Location, History, Building, Etc.

Location.

ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE is located in Elizabethtown, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, on the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The town has about 1,700 inhabitants and is centrally located, being eighteen miles distant from each of four county seats, namely, Harrisburg, Lancaster, York and Lebanon, and is surrounded by one of the richest agricultural districts in the state.

The town is up-to-date in modern improvements; well-paved streets, excellent water-works, electric lights, etc. The people of the town and surrounding country are noted for their industry and thrift; and a healthy religious sentiment prevails.

History.

Notwithstanding the excellent school facilities and general educational advantages of Eastern Pennsylvania, there has been for years a growing conviction on the part of many members of the German Baptist Brethren Church that the educational wants of their children are insufficiently provided for; and in consequence of this want public meetings were held from time to time that finally resulted in the establishment of Elizabethtown College.
Building.

The College building is a substantial brick structure, 45x90 feet, three stories above the basement. It is situated on elevated ground, commanding a magnificent view of the town, the valley and the adjacent hills, and is surrounded by a campus of ten acres. The building is equipped with all modern conveniences, such as electric lights, steam heating, toilet and bath rooms, and is a model in its plans and arrangements for school purposes.

The basement contains the dining room, kitchen, store room, laundry and heating plant.

On the first floor are the chapel, four recitation rooms, the book room, office and reception room. The second floor contains the library, day students' study room, teachers' rooms and dormitories. The third floor is devoted entirely to dormitories.

Purpose.

The purpose of the school is well indicated by the following quotation from the Constitution: "The object of this school shall be such a harmonious development of the physical, mental and moral powers of both sexes as will best fit them for the duties of life and promote the spiritual interests of its patrons, while under the control and management of the German Baptist Brethren Church, and primarily intended for the education of our own children; the school shall be open to all such as desire to avail themselves of its privileges."
Teachers.

It has been the aim of the management of this school to secure teachers of large experience and acknowledged ability, who shall personally interest themselves in the students and give them all needed encouragement and assistance. Additional teaching force will be employed as the development and needs of the different departments may demand.