



Notes from 1910

In the early 1900s, when our College was known as the New Jersey State Normal School at Trenton, a young local girl named Edith Swan Cooper attended the Model School, the teaching laboratory associated with the Normal School on Clinton Avenue. When she graduated from the Model School in 1910, she completed a commencement memory book of over 200 pages, two of which are reproduced here. Thanks to Maria Calderone-Kenner '83, whose brother several years ago came across it in a discarded box in Lawrence Township and sent it to her in Kentucky, the book now is in TCNJ's archives, where it provides a splendid personal record of 15-year-old Edith's school experience. At this point we don't know much about Edith's later life, except that she married twice and attended the Centennial celebration of Trenton State College. We hope in future issues during the Sesquicentennial to draw on her work—and any other materials our readers may want to share with us—to recall those days. We are always delighted to accept such early records and encourage readers who may have them to contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at 609.771.2393.