GREETING.

THE STAR, representing the school, extends a most cordial WELCOME to all the new students. Perhaps it would not be amiss, also to give you from our ripe experience a few words of advice.

In the first place, remember to control and mind our motto.

Is the weather hot? Then think of the breezesthat sweep through the auditorium and the south rooms, or of the ice-tea awaiting you at the other end of the line and be refreshed.

Are the hills rocky and steep to climb? Then think of the grandeur of the hills and also the valleys below and quaint with San Marcos and its people. It will draw you nearer together and also act as a medium for gossip, jokes etc., to which you are all welcome, and we earnestly desire that you will all contribute something whenever you feel so inclined.

In the Star will appear from time to time single articles which alone will be worth the little subscription price. We hope to embody in the paper things that are worth while and worthy of the space they shall occupy. Indeed it is safe to say that the succeeding numbers will be better than this one.

You cannot afford to miss the seven succeeding issues of this paper. It will do you good to read them. As we said before the Star will lend its influence towards a united student body. It will create a spirit of loyalty to the Normal and other things connected with it. Later on in life when your Normal school days are over, it will be a rare treat to take your file of "Stars" and read and reread and relive all of the glorious times you have had at S. W. T. N.

SCENE ON SAN MARCOS RIVER, SAN MARCOS, TEXAS

The new management of the Star takes pleasure in submitting to you this the first issue of the "Summer" Normal Star. We believe that with the material we have to draw from we can make this the best of its kind in Texas. This has been accomplished without your aid. We shall need your help, financially and otherwise, and in return we mean to so conduct the paper that you shall be glad to be one of its subscribers.

The Star will help you get ac-

MAYME COMES TO THE SUMMER NORMAL

Once there was a village prodigy who was also the village belle. When Mayme made her daily tour of the square, all the boys fell in line and trailed along; she had all the other girls in town hobbled and tied to the fence when it came to looks and style. In fact Mayme had a corner on the local style. This pink young thing did a tremendous social business and had little time to devote to mere books. Papa allowed her three nights a week in which to hold mass meetings on the front veranda besides the "time out" for hops and sociables. Dad also promised her a diamond ring to lead her class.

Mayme's Dad was a leading citizen and sat on the platform every time the country was saved; also Dad was a member of the school board. Mayme graduated with honors in white organdy and sweet peas on the side. In a faltering tremolo she read the farewell words from scented paper tied with flowing blue ribbon.

She told her admiring classmates how sad it was to leave the dear old school and the dear old teachers and the dear old principal (slow music with audible sobs) and go out into the broad field of life to climb the ladder of fame and soil on the uncharted seas of the future, while picking the flowers of success from the mountain sides of opportunity.

To find further fields for intellectual achievement and water scope for social conquest Mayme decided to come up to the Normal and get a "stificate." Mayme took two corridor courses, one library course, and several promenading units with observation work at the Fish Hatcheries on moon light nights.

Incidentally Mayme registered for first grade work and took out books. Class work seemed to bore Mayme, and recreation was trivial and tiresome, besides it interfered.

The State Board, being unaware that Dad was a leading citizen and a school official, found that Mayme's average on the State examination was 30 per cent.

MORAL: Sometimes promising nurseries do not thrive in an alien soil.

"San Marcos banks are lovely. But lovelier far to float.

With only two in a boat."

A word to the sufficient is wise.

CASEY JONES AT THE NORMAL

fifteenth edition. If you can't sing, whistle; and if you can't whistle, just hum; but keep up with the procession, and Casey, Next!

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If you have not subscribed for the STAR for this session, but still receive a paper, remember that we do not only want you to see our "Summer Star" but want your subscription also.

OF INTEREST.

The students who are new to San Marcos need their attention called to the fact that no place has more points of interest. The head of the river is in itself worth a trip here. Few people have ever seen the head of any river, and nobody ever saw the match to the crystal clearness of water as deep as in the San Marcos. On your walk to the river, also, you must pass the Government Fish Hatchery, a national park at the service of the people. Farther down the river is the beautiful Thompson's Island and several modern irrigation plants that keep hundreds of acres fresh and green during the drought.

Turning to the hills, you find such walks as will thrill even the footsore, and various caves that appeal to the exploring spirit of even the timid. And then there is the town; full of beautiful homes. Be sure to stroll over West End—and see people who are alive and cordial.

To the East and North Texan, Saturday will be interesting; it is characterized Mexican.

But of course interest will centre around the Normal and there will linger longest in the memory the views that it commands. Look from what window you will and there is before you unparalleled beauty of hills, valleys or prairies.

We trust that the students will not be so overwhelmed with work that they cannot enjoy these advantages which nature gives to San Marcos. K. E. W.

Ladies long silk gloves, pair 38c, Adams store.

Edith Giddings! What's she here for? Math 9, of course.

Emma Winter is in for a diploma, and she'll be in at the finish.

Do you remember Bertha Witt of Junior fame? She's here for senior work.

Susie Schooker is here and has brought her young sister to suffer in the rack. Who would have thought it of Susie.

Little Robert Miller turned on the light last night to see how to hide. "Who says Mr. Miller is the only genius in the family?"

Normals here and Normals there, Normals everywhere; Some who laugh and flirt and joke. And some bowed down with care.

The Normal is like measles; it goes through families. Some have it hard, and some have it light, but it's best while we are young.

We advise folk dances for teachers who wish to make a hit next term. They're the fade in city schools; why not in the rural districts?

Miss Butler once tried quotations about music with this result: "Music has charms to soothe the savage beast." Is this a case of the lady or the tiger?

There are some pretty girls here from Troupe. Mr. Birdwell, be careful of your girls. Agriculture is a fascinating study, so is shop work: then too they might need some training in popular songs.

You should see F. Erney and Collie Major. One would suppose three the only lucky number; they looked at the "make-up" program and said, "Three-three—nothing but three," and why? Simply because of Eng. 3 and Math. 3—and yet they can certainly work Misses White and Sayers to a finish.

Adams' cash store sells every thing for men and women to wear.

The Past Year a Year of Development

Why should we look back over the past? Why not forward? Longfellow said, "Let the dead past bury the dead." Longfellow was right when he said that. But he was taking a different viewpoint from that which we are to take.

We should think of the past in the way that we might stand to-day on the summit of yesterday's attain- ment, and by improving from yesterday's experience reach a higher level tomorrow.

We find by observing the annual announcements that there has been an improvement in the course of study. It was last year that Vassul University and Domestic Science were added to our list, which enables our students to be trained to teach those practical sciences in the public schools of our state. Among the elec- tives also there are two courses unique in Normal work, the courses for instruction in the teaching of mathematics and literature, and for the organization of games.

The Normal boys and girls have spent a very busy summer in studying the text books and in organizing themselves in the best possible manner for higher development. The students, seeing the advantages of self control organized a very efficient honor system. A few weeks after the adoption of the resolutions providing for the Honor System, the idea of a college magazine or college paper had been so thoroughly considered that it was said "All that will support a semi-monthly pa- per let it be known by my name, Marcos, and I'll almost the entire house rose. But the students saw that a semi-monthly was not the best, and at the next meeting it was voted almost unanimously to have a weekly paper. The greatest of all College publications was noted in THE NORMAL STAR.

Owing to the fact that the Normal has not been provided with athletic grounds, our Normal boys were defeated in the majority of the ball games in the early part of the year; but through their unflagging efforts the latter part of the year knew no defeat for us in either a physical or intellectual contest. Our basketball girls were never defeated. Our base ball boys claimed victories over the Baptist, Methodist, Normal, and North Texas Normal at Denton within a little more than a month. On the same day that the ball game was so honorably won over Denton our debaters gave women the right to vote for or against Denton's opposition.

Now, let us while standing where the students of the last year left us resume the onward march upward, and may we never be content to stop, even though it is acknowledged that our school has excelled all others. And may it be said, not in flat- tering, but in truth, that the Summer Normal students of 1911 were one of the great factors in promoting the development of the Southwest Texas State Normal.

R. M. B.

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Notice.

A cross here means that your name is on the list as having subscribed for the STAR before you left in May. The paper is assured now for the summer session, and will be mailed regularly to all whose subscription ($2.50 cents) is paid before the next issue. Please remember that you promised it, and that your promise has been figured on. Kindly send it in promptly.

Pretty gauze hosiery, pair 25c, black, white and colored. Adams.

We are glad to see the familiar faces of so many students of 1910-11 back at the Normal for the summer term. No doubt each one is fired with the determination to reach the goal set for himself at the beginning of the fall term. Here's hoping that he may!

Special prices on Ladies white wash skirts. Adams cash store.

With the opening of the summer session comes the golden opportunities for the Normal students to improve themselves. Nine months of hard, successful labor has just slipped by bringing certificates and diplomas to some and to others the all too significant words "flunked" or "busted." This, however is not the final dictum of fate, for many of them are coming again this summer. This is the stuff of which conquerors are made — the ability to "come back." Napoleon and Lee both met their Waterloo's, but those brave old warriors "came back" undaunted. Cheer up all ye who "flunked" or "busted" there are better times in store for you.

New shipment of Ladies black voile skirts. Adams cash store.

"Trip it lightly as you go.
On the light fantastic toe,
This is artistic — "foot it flatly.
Here's another — "On with the dance; let joy be unconfined."

These choice morsels we give as specimen quotations which might adorn the walls of Miss Hines’ class room.

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The Home Coming and Commencement.

It is maintained by those who know that work is a factor of the highest order in bringing about a brotherly feeling or friendship toward one another. Normal schools mean work, work, work. On May 13th of this year those who had the good fortune to attend the first Home Coming of our school saw an illustration of friendship that was brought about by a year of work in our beloved Normal. Some 500 students were here and the effusive greetings that were passed about could leave no doubt about their true feelings for one another.

Home Coming day was started off by the societies. Each society had its ball decorated in its colors and at some early hour in the afternoon held a meeting for the benefit of the Home Coming society members. After this short time passed everyone congregated at the Fish Hatcheries to view the intricate gymnastics performed by Miss Hines’ “P. C.” classes, (and oh! yes, the Harris Hines Orchestra furnished the music! Say, you ought to have heard that. It has a wonderful record, too. Why, in three weeks it ranked second among the musical organizations of America. Great thing? You bet.) One could not have viewed those exercises without being impressed by one, the "spelling game.” They spelled HARRIS in the good old way (didn’t need any diacritical marks to it, either.) No comment is necessary — it touched our hearts.

Monday was Class Day. The lovely Seniors made their last appearance and willed over their respective Waterloos, but those brave old warriors "came back" undaunted. Cheer up all ye who "flunked" or "busted" there are better times in store for you.

New shipment of Ladies white performed by M. B. A. had never lost its way. We will gladly Tuesday—last day— and exit.

Mr. Harris made a talk, and since the evening could not come we were only too overjoyed to get our diplomas and certificates at the hands of that grand man. F. G. E.

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TO ADVERTISERS

The Normal Star was a big factor in advertising this summer school which brings to your city 700 students with about $50,000. Twenty-five hundred copies of the Star were sent out advertising the S. W. T. N. and San Marcos all over the state. The Normal Star is a booster for this school, and being a booster for the school is a booster for San Marcos. Therefore, gentlemen, if for no other reason than this alone, is it not plain to see that it is a very business-like proposition for you to advertise and support this paper?

But this feature is only a side issue compared with the value of our paper as an advertising medium. Our circulation is not only greater than that of the local dailies, but of a decidedly better quality from an advertising standpoint. I say this after much study and with no intention of running down papers. First, the seven or eight hundred students, teachers, and boarding-house keepers are altogether a buying class. Second, our students pay cash for what they get. Third, they are tied to no one store. They are free to be influenced by your advertisements. They will go where your offers and treatment are most satisfactory. Therefore, will not advertising in such a paper be much more valuable than in one reaching a class fifty per cent of whom cannot be influenced by advertising? Which do you think is the most business-like proposition?

We are not writing this to get more advertising, but we simply want no man, advertiser or not, to think that an ad in this paper is a mere gift. It is plainly a business proposition that will bring you trade directly and boost San Marcos. Yours respectfully,

The Business Manager

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Austin, Texas, May 1, 1911

To Conductors and Faculty Members of the Summer Normal Institutes:

Last summer 13,365 public school teachers attended the Summer Normal Institutes at a cost of $435,000, and 6,250 of those in attendance took the examination for teachers’ certificates, only 62 per cent of whom made the required grades and obtained certificates authorizing them to contract to teach in the public schools of Texas. By intelligent co-operation of the conductors and faculty members with the State Department of Education, it is hoped and believed that a better record will be made in the Summer Normal Institutes of 1911.

The limitations as to the scope of work in certain subjects of the curriculum, the required equipment of laboratories and libraries, and the higher qualifications demand, should result in more efficient instruction.

The new certificate law, which substitutes an easy and pedagogical plan of building to certificates of higher grade for the extension of teachers’ certificates without examination, will, if properly utilized, contribute to a still further improvement in the work of the Summer Normal Institutes. One of the serious criticisms heretofore justly made of the Summer Normal work is that a student-teacher was permitted to study entirely too many subjects, the work of instruction and study thereby becoming superficial and unsatisfactory, and thus failing to contribute to the increased scholarship and skill of the student-teacher. It is hereby earnestly recommended that no student-teacher, except

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in case of necessity, be permitted to study more than four subjects or courses, and it is suggested that in many cases it would be well for the student-teacher to take not more than two or three courses. The work in the Summer Normal Institutes should be intensive and thorough rather than extensive and superficial, and the examination questions should doubtless be stronger tests of one’s preparation for teaching.

Respectfully,

F. M. Bradley

State Superintendent

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The Social, Athletic and Faculty editors are yet to be elected. Who shall they be?