

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ERA INSTITUTE

For the scholastic Year 1897 - 1898

School Opens October 4, 1897 and Continues eight Months.

Chartered in 1897

Co-Principals.

G. L. WREN, A. B., AND W. S. ROBERTS, A. M.

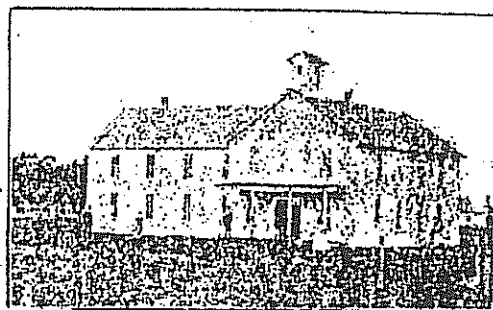
Primary Teacher.

MISS DORINDA OWEN.

Music.

MRS. L. H. SITES.

Art.



School Directors.

DR. THOMASON,

J. SPARKMAN,

S. V. GIST,

L. L. SEAGRAVES,

JNO. TOMLINSON.

School Trustees.

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Location.

Era Institute is beautifully located at Era, Cooke County, Texas. The town is situated on a high rolling prairie, 14 miles south-west of Gainesville, and 7 miles west of Valley View. In many points, the location cannot be surpassed. The healthfulness of the place is excellent, the lands fertile, the scenery beautiful, the people moral, enterprising, intelligent and refined, and thoroughly alive to the best interests of the school. No saloons, gambling hells or low dives infest our moral interest. In fact, many evils that beset the schools in large towns, do not have to be contended with here.

Course of Study.

PRIMARY GRADE.—Reading, writing, spelling, drawing, language, letter writing, composition work, mental and written arithmetic, primary geography.

INTERMEDIATE GRADE.—U. S. history, Texas history, geography, writing, composition and letter writing, oral and written arithmetic, primary grammar, elements of physiology, exercises in oral and written reproduction, spelling and diacritical marks.

ADVANCED GRADE.—History of England, arithmetic, elements of algebra, higher grammar, writing, rhetoric and composition, written spelling with diacritical marks, plane geometry, physiology, physical geography, civil government, physics, mental and moral science, latin grammar,—optional.

COLLEGIATE DEPARTMENT.

MATHEMATICS.—Higher arithmetic, plane and spherical trigonometry, solid geometry, and book-keeping.

ENGLISH.—American literature, English literature, and elements of criticism.

HISTORY.—General history, Roman history, and history of Greece.

NATURAL SCIENCE.—Geology, chemistry, and astronomy.

MENTAL AND MORAL SCIENCE.—Psychology, civics, political economy, and logic.

GERMAN.—Grammar, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th readers and composition.

LATIN.—Roman history, Cæsar, Cicero, and prose composition.

Remarks on Course of Study.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.—The work in this department is of greater importance than in any other, because it is the foundation upon which is built the intellectual structure, and if this work is poorly done, it will be a source of constant trouble in every advancement the pupil undertakes. In most schools the teacher of this department does not have time to do thorough work, consequently, the pupils pass to more advanced work with but a vague idea of the books they should have mastered. In this Institution the primary teacher shall have sufficient time for thorough work, and some time shall be taken for the purpose of

REMARKS—CONTINUED.

teaching politeness, truthfulness, honesty, purity in word and action, kindness, and obedience to parents, teachers, and school mates.

In arrangement of our intermediate, preparatory, and collegiate courses, we have exercised our best judgment to secure a wise one—one that shall develop all the faculties of the mind, and at the same time prepare those who desire a higher education, to enter the junior and senior classes of our best Colleges and Universities. In these departments, as in the primary, thorough understanding of the subject will be required before the pupil is promoted; for no one need expect to become a scholar in the true sense of the word without being thorough.

We, as teachers, will ever keep in mind the fact—that it is not so much what a child learns in the schoolroom that makes it successful and happy in life, as it is the development of those faculties of the mind which enables it in after years to grapple successfully with the most difficult problems; therefore, we shall spare no pains to develop the moral and mental faculties.

Our Work Shall Prove Our Worth.

Era Institute will open October 4th, 1897, under the management of Wren & Roberts, who have contracted for the school for a number of years; therefore, parents wishing to move here or to board their children here may do so with the assurance, that "next year they will have their same teachers."

Since the standard of scholarship is being raised in all our best schools, our course of study shall be such as to meet the growing demand for a more liberal education.

Realizing that one of the greatest needs of our day is true teaching, no pains shall be spared to give to our pupils the very best instruction in all the grades.

Our instructors are teachers by choice, men who intend to make teaching a life business, not using the profession as some have done and are now doing—merely as a "stepping stone to some other profession."

Though purely nonsectarian, an atmosphere of pure morality, and religious influence will pervade the classroom, and principles of right action be taught the student at all times.

The Institute shall be a source of pride to the people of Era and surrounding country, a school in which her sons and daughters may equip themselves for the duties of practical life, for the profession of teaching, or for the purpose of receiving higher education in the sciences and classics.

Announcement.

We are glad to announce to the citizens of Era and surrounding country that they are now to have an Institution of Learning with educational advantages unsurpassed in this section of Texas.

The Era public school has been a success, but in this progressive age, necessity demands that we offer to the public higher educational advantages than can be attained in the public schools of our country.

The free school has been perceptibly improved by closely and carefully grading, and a collegiate department has been added. The school also has been chartered, so that a diploma may be issued to any student completing the required course.

Parents who would have their boys make intelligent and patriotic men of noble worth, and their girls become useful and accomplished women of high conceptions, would act wisely, we believe, to send them to this Institution, where the sanitary surroundings will tend to develop the physical being, where a quiet, social and religious people will strive to elevate the "moral man," and where thorough, practical and progressive teaching will cultivate the intellectual faculties sufficiently to meet the expectations of the most sanguine.

Requirements for a Degree.

To those completing the collegiate course—with the exception of Latin and German will receive a B. S. degree. Those completing the full collegiate course will receive A. B. degree.

Those wishing to take a course in Greek and higher mathematics will be accommodated.

Time to Enter.

Past experience has proven to us that those who enter school at the opening, are students who are first in their classes and show the best grades at close of school, therefore parents, we urge you to put your children in school at the beginning and KEEP THEM IN, when a school is in perfect working order, every student has all the work he can possibly do well, and if absent from school from any cause, loses time he cannot possibly regain and the consequences are, he becomes discouraged, loses all interest and finally wants to quit school. This serious difficulty can be practicably overcome by parents co-operating with teachers in securing regular attendance. It is the IMPERATIVE duty of parents to educate their children as best they can, and to do so they MUST keep them in school regularly, here allow no trival excuse to keep your children away, for it is not only ruinous to them, but detrimental to the whole school.

Rules and Regulations.

Young men and young ladies must have or acquire quiet and industrious habits, and if called upon, must furnish a certificate of good moral character.

From experience and the testimonials of our best educators, we find that it is not best for young men and young women to enjoy each others society during the term, only at such times as the teachers deem it proper to suspend the rules.

Young men are not expected to spend their time loitering around town.

All students must be punctual in their work and submissive to the will of the teacher.

Students must be present on examination days (unless sickness prevents) or they will not be promoted at close of term.

Tuition for non-scholastics must be paid at end of each month, unless arrangements are made otherwise with the faculty.

Music.

This department will be under the efficient care of Mrs. L. H. Sites, of Gainesville formerly a student of "College of Music," Cincinnati, Ohio. She has had 22 years experience in teaching this beautiful art, and is so well and favorably known, and her

Length of Free School Term.

By means of a special tax, and liberal donation of the citizens we are enabled to have a free school term of eight (8) months in each year. The advantages of this step are obvious to all. It affords a free school term of sufficient length to enable all punctual and energetic pupils to secure a good, liberal education at home; furthermore, this shows the progressive tendencies of the friends and patrons, which we highly commend to the public.

Discipline.

In our government we shall be firm, but kind and impartial. Prompt obedience and constant industry are required. Pupils are taught to do right from a sense of duty. Our aim shall be to govern by kindness, but our rules must be enforced, even though harsh means be necessary. In all cases we reserve the right to punish as we deem proper. Discipline shall include, not only deportment, but scholarship and punctuality in all the requirements of the institution, and in all these the pupil must be made to realize the duty to himself and those around him. True self respect and genuine courtesy being thus instilled in the pupil, his pride will not allow in himself, or approve in others, any semblance of misconduct.

Examinations.

Each teacher will hold bi-monthly examinations and keep the grade of the pupils until the examination at close of term, and all pupils making a general average of 75 per cent. shall be promoted to a higher grade.

Library.

Before opening of the term, we shall secure a library of reference and historical books, and standard literary works, and each pupil may have access to same by complying to certain conditions.

Literary Societies.

For the purpose of developing the oratorical and elocutionary powers of the pupils, increasing their vocabularies, and "broadening their views," three societies shall be organized, namely:

THE YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY, "*Love Star*"

Which shall consist of the young men who are connected with the school, and its object shall be to acquaint young men with parliamentary law, to cultivate the powers of composition and utterances; for no matter how much natural ability one may possess, if he has not the grace and art of free composition and impressive utterance, much is lost in reference to his own success and happiness in life, and to the lives of those with whom he may come in contact.

YOUNG LADIES SOCIETY. "*Quakerian*"

This society shall consist of the young ladies, members of the school, and will meet every Friday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. The exercises of this society shall be of such a nature as will tend to cultivate the graces, and emulate the virtues that go hand in hand in the consummation of model girls and perfect women.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY.

This society shall be under the immediate care of the primary teacher, and every precaution will be taken to make it a complete success in every respect. The exercises will be of such a nature as to be interesting and instructive to the children, and conducive to higher conceptions of real worth and merit.

Tuition Expenses.

Tuition for non-scholastics from \$1.50 to \$3.00, according to the grade.

MUSIC.—\$4.00 per month.

BOARD.—From \$8.00 to \$10.00 per month.

reputation so firmly established, it is useless for us to attempt an eulogy of her. She teaches piano, organ, and stringed instruments. Parents, if God has endowed your children with a talent for music, it is your duty, if in your power, to have that talent cultivated.

To the Public.

Many of you expressed yourselves pleased with our work last term, but we can hope for much more successful work the coming term, as we have an addition to the faculty in the person of Prof. Roberts, who has had several years experience of successful teaching. The last five years he has won a lasting reputation as teacher in the Male and Female Institute of Springtown, Texas.

Being well prepared to teach a school second to none, we feel no hesitancy in asking parents who wish to instill a nobility of manhood and womanhood into the hearts of their sons and daughters, to consider our advantages, and give them the opportunity of obtaining an invaluable education. This will be a legacy left to them of which they cannot be robbed; which will endure while reason lasts, and beautify and adorn their homes, bring pleasure to those about them, and make many useful lives.

WREN & ROBERTS, ERA, TEXAS.
