

WHAT AN EMINENT FOREIGNER THINKS OF THE NORMAL UNIVERSITY.

They (the Americans) are beginning to recognize the importance of the theoretical and practical training of teachers, and to establish Normal Schools to afford the opportunities for such training. At the head of such institutions stands the Normal University at Bloomington, Illinois. The large and very tasteful building was erected at a cost of \$182,000. Two hundred ladies and one hundred gentlemen attended the school in 1864. The institution is intended to train teachers for the public schools by instructing its pupils in the art of teaching. * * * * In the third year of the course especial attention is devoted to methods of instruction and to practice in teaching. To afford opportunity for the latter a model school is connected with the institution. The present principal, Mr. Richard Edwards, is known far and wide as a prominent, able, and, in every respect, blessing-working man. He understands the dangers of slavish obedience to the text-book, and emphasizes properly the advantages of oral instruction."—*Translated from Dr. Karl Schmidt's Geschichte der Paedagogik, Volume IV, page 902.*