The Alumni Association.

If the saying, "The strength of a school is in her alumni" is true, as we believe it is, the Normal School of Indiana should stand forever, so loyally is she supported by her alumni of seven hundred and ninety-five members. The school has graduated eight hundred and twenty-six persons, but thirty-one of this number are deceased.

These alumni form an association which strives to promote the interests of the school and to maintain a spirit of fellowship among its graduates. One of its ways of accomplishing these things is by the organization of branch associations in the counties surrounding the school.

These associations have officers similar to the association of which they are a branch, and are energetic and enthusiastic in their work for the school. Every year they have a banquet, and there the members, together with invited guests, meet and "eat and drink to Normal."

These branches in the different counties do much to keep alive the interest of the former pupils of the school and to preserve friendship among them. The great vitality of the school is shown by the long-continued interest among the graduates.

Probably the alumni of no other normal school has more distinguished members than that of
Indiana. Prominent among these are: John P. Elkin, Deputy Attorney-General of Pennsylvania; Irwin P. McCurdy, D.D., Lit.D., Ph.D., Sc.D., of Philadelphia; Joseph A. McCurdy, Esq., of Greensburg; James W. McCravy, of Colorado; W. W. Urrich, Superintendent of Public Schools of Westmoreland County; James E. Andrews, Judge of the Thirty-third Judicial District, LaCross, Kansas; T. L. Gibson, Superintendent of Public Schools of Cambria County; U. S. Trent, Esq.; J. J. Miller, of Pittsburg; Hon. J. B. Hammond, Chairman of the House Committee on Education.

One of Normal's strongest points is her alumni, and we hope that as others go out to swell its members, they will, in the same spirit, work for her advancement, thereby proving themselves true and loyal to their Alma Mater.

The following are the officers of the association:—President, J. G. Carroll; Vice-President, H. S. Bender; Secretary, Margaret Colles; Treasurer, Sarah M. Gallaher. Executive Committee—M. C. Gordon, Mae Miller and Clara C. Langham.
Brodelphian Literary Society.

The nineteenth day of May, 1875, was a memorable one in the history of the Indiana State Normal School. On that day the gentlemen students and the gentlemen of the faculty met in Normal School Chapel for the purpose of organizing a literary society. The meeting was called to order by Prof. A. J. Bolar. During the meeting a number of enthusiastic speeches were made in behalf of the organization, and a committee of four was appointed to prepare a constitution to be presented at the next meeting. This was the first step taken toward permanent organization.

The report of the above committee was presented and accepted May 28, 1875, thus ushering into existence an organization that has done much to help mold the destiny of our good and popular institution.

The Society was named "The Fairfield Literary Society," in honor of E. B. Fairfield, D.D., L.L.D., the first principal of the school. But on July 22, 1875, at his earnest request, the name was changed to "The Brodelphian Literary Society," by which name it has since been known.

Having now all the credentials necessary for carrying on the work, the place for meeting was
next to be considered. The room at the west end of North Hall, second floor, was the one chosen, and in this, weekly meetings were held until the fall of 1873, when the society was obliged to move to Normal Chapel. Here it remained until 1883. At this time the trustees set apart a hall for its exclusive use, and the society has continued to occupy it ever since. The hall has been improved from time to time. The floor has been covered with new Brussels carpet, beautiful curtains adorn the windows, pictures are on the walls, and a new piano adds to the attractiveness of the room.

At the organization, the faculty thought it best to admit only gentlemen to membership in the society. This opinion prevailed until the opening of the following term of school, when its doors were thrown open to both sexes. The effect of this is too apparent to need any comment here.

The school at first being small, the society was correspondingly small, but the work was effective. The early members were of rather mature years and felt the need of literary training in preparation for actual life, and consequently spared neither time nor energy in the performance of society duties. The school not growing in numbers as fast as in thoroughness of work, it soon became apparent that the meetings should be changed from weekly to bi-weekly, in order that the students could better carry on both the school and society work. During these years trials bested the society on all sides. She was without a library and had no money in the treasury. The first fifty dollars worth of books was bought at the expense of personal comfort on the part of a few of her most earnest members. This was the beginning of our present large library.

In the fall of 1883, a charter was obtained in which the society was given the power to buy and hold property in accordance with a legislative act granting the same.

Various revisions have been made in the past years in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society, as experience and further study dictated, but in all essential respects they are as they were originally framed.
The name "Eclipse Review" is given to our paper, blue is the society color, and the
motto is "Per Aspera ad Astrae." These are the names that inspire many to come back to the
sciences of their former triumphs and gladden the hearts of the Erodelphians who are now actively
engaged in the affairs of society.

Private meetings are held on Saturday evenings throughout the school year. However, at
the beginning of each term, a public meeting is held in the school chapel, and is open to visitors
from the town. The anniversary is held during Commencement week in each alternate year.

Throughout Western Pennsylvania, in the ministry, in law, in medicine, in the teacher's profes-
sion, in the editor's chair, and in business, we find Erodelphians making for themselves a name
and a place in the world.

We look with pride at our past history. Fidelity has been our watchword. The society
still keeps pace with the onward movement of the school, and to-day occupies an enviable position
for character of work and usefulness.
A Shakespearean Evening,

GIVEN BY THE ERODELPHIAN LITERARY SOCIETY.

Normal Chapel, Saturday Evening, April 10, 1897.

Program.

No. 1: Anna J. Meyer-Holbrook

Miss Joe. St. Peter.

President's Address—Miss Mabel Lykkein Howes

Evens—"Two Folks." Miss Frances Hazelton

Music—From Midsummer Night's Dream. Mendelssohn

Miss Martha Martens.

Oration—"Henry the Fifth", Mr. F. D. St. Clare

Vocal Recital

Misses Davis and C. St. Peter.

Reading:

Miss Powers.

Erodelphian Review, Miss Kathryn B. Chambers

Music—"Hungarian Dances." J. Brahms

Misses Thompson and McCraight

Physical Culture Drill—Emerson System

By Ten Young Ladies.

A Play—Selected from Midsummer Night's Dream.

Music—"Bridal March." Kalkbrenner

DRAMATIS PERSONAE.
Thowon, Duke of Athens. Mr. Mullenberger
Hippolyta, wife of Theseus. Miss Hickman
Philomante, Master of the Revels. Mr. McClosky

ACT I, SCENE 2. The men meet to try their words and doit their part.

ACT II, SCENE 1. The men return to the word. When

Duke of Athens. Mr. Mullenberger

Hippolyta. Miss Hickman

Philomante. Mr. McClosky.
The Huygenian Literary Society.

HAVING decided to organize a new society, admitting both ladies and gentlemen as members, "The Ladies' Literary Union" disbanded and established "The Huygenian Society" on October 2, 1875, when nineteen students—eight ladies and eleven gentlemen—met for that purpose. The first officers elected were: W. L. Stewart, President, A. D. McComb, Vice-President, and Agnes L. Thompson, Secretary. Of course, the first thing to do was to find a name for this new-born society. What name could be more pleasing, or more suitable, than "Huygenian," after Christian Huygens, one of the greatest philosophers of the seventeenth century. With such a motto as "Search for Truth," prosperity followed. New members were received, from time to time, thus encouraging the new society.

In 1876, the Huygenians, always awake to the best interests of their society, applied for a charter. This was granted on June 14, 1876, just eight months after the society was organized, and the first chartered society of the Indiana Normal School was established. With this manifest zeal and enthusiasm, success was certain. Finally, in 1883, the society became so strong and promising that the trustees set apart a room for its meetings. Safely anchored, the Huygenians now prosecuted their society work with even more vigor. Since that time it has been increasing in interest as well as membership. Recently,
the hall has been repaired and repainted, new curtains put up, and beautiful pictures have been presented to the society by loyal Hayghenians.

While the society has been paying much attention to the appearance of its hall, its literary work has not been neglected. Each Saturday night a well filled program is carried out. An interesting part of each program is the general debate. All members of the society take a lively interest in it, both ladies and gentlemen performing. Impromptu classes are frequently appointed, thus affording the members an excellent drill. Another interesting feature of the meetings is the music. Solos on the piano, guitar, violin and cornet, as well as vocal solos and selections by the Hayghenian Male Quartette, add much to the enjoyment of the evening. Occasionally, an evening is set apart for one special author, all the performances being made to bear on this subject. In all the meetings the performances are carefully critiqued, thus enabling each performer to improve.

The following is the program of the "Open Meeting" during the Spring term of 1897:

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Thus far we have spoken of the literary work of the society, but we must not fail to speak of its financial condition also. The Hughensians are absolutely free from debt and still have some money in the treasury. Our membership is rapidly increasing. This term we have received about forty new members, and have bright hopes for many more.

As the tenth anniversary of each class comes around, we see many prominent persons wandering back to Hughensian hall, where, by the admirable drill received, they were better prepared to perform their later duties. These persons can, no doubt, attribute at least a part of their success to their society work.

In looking back over the twenty-two years' work of this society, the members are pleased with the progress it has made. From a small beginning of nineteen members, it has increased, until we have many times that number. With a comfortable hall, a large and increasing membership, talent displayed on every side, loyal members and willing workers, we look forward and see bright prospects and much success for the Hughensian Literary Society.