

eling, of which art, if art it may be called, he is an acknowledged master.

Alexander Frye is a native of Maine, and is of Scotch ancestry. He has been for several years prominent in educational matters, having been principle of the famous Quincy schools, and later, a teacher in the Cook Co. Normal. His works are, "Geography Teaching and Sand Modeling" and "Relief Maps of Continents. The Teachers Institute says of him, "We are glad to say that Mr. Frye is in hearty sympathy with advanced methods. He hates grind and sham; he knows good teaching when he sees it, and at takes his affection, but he just as earnestly hates sham and show. Mr. Frye is no lover of gloss and veneer, but is in hearty sympathy with the true, the beautiful, and the good."

WEDNESDAY, April 29th, was a day long to be remembered by the children of San Jose, it being the day on which our city was visited by the Chief Executive of the United States.

The citizens of San Jose, desirous that President Harrison should see as much as possible during his brief stay, planned a drive about the city, and one of the places along the chosen route was the Normal School.

By invitation, all the pupils of the city schools assembled in the Normal grounds, numbering, with those of the Normal, more than two thousand. Beginning at the north Sixth street gate, which had been prettily decorated by the High School, the children were arranged in double file each side of the driveway as far as the building. Passing the front, the line stretched to the San Antonio street entrance, other people filling in the circle in front. Each child loyally waved a flag as the President passed.

Groups of young ladies attired in the national colors were placed in the windows and on the balconies of the Normal building. Promptly at 4:45 the Presidential party entered the grounds and was greeted with cheers by the waiting multitude. They passed so rapidly through the grounds that the President was unable to acknowledge the greetings only with bows and by gracefully lifting his hat. One remark which embodied the sentiment of many persons present was, "I am glad to have seen the President, but this great body of children is far more interesting to me."

## ALUMNI READING CIRCLE.

Long experience has taught graduates of all schools and colleges, that an alumni association is not only pleasant but profitable. It fosters pride in the school, and in the work of its graduates. We of the S. N. S. ought especially to feel the advantage of such an association. We are all engaged in the same life work and bound together by the same interests. During the years spent in school, but scant opportunity is offered students to become acquainted with members of any class save their own. In the Alumni Association opportunity is found of meeting graduates of the past as well as welcoming, each term, members of a new class of graduates. By this means, individual interest is awakened in the school and its work, rather than in the particular class to which one may belong.

The Alumni Reading Circle is doing most excellent work. The course of study while broad in its scope, is not so heavy as to prove a burden to a poor tired teacher.

Every teacher should join some reading circle. There are many excellent ones from which choice may be made, but the course of the Alumni Circle seems, for several reasons, to be especially adapted to the need of the Normal graduate.

During the years spent in school, but little time is left for general culture and general reading, and most graduates, for the first few years, at least, teach in remote districts where they have not the advantages of a good library nor contact with other students to stimulate them to new exertions. The Reading Circle supplies both these needs, by recommending useful books, by giving suggestions for study, and by reporting to each member the progress of the other readers.

We should like to see every member of the next graduating class enrolled in both the Alumni Association and the Reading Circle. The initiation fee is \$1.00 and the annual dues \$.50. These fees include membership in one or both societies. All queries addressed to the Corresponding Secretary are promptly and cheerfully answered.

The Annual public meeting of the societies will be held in the Normal Assembly Hall on Thursday evening of commencement week. A strong effort is being made by the committee in charge to make this an interesting meeting. The exercises will be of a literary character. All graduates and friends are cordially invited to be