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IT is rather difficult to select a few days from a vacation spent in a nomadic way and recall places and events associated therewith, in a manner that will be edifying, or even pleasing to others. The question as to which few days it shall be, is an embarrassing one. Delightful memories remain of many localities, but on testing them, they are liable to prove general, rather than specific memories. We remember chiefly that each day was a pleasure as it was passing, but details are hazy. Events we thought so important once, seem less so now, though the places retain their charms.

Charles Dudley Warner says of people who write "summer letters" from the country and the woods, "Isolated from the activity of the world, they come to think that the adventures of their stupid days and nights are important." The writer of this may fall under the same criticism, but we protest against the days being regarded as "stupid" even if the remembrances should be so.

Warwickshire has been selected as the region about which to present a few notes, not because it is the most beautiful in England—others have many more natural charms—but because it is a locality in which there is almost universal interest.

Stratford, Warwick, Kenilworth—what a world of suggestion in the names to even the most casual reader of literature and history. Our stay was too brief to admit of knowing any of these places, but the glimpses we caught of them may be of interest to those who have not seen them at all.

Our small party arrived in Stratford about eight o'clock of an August evening, and were soon comfortably located at the Golden Lion Hotel, a quaint house dating back to Shakespeare's time when it was known as "Ye Peacocke Inn." It is an unpretentious place, but one where the passing traveler's comfort receives every consideration. You feel that you are in the hands of friends. Strains of music were coming in at the open windows, and the landlady's pleasant daughter explained that a park concert was in progress and kindly volunteered to act as our guide should we care to stroll that way.

We availed ourselves of her offer and were rewarded by seeing the park which adjoins the Shakespeare Memorial, and borders the Avon, beautifully decorated with Chinese lanterns, while the Avon itself was dotted with row boats whose decorations vied with those on shore, the whole making a brilliant and picturesque scene. We learned later that one of the prettiest boats was occupied by Marie Corelli, who chanced to be spending some days there. Such illuminations and concerts occur rather frequently in summer at Stratford, yet we counted ourselves fortunate to have been present at one.

The thought that we were really in Shakespeare's town served as an inspiration to early rising next morning, as we longed to see it in the broad light of day.

Stratford is prettily located in the beautiful valley of the Avon. The country surrounding it is charming both because of its natural features, and the associations it has with the writings of him about whose memory everything centers here. Though the town is not large, it contains many things of great interest to any lover of Shakespeare.
As our time was limited, and the day gave promise of being very warm, we chose the early morning for a walk across the fields to Anne Hathaway's cottage. There are two paths leading over the meadows, by sweet-scented hedge-rows to this oft-visited spot.

The cottage is charmingly picturesque, built of timber and brick, in two stories, with heavy thatched roof, the thatch being cut away in places so that the upper windows are let into the roof. The ivy climbs gracefully over the gray walls, as if endeavoring to conceal their age and frailty. An old-fashioned flower-garden in front makes an appropriate setting for the cottage. Within, the old kitchen still retains its uneven stone floor, its great fire-place with cozy chimney corners, its cupboards, and a few pieces of furniture which are said to date from Shakespeare's time. An old-fashioned settle is shown which we were told William and Anne used in the days of their courtship. In an upper room is a carved, canopied bedstead which is a family heirloom, also some homespun linen marked "E. H." If there is any illusion about these things you prefer not to have it dispelled. The cottage is now the nation's property, so in making necessary repairs from time to time, great care is taken to retain the original appearance as far as possible.

Returning to Stratford, we visited the Parish Church where Shakespeare is buried. It is rather imposing in appearance, with its fine Gothic spire, is beautifully situated on the bank of the Avon, and surrounded by a grove of magnificent old trees, among which limes and elms predominate. Under their spreading branches, sleep many who must have been friends and associates of the poet both in early and later life. Within the church are many objects of interest. The old parish register, which contain the entries of Shakespeare's baptism and burial, also those of his wife and family are still preserved; the font used at his baptism is broken, but here; of later date is a beautiful stained glass window in the chancel representing the Seven Ages of Man, founded on Bible history, the cost of which was defrayed entirely by American visitors to the church.

Another memorial window in the south transept is being filled with glass by the gifts of American visitors, and is to represent, when completed, America and England united in worship. The church contains a fine organ, the blowing power of which is supplied by hydraulic engines.

Of course the one thing upon which the visitor's interest centers is the simple slab which marks the grave of Shakespeare, bearing the well known inscription invoking a curse upon the disturber of his bones. Next to his grave is that of his wife, and near, two of his daughters, Susannah and Judith are buried, the graves of the Shakespeare family extending nearly the width of the chancel. A monument of the poet, placed here soon after his death, adorns the north wall of the chancel near his grave.

Another equally interesting place in Stratford is the house which Shakespeare's father owned for many years, and in which the poet is supposed to have been born. This, like Anne Hathaway's cottage, is now national property. The house is an excellent specimen of timber architecture, and though it has undergone some restorations, the main features of both exterior and interior remain as in Shakespeare's lifetime. Tradition indicates a small upper chamber as his birthroom, and its walls contain the familiar autographs of many people, most of whom are not illustrious—Scott, Dickens, Thackery, and Tennyson being some exceptions. Another room contains an interesting old portrait of Shakespeare, and still others are used as a museum, wherein are collected early editions of his works, portraits of himself, some letters and personal belongings.

At one time a portion of the house was used as a meat market, and an old picture of Shakespeare much blackened by age and exposure, is still preserved, which the enterprising butcher used as a sign board. It bears the words, "In this house was born the immortal Shakespeare." Whether or not this fact
was advantageous in a business way, the cus-
todian could not inform us. At all events it
was suggestive of "To what base uses we may
return." A large garden adjoins the birthplace,
the trees and flowers of which have been selected
from those mentioned in Shakespeare's plays.

We visited also the old Guild Hall and
Grammar School which dates back of the
poet's birth, and is among the oldest buildings
of the town. In Guild Hall the strolling
players of Shakespeare's day gave their per-
formances, and this is thought to be where he
first saw presentations of dramatic art. The
rooms of the Grammar School, known as King
Edward's School, are above, and back of the
Guild Hall. In these rooms Shakespeare re-
ceived his early education, and though the
desk he used is no longer here, tradition pre-
serves its location. The building is still used
for school purposes, but neither exterior nor
interior would be very attractive to the Amer-
ican boy or girl of today. The roof is sup-
ported by massive black oak timbers roughly
hewn, showing plainly the marks of the ax,
and is curious rather than handsome. Of
Shakespeare's own house, occupied in later
life little remains except the site. The beau-
tiful grounds which were his garden, are now
open free to the public.

The Shakespeare Memorial Buildings can-
not well be omitted from any description of
Stratford. These comprise a theater, seating
about 800 in which performances of the poet's
plays are given each year in April, in honor of
his birthday; an extensive Shakesperian li-
brary; and a picture gallery containing a col-
clection of paintings and engravings. The
buildings are of red brick and stone, in the
Gothic style, with some half-timber work to
resemble the Shakespeare house, and other
old buildings in the town. The front of the
Picture Gallery is decorated with three terrac-
cotta panels representing appropriate scenes in
Tragedy, Comedy and History from the poet's
plays. Two of them were gifts of Mary An-
derson. In the grounds near, is a large ped-
estal, surmounted by an immense seated figure
of the poet with pen in hand, and surrounded
by figures from his plays—Lady Macbeth,
Prince Hal, Falstaff and Hamlet.

Of the many other interesting things in
Stratford one only will be mentioned, the
American Fountain. This was the gift of the
late G. W. Childs of Philadelphia in the year
1887. It is a handsome structure, being
fountain and clock tower combined, the four
dials being illuminated at night. Eagles and
lions at the corners are symbolical of America
and England, and appropriate inscriptions are
carved on the panels in the four sides, also
flowers from America, England, Ireland and
Scotland. The fountain was dedicated by Sir
Henry Irving, and Oliver W. Holmes
furnished a poem for the occasion.

It was with real regret that we left Strat-
ford, though before us was the pleasure of a
drive to Warwick and Kenilworth. We chose
the route by Charlcote Park because of its
greater length and beauty. The English
roads are perfect, and the grand trees under
whose spreading branches we rode much of
the way, look as if they were centuries old.
The weather was exceedingly favorable, and
altogether we counted this one of the "red
letter" days of our summer. Until recently
visitors were permitted to drive through Char-
lcote Park and even to visit the Mansion, but an
American now has a lease of the property for
three years, and he permits no such liberties.
The estate is still owned by a descendant of
Sir Thomas Lucy, before whom it will be re-
called Shakespeare was reputed to have been
taken for deer-poaching.

The main road skirts the beautiful Park for
a mile or two, affording fine views of the
Mansion at various points. Here and there
deer in great numbers added to the picturesque-
ness of the scene. In passing, our "Jehu"
called attention to a quaint stile, (the only
one remaining in the country, he said), which
occupies the very site where Shakespeare was
detected with his deer, and is of similar con-
struction. He kindly got down and showed
us how it operated. These drivers for the
most part, take great pride in exhibiting and
explaining the points of interest in the locality,
and we were indebted to ours for many charming views we otherwise might have missed. I might also add, that at the end of the drive they expect a "tip" in proportion to the service rendered.

The ten miles to Warwick were traversed all too quickly, but the old castle before us was a compensation for what we were leaving behind. I wish I might picture it to you, as we saw it in that clear August sunlight, a stately pile of stone, with towers and turrets and walls, all more or less festooned and draped with the graceful, clinging ivy. Parts of it date back almost to the Norman Conquest, tho' much of that now occupied as a residence was built in the 14th and 15th centuries.

From the Porter's Lodge at the entrance, the winding avenue leading to the outer court is cut for some distance through the solid rock. Great trees grow upon the summit, whose branches form an arch overhead, while on either side the rock is almost hidden under a growth of ivy and holly. The inner wall, with its massive, overhanging towers looks as if it could have successfully defied any attack of mediaeval armies. Through a double gateway, we passed into the beautiful inner court covered with green turf such as grows nowhere else so velvety and deep as in England. Stately peacocks were walking leisurely about adding their bright colors to those of the flowers. Beyond we caught glimpses of other elaborate flower-beds, outlined by winding walks leading toward the river and conservatory. Within, the house presents many objects of interest, such as pictures by master artists, rare collections of armor, fine old tapestries, exquisitely inlaid mosaic tables, quaint silver plate, and curiously wrought cabinets and desks. Three things of special interest, tho' quite diverse, were a recent oil portrait of the present owner (the Countess of Warwick), a helmet worn by Cromwell, and the mace of Richard, the "king-maker." In passing through the doorway, it seemed quite as if we had left the life of the present century, and stepped back into that of mediaeval days. The view from many of the windows is enchanting, embracing as it does acres of the park, and the silvery Avon, which flows close under the castle walls, and winds among the stately trees.

Both castle and grounds are kept in excellent condition and probably give one as good an idea of an old feudal residence as any in England.

The shadow on the old sundial above the gateway warned us that it was time to journey onward. Again we left with regret, and faced toward Kenilworth. The many objects of interest along the route would require much time even to mention, as Warwickshire has been the field whereon much history has been enacted.

Arriving at Kenilworth, we had the delightful experience, after paying our fees to the custodian, of being allowed to wander at will, without escort, a pleasure rarely permitted one within the precincts of these interesting Old World places.

The walk leading from the entrance to the great court is screened on either side by silver holly. We had seen beautiful holly hedges previously, but this surpassed them all, and would be well worth a visit if there were no storied ruins beyond. Passing under an arch of the hedge-row we were confronted by the old Norman Keep of the castle, imposing still, tho' in ruins. The walls are at least fifteen feet thick and these with the narrow slits in the masonry which served as windows, suggest that defense was the first consideration of its creator. This portion probably dates back to Henry I and has touched English history at many points through the passing years. The great stone hearth on which an entire ox could be roasted is still in place. Various recesses in the walls indicate, tho' rather indefinitely, the location of sleeping and living rooms. Back of this Keep are other portions added by John of Gaunt, comprising various minor rooms and the great Banqueting Hall. An octagonal chamber on the second floor Scott assigned to Amy Robsart in his charming story of "Kenilworth."
To the south of the old Keep is the extensive addition built by the Earl of Leicester. The difference in architecture is very marked, and the arrangement of apartments shows that comfort rather than defense was in the mind of the builder. The ceilings and floors have fallen, in the main, from all parts of the castle, tho' here and there in the towers the winding stone stairways and small chambers are intact for three or more stories. The stone tracery in some of the later Gothic windows is still comparatively perfect, tho' Time is laying no gentle hand on this portion of the ruin. These walls are requiring even now supports for which the much older Norman walls plainly have no need.

We wandered for two hours or more about the old ruin, peering in to every chamber, tower, guard-room and hall, constructing according to our own fancies, scenes in which from time to time Simon de Montfort, John of Gaunt and other Lancastrians, imperious Queen Elizabeth, much-abused Amy Robsart, the Earl of Leicester, and even Cromwell came and went at our bidding. How we wished that the old walls had tongues and would tell us what they had witnessed. No other building except the Tower at London was so suggestive to me of England's past history. The ivy-mantled ruin seemed to throw over us a magic spell whose influence was dissipated but slowly.

No sun-dial here suggested departure, but the lengthening shadows of the towers, falling across the great court served to remind us that some distance yet lay between us and our destination, so we parted company with our shadowy entertainers of past centuries, lingered briefly to converse with the custodian at the entrance gate, then drove away almost envying him his close association with "one of the finest baronial ruins in England."

Senior (in the training school.) Correct this sentence: "We saw the marble bust of Jupiter entering the library."

Pupil—"Entering the library we saw the marble of Jupiter bust."
Jackson Public library began the discussion, having recently visited the East in the interest of the Jackson library relative to this question. The general sentiment was for open shelves in small libraries; for fully equipped reference rooms in the larger, e.g., Buffalo, and Cornell University; and for giving such access to shelves in medium sized libraries as is consistent with the general interest of librarians and patrons in view of the fact that in most of the older library buildings open shelves would be totally impracticable.

The evening session was held in Normal Hall at 7:00, when the subject of State Library Commissions and their work was presented. Addresses were made by H. M. Utley, and by Rutherford P. Hayes of Chicago, the latter, having been a member of the Ohio State Commission, spoke from a large and interesting experience, Mr. Utley confined himself to the history of the movement.

The evening closed with a reception in the College library where our guests met Mr. and Mrs. Lyman and others from the College and the town, including the Board of the Ladies Library. Students having friends in the Association were included and twenty from Grand Rapids clustered around their former High School teacher, Miss Dean. The student assistants proved themselves as much at home in serving ices in the library as in giving out books.

Friday morning the program was devoted to school libraries. Miss Mary J. Jordan, of the Central Normal school, Mt. Pleasant, read a paper on the Administration of the college library. Supt. W. J. McKone, of Albion, on the Superintendent and the school library; and Miss Mary L. Berkey of the Normal College Training School, on Primary School Room Libraries. All were of peculiar interest and brought out lively discussion.

Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock the meeting was held in the Ladies Library. Miscellaneous business was dispatched and officers elected as follows: President, H. M. Utley, Detroit Public library; first Vice President, Miss Williams, Charlotte Public library; second Vice President, Miss Parker, Sage library, W. Bay City; Treasurer, Miss Loving, Ann Arbor High School library; Secretary, Miss Walton, Normal College library, Ypsilanti. The meeting was adjourned to the drawing rooms where the Ladies of the Library Association entertained with coffee and other good cheer.

A vote of thanks was enthusiastically adopted in appreciation of the cordial reception given the Michigan Library Association by the Normal College, the Ladies Library Association and the citizens of Ypsilanti. The next meeting will be held at Albion.

Among the guests of the Association not engaged in active library work were Miss M. E. Ahern, editor of Public Libraries, Chicago; R. P. Hayes, Chicago; F. L. Chamberlin, Chicago; Miss Ellen Dean, and W. M. Palmer, of Grand Rapids, all of whom added to the interest of the meeting either by papers, or by taking active part in the discussions. Guests and librarians alike expressed surprise and admiration at the crowded reading room and the efficient service of the student assistants in the College library.

Ask Mr. Calkins how Lee's overcoat fits him. At last reports he could only get one sleeve on.

"Let me kiss your Dewey lips", said the youth in the parlor. "Young man," roared a voice from above, "the bombardment will open as soon as I can get down stairs." Then the hopeless youth organized himself into a flying squadron, and made a fleet disappearance.—Ex.

The following may be of interest to chemistry students: Potassium iodide and sulphur, under slight pressure, give an exceedingly interesting result as follows: K I plus 2 S equals KISS. This experiment is dangerous as the above result may not be accomplished, and instead the reaction may be very violent. Therefore, this experiment should be attempted in the absence of light, and when few (usually two) are present.—Ex.
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EDITORIAL.

There is perhaps no night in the year which the popular imagination has stam ped with a more peculiar character than the evening of the 31st of October, known as All Hallow's Eve, or Holloween. It is clearly a relic of pagan times in which the leading idea is that this is the time above all others in which supernatural influences prevail. It is the night above all others set apart for the universal walking abroad of spirits both of the visible and invisible world.

In ancient times the games for Holloween were usually of a sportive character, but there were others of a more weird and fearful kind which in this enlightened, incredulous age have fallen into disuse.

At the present day Oct. 31st means a time when 'spirits' can have unusual freedom in several ways but it usually amounts to the destruction of a few bad side-walks or horse-blocks and perhaps the loss of a few cabbages which the provident citizen had placed by the house for future use.

Let us all be thankful that years have changed the customs and we can live with some degree of ease and peace on so ill famed a night.

HALLOWEEN.

Pixie, kobold, elf and sprite,
Are all on their rounds tonight,
In the wan moon's silver ray
Thrive their hether skelter play.

Fund of cellar, barn or stack,
True unto the almanac,
They present to credulous eyes
Strange hobgoblin mysteries.

Cabbage stumps, straws, wet with dew,
Apple skins and chestnuts too,
And a mirror for some lass
Show what wonders come to pass.

Doors they move and gates they hide,
Mischiefs that on moon-beams ride
Are their deeds, and by their spells,
Love records its oracles.

Don't we all, of long ago,
By the ruddy fire place glow,
In the kitchen and the hall,
Those queer coquyke pranks recall?

Eery shadows were they then,
But tonight they come again;
Were we once more but sixteen
Precious would be Holloween.

—Joel Benton.

In promulgating esoteric cogitations or articulating superficial sentimentalities and philosophical or educational observations, beware of platitudinous ponderosity. Let your statements possess a clarified conciseness, compact comprehensibleness, coalescent consistency and a concentrated cogency. Sedulously avoid all conglomerations of meaningless garrulity, babblement, and affectations.

In trying to impress upon others the leading qualities of The Normal College News and why you and so many others subscribe for that paper when attending the Michigan State Normal College, it is not necessary to use jaw-breakers. Let your extemporaneous descantings and unp ,remeditated expatiations possess intelligibility and perfect veracity without thronsonical bombast. Sedulously strive to shun all polysyllabic profundity, pestiferous profanity and ventriloqual verbosity, obscure or apparent. In other words talk plainly, naturally, sensibly, and truthfully say The Normal College News is the student's paper, and that ends it.
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Every student ought to attend chapel.

Mr. Laird was away last week visiting schools. As a result his classes have been writing theses.

The students from the several counties are organizing into clubs. So far we hear of St. Joseph, VanBuren, Branch, Clinton, Ionia, and Ingham County Clubs. Let the good work continue.

The usual proportion of boys is found in Mr. Jackson’s 3rd hour teacher’s arithmetic, there being only two in a class of 34. Ye editor is not a Democrat, but apparently belongs to the 16 to 1 class.

On Saturday evening, October 21, the Phi Delta Pi fraternity held its regular meeting at the home of E. S. Murray, on East Forest avenue. During the evening Messrs. Ewing and Goodale, after severe physical and mental tests, were admitted to the mysteries of the organization.

The U. of M. Daily for October 23 gives a detailed account of the election of T. A. Conlon as president of the senior law class. Mr. Conlon gained the election after a very exciting contest of six ballots and against four other nominees. Tom Conlon will be remembered at the Normal as a leading member of the class of ’88, and since that time he has met with good success as superintendent of schools, and also in the life insurance business.

The students from St. Joseph county have organized for the year, and promise to be one of the largest and strongest county clubs. They held their first meeting October 21, with Miss Sloan at 713 Cross street. There will be a membership of about forty, and all anticipate many enjoyable times together. The following is the corps of officers: President, Leslie A. Butler; vice-president, Ray Howe; secretary, Marcella Bourns; treasurer, Lula Dukette.

Messrs. Ed Hunt and Frank Wren of Owosso visited Normal friends last week.

On November 4 the total number of students enrolled was just 1,000, and we add a few every week.

Seniors! how long before we are going to organize. The year will be a short one and we have now entered the final stage of the course. How brief will be our pleasant recollections of the closing year! Senior dignity and privilege, how enviable! Those who have done well can do better. All can prove that preparation is not a matter of fits and starts, but steady endeavor, courage, and hope. Let us organize and be of mutual benefit, socially and intellectually.

The Normal College band is now organized for the year and hopes to make itself heard in the future. We hope it may be of great benefit to the members, and we shall certainly need it at some of our future athletic games and other gatherings. The officers are as follows: President, L. C. Paine; vice-president, H. B. Lull; secretary and treasurer, L. A. Stebbins; director, S. D. Grove. Mr. Grove was one of the organizers of the first Normal band, and with his leadership and the proper support of the N. C. A. A., of which it is a part, it will surely be a success. The following are members: Grove, Pett, Butler, Mitchell, Partch, Paine, Reid, Paxton, Lull, Reese, Whitmire, Watson, Pemberton, Stebbins, and Horton.

It was with sad hearts that we received the news of the death of Mrs. A. R. Waterbury, nee Carrie Mills, at the hospital in Ann Arbor, October 18. She graduated from the Normal in ’98, and in April, ’99, was married to Mr. Waterbury. They were living in Coldwater where he has a position in an office. Her death was unexpected and resulted from the removal of two large tumors. The remains were taken to Ludington, where the funeral was held October 21. Mr. Waterbury has the sympathy of many friends in his sad bereavement.
The Y. M. C. A. has a membership of seventy-six. There is room for others and we hope you will join the association at your earliest convenience.

Y. M. C. A. meetings every Sunday at 2:30 p.m. These meetings are full of interest and you can not afford to miss them. Come, and bring a friend with you.

Sunday, October 29, Prof. Strong spoke to the Y. M. C. A. on "Our Inheritance in God, and How to Make More of It." Many excellent thoughts were brought up for our consideration. About fifty of the young men were present.

Two Bible classes have been organized for the purpose of studying the "Life of Christ." They meet every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. standard time in Starkweather Hall and are in charge of Mr. Failor and Mr. Ruesink. Those wishing to take up this work should attend the meeting next Sunday.

A jolly crowd of girls celebrated Hallowe’en at Starkweather Hall. The fates were consulted, and ghost and goblins reigned supreme.

A secret, girls, whisper it low, but the old time ‘conversations’ bid fair to be revived. Watch for future announcements.

Wednesday evening, October 18, at the joint meeting of the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. reports of the Geneva conference were given by the delegates. A greater interest in, and a broader view of association work was gained by this glimpse of Geneva as our delegates brought it before us with all the earnestness and heightened zeal that ten days at the conference can give. Mr. Blodgett rendered most impressively the favorite Geneva song, "I Know in Whom I have Believed.''

On the evening of October 16 occurred the recognition meeting of the Y. W. C. A., when old and new members met for a social evening. The occasion was all the more enjoyable for the presence of Miss Barnes, the state secretary of the Y. W. C. A.

The Sunday afternoon meetings have become a factor in college life which no one can afford to do without. This has been especially true of those led by members of the college faculty. Prof. Hoyt's talk upon ‘Practical Christianity’ was all that the subject implies, and the 'rest-meeting' led by Mrs. Burton, October 15th, was both restful and uplifting. Miss Chapel, the new secretary of the city association, was present at this meeting and gave the opening prayer. Miss Barnes, secretary for Michigan and Ohio, was also present and made a short address.

The Normal association sent six delegates to the state convention at Kalamazoo—Misses Loughrey, Rodgers, Goodell, Gillespie, Huyck, and Somers, all of whom report a delightful as well as a profitable time. The Kalamazoo Association deserves much credit for their businesslike arrangements and for the cordial manner in which they received the visiting delegates. The Ypsilanti Association made a very good showing compared with others, but with the number of students here it can reasonably hope to soon stand at the head. Co-operation on the part of all students is needed for this.

The Adelphic and Crescent societies held their regular meetings Friday evening, but the reports were received too late for this issue.

The first regular program of the Athenaeum Society was given Friday evening, October 27. It consisted of a comic paper by Mr. Mitchell, a fable by Mr. Reese, an article on ‘Dewey Day, and What it Means to Us,’ given by Mr. Palmer; and a parody on ‘Hiawatha’ by Miss Rodgers. Misses Brown
and Watters rendered some pleasing vocal solos, and an instrumental duet by Messrs. White and Bostwick added to the enjoyment of the occasion. With the old members who are back and the large number of new members, a pleasant and profitable year's work is anticipated.

Friday evening, October 27, the Olympic Society held its first regular meeting of the year. Mr. Perry, chairman of the executive committee, called the society to order, and, after singing by the society and devotions led by Miss Timmons, introduced the president, Mr. Hand. Mr. Hand gave appropriate inaugural remarks, emphasizing the aim of the society. The outlook for the society is excellent. The membership is full and many applicants had to be refused admission.

**Zeta Phi.**

The Zeta Phi Sorority was very pleasantly entertained Saturday evening, November 4th, by the Misses Ida and Pauline Maier. Miss Una Potter acted as toast-master and toasts were responded to by the Misses Hull, Ballou, Maier and Blandford.

The Zeta Phi entertained twelve friends Saturday evening, with a trolley party to Saline, where they were the guests of Miss Milissa Hull. The young ladies bedecked themselves in ghostly attire and formed in a grand march which led finally to the attic, where most of the evening was spent. The house was appropriately decorated with cornstalks, hemlock boughs, and equally suggestive jack-o-lanterns. Light refreshments appropriate to the season were served in the attic, and more substantial ones were served in the dining-room below. During evening games of fortune-telling were enjoyed and a palmist read the future, of each one present. Miss Walton accompanied the party as chaperon. They returned at a late hour, after a very merry and enjoyable evening.

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**N. C. A. A.**

M. A. C. Ypsilanti, Nov. 11.

Everybody join the Athletic Association! You will never regret it.

The girls have received a challenge from Hillsdale for a basketball game, Ypsi to name the place and date.

The football team intended to go to Toledo Nov. 4th, but the game was called off because of bad grounds.

We soon hope to have a competent coach for the athletic teams. No one has yet been named although several are being considered.

The collection of athletic dues is being made entirely by a faculty committee consisting of Profs. Barbour, Bowen, and MacFarlane.

So far this year there has been no organization among the boy's basketball teams, notwithstanding the excellent material we have in school, not only among the new men, but also the old players. An athletic meeting should be called this week and elect a basketball manager. Let us profit from last Saturday's game given under the direction of such an experienced (?) manager and player and exercise the greatest care in the choosing of a reliable and worthy manager.

Saturday, Oct. 30, the Normals for the first time this year lined up against an opposing eleven. The game was played in Ann Arbor against the "all freshman team." Owing to the incessant forenoon's rain the field was exceedingly muddy and as a result it was largely a line bucking game, few long end runs being possible. Wood and Gorton did the best work for the Normals. The score was 5 to 5. Line up: L. E., Jones; L. T., Tooker; L. G., Flint; C., Drue; R. G., Edmunds; R. T., Wood (capt.); R. E., Green; R. H. B., Grandy; L. H. B., Hoag; Q., Reid; F. B., Gorton.

At the meeting of the State Board of Education Oct. 30, it was decreed that we should have some extensive improvements on our athletic
field. For this purpose $250 was appropriated and we shall now have a large field fenced in, on which we can have our athletic sports and games. The tennis courts are to be removed from their present location, thus enlarging the baseball field and making it large enough for football. With free admission to all season ticket holders we should have large crowds out to cheer our boys to victory. Although the mass meeting as reported in the last News could hardly be called a success, the results from an extensive canvass of citizens and students has made the aspect much more satisfactory. Over $600 has been pledged by subscription and we now earnestly hope to continue in the struggle and finally win out if possible. Although a little late in the football season, we still intend to win several games. We can surely make a good showing in basketball, baseball, and field day. Great credit is due to the students who convinced so many that athletic games are well worth ten cents apiece.

**De Alumnis.**

Fred Lewis, '98 is at Evart.

Miss Anna B. Cawley is at Holly.

Mr. Clyde DeWitt is principal at Sidnaw.

Miss Gertrude Roper teaches at Fremont.

Laura B. Haggard is principal at Bessemer.

F. J. Tooze has the principalship at Saline.

Miss Nina M. Hesse is teaching at Three Rivers.

Miss May Creech teaches Latin and German at Chelsea.

Miss Lulu B. Chase teaches mathematics at Constantine.

Miss Maude Allen teaches Latin and German at Grass Lake.

W. D. Riggs is principal and teaches mathematics at Flat Rock.

Miss Chloe McCartney teaches physics and mathematics at Benton Harbor.

S. J. Bole, '97, is at Vandalia.

Miss Mary Gardner is at Saline.

Miss Gertrude Adams is at Albion.

Miss Lillian Deal teaches at Bessemer.

L. A. Traphagen is teaching at Owosso.

Miss Emily Greenwald is at Williamston.

Miss Vesta Armstrong is at Frankfort, Mich.

Rutherford B. Miller has a good position at Harbor Beach.

Miss Grace Dewey is teaching in the high school at Vassar.

Miss Julia B. Smith is attending the M. S. N. C. this year.

Misses Margaret Sturgis and Agnes Roosa are at Harbor Beach.

Miss Marion E. Bay has a good position in the high school at Marcellus.

The following is from one of our second grade pupils. We print below the necessary (?) translation: "Von dad mistr friske fot they had betr go oot to gathr nos becos er was a frast the nit befor. So misis friske and Mr. friske wit out to cathe nos. And boshe wod not go." Translation:—One day Mr. Frisky thought they had better go out to gather nuts, because there was a frost the night before. So Mrs. Frisky and Mr. Frisky went out to gather nuts. And Bushy would not go.

Friday evening, October 6, there was held a meeting in Jackson of the board of directors of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Aside from the election of officers very little important business was transacted. It was decided to have Field Day on June 1-2, 1900. Bids will be received until the next meeting in January. The officers are: J. H. Skinner, M. A. C., president; Prof. Barr, Albion, 1st vice-president; H. D. Girdwood, Kalamazoo, 2nd vice-president; E. S. Murray, Ypsilanti, secretary; G. J. Shaughniss, Hillsdale; treasurer.
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