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The Zanerian

A History - A Reunion - A Prospect.

In 1888 The Zanerian College of Penmanship was first conceived and organized. It was born of a desire to serve and of an ambition to achieve. Dollars it had none, but it was richly endowed with determination and industry.

With common sense as its theory and industry as its genius, it has become the recognized Mecca of Penmanship in America. At no time has it had ambitions to be big, but rather to be superior, and as a natural consequence it has been for many years the largest school of its kind, and unquestionably the best as well.

And it has been the best because it has never been satisfied. Each year finds its courses more progressive, more pedagogical, and more practical.

It has never been a proselytizing school for some narrow theory or special method or system of writing, but a promoter of broad thinking and skillful acting, pedagogical teaching and practical writing. It has gained power and wisdom by experience, and is doing so today as never before.

To its doors have come the brightest and most skillful in the penmanship profession for inspiration, instruction and skill, and from its doors have gone the best-balanced lot of specialists our profession has ever known.

Go where you may, a Zanerian is not hard to find, and a more loyal, royal band of students never represented a school of writing.

The reason is not hard to find. The Zanerian has always given its best to the welfare and success of its students. It has always gone more on performance than pretense, and its pupils have therefore achieved rather than merely believed.

Zanerians today are the thinkers and workers of our calling, doing more for real progress in methods of teaching and skill in execution than any, and perhaps all other forces combined.

A Reunion or Home-coming is therefore planned to enable the hundreds who have come and gone at different times to meet each other face to face, and to renew the personal equation with the men who have labored in the Zanerian shoulder to shoulder for its success and the success of its students.

This homecoming will mean the largest gathering of penmen thus far held in America, and it may be in the whole world. It will mean an exchange of ideas and fellowship of inestimable value now and hereafter, which no Zanerian can afford to miss who can be in attendance.

The Prospect is better than we have ever known during our twenty-five years of professional labors; better for penmanship and better for Zanerians.

The attendance in the Zanerian the past year was larger than ever before, and the outlook for the coming year is better than we have ever known. Preparations for a record-breaking attendance are now being planned.

High Schools as never before are employing teachers of writing and supervisors in larger numbers at larger wages are being employed than any time in the past, so that the demand today is and tomorrow will be surprisingly large.

The past to recall, the present to meet, and the future to plan for are three pleasant and profitable features scheduled for discussion the week of July 4, 1913, in Columbus and in the Zanerian.