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# NORMAL COLLEGE NEWS

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## ORATORIO ELIJAH WAS GIVEN LAST NIGHT

IT WAS ONE OF THE RAREST TREATS  
EVER GIVEN IN NORMAL HALL.

The oratorio "Elijah," given in Normal hall last evening, under the direction of Prof. Pease, was one of the rarest treats ever given here. The chorus was magnificent. From Elijah's solemn and impressive opening recitatives, "As the God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these three years, but according to my word," by America's greatest basso, Herbert Witherspoon, to the grand closing chorus, "Lord, our Creator, how excellent thy name is in all the nations! Thou fillest heaven with thy glory. Amen!" the audience sat entranced.

The opening sentence is the key to the whole. Because Israel has forsaken the Lord and worshipped Baal, the prophet Elijah pronounces this curse; then he must flee for his life from the anger of the king, and depend on the Lord for sustenance.

Between the opening sentence and the despairing cry of the people after a year's drouth and famine, "Help, Lord! wilt Thou quite destroy us?" the orchestra more than showed by their overture that this concert would not be weakened because Mendelssohn depends so much upon the orchestra for his dramatic effects. The part of the widow, who, by the help of the Lord sheltered and fed Elijah during his three years' hiding, was ably taken by Miss Marian Field, soprano, of New York City. The comforting and inspiring words of the angel, directing the prophet where to go, were sung by Mrs. Marshall Pease, of Detroit, in her sweet contralto. The prayers of Elijah and the widow for her son's life, and then their duet of thanksgiving were especially pleasing.

The chorus work in the altar scene was wonderful. All day the people and the priests of Baal called upon him to send down his fire to burn their offerings upon his altar and show himself God. But no answer came. Elijah's prayer and the angel's quartet, then his short but impressive

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**LOST**—Lady's gold watch on Cross street. Finder please leave at News office and receive **REWARD**.

## TWENTY PER CENT OF POPULATION IN SCHOOLS.

The report of the commissioner of education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904, made public recently by the secretary of the interior, shows that 16,009,361 pupils, or 20 per cent of the entire population of the country, attended the public schools during that year. As compared with the previous six years, this percentage shows a slight decrease in the number of pupils as compared with the total population. The total cost of the public school system is given as \$251,457,625. This is an increase of \$16,000,000 over the previous year. It amounts to \$3.15 per capita of total population, and \$22.75 per capita a pupil.

Since 1870, the proportion of male teachers has decreased from 39 per cent of the entire number to 26 per cent of the entire number the last year. The average compensation for male teachers last year was \$49.98 and \$40.51 for females.

The enrollment in the private schools for the year is given at 1,093,876. By the addition of pupils in the elementary schools, academies, institutions for higher education, evening schools, private kindergartens, Indian schools, state schools and schools for defective orphans, a grand total of 18,187,918 pupils is reported.

## NORMALS WON BOTH GAMES AT FLINT

EVENTS FOR INDOOR MEET DECIDED  
UPON.

Though the winter quarter is drawing to a close, basketball still occupies the front rank in the line of sports at the Normal and the practice, which was slackened the past few weeks on account of the illness of so many players, has freshened up and the squad of thirty men are hard at work every day.

To-day the Normal five play a return game with Adrian college at Adrian, and left for that city this morning. Mazer, of Detroit, will officiate as referee, as the Adrian team strenuously objected to the selection of Murray, on account of the decision he made in the game here, which from a matter of points caused them to lose the game. Mazer, of the D. A. C. team, was agreed on as one official, and the selection of the other was also left to his discretion. As the gymnasium at Adrian is much

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## REGARDING THE AURORA.

The senior life class is to be commended for the attitude in which they have gone at the work of publishing the Aurora. It is not only sensible and business like, but it will insure a book that will be a credit to the institution. Heretofore the manager assumed the financial responsibility and made or lost all he could, while the editors worked for glory and had to cut their copy to suit the manager. The sole idea was to clear expenses and the book suffered. Everybody worked, everybody kicked when the work was done, and everybody came in for a share of the blame.

By assuming all responsibility, financial and otherwise, the class have eliminated all private interest and have made the only object the best possible book, one that shall represent the best that the college can produce. Everything at present indicates that the work is progressing nicely and that this year's Aurora will be such a one. It is now up to the student body and faculty to encourage the work and to aid it by acting promptly when called upon for assistance.

## A REST ROOM WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

There is one thing that the Normal needs and that is a place where students can go to study while not attending classes. Within the short period of an hour four girls came into the Normal College News office and asked for a place to rest. The library can be used only when doing reference work because of its small seating capacity. Starkweather hall is too far away and many of the recitation rooms are locked when not in use. The only places left are the corridors and the sinks, unless it be at the statue.

In the summer time the need is not so pressing, but on these cold days to find a convenient place to rest or study is a problem.

## GETTYSBURG

J. MACE ANDRESS,  
 State Normal College.

Oration which was awarded first prize and gold medal at the final contest January 21, and which will be delivered at the state contest at Albion, March 2.

A single battle has often decided the fate of a nation. Forty-one years ago a mighty conflict determined the predominance of one of two opposing principles and the future of a great republic. The questions involved in that contest, reaching far back into history, had threatened an awful calamity in our national life. Finally they came to an issue and were settled in three days of gigantic struggle on the bluffs of Gettysburg.

This conflict resulted from the planting of two different principles upon our shores. In 1607 the cavaliers founded Jamestown. Twelve years later the first shipload of slaves was brought to the new settlement. In 1620 the pilgrim fathers founded the Massachusetts colony. Two different classes of society and two opposing ideas had found their way into the new world. Virginia and its aristocracy and its feudalism builded on slavery which was the foundation of society. Massachusetts had its Puritanism and its democracy with individualism as its bulwark and two civilizations grew up on this continent differing in social, economic and political ideas. After a time these two political elements were incorporated into a single nation, but two opposing principles could not long peacefully exist side by side. The predominance of either slavery and feudalism or freedom and its institutions was inevitable.

Every principle founded upon universal justice has slowly but surely worked its way down through the ages. Liberty had evolved step by step. Only one step remained—the freeing of the black man from the chains and shackles of slavery. Not until this last barrier was removed would America become in reality the land of the free and not until then would it take its legitimate place in a triumphant world-wide advance toward a higher civilization.

The eloquence of Clay, Calhoun, and Webster shook the senate. Calhoun's vigorous defense of state's rights called forth Webster's powerful plea for the preservation of the union. Compromise after compromise was effected but all in vain. Irreconcilable principles could not compromise in such a struggle as this. The gap was widening between the North and South. Not words but blood and iron alone could settle the issue and the conflict came.

In 1861 the smouldering fires of dissension were kindled into flames. The rumbling of the guns at Fort Sumter had scarcely died away before the

streets of Washington were resounding with the tread of an armed host. In every town and hamlet of the North, the martial music of the fife and drum called the defenders of liberty to arms. Inspired with an ardent love for freedom and an irrepressible hatred for the curse of human slavery, they gather at the capital city, impatient to meet their haughty foes across the Potomac. The real struggle was about to begin. The life or death of a nation and the future welfare of millions of enslaved humanity hung in the balance. With anxious expectation the world awaited the struggle of the giants.

Finally all is ready. The union troops sweep across the Potomac and meet the Confederates at Bull Run. A sharp, decisive battle and the fleeing federals proclaim a melancholy defeat. But the North knows no failure. While the disheartened and crestfallen fugitives are rushing madly across the long bridge at Washington congress votes to raise \$300,000,000 and 500,000 men to carry on the war. Battle follows after battle, campaign after campaign, but the Confederates are victorious. Occasional successes gladden the union hearts, but Chancellorsville prepares the way for Lee's invasion of the North. With 80,000 of his most choice veterans he crosses the Potomac and marches into Pennsylvania. The North stands aghast. For the first time in the rebellion an armed foe stands on Northern soil. A victory for the South would now mean the death of the union and the triumph of slavery. As they rush onward through that land of peace and prosperity both sides wait with breathless interest for the impending conflict. Is the invasion to be repelled? Are Washington and Philadelphia to fall? The questions tremble on a nation's lips. Not until the forces engage in another mortal combat is history to render its verdict.

They meet at Gettysburg. On the heights overlooking this sleeping Pennsylvania village is to be decided union or disunion, liberty or slavery. For two days the battle goes on with indescribable fury. Victory favors first one side and then the other. Finally the Federals retreat and fortify themselves on Cemetery Ridge. Across the valley float the banners of the victorious Confederates. The evening of the second day thus finds the blue and the gray encamped on opposite heights. With a spirit of valor rendered almost superhuman, in their desperation they nerve themselves for the final combat.

The morning of the eventful third of July dawns bright and fair. Just as the golden glow appears in the East the sentinels down in the valley exchange shots. For two hours the skirmishing continues and then a deep hush falls over the valley. The sun rises higher and higher in the heavens but nothing disturbs the quiet of the morning save the occasional crack of a rifle or a boom of a cannon. On the heights are 170,000

men in martial array, their hands upon their muskets silently waiting for the word which is to determine the future of America. There on one hand is the daring dash, and chivalry of the South and on the other the coolness, calmness and deliberation of the North. One has its feudalism, its aristocracy, and its slavery; the other, its republicanism, its democracy, and its love for individual liberty. Slavery is older than history; liberty, but a growing principle of the ages. The situation is dramatic. A universal right of humanity is about to be vindicated. Noon approaches but still the silence broods over the valley. The fierce rays of the July sun seems to be almost unnoticed as the two combatants with feverish intensity glare at each other across the valley, as if measuring each other's strength before hurling themselves into the inevitable conflict.

Suddenly there is a puff of smoke from Seminary Ridge and the loud report of a cannon awakes the echoes in the valley. Before the smoke can clear away the long line of Southern artillery thunders forth its message of death. It is answered by the hoarse boom of the federal guns across the valley. The hills and valley are wreathed in smoke illuminated by the bursting of shells. The air is alive with missiles. Like the dragons of mythology the guns belch forth fire and smoke. How weird and spectacular is that awful play of death to the men upon the heights! The shrieking of shell, the crash of fallen timber, the splash of bursting shrapnel, and the neighing of wounded horses make a picture, grand and sublime. After a two hours' artillery duel the firing ceases, the smokes clears away and silence once more lies over the field.

Suddenly amid the ominous quiet of that July day, a line of gray three miles long sweeps out of the woods at the foot of Seminary Ridge. General Pickett, mounted upon a coal black charger, his blonde curls falling almost to his shoulders, leads them on. Tenderly the bands are playing that soul-stirring Southern melody "Dixie." A thrill of admiration runs through both the Union and Confederate lines as that magnificent body of men comes into view and charges across the valley. The Federal batteries pour shot and shell into their ranks. Two hundred Confederate guns cover the splendid advance. The tumultuous chorus makes the earth tremble. The dense pall of smoke, covering hills and valley, constitutes a sulphurous canopy for scenes of infernal horrors. Yet through the rifts of the cloud can be seen the gleam of bayonets and that advancing line of gray. Men fall on all sides, but the survivors undaunted close up the ranks and continue their march through that midnight gloom of sulphur and smoke. The foot of the hill is reached. Shells are rolled down upon them, volleys of musketry increase the awful artillery roar, sheets of flame shoot down the slope, but amid fire and smoke,



## What the Brownies Heard and Saw.

A pie is a combination of two layers of abbreviated glutinous protein material, with an abbreviated saccharine mass of filling between.

"Dear me!" exclaimed the library assistant, looking despairingly at a stack of books on geology. "I can't find the Gold Bug anywhere!"

The Junior life students are not the only ones who have chosen a valodictorian for class day. The Junior deities have one too.

The burdens of his office rest heavy on the shoulders of the senior president. They say he went calling the other evening and fell asleep. Must have been pretty well Bushed!

A third grade training school pupil said that "Mr. Reservoli" was president of the United States, but he was a Normal student and a future pedagogue who deceased that ethnology treats of "archislorh man, his bones, and fossil remains"

It must be that Mr. Schoolcraft has not yet been admitted to full membership in the Crescent Society, or is there some other reason why he went in a cutter instead of with the sleighload?

Lady student in class—"May we have the windows lowered? It is so warm that I fear I'll faint!"

Teacher—"Are you going to faint?"

Student—"No but I would if Mr. Wiggers were here!"

Noe—A young lady recently fainted in the choir loft and upon Mr. Wiggers fell the opportunity of doing the hero act. Lucky dog!

But the prize story of all those that the reporter heard on the rounds was about a popular Normal

professor who wanted to go riding a few days since, and telephoned to a livery for a cutter, asking that it be led at a certain place at a certain hour. The liveryman promised, as they always do, and just after the appointed time the gentleman went after the horse, and finding one at the place took possession and started for his drive. On his return, in passing the livery the horse showed no inclination to turn and the gentleman stopped and inquired as to the ownership of the animal. "Oh, that belongs to so and so," said the attendant, mentioning a certain lady in the city. The professor, with considerable speed and some trepidation, started on a still hunt for the owner or driver, who he found a little later and it is said the profuse apologies which he made were not received with the utmost cordiality on the part of the delayed party.—Press.

By the way, this reminds us of a little story of another Normal professor, which has never yet been told. One evening last summer the good gentleman was strolling along the street meditating deeply when from an upper window he saw pillows fall to the ground below. At the same instant two little urchins slipped from the shadows, snatched up the pillows, and darted down the street. It was too much. Here was perverted youth gone astray and with a bound like in the days of long ago he took after those unfortunate urchins and recovered the stolen treasures. Then proudly he restored the property to its astonished owner and went on his way rejoicing, and feeling that every good deed is its own reward without even stopping to think of the luckless swain, whose plans for another date he had so rudely shattered.

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A number of the Kappa Psi members attended "Prince of Pilsen" Saturday afternoon.

Olga Goetz entertained the Pi Kappa Sigmas last Thursday evening. The sorority were also entertained Wednesday evening at a candy pull given by Mrs. Edward Mellencamp, in honor of Miss Myra Bird, of Gregory.

The Zeta Phi fraternity will be entertained at a house party over Washington's birthday by three of their alumni members, Misses Anna Leland, Mayme Horner and Cora Ballou.

Last Saturday evening the Kappa Phi Alpha fraternity initiated Herbert Schell and F. O. Eldred, after which a banquet was given at the Newton House. Guy E. Bates and Currie S. Hicks were the alumni members present, the former acting as toastmaster for the occasion. Toasts were responded to by all present.

The boys of the Phi Delta Pi were made the victims of a practical joke Friday, February 10, when they were entertained at 6 o'clock dinner by Dr. Hoyt. Each member of the fraternity had been quietly asked beforehand either to prepare a toast on an assigned topic, or to act as toastmaster, with the injunction to keep his part secret. The effect was highly amusing, and at present every member could rise to the occasion of acting as toastmaster at a moment's notice. The rooms were prettily decorated with carnations and smilax and a royal good time was enjoyed by all.

**DEBATING CLUBS.**

Minerva (Feb. 25).—Chairman, Ramsdell. Debate, "Resolved that Michigan should have a centralized school system. Affirmative—Ryerson, E. Gabriel, Way. Negative—Crawford, W. Smith, Geer. Judges—Cutler, I. Gabriel, Ramsdell. Orations—Parker, Stewart. Domestic events—Hopphan. Foreign affairs—O. Smith, Moore. Roll call—Anecdotes from Lincoln.



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Hypatia (Feb. 25).—Chairman—Kohn. Roll call—Anecdotes. Foreign events—Woodward. Domestic events—Rosabeck. Debate, "Resolved that the practice of maintaining a standing army in each country should be abolished." Affirmative—Blosson, Vorce, Fuller. Negative—Dietrich, Kay, Bulls. Judges—Burke, McClintock, Miller. Critic—Miss Downing.

Portia—(Feb. 25).—Chairman—Angell. Quotations—Longfellow. Domestic events—Schlander, Carlyle. Foreign events—Bliss, Chapel, Erickson. Debate, "Resolved that a woman should labor as a man." Affirmative—Gage, Charlick, Dean, Ballard. Negative—Erb, Helm, Child, Hoyle. Judges—Champion, Clement, Cole. Speeches by judges. Critic's report.

Webster (Feb. 18).—Chairman—Reed. Social events—Sprague, Schoolcraft. Political events—

●Iney, Lathers. Debate, "Resolved that a state can repudiate its debts." Affirmative—Mowry, G. Brown, Kiebler, Long Negative—Wood, Fulton, Banghart, R. Brown. Critic's report Judges—Pittenger, Head, Reese. Three minutes speeches Lincoln (Feb. 18). Chairman—Romig. Lincoln Day program: Biographical sketches—Laugdon, Hyames, Raidle. Gettysburg address—Ferguson. Anecdotes of Lincoln—Lewis. "The qualities that made him a great man"—Coolay. Lincoln's stories—Plowman. Lincoln's policy in the conflict between the north and south—King. "Lincoln in the life of the people of today"—Tripp.

#### LITERARY SOCIETIES.

The last meeting of the Atheneum society Friday evening, February 10, was enjoyed by a large number. The following program was given: Roll call, quotations Devotionals, Chaplain. Instrumental solo, Glass. Recitation, Burton. Vocal solo, Gass. Pantomime, The Rivals. Recitation, Way. Current events, Gereau. Instrumental solo, Weiffenback.

#### ADDITIONAL LOCAL

Clyde Kriemerick, class of '97, was a Normal visitor on Friday last.

President Jones gave an address at the Cloary Business college Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Eluna Rorabeck, '99, who is now teaching in the Jackson schools, visited Misses Milier and Jennings over Sunday.

Miss Lorinda Smith and Mr. Stanley Wilson, of the Conservatory, attended the annual M. E. church banquet at Hanover last week, where they furnished the music, giving both solos and duets.

F. E. Andrews, class of '92, Literary Scientific Course and class of '96, Music Course, who is at present teaching physics in the Detroit Eastern high school, was a visitor at the Normal on Friday last.

C. D. Crittenden, class of '92, who for some time taught Latin in the Grand Rapids high school, and is now in business in that town, has an article in the last Michigan Tradesman on the "Produce Merchant." The article is accompanied by an excellent half tone of Mr. C.

The advance classes of the girls' physical training gave an exhibition of class work in the gymnasium Thursday from 4 to 5. The special features were the Irish Lilt, two series of bounding ball and dumb-bell work by physical training V. and aesthetic dancing by physical training V.H.

The many Ypsilanti friends of Mr. F. R. Gorton, who is now completing his second year to Berlin, will be glad to know that his work there has been of a high degree of excellence, and that he is now putting it into final form for publication. He is also asked to exhibit his methods and results at a scientific "Fest" to be held soon at the university.

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#### SCIENCE NOTES.

The total sunspot surface is at present not unusually large, but there is one of those spots which is larger than has been noticed for some time. Even this example is really composed of a number of spots with a common penumbra. It is very irregular, and on the afternoon of February 2 occupied a nearly central position on the sun's surface. As nearly as could be determined in an atmosphere filled and quivering with the hot gases from the smoke stack the diameter of the spot was about 51,000 miles.

They call a language a mother tongue because a father never gets a chance to use it.