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A FEW DAYS IN OXFORD.

The fe\ few days were, more precisely,\ eighteen; the Oxford referred to is the English university town. The purpose of my visit was, first, to enjoy some good walking and wheeling in the lovely district of which Oxford is in some sort the center, and in a subordinate way, to learn something of the English University Extension movement as seen at a large summer meeting in one of the strongholds of that movement.

I was kindly invited by Mr. Mariott, the secretary of the "Delegacy" of extension work at Oxford, to be present at either or both the parts into which the month's session is divided, and to see gratuitously what could be seen from the outside of their methods and results. As, however, the invitation did not include attendance upon the lectures (no deadheads were permitted; each single lecture cost fifty cents), and as certain privileges come with actual membership, I cheerfully paid my pound in good British gold, and received therefor a ticket of membership in Part II. of the Summer Meeting of the Oxford University Extension Work for 1899. The only special privilege which I enjoyed was one which I suppose would be granted to any one under the same circumstances, of attending the remaining exercises of Part I. With the ticket goes a map of Oxford; a general account of Extension Work; a full list of lectures, classes, conferences, etc.; an account of the excursions, garden parties, conversazioni, and other privileges granted by the city, the colleges or other bodies to "extensionists;" and finally a long list of eating and lodging houses.

Stopping at the Roebuck Hotel, where Shakespeare used to eat and sleep on his way to and from London (we can all be like Shakespeare in something), I proceeded in a leisurely way to look up lodgings, heartily glad of this natural opportunity to become familiar with the town and with the physical basis of student life at Oxford. The list which was handed me contained suburban lodgings, authorized and carefully inspected students' rooms near the colleges, and college rooms proper, a few of which were opened for the summer session. My predilection in favor of suburban residence was removed as soon as I became aware that the central—the collegiate—part of the town is also the rural part. The manufacturing and business portion of Oxford—a town of about 40,000 people—is crowded into a dense shell nearly surrounding the twenty-one colleges, which with their quadrangles, gardens, and exercise grounds form an almost continuous park in the centre, with trees, flowers, and shaded walks on every hand. I finally fixed upon eligible rooms under the walls of Oriel College, with High street close by on one side and Merton and Corpus Christi colleges on the other, and Merton gardens, Merton Fields, Christ Church Meadow, the Board Walk, the New Walk, the Isis, and the college boat houses almost within a stone's throw.

It was my purpose to take only two lectures out of the six offered each day, one in the early morning and one in the evening, and to give the larger part of the day to exercise and sight-seeing; but the work soon became so attractive that I sometimes added a second morning lecture, and, on one occasion, an additional afternoon lantern demonstration. I took, however, none of the class exercises...
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by which the general lectures are reinforced, and only a few of the scientific and archaeological excursions. In this way I had abundant time for walking, wheeling, reading and sight-seeing.

In the town itself there is so much to see, and still more in the colleges. An American is sure to be interested in the policing, the lighting, the water supply, the paving and the general municipal administration of an English town, and upon all these points I was able to gain abundant information. High street, often called "the finest street in Europe," was paved from end to end during my brief stay; Iffley Road was repaired; the system of lighting of several streets was changed; and the inspection of milk, meats and lodging houses carried forward with great publicity. The wonderfully fine roads of England are the admiration of Americans. I found no road-bed within twenty miles of Oxford which was not equal in surface to that of the best streets in our large cities. The reason is very simple; the road-bed is made only so wide as the moderate funds in hand will suffice to make and maintain in perfection. From eight to twelve feet is not an unusual width, and that with a traffic far greater than upon our roads. The street upon which I lived was nine feet at the narrowest and seventeen feet at the widest part from building to building, including sidewalks, and yet all vehicles known to modern city traffic found abundant space, while the perfection, the neatness, and the cheapness of the road-bed would astonish a community accustomed to streets of from sixty to two hundred feet wide. The meat inspection and the plumbing inspection seemed to me very thorough. The wages paid to ordinary laborers upon city works varied from $1.25 to $2.00 per day.

The country and the villages about Oxford are both very charming, and I soon became familiar with Shortover Hill, Rose Hill, Bear's Hill, Iffley, Abingdon, Nuncham, Cumnor, Wooton, and a host of towns more or less celebrated in song and story. One day with Matthew Arnold's poems in my sack—a leaf turned down at Thyrsis and The Scholar-Gypsy—I looked up the Oxford haunts of the great apostle of sweetness and light. Another, with Kenilworth under my arm, I followed the fortunes of the beautiful Amy Robsart from her home in Cumnor Hall to her final resting place under the slab in St. Mary's church, near my own rooms in Oxford. A number of days were given to the village church architecture of the neighborhood of which good examples could be found ranging all the way from the time of Saxon occupation down to the present century. Some of these churches possess portions which are exquisitely beautiful, as well as historically interesting. For scenery I came to prefer the view from Boar's Hill to all others. There are many grander and more inspiring landscapes in the world, but I do not know where one would go for a brighter, sweeter, or more tender sweep of town and country than one gets from this historic hill.

The town, too, is full of varied beauties and objects of interest. Oxford even more than Cambridge has always kept in touch with the political and national life of England, and there are few great Englishmen who have not left some memorial or personal memento in this great seat of learning. Not even in London are there so many really great portraits. And the same may be said of charters, manuscripts, and autographs. Two or three examples of interesting objects or localities must suffice. I often spent some time in the late afternoon in Merton gardens, passing through the college buildings by the way. The choir of the chapel (1274 A. D.) is of rare beauty; the library with its chained books and fixed benches for readers is the oldest in England; indeed the whole pile of buildings is of singular interest. Under the spell of such beauty and such associations one comes suddenly into this lovely garden. In front is the broad sweep of Merton Fields and Christ Church Meadow, with its herd of grazing cattle knee deep in the grass and surrounded by one of the finest walks in the world. Turning about one gets through the trees and shrubbery of
the garden, that picturesque sky-line of college buildings, towers, domes, and gables of which Dr. Johnson speaks with such enthusiasm. It is indeed a spot of rare beauty.

The quadrangle of Oriel was so near my room that I could easily have tossed a biscuit into it—though I never did. However, I often went there to feel the charm of the quiet, garden-like enclosure upon which looked the rooms of Sir Walter Raleigh, Bishop Butler, Keble, Thomas Arnold, Cardinal Newman, and other men hardly less distinguished. Several of the officers of Oriel are active in the extension movement. It is not one of the older colleges, though its 500th anniversary was celebrated in 1826.

Among little "finds" upon which one comes constantly in rambling about the old halls and libraries I may name a case of Shelley mementoes in the Bodleian Library. There is the poet's watch marking the hour of his death, the water-stained Greek tragedy which he was reading, his last bit of writing, miniatures, and other memorials so numerous and so intimate that one recalls the moment with the sense of a personal interview.

The "teas" and "garden parties" afforded a much-needed opportunity for becoming acquainted. Those in the garden of Balliol College given by Lord and Lady Markby were especially enjoyable. Of the excursions the one to Blenheim occasioned most remark. On the invitation of the Duke and Duchess of Marlboro some 400 of us visited that historic seat and had a very pleasant afternoon. We went by rail to Woodstock and thence walked nearly a mile through the noble park to the palace. Here our number resolved itself into ten groups which in slow succession entered the palace. The later groups occupying themselves meantime with the gardens and the stables. As each group of forty entered, it was taken charge of by four competent guides and conducted through the gallery of paintings, the state rooms and the principal living rooms. This was so managed that only a small group of ten was in the reception room at a time, so that the Duke and Duchess could in a leisurely way take the hand of each and say a few words. Meantime the other groups were admiring the beautiful paintings and tapestries in the state rooms. All came slowly through the suite and finally assembled in the library. This was so large that our entire number did not nearly fill the room. We sat at leisure here upon the richly upholstered chairs and divans examining the treasures of the library, or listening while the organist of Westminster Abbey gave us some music upon the large organ. After this rest we dispersed about the grounds and reunited in an hour or so at a booth on the terrace, where the Duchess and her maids made tea and served a bountiful collation. The palace cannot be compared in elegance or completeness of furnishing with Versailles or with the Petit Trianon but many of the pictures are finer and more interesting. Nor do the grounds equal in calculated scenic effects those of the finest French palaces, but in dignity, in stateliness, and in grandeur they have no rival. A competent authority has called Blenheim the finest park in the world.

As to the school itself, it is no part of my plan to give a complete account of the work. My main question: Why the extension movement succeeds so grandly in England and fails so miserably elsewhere, answered itself at once. It was simply the old doctrine of human purpose and human effort. The entire university, the town itself, the men of birth and influence in the neighborhood are thoroughly committed to the enterprise. The modern English feeling that inherited wealth and position have responsibilities that may not be put aside is felt nowhere more strongly than in tory, high-church, imperialistic Oxford. Indeed the advanced wing of the Anglican church has a most noble record in respect to education and charity. The same feeling which has pressed into the service of the very lowest in the realm the entire wealth and power of the church; which fills the cathedrals with workers and worshippers; which makes the whole of England tremble for months beneath the trains flying across the
land carrying the very poorest of the cities to the mountains and the seashore—this feeling has placed the great universities at the service of the common people. Patriotism and religion are the rocks upon which the extension movement rests. However, many circumstances aid, and chief among these are the vast unemployed force of scholars in the universities and the brevity of the academic year—24 weeks, with numerous holidays. It does not seem so hopeless to attempt to give to those fitted for it a university education in sessions of a month each once or twice a year continued for some years and carried forward by picked men from the universities. This is everywhere insisted on—that the extension men are the best in England. Glancing at the list of our sixty instructors one sees the names of the Wardens of Merton, of Oriel, of Magdalen, and of Keble; members of Parliament, G. W. E. Russell and Robinson Souttar: Percy Gardner, Ashe King, Frederick Myers, Dr. Sweet; and Professors Dicey, Lyall, Miers, Sayce, and Jebb.

The student body, about one thousand in number, were in general prepared to take university work. Upward of 100 of this number came from the colonies, 64 from Germany, 58 from France, nearly fifty from the United States, and smaller numbers from most of the states of Europe. Nearly all the above were college graduates. Of the remainder a considerable number were artisans and tradesmen, still more were teachers. Fewer than 300 expected to take the examinations for degrees, scholarships or prizes. These took not only the lectures but the class work, and also accomplished the required amount of reading in such a way that they were able to give an account of it.

The sessions were held in the New Examination Schools, the lectures in the two great examination halls and the classes in the smaller rooms of this fine new building, which, with the grounds, cost nearly a half million dollars. Each hall will hold nearly a thousand students, each student being provided with a chair and a little table and materials for writing. The examinations are numerous, prolonged, fair, definite, and the basis of all honors and awards. A university which admits students upon certificate need not be inferior to one which admits students upon examination, but it is a totally different institution. Examination is the fundamental function in higher education, and it makes all the difference in the world whether the standard is set by the universities or the lower schools.

I found the lectures extremely interesting—often highly entertaining. The general subject of the session was England, her History, Literature, Art, Economics, and Science, from 1837 to 1871. The work was assigned, lectures chosen, and the readings indicated early in the year. A few special topics were discussed and several conferences held. Two conferences of extreme interest were held, participated in by the "extensionists" and representatives from the many millions of English "co-operators," upon the subject, "Shall the University Extension take over the Educational Work of the Co-operators?" It was decided in the negative, but the co-operators promised additional aid to the extensionists. It was delightful to see clerks and artisans stand up in debate and hold their own with the Oxford dons. Most of the lectures were extemporaneous. racy, abounding in incident and anecdote, and in excellent English. I never heard more beautiful prose than that of Prof. Jebb.

There were interesting lectures and class exercises in the theory and practice of education, but the great enthusiasm was for knowledge—ever more and more exact knowledge. Timely topics—expansion, Dreyfus, wireless telegraphy, etc., found place. In general the science was insignificant in amount and poor in quality. When Dr. Pusey said upon the occasion of the British Association meeting at Oxford that they might well hesitate to admit these interlopers into the halls of the muses (this is the sense of what he said) he gave the key note to the Oxford spirit. A large part of the work of the university might
properly be carried forward by disembodied solus in the blue empyrean and has no touch of the earthly or the human. Of course this high altitude has its advantages and its guarantees of perpetuity.

One cannot help admiring the eminently fair spirit of Oxford. Dissenters, liberals, innovators in education, anti-imperialists had a full hearing. When the Honorable Mr. Souttar, speaking upon Our Imperial Heritage, exhibited a huge map of the world upon which the English possessions and colonies were painted red, and maintained that it was neither right nor wise for their little island to paint the earth red in that way he was in the main listened to in patience. There were some hisses from the Canadians and Australians when the speaker showed by abundant statistics that these colonies cost the home government untold sums of money and practically returned nothing, that they traded where they could buy cheapest and sell dearest, and that England gets little of this trade, but these hisses were in the main official and perfunctory and served simply to emphasize the contention and to call out some pleasantry.

The library facilities placed at the service of the extensionists were almost unlimited, but I will not enlarge upon this head.

The order of the meetings was very good so that none had difficulty in hearing the speakers, unless, perhaps, in the case of Prof. Dicey. All lectures, class exercises, and lantern or other demonstrations were an hour long, usually with a half hour interval between them. There was great promptness in assembling and no one was allowed in any corridor or passage during the exercises, or permitted to enter the hall late. I was myself turned back from the door on one occasion though less than half a minute late. Of course this can be fairly done in a country where from end to end and from side to side there is only one time. I suppose that everybody in England who goes about much saves from ten minutes to a half hour daily owing to the universal adoption of standard time.

But I have already made this article too long, and must omit other points which I had in mind to mention concerning the extension movement at the commercial centres. The literature of this subject is already abundant and I have perhaps said enough to show why I left Oxford with regret, and count my few days there among the pleasantest and most profitable of my life.

NORMAL LECTURE AND MUSIC COURSE.

The Normal Lecture and Music Course is again announced with the opening of the college year. Owing to repeated calls for better and higher class entertainments, the number has been reduced to nine, but these will surely make up in quality for the greater number. The following is the list as announced:

October 19. William Dean Howells, America's great novelist and critic, "Heroes and Heroines of Fiction."


December 2. Listemann String Quartette; directed by Bernard Listemann.


February 12. Miss Ida Benfey, the American Story Teller. Miss Benfey is a former Normal student, and has since won fame both at home and abroad.


March 23. The Normal Choir Concert.

April 19. Prof. W. C. Peckham, the highest authority on "Liquid Air," with his marvelous experiments.
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EDITORIAL.

October turned my maple's leaves to gold;
The most are gone now; here and there one lingers;
Soon these will slip from out the twigs' weak hold,
Like coins between a dying miser's fingers.

-Aldrich.

Yes, as the poet has well said, the leaves are gradually turning to gold and dropping, one by one, back to earth that nourished them. The cold winds begin to blow from out the north and leave visible traces over Nature's beautiful garden. For the student, as he sits studying for the next day's labor, the cold, dreary wind whistles a lonesome tune around the chimney-tops.

The voice of the wind is never so clear and impressive as at night. Then it is that the wind blows among the trees those whisperings which only the poet fashions into human speech. Then it is that in autumn it sighs for summer days gone by, for time that is no more. The ticking of the faithful clock on the shelf gives more emphasis than at noon-day. But many a hard working mind is never so active as at midnight. Then, often are the mighty dead more audible to the at-
tentive student; then, often does thought shape itself most clearly to the ardent student's brain. Schiller's finest works were written at midnight. Upon the night wind came swelling voices of Wilhelm Tell; upon the night winds rang the war cry of the Maid of Orleans. It is at midnight that the voices of old memories, of vanished hopes, of the long departed is heard. Longfellow in his "Voices of the Night" has given full and beautiful expressions of this kind.

When the hours of day are numbered,
And the voices of the night
Wake the better soul that slumbered,
To a holy, calm delight;

 Ere the evening lamps are lighted,
And, like phantoms grim and tall,
Shadows from the fitful firelight
Dance upon the parlor wall;

Then the forms of the departed
Enter at the open door;
The beloved, the true-hearted,
Come to visit me once more.

One only needs to look to the West after the sun has tinted the sky with its many and varied hues; when advancing night has drawn her mantle over all nature and wrapped the world in darkness; when one sees the many planets lighting up their golden lamps and the stars advancing in their glistening streams—a thousand luminaries shining forth in successive splendors. Then his thoughts stand still; all is mystery to him; he hears the many sounds of night about him; and with upturned eyes, sees the grandeur of the heavens, and there reads printed in nature a lesson that in the most emphatic manner declares the glory of God and eloquence of the Deity.

The News is very glad to have Prof. B. L. D'Ooge on its mailing list for the present year. Prof. D'Ooge is now in Bonn, Germany, for the winter, and we trust he would be very glad to hear from his former students and friends. Address, Benj. L. D'Ooge, Bonn, Germany, 61 Argelander Strasse.

We fear some of our students are going to overwork at the rate they are starting in. Work reaches us that Mr. Lutterton has already secured a private tutor in Latin.

Miss Grace Harwick, of Paw Paw, visited Miss Harper last week.

Miss Pearl Eddy, of Owosso, spent Sunday, Oct. 15, visiting Ypsilanti friends.

Ex-Business Manager (to Showerman) "Please send me that forty dollar ring when I write for it." Success to you "Sherm."

Miss Barnes, the state secretary of the Y. W. C. A., gave a very fine talk to the students in chapel Monday morning, October 16.

Miss Edith Todd, of the history department, is attending the U. of M. She intends to return and continue her teaching at the Normal the second semester.

At a special meeting of the Phi Delta Pi fraternity on the evening of Oct 14, Messrs. Perry and Partch were initiated into the mysteries of that organization.

Prof. J. A. King was a guest of Miss Soule, at Mt. Holyoke College, Mass., for a short time last summer. Her address before the students was inspiring and greatly appreciated by all.

Mr. F. N. Spindler, M. A., who was the lecturer on Psychology and Pedagogy at the Normal last year, writes from Wichita, Kan., that he has a good position there in Fairmount college.

The Normal choir, under direction of Prof. Pease is now organized with a membership of over 200 voices. It will meet promptly at 7:30 every morning and 12 weeks elective credit may be earned in place of the 10 given last year. G. W. Hand has been appointed secretary.

The sale of tickets for the Normal lecture and music course last Friday was unusually large. Only 21 seats remained unsold that afternoon, but those are nearly all disposed of now. The committee offers to buy back some of the more choice seats at $3.00 apiece in order to have some for sale at single entertainments.

The student who goes through college without being a member of the literary societies or some sorority or fraternity has received what is available in his college life.

After W. D. Howells' lecture on Thursday evening last, the Sigma Nu Phi entertained twelve girls at lunch, at the home of Misses Hull and Stickney, corner of Adams and Ellis.

The Normal has now reached its high-water mark. Up to Saturday there were 986 names on the register. With a faculty of nearly sixty and a training school enrollment of about 300 the Michigan Normal bids fair to be one of the largest in the United States.

The attendance at chapel during the first two weeks was very large, many not being able to get seats. When we remember that chapel attendance is purely voluntary, we are forcibly reminded what the average student's idea is toward the more sacred things of life.

Thursday evening, October 19, occurred the first number of the Normal Lecture Course. Almost every seat in the hall was filled to hear the famous novelist and critic, William Dean Howells. The speaker chose for his subject "Novel Writing and Novel Reading." All who were present will surely appreciate the works of fiction after having heard such an able description of the making of the book, the very beginning, the writer's material.

This year there are several new members on the faculty. Mr. S. B. Laird, formerly of Lansing, is assistant in the department of pedagogy and psychology. Prof Châs. T. Grawn, known so long and favorably at Traverse City, is superintendent of the training school. Mr. Stuart, who has been studying abroad for the past year takes the place of Prof. D'Ooge for the year. He is assisted by Mr. Sereno B. Clark. Mr. Hoag has the classes in teacher's physiology. Miss Buell is assistant in the history department. Miss Robson takes Miss Burke's place in the modern language department. Mr. Peet is assistant in chemistry.
The mass meeting held in Normal Hall Friday evening, Oct. 6th, was indeed a success. An awakened interest in oratory and debate, and a more profitable year's work in society will be the sure outcome. Seldom has there been manifested in this institution an interest from which so much may be properly expected. "Kazoo" must be beaten in the coming debate and Friday night has gone a long way in this direction.

Mr. Hand, the chairman of the evening, introduced J. Stewart Lathers as the first speaker. His subject, "Things Outside the Schedule," was well handled and his thoughts were intensely practical, especially to the new student body. Prof. Barbour very forcibly set before the students the necessity and the excellent opportunity here in the Normal for this kind of training. Mr. Mitchell as president of the Oratorical Association, explained its organization and showed that a lively interest should be aroused and cooperation is necessary for success in the coming debate with Kalamazoo. Recitations were given by Miss Tallman and Messrs. Cross and Chapman. The program closed with a spirited and interesting address by Mayor Allen, of Ypsilanti, on the subject, "The Lyceum when I was Here." It is hoped that some of the interests that Capt. Allen told of may be revived in the coming year's work and that the Normal Lyceum of '99 and '00 may mean something more of a practical nature and of individual benefits and of lasting good to its many members.

A mass meeting of faculty, citizens and students was held at the Normal Friday evening, October 20, in the interests of the Athletic Association. Good speeches were made by Prof. Johnson in behalf of the State Board of Education; Prof. Laird for the council; Mrs. Burton for the faculty; Miss Nesbitt for the young ladies; Mr. Failor for the Normal boy, and Prof. Bowen made a statement of the financial condition. These were interspersed with musical and gymnastic numbers. By recent action of the faculty, the Athletic Association must make no debts for which they cannot immediately settle. This means that there can be no athletic games in the Normal this year unless a certain amount of money can be raised beforehand. The association is at present a little over $100 in debt. Friday evening at a meeting of 500 or 600 people about $285 was pledged. Of this, $125 was pledged by the faculty, several of them taking ten tickets.

It is the plan to sell a season ticket which will admit to all athletic contests including at least two football games, two basket-ball games, and five baseball games—all of this for $1.00. Unless more can be pledged and raised the whole matter will have to be dropped. We will try still farther among the citizens and students to raise the required $700 or $800; otherwise we must view with horror the burial of athletics in the Normal.

This means that we can have no football games, no basketball and finally no baseball games. Our baseball team never had brighter prospects for winning the cup from "Kazoo," but all this must come to naught. Finally we must withdraw the from M. I. A. A. and enter into no track work or general outdoor athletics. We fully intended to have the annual field day held in Ypsilanti this year, but all must be discarded if we cannot raise the necessary funds. However, we shall make one strenuous effort to hold our own, and we earnestly call upon student and citizen to assist us. The pleasures and benefits are yours, and it is for you to decide whether you want them.

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Junior—Where did you get that tie?
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Those desiring the new World's Association badge (pin or bangle) may secure them by seeing the corresponding secretary.

Prof. Hoyt gave an earnest practical talk to the students at Starkweather Hall Wednesday evening, upon Bible study, and Mr. Clark enforced it in a few pertinent remarks.

Miss Elgie led the first regular meeting of the Y. W. C. A. Sunday afternoon. It was pervaded throughout by a deep spirit of earnestness which augurs well for the work of the year.

The "Rest Room" is not the only addition to comfort and pleasure at Starkweather Hall. The new piano is "a thing of beauty" and promises to be "a joy" to attendants at association meetings.

Fundamental principles of Christian living is the subject of the course of Bible Study offered by the Y. W. C. A. this fall, and is one which should be taken by every student in the Normal. It is the course outlined by Miss Babcock, given at the Geneva conference the past summer and specially designed for members of college associations. The course is not so heavy as the one last year, the aim being to make it restful as well as intellectual.

To have a broad and liberal education we must possess some knowledge of that masterpiece in literature—the Bible and our reading in it should be done systematically and in connected lines rather than irregularly and in unconnected portions. Through this study we may grow into stronger Christian life, be better cultured and have more true power.

Do not wait to be asked, but hand your name to some member of the association for the twenty weeks course.

If $E = E$, then $E' s = E a s e$. Anyone who has a proof for this will be fully rewarded for their wit by leaving it at the "News Room."

Saturday evening, October 7, the S. C. A. of the Normal College gave a reception in the gymnasium to the students of the college. About 8:15 p. m. the reception committee formed themselves in line and began receiving the students. During the evening a male quartet from the U. of M. S. C. A. rendered several selections. Each time they were received with enthusiastic applause. There was a very large attendance and each one seemed to be forming a large number of acquaintances.

Sunday afternoon, October 5, the Y. M. C. A. of the college held their regular meeting in Starkweather Hall. Mr. Failor addressed the meeting in a very scholarly manner. It is hoped that more of the young men will attend these meetings. If you are not a member of the Y. M. C. A. give your name to any of the Y. M. C. A. boys and they will see that it is acted upon. We need your help and earnestly invite you to attend our meetings.

Although only eight of the girls returned in October, their activity is indicative of another flourishing and happy year.

The officers for the ensuing year are:
President—Bertha Hull.
Secretary and treasurer—Jeanette Johnson.
Chairman of Executive Committee—Susan Dorrance.

The society is fortunate in having the help and co-operation of the patroness, Mrs. W. H. Sherzer, and the three faculty members, Misses Hull, Stickney and Mann.

Friday evening, October 13, the girls entertained about forty of the Normal girls at the Ladies' Library. Mesdames Lyman, Hoyt and Stuart were present as patronesses.
Pi Kappa Sigma.

The Pi Kappa Sigma sorority were entertained at their first meeting, Saturday evening, by Miss Nesbitt. They were pleased to have with them again two of their old members, Bertha Ronan, who had charge of the Physical Training department for ladies at M. A. C. last year, and has again entered college, and Cora Bowen, who has taught in Cadillac the past two years, and at present is teaching in the schools of Ypsilanti. Miss Thompson was toastmistress for the evening and toasts were responded to by the Misses Ronan, Loughrey, King, and Harper. The subjects were well chosen and well disposed of by those to whom they were assigned. The sorority starts out with nine members, and with their motto, "Progress," ever before them they are looking forward to a happy and successful year.

Arm of Honor.

The first regular meeting of the Arm of Honor was held Saturday evening, October 14, at 713 Cross street. The eight old members who are in college were present, as were also several other former members. The spirits of all, however, were aflame with the brightness of the prospects for the present year. A short survey shows that the fraternity is not only abundant in quantity but ambitions in quality, and that the additions made in the past are likely to prove a more important element in the additions soon to be made in the future.

The pleasures of the meeting were greatly enhanced by the sumptuousness of the supper and the thrilling tales of camping. Toasts were responded to in a manner that distended the fraternity with a somewhat magnificent greatness of its design, and proved the success already attained. After some very important changes and amendments were made in the constitution, the fraternity adjourned, after having spent a very pleasant evening.

De Alumnis.

Miss Irma Priest is at Pontiac.
Miss Louise V. Hauser is at Vulcan.
Miss Jessie Man is teaching at Pontiac.
Bert Thayer teaches at Gladstone, Mich.
Chester Parsons is teaching music at Ithaca.
Mr. H. C. Tooker has returned to the Normal.
Miss Mayme Horner is teaching at Reed City.
Miss Lydian Robertson is teaching in Grand Haven.
Miss Lou G. Grosvenor has a position in Clarkston.
Miss Helen Shingler has second grade work at Sturgis.
Miss Georgia Ryder has the second grade at Kalamazoo.
Miss LuLu Faling has third grade work at Kalamazoo.
Miss Delynn Deubel is visiting Miss Sheldon at Kalamazoo.
Miss Alice Sheldon teaches music and drawing at Kalamazoo.
Miss Mae L. Harris has a position in the fifth grade at Three Rivers.
Miss Grace D. Swift teaches music in the public schools at Union City.
Miss Edith Austin ’98, has the second grade in the east side high school at Jackson.
Miss Bertha Ronan, who has been teaching at M. A. C. has returned to the Normal.
Miss Grace Gates has charge of the music in Fountain street church, Grand Rapids.
R. A. Whitehead, ’04, is in Grand Rapids. He is interested in mining propositions in Colorado.
Miss Agnes Knight, who has been attending the Cooper Institute in New York City the past year has re-entered the Normal.
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DEWEY DAY.
A LETTER FROM NEW YORK.

YOU probably have heard that Mr. Dewey has just returned from a place called the Philippine Islands. My, what a celebration they have just finished up! In order to see the naval parade Mr. Trowbridge and I went down to the Hudson at 145th street. All the government vessels made their turn at this point just as they did when the ships returned from Santiago.

We saw the Olympia, Chicago, New York Massachusetts, Indiana, Brooklyn, torpedo boats, excursion craft galore, the Erin—Sir Thomas Lipton’s private yacht, etc., etc. The Olympia came to anchor off Grant’s tomb and as the others swung around to return, they each fired an admiral’s salute of nineteen guns. This means that most of them fired directly in front of us and as we had our camera along we made a few shots in return.

Saturday I decided to see the parade, but arrived at Grant’s tomb about three minutes too late to see the Admiral. However, Schley and Croker went past in carriages. When I discovered that I had almost run myself to death to see such a person as Dick Croker, I was thoroughly disgusted, so I decided to see Dewey if it took all day. Of course Dewey was about three blocks farther ahead in the line of parade and by running I could overtake him easily. But running along the street where the parade was passing was out of the question on account of the numbers of people, grandstands, policemen, etc., consequently I took a parallel street a block away. I could always tell the Admiral’s position by the cheering. Just as I was about to overhaul him, my street came to an abrupt end and I was forced to continue my run on the next parallel street another block away. The chase was developing into a beautiful cross country run. Presently I made a dash back to the street where the parade was and found the entire street covered by a grandstand and thus the parade was hidden. But I am tall and after a few minutes of unrecorded thought, I found a place where I could peek over and look through between some feet. It was not altogether satisfactory, but I saw two carriages pass. In one sat Admiral Schley and in the other Dick Croker—I said nothing, but thought much.

Dewey had passed. He is a hard man to beat. I had run more than a mile and now my overcoat had become unusually heavy. After this I went still farther from the line of parade, took an Amsterdam avenue car and went to 79th street and Riverside Drive. Here at last Dewey had not been, so I bought a box of a small boy and got a splendid view of the line for about a quarter of a mile each way.

Standing on my fifteen cent box gave me a view over the heads of every one else and they were also on boxes. One fellow had a seven-foot step ladder and sold each step. In fact people were on everything. From my grandstand I saw very plainly and the carriages were not twenty feet away. I had a splendid view of Admiral Dewey. Just as he got opposite the place where I was located he removed his hat and looked full faced at us. All the pictures I have ever seen of him made him appear somewhat insignificant and shrinking, but I was surprised to find him a hale and hearty man with a good large face and head. He appeared to me like a very able man.

Besides Dewey I saw Admiral Howison, Sampson, Miles, Chauncy Depew, Roosevelt, Gov. Stone of Pennsylvania, the sailors from the Olympia, Brooklyn, Massachusetts, Indiana, etc., the 10th Pennsylvania Volunteers who have just returned from the Philippines and upon whom the Filipinos fired the first shots of the war, and in addition saw my old friends Admiral Schley and Dick Croker. I stayed on that box about three hours. That was quite sufficient after my run, besides the most interesting part of the parade had passed, so I came home, having witnessed one of New York’s greatest celebrations.

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