

TORONTO, August 15th, 1897.

SIR,

It is proposed to commemorate, on the 1st and 2nd of November, next, the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Toronto Normal School. An interesting and appropriate programme is in preparation, and no pains will be spared in the effort to make the jubilee worthy of an institution which has accomplished so much for the advancement of education.

It is intended that a full account of the commemoration service shall be published, and that the volume shall contain as complete a list as possible of those students, who, during the years 1847-75 inclusive, took a successful course of instruction. The list stops with 1875, because in that year a second Provincial Normal School was established at Ottawa, and also because at that time an important change took place in the theory and practice of the institution. Prior to 1875 the course was quite as much academical as pedagogical; since 1875 the academical work has been practically discontinued.

A carefully prepared list of students of the above period accompanies this circular. It is printed in such a way as to afford room for memoranda, and is sent to you for the purpose of enabling you to return to the Programme Committee, as soon as possible, definite information about as many as possible of the persons named. The county, and sometimes the local municipality, from which each student came to attend his first session is given. Biographical information of the following kinds is especially desired:

1. Whether the student is still alive, and, if not, when his death took place.
2. The present residences of male students and the present names and residences of female students who have married since leaving the Normal School.
3. The career through which each student has passed—whether he has remained a teacher and where he has taught; whether he has gone into some other calling, and, if so, what and where? whether he has taken any other educational course since leaving the Normal School and, if so, what other?

Any other facts of interest about students will be useful, but they should be sent to the Committee in as condensed a form as possible.

For use in connection with the jubilee proceedings the sheets containing the memoranda should be in the Committee's hands not later than the 15th of September; but a duplicate list is sent which you may retain for the purpose of inserting therein similar information which your further inquiries may elicit with respect to other students. The second list should be returned not later than the 15th of October. Very much of the permanent interest attaching to the memorial volume will depend upon the completeness and promptitude with which biographical information about old students is furnished.

A cordial invitation is hereby extended to yourself, and through you, to all whom you may, during the next few weeks, have a chance to notify, to aid by your presence at the jubilee the efforts of the Committee to make it a successful re-union of old Normal students and masters.

Yours truly,

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