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ONE August evening last summer we found ourselves comfortably located in the little town of Melrose, about forty miles southeast from Edinburgh. As there was no moon by which to view the abbey, we were anxious for the morning light to appear. Much to our surprise, however, we were early awakened by crowds of people passing on their way to the station near us. We soon found that Barnum & Bailey's circus was at a town near by, and then the cause for the early rising and the real American hurry was evident. Everything in the little town was closed for the circus, but it made very little difference to us, so long as the Abbey was accessible. As we walked around the finest remaining specimen of Gothic architecture in Scotland, we felt that no description could give an adequate idea of its beauty. Beautiful as it was to us that morning, we could easily conceive of its grandeur in Scott's description.

“If thou wouldst view fair Melrose aright,
Go visit it by the pale moonlight;
For the gay beams of lightsome day
Gild but to foreign the ruins gray,
When the broken arches are black in night,
And each shafted oriel glimmers white;
When the cold light’s uncertain shower
Streams on the ruined central tower;
When buttress and buttress, alternately,
Seem framed of ebony and ivory;
When silver edges the imagery,
And the scrolls that teach thee to live and die;
When distant Tweed is heard to rave,
And the owllet to hoot o’er the dead man’s grave,
Then go—but go alone the while—
Then view Saint David’s ruined pile;
And, home returning, soothly swear
Was never scene so sad and fair!”

The Abbey was founded by King David I. in the twelfth century. It was destroyed by the English and rebuilt by the order of Robert Bruce in the fourteenth century; it was once more destroyed and rebuilt in the following century. The south and east walls, and part of the north, are still standing, also both transepts. The nave is carpeted with green grass and open to the sky so that birds build their nests in the moss-lined nooks about the Abbey. The carving is remarkable for having retained to the present time the sharpness of its edges and outlines. The leaves of many flowers and vegetables of Scotland have been exquisitely reproduced on columns and walls. Nothing could be more beautiful than the large east window, thirty-seven feet high and sixteen feet wide. It has been called "an architectural poem" because of the beauty of its tracery; while around the sides and above it are figures on carved pedestals beneath canopies of stone. Scott says of it in the Lay of the Last Minstrel:

“The moon on the east oriel shone
Through slender shafts of shapely stone,
By foliaged tracery combined;
Thou wouldst have thought some fairy's hand
"Twixt poplars straight the osier wand
In many a freakish knot had twined,
Then framed a spell when the work was done,
And changed the willow wreaths to stone."

As we walked along the pavements, the graves of monarchs and knights caused us to pause and try to decipher the old inscriptions at our feet. Directly beneath the high altar it is claimed that the heart of Robert Bruce was buried; and the south transept contains the tomb of the famous Scotch wizard. The story is told, that he was a wizard of dreaded fame, and when he lay on his dying bed his conscience was awakened and he was promised
that his "Mighty Book" would be hid. Then
Scott says:—

"I buried him on Saint Michael's night,
When the bell tolled one and the moon was bright,
And I dug his chamber among the dead,
When the floor of the chancel was stained red,
That his patron's cross might o'er him wave,
And scare the fiends from the wizard's grave."

As we left the ruin, we looked back almost
with regret while the heavy iron gate shut
the scene from our view and we turned our
steps in another direction.

One of the most enjoyable walks on our
trip, was the walk of about three miles from
Melrose to Abbotsford. Walking on these
broad pavement-like roads is a pleasure when
you can here and there catch glimpses of the
Tweed and always have for a background the
heather-covered Eildon hills. Scott says:
"I like the very nakedness of the land; it has
something bold, stern and solitary about it.
When away, I begin to wish myself back
again among my own honest gray hills; and
if I did not see the heather at least once a
year, I think I should die." The road from
Melrose leads to the west, past the beautiful
Waverly Hydropathic establishment, and di­
vides just before reaching the little village
of Darnick; one road leading past the village,
and the other more directly to Scott's home.
After following several carriages, bicycles, and
footmen in a rather uncertain manner, we
stopped to ask some workman if we were
near the home we had so longed to reach.
Much to our surprise, we found we were very
near the entrance but no view of the house
could be seen from that point. The general
impression of the location is one of seclusion
and quiet. It is said the farm originally con­
sisted of a rich meadow along the river, and
about one hundred acres back of it, all in a
neglected condition. The farm house was
very small and poor with a pond in front,
from which the whole place derived the name
of Clarty Hole. But the property was purc­
hased by Scott and at once given the name of
the adjoining ford. From that time, nothing
seemed to be spared in "reducing to
stone and mortar" what everyone then called
his air castle. On all sides, except toward
the river, the house is connected with the
most beautiful gardens. On one side, the
flower beds; on another the hills and almost a
forest of trees, with here and there the stone-
cut image of a favorite dog.

The external appearance of the house is
very irregular. The two tall towers, at either
end, are not at all alike; the gables, balconies,
and windows have been so placed as to give a
distinctive individuality to the place and to
show the working out of cherished fancies.

As the owners of the mansion have kindly
opened the rooms to the public, a guide is
always in attendance. We first entered Scott's
private study which is a small room. In the
center of the study stands his writing table
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the adjoining ford. From that time, nothing
seemed to be spared in "reducing to
its beauty, is the head of Mary, Queen of
Scotts. It is said to have been painted the
day after the execution and sent to the poet
by a Prussian nobleman in whose family it
had been for more than two hundred years.
In the bay window is a case of curious relics
and gifts of friends and admirers—Rob Roy's
purse, a small snuff-box used by George IV,
a tumbler by Burns, seal belonging to Mary,
Queen of Scots, and the cross which she
carried to her execution, as well as many
other articles which are very interesting.

In the armory, the walls are hung with
guns, battle axes, daggers and other weapons.
Everything in the room has a history, and one
could spend hours here on former battlefields
or with heroes of former wars. There are
pistols once owned and used by Bonaparte, a
gun which belonged to Rob Roy, marked
with the initials R. M. G., spurs worn by
Cromwell, and a few complete suits of armor
looking almost as if still worn by the warriors
who once owned them. There are also the
keys of the old Tolbooth at Edinburgh; the
keys of Selkirk Jail and a piece of the casket
of Robert Bruce.

The dining-room which communicates with
the armory is a continuation of bits of history
as many celebrated buildings throughout
Scotland have added to the beauty of Abbots-
ford. The dining-room is especially rich in
rare bits of sculpture. An exquisitely carved
hand from the capital of one of the columns
at Melrose has been reproduced, and the fire-
place in this room is a reproduction of one of
the abbot's seats in the cloister. Figures from
exteriors of buildings have been finished with
minuteness for the special niche designed by
Scott. In a little case on one side of the
room may be seen the last suit of clothes worn
by him before his death. As we left this
room, we found we had seen all the rooms
open to the public and another party was
ushered in.

The home is of intense interest, as you
realize that throughout, it was Scott's own
conception and choice; that he expressed him-
self in every bit of painting and carving just
as truly as he did in his writings; that
he made Abbotsford a shrine where he
imitated from the old ruins of Scotland the
parts that impressed him most deeply and
where he brought more vividly before all who
visit here bits of Scotland's history.

One could scarcely leave this section of
country without seeing the burial place of
Scott—one chosen by himself. This is an-
other delightful walk of only a mile from St.
Boswells, which is a few minutes' ride by train
from Melrose.

The Abbey was founded by one of the
eminent lords of Scotland, and has twice
been destroyed by the English. The
ruins are more extensive than at Melrose and
beautifully covered with the most luxuriant
ivy and shrubbery. There remains a portion
of the western gable of the nave, the refectory
and the ends of the transept. One of the
most charming features is the rose window of
the refectory, very well preserved, high up in
a wall covered with ivy, and "leaving only
this gem of stone and sky." Beneath the
Abbey is a room to which the keeper allures
you by his many souvenirs of pictures and
books. According to a story which claims
Scott as its author, a nun of Dryburgh lived
in one of these cells, leaving it only by night,
because she had taken a vow that she would
never look upon the sunlight until the return
of her lover. He never returned and the vow
was faithfully kept.

But there is a part of the ruins that stands
as if intended for a monument. It is the part
on the north where a cluster of arches stands,
surrounded by trees and vines. Underneath
these arches, lies Sir Walter Scott, and the
stone marking the place bears this very simple
inscription:

Sir Walter Scott, Baronet.

Died, September 21, A. D., 1822.

As we stood by the tomb of that remarkable
man, amid the grandeur and silence of the
place, we could not help feeling that the
spirit of the great poet was still hovering
there. Passing through a grove, we were
again soon on our way to Melrose, feeling almost inspired ourselves, since sitting on the favorite seat of the poet in Melrose Abbey; seeing the little study in which he had given himself up to his labors and poetic dreams, and standing by the tomb held sacred by all Scotland.

THE POSITION OF THE LADIES' LITERARY CLUB DEFINED.

The erroneous and sensational articles which have appeared in the newspapers of recent date relative to the action of the Ladies' Literary Club, and matters pertaining to the young ladies of the Normal College have given a widespread impression, altogether so erroneous and misleading, as to make the club deem it only fair to the general public and itself to give to the press a correct statement of its position in the matter.

The Ladies' Literary Club has ever stood for that which is highest and best in any community.

For some time past, the club has felt that the girls of the Normal and the ladies of the town were not brought so closely into personal and friendly contact as they might be for their mutual benefit and pleasure.

There are within our city several hundred young ladies, who come to us as strangers. The needs of so many, outside of their school and school work, are necessarily great. No one person can call upon this number, interest herself personally in them, and add very much to the pleasure of their sojourn in Ypsilanti.

But an organized effort in this direction, on the part of the ladies of the town, in conjunction with the ladies of the faculty, could put into their college life a profitable and pleasant social element, otherwise unattainable by many of them while students in Ypsilanti. Hence the talk of a Women's League, which is, surely, no new thought, as, in Ann Arbor and other college towns, similar work has been carried on most successfully, pleasantly, and profitably.

Therefore, the sole purpose of the Ladies' Literary Club was, under pleasant conditions, to extend social courtesies to the young lady students here, which, it is pleased to believe, every right-minded girl would have appreciated and gladly embraced, could the matter have been presented to her in the right light by the proper authorities.

The obnoxious word chaperon, which has been the bone of contention in every article, has never been used in the club. It has never even appeared in the minutes of any of its proceedings.

As to Ypsilanti's lodging-houses and boarding-houses for the girl students, the Club's idea was that some work might be organized as is the case in many other college towns, whereby their creature-comforts, health, happiness, and social conditions could be improved to an extent that would be greatly appreciated by them.

The disinterested nature of the work, as contemplated by the ladies, is obvious to all. Nevertheless they would gladly have enlarged their social interests, opened their homes, and would cordially have sought a closer friendly acquaintance with the girls if thereby they might be mutually benefited.

The Ladies' Literary Club realize that beyond the social courtesies it could extend, any authoritative rules or regulations would be impossible. Nor had the club any desire to formulate such rules, recognizing that these must come officially from the scholar itself.

Once and for all let it be distinctly understood that the action of the Ladies' Literary Club was prompted by the kindest spirit possible, its aim being to aid in a good work.

We do not deem it of paramount importance to vindicate ourselves in this matter, but for all persons who would really like to know the few simple facts in the case, these statements are published by the following committee at the request of the president and the Ladies' Literary Club of Ypsilanti.

MRS. C. C. WORTLEY,
MRS. J. B. VANFOSSEN,
MRS. F. A. BARBOUR,
MRS. J. A. BROWN,
MISS ABHIE PEARCE.
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EDITORIAL.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank those who have been so kind as to settle their accounts with us. Our subscribers have complied with our requests as much as we had expected. We are, however, unable to diagnose the character of a person who will take it for half a year and then tell us they don't want it. We will mention no names, but it is not because we cannot.

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We are still looking for students' articles. Can't you favor us with a short, interesting story on some incident in your college life?

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It will be noticed that The News does not attempt to give a decision on the result of the Senior-Junior rush; first, because it would be unsafe, and second, because it would be untrue. We therefore hope we have found the golden mean.

Perhaps some of our older readers and those acquainted with The News in years past, will wonder why we do not announce The Normal News Oratorical Contest. The cause is that it has been recently decided to let the Oratorical Association do that part of the work of the college. It must be remembered that these oratorical contests were first introduced when there was no Oratorical Association, but as the Oratorical Association is at present one of the most prosperous in the college, it is considered only right that it should attend to this line of work. Furthermore, these News contests have been great financial failures for the past few years, and this also has had much to do with the change to the Oratorical Association. The contests will by no means be discontinued, but will be carried on under the management of the Oratorical Association.

WATCHING FOR PAPA.

She always stood upon the steps
Just by the cottage door,
Waiting to kiss me when I came
Each night home as before.

Her eyes were like two glorious stars,
Dancing in Heaven's own blue
"Papa," she'd call like a wee bird,
"I's loo/en out for 'oo!"

Alas! how sadly do our lives
Change as we onward roam!
For now no birdie voice calls out
To bid me welcome home;

No little hands stretched out for me,
No blue eyes dancing bright,
No baby face peeps from the door
When I come home at night.

And yet there's comfort in the thought
That when life's toil is o'er,
And passing through the sable flood
I gain the brighter shore,

My little angel at the gate,
With eyes divinely blue,
Will call with birdie voice, "Papa,
I's loo/en out for 'oo!"

It has never yet been decided by competent authorities whether snoring is vocal or instrumental music. Calling it "sheet music" doesn't settle the question.

One pound of learning requires ten pounds of common sense to apply it.

Father—What class of literature are you reading, my son?
Son—About a man and woman that got married and were happy ever after.
Father—Ah, fiction!
Miss Flora Banford of Union City was the guest of Miss Marcella Bourns for a few days last week.

Rev. Bastian Smits of Charlotte, formerly of the Congregational church here, gave an excellent address on "England’s War with the Boers," on Tuesday, January 16.

Prof. Hoyt—Does one individual constitute a state?
Miss R.—No.
Do two individuals?
Yes, a certain kind of a state.

Hon. Perry Powers, president of the State Board of Education, visited the Normal January 19-20. He attended chapel Friday morning, and it is needless to say, favored the students with some excellent thoughts on the work of a teacher and the development of the social aim in education.

We are glad to note the marriage of Supt. H. C. McCutcheon of Midland to Miss Flora Greenaway of Fowlerville. Both are well known Normal graduates, Mr. McCutcheon of the class of ’94 and Miss Greenaway of ’96. Midland gave a very pleasant reception to Mr. and Mrs. McCutcheon on their return. The News sends heartiest congratulations.

The Camera Club was highly entertained by L. Weed of Detroit, January 18, in his demonstration of Aristo Platino and self toning papers. Great value was received by the talk which accompanied the demonstration. All received one of the pictures as a memento of the evening.

Last Thursday evening twenty-one members responded to the invitation given by the Detroit Camera Club to attend a lantern exhibition. All reported an enjoyable as well as a profitable time in the two hours spent with our Detroit friends. The club will be entertained next Tuesday by Mr. Peet of our college. You are always welcome at our meetings.

Quite a number of our friends from Kalamazoo visited the Normal on January 19, the day the debate was held.

Prof. McGee and wife, of California, visited the Normal, Thursday, January 18. Prof. McGee is professor in the department of manual training in the University of California.

Prof. MacFarlane gave a very interesting stereopticon lecture last Thursday, to the children of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades from the training school. The children enjoyed it immensely, and it was of great assistance to them in making them better acquainted with the United States.

At the Junior meeting Wednesday, January 17, red and white were chosen as class colors, and the following yell was adopted:
Yes we are, yes we are,
Noisy Juniors heard afar.
We are gritty, we are gay,
Normal Juniors win the day.

The Seniors sent in a committee of suggestion, whose officious services were politely declined. Later they made an attempt to rush us, which resulted in no definite victory for either class, although the Juniors held their own remarkably well.

On Wednesday evening, January 17, at 5 p.m., was held a meeting of the Senior class, in Room 50. On Wednesday evening, January 17, at 5 p.m., was held a meeting of the Junior class in Room 51 (just across the hall). To the experienced there is "muff said." The committee from the Seniors to Room 51 was not entirely successful. The Seniors finished their business session first—and the Juniors very soon after. Then they had a joint meeting in the hall, with very pressing business. Some say the Juniors gained the point in question, and others say the Seniors. We will not attempt to say. As a result there were several buttons gone, and possibly a few other less important articles. Above all, the college spirit was increased about fifty fold, as was shown by the various class yells, and finally by a good rousing Normal yell.
Miss Greta Young, of the class of '96, recently visited friends at the Normal.

Prof. Hoyt will be away the next semester, but will return to teach during the summer school.

The Oratorical Association is now making final arrangements for its annual oratorical contest to be given soon.

Mr. E. J. Wilson, treasurer of the Senior class, has recently been called to Adrian to teach physics and chemistry.

Last Friday morning the conservatory quartet gave the beautiful piece, "Legends," in chapel. It is such things as these that make the morning exercises doubly worthy of attendance.

The regular Wednesday afternoon recitals are given every other week as usual now. These are worthy of a large attendance, and are of especial interest to all students who are taking work in music.

Although we cannot say what it will be when this number appears, so far this winter our sleigh-rides have been a negative quantity. We think we express the opinion of a large majority when we hope to have some pleasure coasting and sleighriding.

Circumstances alter cases. What was intended for a morning hymn in chapel last Wednesday was unintentionally changed to a solo, rendered in discordant howl by a large dog. And it never rains but it pours. On the same morning Rev. Wharton chanced to read the well known scripture passage, "give not that which is holy unto the dogs."

The Normal has shown its enthusiasm and college spirit at least once this year. On the night of the debate the Junior and Senior classes turned out almost in full numbers. With yards of colors flying and numberless yells, the Normal Hall rang with cheers such as are seldom heard. There were about six hundred present, and as a result the Oratorical Association is well satisfied with the financial success of the contest.

OLYMPIC SOCIETY.

The Olympics met in their room January 26, 1900, and the following program was given, by the gentlemen. After devotional exercises led by the Chaplain, Mr. Stebbins favored the society with a vocal solo. Mr. Hand made a short speech, dwelling upon the success of the society in the past, and introducing the new president, Mr. Perry. Mr. Perry responded with very appropriate inaugural remarks. The boys then responded to the roll call with favorite epigrams. The Olympic quartet then gave a pleasing selection and Mr. Faucher followed in his pleasing manner, with a paper on "Woman Suffrage." After a selection by the Olympic trio, the society adjourned to the Atheneum room to be very highly entertained by a play given by their members. The play was a success in every sense, and fully appreciated by all Olympics.

ATHENEUM SOCIETY.

January 26, the Atheneums elected officers before recess. The following were elected: President—Mr. Clippingor. Vice-president—Miss Stevenson. Secretary—Miss Stella Laird. Treasurer—Mr. H. C. Partch. Chaplain—Miss Lillian Smith. Ushers—Miss Julia Smith. Mr. Wolfe. Reporter—Miss Esca Rodger.

After recess Miles Standish, dramatized, was presented by Atheneum talent. The leading characters were Miss Stevenson as Priscilla; Mr. Lawler as John Alden, and Mr. Chapman as Miles Standish. Mr. Lathers favored the society with a recitation from Hiawatha.

CRESCENT SOCIETY.

At the regular meeting of the Crescent Society, held January 26, the program consisted of a recitation by Miss Shunk, readings by Misses Potter and Morris, and Messrs. Haynor, Crawford, and Fisher. Mr. Blodgett
favored the society with a vocal solo. After recess the following officers were elected:

President—Mr. Gill.
Vice-president—Miss Austin.
Secretary—Miss Graves.
Treasurer—Mr. Harris.
Editor—Miss Keveny.
Chaplain—Miss Munger.
Usher—Mr. W. Gannon.

**Y. M. C. A.**

Thursday evening, January 25, the Y. M. C. A. elected officers as follows:

President—J. H. Kempster.
Vice president—H. R. Cornish.
Corresponding secretary—A. C. Stitt.
Recording secretary—W. A. Whitney.
Treasurer—Mr. Gass.

Mr. Kempster, Mr. Stitt and Mr. Flint were chosen as a committee to represent the Y. M. C. A. on the S. C. A. Board.

One year ago the Y. M. C. A. was organized with a membership of 12 names. Today the membership numbers 87 names. There is room in the Y. M. C. A. for all of the young men in the Normal, and we trust that every young man will interest himself in the work. Remember the Sunday afternoon meetings.

**Y. W. C. A.**

Prof. Grawn led the Y. W. C. A. meeting, January 20. A spiritual and interesting meeting.

The state committee have put out a very dainty calendar, with a scriptural quotation for each day of the year. If you desire one, let the corresponding secretary, Miss Tallman, know it at once.

Prof. Laird led the students’ prayer meeting, at Starkweather Hall, Wednesday evening. The large number of students present had their eyes opened to the great part which Mormonism is playing in the history of our nation. Do you know about it?

STOP!

Haven’t you missed something? We have found something which we know is yours, and we wish you would claim it! Come over to Starkweather Hall next Saturday evening at 6:45 and you will find what you have missed for some time. Prof. Strong leads a class in the study of Japan—a most interesting subject you will conclude when once you have attended one of the meetings. The meeting held last Saturday evening was a decided success, and that planned for this week promises to be even better. This is your class and you will be welcome—everybody is welcome here. Come just once, at least, to find out what you missed when you didn’t come! Saturday evening at 6:15 sharp.

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

There is now on exhibition in the library an elegant gold medal, which is to be presented by Mr. Shoverman to the best all-around baseball player on this year’s team. This is certainly worth working for. The bangle is the shape of a diamond, with sets for bases, and at the home plate are crossed bats and a ball.

At a meeting of the members of last year’s basketball team Mr. Hugh Conklin was elected captain for the season. The team as it is practicing now is lined up as follows: Center, Conklin; guards, Gorton and Cross; basket, Palmer and Murray. Matched games are played every Tuesday from 4 to 5 p.m., and Saturdays at 9 a.m. The regular Y. M. C. A. rules are being played this year.

The girls’ classes gave an exhibition game of basketball for Prof. McGee and wife, who were here visiting from the California schools.

The conservatory quartet for the year has been chosen as follows: First soprano, Miss Muir; second soprano, Miss Fletcher; first alto, Miss Smith; second alto, Miss Chase.
Phi Delta Pi.

At a special meeting of the Phi Delta Pi fraternity, the corps of officers for the second quarter of the year were elected as follows:

President—J. W. Mitchell.
Vice-president—A. O. Goodale.
Secretary—Roy E. Perry.
Treasurer—G. W. Hand.
Editor—H. Luttenton.
Chairman Executive Committee—I. A. Butler. Other members—J. A. Ewing, W. L. Lee.

The fraternity held its regular meeting Saturday evening, January 27, at the Savery Club. After a short business meeting and a large supper, Mr. Ewing, as toastmaster, assigned some excellent toasts. The evening closed with a general good time, with music, singing, and other pleasures.

Mock Congress.

January 13. House called to order with Speaker Chapman presiding. After the disposal of the usual routine business Bill No. 4 was placed upon second reading. Congressmen Sherman, Wolf, Butler, and Cameron spoke in favor of the bill, while Luttenton, Dick, Hoxie, Flint, Goodale, Kehoe opposed it. It was then moved to put the bill upon its third reading, but motion was lost, and another animated discussion followed. It was finally put upon its third reading and carried.

January 20. House called to order by Speaker Chapman. The principal feature of the session was the discussion of the following resolution: Resolved, by the Mock Congress of the M. S. N. C. that the government of the U. S. will not attempt to govern the people of any other country in the world without the consent of the people themselves, or subject them by force to our dominion against their will. This resolution called forth the expression of the sentiment of nearly all the congressmen upon the policy of our government in its dealing with our possessions acquired in the late war.

De Alumnis.

Andrew H. Wood, '97, is attending the U. of M.

Miss Mae Alderman is teaching at Mt. Clemens.

Miss Bertha Howard, '99, is teaching at Plainwell.

Miss Marie Redlin, '99, is teaching near Kalamazoo.

Miss Anna M. Bull, '97, teaches the fifth grade at Petoskey.

Miss Donna Barnard, '99, is teaching the first grade at Antrim.

Miss Lulu Hammond, '98, teaches in the fifth grade at Albion.

Miss Edith Pugsley teaches in the East Ward school at Albion.

Miss Edith Irwin, '99, has charge of the first grade at Cassopolis.

Miss Grace Pickett, '95, has primary work at the Iron River schools.

Mr. Fred Snider, '98, is teaching science in the schools at Twining, Mich.

Mr. A. E. Farmer, '97, is superintendent of the Iron River township schools.

Miss Bessie Zimmerman teaches Latin and German in the high school at Albion.

Prof. Walter M. Andrus, of the class of '77 is superintendent of schools at Petoskey.

C. F. Richmond has a good position teaching natural science in the "Soo" schools.

Mr. Manson A. Stewart, '99, is superintendent in a graded school at Gobleville, near Kalamazoo.

Miss Carrie E. Powers is teaching the third and fourth grades in the South Ward school at Albion.
**Exchanges.**

Teacher—Willie, where is the capital of the United States?
Willie—In the trusts.—Ex.

Lives of great men all remind us,
As their pages o'er we turn,
That we're apt to leave behind us
Letters that we ought to burn.—Ex.

The Journal of Education says the following is a correct sentence and can be easily parsed by any average pupil; try it: "I assert that that 'that' that that person told me contained, implied, has been misunderstood."

Mistress—I saw two policemen sitting in the kitchen with you last night, Bridget.
Bridget—Well, ma'am yez wouldn't have an unmarried lady sitting with only one policeman, would yez? The other one was a chaperon—Detroit Journal.

Prof. and Mrs. MacFarlane, of Ypsilanti, are the proprietors of an eight pound boy. There'll be no dearth of poses now for blackboard sketching, and ye geography teacher will be emphasizing for a time ethnology, physiognomy and squalls.—The Moderator

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**THE KAZOO-M. S. N. C. DEBATE.**

The long anticipated debate with our brother college at Kalamazoo occurred Friday evening, January 19. The judges were Hon. Levi P. Barbour of Detroit, Rev. Bradshaw of Ann Arbor, and Attorney C. W. Tufts of Grand Rapids.

Our friends the enemy sent a very able team as was eventually discovered in the personages of Messrs. A. F. Purkiss, Willbur Nelson, and James McGee. The negative was defended by J. Andrew Ewing, E. R. Rice and George J. Miller of our own college. Mayor Allen presided, and in a few appropriate remarks introduced the first speaker of the evening, Mr. Purkiss. He was followed by Messrs. Miller, Nelson, Ewing, McGee, and Rice, respectively. The rebuttal of five minutes was given by Mr. Purkiss for the affirmative and Mr. Miller for the negative.

Then followed all sorts of suspense. It was evident that if the Normal won it must be for the number of points and proofs made and not for thought and delivery. These were the three things upon which the judges were to base their decision. The decision was not long in coming.

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"The first in favor of the affirmative;
The second in favor of the affirmative;
The third in favor of Kalamazoo."

The debates were over, and then followed a reception to our friends from Kalamazoo in the gymnasium. Everything was satisfactory but the decision, and the majority confess that we were fairly beaten. There was a large and enthusiastic audience, and the Oratorical Association wishes to thank its patrons for the interest that has been shown in their work.
A COLLEGE EPISODE.

It was ten o'clock. The landlady had just completed the task set her by the Protective Society recently organized in the College for the supervision and care of the unhappy girls within the college walls, and finding all apparently serene in the rooms above, turned out the gas in the hall and betook herself to bed and peaceful slumbers.

Scarcely had her retreating footsteps died away when two girls slipped from their bed, and turning on the light proceeded to enliven their room in the most remarkable manner. A table was quickly set and covered with all the tempting and delicious dainties that go to make a "spread." It would be far from me to disclose the narrow nooks and cramped corners in which these contraband articles had been concealed.

The rooms which these girls occupied were apart from the rest of the house so that no slight noise would be likely to be heard downstairs, but added to this fact; as if nature herself were anxious to further the plan of rebellion, the night was a wild and boistrous one. The wind groaned and shrieked outside, and rain fell in occasional hard showers.

The table set, the girls proceeded to draw from its hiding place a large basket, which with much suppressed laughter they carried to the window. Seating themselves beside it, with faces pressed close against the window pane, they silently gazed out into the night and waited.

At this very moment two young men were coming swiftly down the street, their hats drawn over their eyes and their hands buried deep in their overcoat pockets. Suddenly, without warning, a strong hand was laid on the collar of each and a well-known voice spoke: "We have them now, professor, play your little game."

There was a short, useless struggle and then dead silence, only broken by the retreating steps of the professor as he hastened to perform his part of the drama.

The silent watch of the girls was soon broken by a sharp, low whistle. Instantly raising the window they let down the basket, and at a slight jerk of the rope from below began to pull it up. Slowly and with much hard labor on their part, they succeeded in dragging the heavy load up the two stories. One more effort and the occupant would be safely landed. But alas for the occupant! The effort was made, the basket appeared at the window's edge, but—Oh horrors! Instead of the brown-haired, laughing young fellow expected it was a sharp-eyed, solemn-faced professor who poked his inquisitive nose into the faces of the astonished wrong-doers. With a shriek of consternation and alarm the girls simultaneously loosed their hold on the ropes. Poor mistaken professor! One moment only he beheld the festive light and warmth within; the table laden with goodies; the next he was hurled downwards through the rain and blackness at a frightful rate of speed, only to land with a sickening thud upon the cold, unsympathizing ground. So ended the professor's little game.

The boys held as prisoners during the episode, told afterwards that as soon as their captors realized the result of their plot, they loosened their hold on the boys and ran to the rescue of their colleague.

Sufficient to say that the professor refrained from exposing his bruised and aching frame to the interested eyes of his students for several days. From this time the Protective Society did not seem to thrive and finally died an early death.

The professors were apparently cured of their desire to attend "midnight spreads" and ever after prudently closed eyes and ears to any little digressions on the part of the students.

E. B. E.

It is related that a fair soprano was recently heard to close the Gloria in a church service as follows: "World without men, ah me!"

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