded by Osgood's revised, (American Series.) They were all they claimed to be—a progressive series. This series, together with the speller, was very poorly bound. That caused them, in 1882, to give way to a series much better bound, but not as progressive—Sheldon and Co.'s Modern Readers and Patterson's Spellers. They are still in use in Smith township. Since their publishers have gone into the combine or syndicate, the books are not as well bound as at first.

### PENMANSHIP.

Pupils were not required to begin writing until they were ten years of age or older. The goose quill had not ceased to be that from which the pen was made. It gradually gave way to the steel pen. When the one ceased entirely, and the other reigned instead, we can not exactly state. We made one or two quill pens in 1855. In 1820 Joseph Gillott made an improvement in the metal pen that began to be made in the beginning of the century.

The ruled fools-cap had been in use for some time. Six sheets, sewed together, made the copy book. Copy books with printed copies, by different authors, have superseded the home-made ones. The Vertical system appears to be the leading system now. Better results followed when the teacher "set" the copies. The printed copy is a time-saver. There was a time when "setting copies," making and mending pens and "doing" sums occupied the principal part of the teacher's time. The purple juice of the poke weed was used by some for ink.

### ARITHMETIC.

In arithmetic each one mastered it as best he could. The multiplication table was written on slips and pasted on a paddle, or on the back of some book. Now it is written on the blackboard, and the pupil copies it on his little slate. The nearest attempt toward classification of pupils after reading and spelling, was the reciting of the multiplication in class. Adams, Emerson, the Western Calculator and other old authors were used. There was no classification and no recitation. Each one seemed desirous to get "through" the book as soon as possible, without any effort to understand the principle underlying the operation. If he failed to get his problem, then was heard "Master, do this sum for me." No explanations were given; none were required. The practice of writing the problem, together with the solution, in a book prepared by the pupil, was in its last stage. We have before us one of those books. It is unruled fools-cap paper, stitched together. The paper is of a very poor quality, and inferior

to some wrapping paper now used by the grocer and merchant. It is well preserved. The first date is January 9, 1816, and the last one, May 9, of the same year. The name of Nathaniel Hunter occurs in one place. It is presumed the book was his. Nothing indicates who was the teacher, or where the school. It was found by workmen a few years ago, when dismantling the Hunter flouring mill, on Harmon's creek, near Dinsmore, this county. We used the Western Calculator, Davies, Ray and Greenleaf, respectively. The last one named was introduced into the school by Matthew W. Galbraith. Smith township did not have entire uniformity in text-books until 1877. Ray, Greenleaf, Brooks and Stoddard were used. In that year, (1877,) Goff was introduced against the unanimous opposition of all the teachers who were chosen that year. It is still used in the township. The borough used Goff, Ray (revision of 1877,) Milne and now Brooks. The text-books on arithmetic are only superior to those used forty years ago, save in the introduction of new problems. The Civil war created the Currency problems. Wall Street has contributed Stock problems. Trade discount and the discounting of interest bearing notes have also been added. Tare and Tret, Barter and Permutation have been omitted. The introduction of Mental arithmetic in 1858 was a step in the right direction. When pupils and teachers were called upon to explain the operations required in the solution of a problem, after a drill in Mental, they expressed themselves in correct arithmetical language, and not in the language of "Ashdod." But little attention was paid to Mental arithmetic after 1877. It was revived in 1893, but it is not studied as it once was. It should be continued with the omission of the Queensware, Father Time and Jonah problems. The blackboard brought about a revolution in the study of arithmetic. Pupils were classified and recited regularly.

#### GEOGRAPHY.

Geography was not studied by all as now. Smith's Geography and Atlas, and Mitchel's system with Atlas were here over fifty years ago. They were followed by the Monteith

and McNally system. Colton was introduced in 1872, by George Ralston, into the Plum Run school. The next year it found its way into No. 9. In 1874 it was adopted by the school board of Smith township. It was continued until 1893, when it gave way to Barnes—a work no better and one more cheaply bound. Two cases, each containing a complete set of mathematical blocks, a globe and a tellurian were introduced into the Burgettstown school previous to or about the year 1845. The cases were considered too sacred for a while to be opened. Finally the boys ventured to open them, and take the planets out and let them revolve on the school-room floor. This was before croquet was played here. The mathematical blocks became scattered; a part of one set was taken care of by the writer. Globes, including the magnetic globe, outline maps, sand boards, molding boards and books of reference are valuable aids in teaching geography. The Mitchell system has not been much improved upon. The Rand-McNally system is forcing its way to the front. Acquisition of territory, organization of new governments and the changing of “line fences” between nations have made a remarkable change in the map of the political divisions of the earth. The Great American Desert, the Mandan District and the “fifty-four-forty-or-fight” line have disappeared from the map of our country, Ethiopia from Africa and Patagonia from South America. The carving knife has been at work in Denmark, France, Turkey, Bolivia, India and other nations. It is now at work in China. What changes that may be made in Asia and America by the Hispano-American conflict are yet to be seen.

#### ENGLISH GRAMMAR.

But few studied English Grammar, and they were the older pupils. It gradually grew in favor until at last every pupil is enrolled in a language class. The books used were Kirkham, Pinneo, Harvey, Burt, and Reed and Kellog. There was a successive improvement by the different authors, and the teachers became better prepared to present the subject in a more intelligent and interesting manner. Reed and Kellogg

was thrown out of the borough school and Conklin adopted. But the board in 1897 re-adopted the Reed and Kellogg system except the "Higher Lessons in English," Conklin being retained for the advanced classes. The most improvement in text-books is in English grammar, and the most improvement in methods of teaching, is in teaching English grammar.

#### HISTORY.

The exact date when U. S. History was introduced cannot now be stated. Goodrich was about the first work used. Lossing was adopted about the year 1876, and was used in Smith township until 1890 or 1891, when Anderson was introduced and is still the class book in history in that township. The borough board adopted Anderson in 1888. Barnes is now used. Each work used has its strong points, as well as its weak ones.

#### PHYSIOLOGY

Was introduced in 1885. The object of its introduction has not yet been fully attained. Wait.

#### THE NEWSPAPER.

The family newspaper, the great disseminator of knowledge, is an important help in school work. It aids in teaching orthography, grammar, geography, history and science. Since the commencement of the Hispano-American conflict, pupils from ten years old and upward are reading the newspaper with as much interest as the older people. In many cases children are the first to meet the news-boy to get the first reading of the daily.

## CHAPTER XVI.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Before bringing this work to a close we must state that the first Burgettstown school, a cut of which appears as the frontispiece, was first used in 1807. The board roof part is the original building. The shingle roof addition was built in 1862. The house was used for school purposes until some time in 1834. It is owned by John Divitt. The second building, now owned by Joseph Robinson, was used from 1834 until the summer of 1867. Former residents who have not been here since 1884 will have some difficulty in recognizing it. The Woolen factory, built in 1829, which stood close to the left of the school house, was removed in 1884. The third building, called the "Union School," was used from about April 1, 1868, until November 22, 1895. The present brick building, of six rooms, was first used December 2, 1895.

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