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I ENTERED Dartmouth College at the opening of the fall term of 1847. In writing or speaking of things in the long ago, there is danger of generalizing too extensively, that is, of conveying the impression that customs, habits, and methods of living and acting were the same everywhere as they were in the particular locality where one happened to live. The colleges of the period of which I am to speak were all of a common type, but each one had some specific characteristic, resulting from location, from the original purpose of the institution, or from the strong personality of the President. I know that in some features college life at Harvard differed from that at Dartmouth. The original charter of Dartmouth college was granted by George III, in 1769, and it was located at Hanover, N. H., on the east bank of the Connecticut River, to render it easy of access to the Indians in the northern part of New England and in Canada, for whose benefit, in part, it was established. It was and still is, a rural college. The village of Hanover owes its existence to the college. The life of the college, socially, intellectually, and religiously, is the only life which the place knows. To be out of the college circle is to be practically out of everything which locally renders "life worth living." The location of the college determined, to a large extent, the character of its students. Denominational considerations had some, but not a commanding influence. Most of the students were country boys, accustomed to hard work, who had to pay their own way by teaching during the winter, or by some other employment which yielded a cash return.

The sessions, or terms, of the college were arranged to meet the necessities of students of this class. The fall term, when I entered, commenced on the 27th of August and closed on the 18th of November. This was followed by the longest vacation of the year, seven weeks. But students whose circumstances made it absolutely necessary for them to teach during the winter were permitted to be absent fourteen weeks from the close of the fall term. The work done by the class during that time was to be made up on comparatively easy conditions. I taught during every winter of my college course.

The spring term ended in May, followed by a vacation of two weeks. The summer term closed and commencement occurred on the last Thursday of July. A few years earlier the commencement took place about the last of August. The summer vacation was four weeks. There were no special summer schools at that period.

From the conditions described it will naturally be inferred that the average age of the students at Dartmouth was higher than at Harvard and some of the other colleges. Dr. Butler writes, in an article on the "American College," in the January number of the Educational Review: "The students came (to the college) at the age of fifteen or sixteen and were graduated at nineteen or twenty." I have no doubt this was true in some of the colleges, but it was not so at Dartmouth. The average age of my own class at graduation was twenty-four. This average was, I think, a little higher than that of the classes generally at that time, but not very much. It was, as any one will readily concede, a very decided advantage to be intimately associated for four years with tolerably mature young men instead of immature boys.
ENTRANCE INTO COLLEGE

The requirements for admission, as printed in the catalogue, in addition to satisfactory testimonials of good moral character, were an examination "in the Grammar of the English, Latin, and Greek languages; the whole of Virgil; Cicero's select Orations: Sallust; the Four Gospels (in Greek); Jacob's Greek Reader or an equivalent; Latin and Greek Prosody; Arithmetic; Bourdon's Algebra through equations of the First Degree; Ancient and Modern Geography; and Translations from English into Latin."

The examinations were not conducted after the present manner. We were not examined as a class, nor was any writing required either in the entrance examination or at any examination during the course. I presented myself, with my room-mate, to the President and gave him my credentials. He gave us cards which indicated that we were candidates for admission, and directed us to the rooms or residences of the Professors in charge of the subjects in which we were to be examined. We went to these in turn, were questioned orally for a short time, certain marks were made upon our cards, and after we had gone "the rounds" we returned to the President, received a certificate admitting us without conditions to the Freshman class, and were directed to appear in chapel at the ringing of the bell the next morning. The whole process must have occupied two or three hours, and was not accompanied by any severe stress, either mental or physical.

We were in college; there had been no delay for the reading of written papers, the comparing of results in different departments, and the computation of averages. More than this, we were classified, by receiving a copy of the course of study, for the term, for the year, indeed for the whole four years. No time was wasted in selecting studies. We were not asked in respect to the studies or the course we preferred. There was no provision for choice, no danger of conflict of classes, and no going back to the Professors or the President for a change in classification.

The laws of the Medes and Persians were not more unalterable than the course of study in the typical American college in the year 1847.

STUDIES AND HOURS OF RECITATION

The course of studies provided for three recitations a day during the first three years, and for two recitations only during most of the senior years. In addition there were Rhetorical exercises, the preparation of essays, and occasional lectures on various topics. The first recitation of the day was in the hour before breakfast, immediately after morning chapel, the second in the hour just before dinner, and the third in the hour before evening chapel, which was followed by supper. All the classes met at the same time. Whatever may be said of this order of recitations, it was economical so far as time was concerned.

Latin, Greek, and Mathematics were the standard studies up to the senior year. Latin and Greek had each an hour a day, two-thirds of the time, during three years. Geometry, Algebra, Trigonometry and Calculus, with Surveying, etc., occupied an hour a day, one-third of the time, for two years. Rhetoric, Logic, etc., took the place of these in the third year. In the senior year we had Say's Political Economy and the Federalist; Schlegel's Dramatic Art, and Literature; Butler's Analogy; Stewart's Philosophy of the Mind; Edward's on the Will; Wayland's Moral Philosophy; Lyell's Geology, and Silliman's Chemistry. The only History in the course was a term in Guizot's History of Civilization. A few lectures were given on the English Language and Literature. Themes, Essays, and a few original declamations (orations they would be called now) were required.

The course of studies, taken as a whole, was intensive, but not extensive. President Butler, in the article previously quoted, says truly: "The students were disciplined carefully in a narrow intellectual field, and it did most of them good. They were obliged to do many things they did not like in ways not of their own choosing, and they gained in
strength and fiber of character thereby. . . . Judged by to-day's vigorous and exacting standards of scholarship, the graduates of these colleges did not know very much. Nevertheless, their minds were carefully trained by devoted teachers, sometimes men of rare genius and insight, and they loved letters for their own sake. They grew in manhood and came out of the college halls full of ardor in the pursuit of high ideals."

Whether they learned much or little else in the college, most of the students learned how to study, how to face difficulties without flinching, how to do a disagreeable thing without complaining, and how to depend upon themselves.

**CHAPEL AND RELIGIOUS EXERCISES**

Chapel exercises were held twice a day during my college life. The morning chapel was held as early as there was daylight enough for the President, who usually conducted the exercises, to see to read. Occasionally his familiarity with some passage of Scripture did him better service than the dim light of a cloudy morning. Evening prayers were held just after the last recitation of the day immediately before supper. Chapel services were held on Sunday, and we were also required to attend services in the church, special seats being set apart for each class. A Bible lesson took the place of the regular lesson on Monday morning. Occasional lectures upon ethical and religious subjects were given, usually by the President. A monitor, appointed from the class, was supposed to note and report absences from chapel and church, as he did absences from class exercises. As the monitor desired to keep on good terms with his classmates, I can not affirm positively that he always saw every vacant seat in the chapel or church, but it was not for the interest of any student to take risks or to allow an accumulation of unexcused absences. A few years later the morning chapel was changed to a more convenient hour.

**COLLEGE GAMES AND SPORTS**

There were no athletic associations or organizations of the modern type in the college. The Connecticut River, three-fourths of a mile away, afforded excellent facilities for boating and swimming during a portion of the year, and also for rowing small boats. Considerable use was made of these facilities, although I think but few boats were owned by students, and there were few boat races.

The "common," a beautiful level plat of several acres, free from trees but surrounded by magnificent New England elms, made an excellent and attractive field for all kinds of outdoor sports. An unscientific game, bearing a distant resemblance to modern baseball, was popular with a considerable number of the students. Quoits were frequently played by small groups. But football was the most popular sport during a part of the college year. We had no "teams" or specially trained players. The whole student body participated in the game, usually two classes against two classes. It was *foot* ball in fact and not in name merely. Woe to the unlucky fellow who grasped the ball with his hands after the game began. The playing was not usually rough, although occasionally excitement ran pretty high, and the boot of some player might hit a shin instead of the ball when the crowd became dense. Accidents were rare and seldom serious. To the students, as a whole, the old-fashioned game was of more value than the modern one.

Indoor games or amusements were very limited. Basket ball was unknown, and bowling alleys and billiard tables were forbidden allurements to evil. Cards and dice could be indulged in only at the risk of an interview with the President and possibly more serious consequences. It might not be safe for one, who valued his reputation for truthfulness, to affirm that no forbidden games were played, but if played, due precautions were taken to prevent interruptions by uninvited guests or visitors.

Every student was furnished with a copy of the rules and regulations of the college, and under the head of "crimes and misdemeanors" he found printed: "No student shall purchase, or have in his room, any spirituous or vinous liquors, or play at cards, dice, or any
unlawful game, or keep firearms, or gunpowder in his room, or fire gunpowder in or near the college premises, or meet with any forbidden club or society, or join in any combination or agreement for unlawful purposes, or provide, hold, or be present at any treat or convivial entertainment, either in his own room, or at a tavern, or house of entertainment, or at any place in Hanover or the vicinity.'" Similar rules were promulgated in other colleges, so that Dartmouth had no preeminence in this respect.

SOME LOCAL PECULIARITIES—NO COLLEGE HONORS

In the year 1834, on the earnest recommendation of President Lord, supported by a petition from a majority of the students, all the customary college honors were abolished by the trustees, and were not restored until Dr. Lord resigned the Presidency after a service of thirty-five years. For a time parts in the commencement exercises were assigned to all the members of the graduating class, and the speakers were reduced by a process of excusing. Later, speakers for commencement were selected by lot. The standings of students in studies were kept on record, but the only use made of the record, so far as I know, was in determining eligibility to membership in the Phi Beta Kappa society, the best third of the class being eligible. Membership in this society was very highly prized fifty years ago. President Lord’s position was that prizes and other college honors "were unchristian and immoral, making an appeal to wrong motives and hurtful ambition."

MEMBERSHIP IN THE GENERAL SOCIETIES

Naturally President Lord was strongly opposed to what were then called "secret societies," now more usually "Greek Letter Societies." These societies, of which three then existed in the college, were disallowed, but not absolutely prohibited. The membership in these organizations was recruited then very much as now.

There were two open literary societies recognized by the college authorities and furnished with good library rooms. To prevent rivalry and its attendant evils, the members of the entering class were assigned to the societies in the following way: An alphabetical list of the class was prepared and the members were numbered one, two, three, and so on; those having even numbers went to one society, the odd numbers to the other. No one was obliged to join either society, but if he joined, it must be the society to which he had been assigned. Membership was desirable, since the libraries belonging to the societies were larger and better than the college library, and only members had access to these.

I should be glad to speak of the use of the library, of college expenses, and especially of the character of some of the Professors and of the President, Dr. Nathan Lord, but I have already exceeded the limits of space which I had set for these reminiscences.

Daniel Putnam.

April, 1903.

The center of life's likelihood,
One thing I hold as more than all
That we should love—what'er befal
The true, the beautiful, the good.
The need of simplicity in life as a source of deeper comfort, of wider usefulness and greater strength, is being felt more and more by the earnest, thoughtful person of to-day. The word does not mean cheapness, carelessness, or weakness, in any sense, but is high and noble in all its phases.

In the great busy world, it is a means of securing rest in labor. Some one has said that "Simplicity is getting along in the journey of life with just as little baggage as possible." Usually when we start on a journey we make it one of our first objects to carry with us only that which we need. But before we get very far on the journey of life we find ourselves overloaded with cumbersome, curious looking baggage, which we carry not for its utility, but because we have seen others with similar looking bundles, and because above all things, we want to appear like other people. We often are kept in a state of overwork and worry, even going so far as to live beyond our means, with no more sensible purpose in view than keeping pace with others.

The happiest homes are the homes where culture and simplicity are blended. A simple home for a man with a large income, may not be a simple home for one with a much smaller one. A simple dress for one may be folly and extravagance for another. The home with its surroundings, cannot be of greatest cheer and comfort unless it be gauged by the needs of its own occupants, rather than by those of its neighbors.

A want of simplicity in life is an actual handicap in the sphere of usefulness. We find that the need of the world is not for mere display, not for a greater striving to be like some one else, nor for something which, when acquired, is of no real value; but it is more simple worth, more being one's true self, a greater striving after the real good in life. The greatest good has not been brought to our country by those whose energy was so divided that its force in any one direction was lost; but it was given by such characters as Franklin, Jefferson, Whittier, Grant, and Lincoln, men whose very names bring to our minds the noblest usefulness through the simplest lives. In our own personal experience those who have been most instrumental in influencing our lives for good have been the ones who inspired us with their earnestness and their genuine love of truth.

Simplicity is a power in itself. We find in literature that sublimity is often given by simplicity of expression. One of the strongest sentences to be found in any language is expressed simply as follows "And God said, 'Let there be light, and there was light.' " The mighty power which the thought contains is so great that there is no need of many words to make it felt. The grandest book that was ever written is so simple that "He who runs may read," and, "A wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err therein."

Many of the most profound truths that have been taught mankind were illustrated by everyday objects with which we are all familiar, such as the grass of the field, a sparrow, a sower, or a little child. The beautiful lesson of faith and trust was taught by the modest lilies of the field, to which the splendor and glory of Solomon was not to be compared.

This is true not only in literature and teaching, but it is equally true in life and character. A college professor traveling in Germany had the opportunity of calling on the famous artist, Hoffmann, who painted the picture of the Boy Christ in the Temple. As he waited, almost breathlessly, wondering what must be the grand appearance of so wonderful an artist, the door opened and an old gentleman entered. As the visitor glanced at the soulful countenance, he felt that the features of the artist as he had painted the inspiring picture, must have taken on some of the glory revealed in the painting. The professor expressed his great pleasure upon seeing one who had...
painted a picture he so much admired, and somewhat to his surprise the answer came, "And you see just a simple, plain old man." Some of the sublimest moments in the lives of the world's greatest men have been when they were least conscious of themselves or their greatness. For instance, Moses was coming down from the mountain where he had even met and talked with God, and his face shone with the glory of the Lord, but he knew it not.

I think we might safely say that just in proportion to a lack of simplicity in the life there is a lack of worth, and thereby we lose the better things. But he who knows that in himself is highest manhood, who know that his life is pure and consequently his heart is brave, true, and strong, does not hesitate to do the right, nor to aid by word or deed his less fortunate brother, no matter how unpopular or unsought he may be. He heeds not the approval or censure of the world, knowing that the value which he has stamped upon himself is of sterling worth, and cannot be defaced or brightened by what the world may say or think.

—Emerson

Nothing is more simple than greatness; indeed, to be simple is to be great.
Odd Moments of a Bird Lover

ESTHER A. DIXON, '05, NATURE STUDY CLUB

My first herald of spring made his appearance the 9th of February, a day cold, bright and clear, which followed a heavy fall of snow. At four o'clock, my recitations finished, I started from the Normal to see what was going on in birdland. I had just left the campus, when looking up into a spruce tree what was my surprise to see a bird that looked like a robin. I focused the glasses on him; yes, it surely was Jack Robin, the forerunner of spring. I could even see his white eye ring and his breast which appeared as red as fire in the cold light. He sat there very still without even turning his head, looking as "cool as a cucumber." Soon he flew towards the woods and left me wondering if he could find a sheltered spot in which to ward off Jack Frost.

My attention was next called to a white-breasted nuthatch dressed in his bluish-gray coat and black hood. This time he was not coming down the tree headfirst, but was very persistently picking at a piece of bacon which some one of the Nature Club had nailed to a tree. Following a thin, squeaking sound, I found on another tree a little brown creeper who was slowly and steadily winding his way up the trunk, using his stiff pointed tail feathers to support him while probing his slender beak into cracks and crevices to find the hidden larvae and insect eggs. I have noticed when this modest little creature wishes to investigate the same tree a second time he does not creep down as does the nuthatch, but flying very close to the trunk he circles spirally around it until the bottom is reached. He evidently thinks food will not get to his flat little stomach unless gravity aids it.

The rap, rap, rap of a woodpecker called my attention to the performances of the Downy's red-capped head, which was thrust backward and forward with more vim than is usually exerted by a gymnast.

As I started to go, a merry, little black-capped chickadee was seen. About two weeks later I found a pair of chickadees gone to bed in a sheltered part of this same grove, and a few days afterwards I saw a pair chasing and scolding each other. Late that night only one chickadee was found in its usual place, the other was in a distant part of the grove in another pine tree. Do birds, too, have family quarrels?

While this day's experience was but a repetition of many pleasant bird walks, when winter birds besides those already mentioned were observed, yet the advent of the robin brought a spring message which warned the Nature Study Club to be on the lookout for other spring birds. The dates of their arrivals to May 1, were as follows:

- February 12.—Song sparrow.
- March 3.—Meadowlark.
- March 5.—Redwinged blackbird.
- March 6.—Bronzed grackle.
- March 7.—Bluebird.
- March 9.—Mourning dove.
- March 12.—Phoebe.
- March 15.—Red-headed woodpecker.
- March 17.—Hermit thrush.
- March 19.—Butcherbird.
- March 19.—Mud-hen.
- March 19.—Blue heron.
- March 20.—Flicker.
- March 22.—Killdeer.
- April 2.—Cowbird.
- April 6.—Chewink.
- April 6.—Chipping sparrow.
- April 10.—Field sparrow.
- April 10.—Catbird.
- April 12.—Ruby-crowned kinglet.
- April 16.—Goldfinch.
- April 17.—Barn swallow.
- April 19.—Vesper sparrow.
- April 19.—Brown thrasher.
- April 19.—Quail.
- April 19.—Chicken hawk.
- April 26.—Kingfisher.
- April 26.—Marsh wren.
April 26—Swamp sparrow.
April 29—Wren.
April 19—Yellow warbler.
April 29—Baltimore Oriole.
April 19—Blue golden wing.
April 19—King bird.
April 19—Warbling vireo.
April 19—Chimney swift.

In May we see the height of migration. With the unfolding leaves and opening blossoms come the warblers and vireos, who eat the insects which would soon destroy all vegetation. Then come the remainder of the fly catchers which destroy the insects in the air and the birds which feed on the ground carrying on the insect destroying work already well begun by the robins, sparrows and thrushes. It is now that the sweetest courtship songs are heard and nest building is the order of the day.

Do you ne’er think what wondrous beings these?
Do you ne’er think who made them, and who taught
The dialect they speak, where melodies
Alone are the interpreters of thought?
Whose household words are songs in many keys,
Sweeter than instrument of man e’er caught.

Longfellow
ANY interesting stories are told concerning the sagacity of our wild animals. Some of these have the stamp of truth; others, for various reasons, seem exceedingly doubtful. I myself had discredited a large majority of such tales, until a personal experience with a woodchuck, or ground-hog, convinced me that this animal, despite his apparent stupidity, has flashes of something akin to human intelligence. My story at least is true.

It was in the early part of October, 1902, I was drawing corn past a clover field, at the west end of which was an orchard. Just inside the rail fence separating the clover field from the orchard, several woodchucks had their holes. I had often seen them venture out a few rods into the field, and nose around in woodchuck fashion. Hoping to exterminate the family, I had made several attempts to cut them off from their base of supplies, but they had always succeeded in outrunning me. It remained for one wiser perhaps than the rest, to outwit me.

On the day of which I write, one of the largest, and evidently the boldest of the lot, had ventured far afield; and when I discovered him he was some forty rods east of his hole, about in the middle of the clover lot. I was directly in line with the orchard fence when I discovered him, and being nearer to his sand-bank than he was, I had the advantage. Just as I reached his hole he caught sight of me. For a few moments he seemed to be considering what to do, for he sat very quiet; then he jogg’d off toward the southwest. "He means to circle around to his hole," I thought, so I started toward the south to intercept him. When he found that I kept opposite, he stopped, sat up, and appeared to await developments. When I came near to him, he bristled up, showed his teeth, and was ready for a fight. I gave him a shove with my shoe, whereupon he bit angrily at it, hanging on so firmly that I was able to drag him along for several feet. Several times I shook him off and backed away to see what he would do, but he followed persistently, each time renewing the attack with greater eagerness. Seeing that he meant "to fight it out on this line," I began to run short distances, "Mr. Chuck" at my heels, or rather at my toes, for at first I was careful to keep my face toward him, and to hold myself between him and the hole.

In my enjoyment of the game, however, I forgot my purpose, and gradually shifted my position, until my antagonist was between me and the orchard. Then I did what must have pleased the old fellow—I began to move toward the east, directly away from the hole, now simply backing off a few steps, now facing about and running for a short distance in dead earnest, the woodchuck always in angry pursuit. To all appearances he had forgotten about getting back to his breastworks, and was intent only upon making me quit the scene. I do not say that this woodchuck tried to deceive me, but certain it is that with all his seeming innocence, this wily old fellow was busily planning all the time how to get back to his hole. He succeeded too, and thereby hangs the interest of this tale.

I had become interested to know how far he would follow me, so I lured him on. I would run a short distance, then stop and look back. Mr. Woodchuck was always close behind. My confidence in his sincerity increased. "He really means to drive me from the field," thought I, and I took to my heels somewhat faster, careful, however, not to out-distance and so discourage him. A stranger had driven up to the fence and was eagerly watching the game. Knowing what a funny figure I must cut with this woodchuck at my heels, I chuckled to myself as I ran. I was sure the old fellow must be getting pretty tired, so I turned around to take another glance. He was not behind me! I looked farther back, and there he was, "making a bee-line" for his hole, and fairly tumbling over himself in his efforts to reach it before I should be upon him. You may be sure that I was immediately upon his trail, but he had several rods the start of me, and I could not overtake him. I reached the fence just in time to see him drop into his hole. The spectator laughed aloud, while I went dejectedly back to my corn-drawing. I had been out-generated by a woodchuck.
On Picket Duty

IRNE CLARK, '06

(Written for the Preparatory Rhetoric Class)

It was a night in the fall of 1862, clear and star-light, but quite dark, since there was no moon. Under a small oak tree, about half a mile out on the main road leading from the village of Salem in Virginia, a Union picket was stationed. He had been seated upon his horse; but as he was rather chilly and his position was tiresome, he had dismounted, and now stood as quietly as possible with one hand resting upon his saddle. Though he remained so silent, his mind was thoroughly awake and alert; for he, like most of the men of his company, felt that the safety of the Union men was very uncertain here. This was not a feeling of cowardice; it was due to circumstances.

At this time there was in Virginia a band of rebels known as "Mosbey's Guerrillas." Under Mosbey's leadership these men carried on a sort of Indian warfare, as fierce and desperate as it was uncertain, and, though not really under the control of the Confederacy, sanctioned by it. A few days before this story opens, a regiment of the New York infantry had been driven from Salem by these men. Soon after, a squad of Michigan cavalry was called to guard the village. On the night after their arrival pickets were placed on guard, who should remain for two hours silent and watchful, unless they should detect sight or sound of the enemy, when they should give the signal to the camp by firing.

It was under such conditions that our hero watched. For some time all went well. Then his horse, a very intelligent creature, pricked up her ears; she seemed to listen intently for a moment, as she looked toward the strip of timber-land; then she turned her head and rubbed her master's shoulder. Two or three times she repeated this action. As yet the man could hear or see nothing; but, knowing that he could trust more or less to his horse, he mounted, that he might be ready for action. Again the horse turned her head, this time champing her bits a little, and rubbed the soldier's leg. And now the guard, straining his ears to catch the slightest sound, heard the faint, distant rustle of dry leaves from the woods. He listened. All was silent for a moment; then again he heard the sound. The horse heard, too, and moved. Again a little pause; after that the same rustle, this time a little nearer. And now the sound grew more distinct, coming closer and closer. The horse became very uneasy; and the man now a veteran, says that he felt his hair pulling under his cap, and grasped his revolver. The rustle of the leaves came very near. A twig snapped. In one moment more the whole camp would have been aroused by the report of his revolver. Then there was a meow, and then another, and the small body of a cat could just be distinguished in the darkness.

"Was I relieved?" says the old soldier. "Well, yes, rather. My horse soon became quiet, and so did I; but I was not sorry when my two hours were over, and I can recall yet just the sensation I had when that rustle, rustle of leaves kept coming nearer."

Since the sun still rises, since earth puts forth her blossoms anew, since the bird builds its nest, and the mother smiles at her child, let us have courage to be men, and commit the rest to Him who has numbered the stars.

Wagner
A Chemical Fairy Tale

Once upon a time in a dark, deep, dense forest where gnomes, djinns, goblins, hobgoblins, elves, imps and sprites dwelt in the days when according to Kipling, "The world was so new and all, and Everybody began fair," there dwelt two families of fairies. One was the Carbon family to which belonged numerous little black imps; the other was the Oxygen family, composed of a numerous progeny of most beautiful elf-like creatures quite invisible to the coarse eyes of man. Strange to relate, the Oxygen and Carbon children loved each other dearly and it was all in vain that proud Mother Oxygen sought to keep her white children away from the black Carbons. The Oxygen fairies were so cosmopolitan and lacking in discrimination that whenever there was a chance they ran away from home to play with their grimy friends.

The favorite game of the fairies was 'Secret Society' which they imitated from man with whom they associated most intimately and served most faithfully though often without his slightest recognition. The symbol of their fraternity was "CO₂" and one of their signs, a peculiar and "sclusively" original handclasp, bound them to each other with the bonds of a powerful affinity. The magic of influence was here manifest, for no sooner had their
hands met than the black carbon imps were made white and aerial like the oxygen fairies, and together they could sail up above the tree tops and out in the open blue.

Their fine sport sometimes made them a little venturesome and one day they boldly entered the tall, green and brown castle of the big giant against whom their mothers had warned them. It was said that in the castle's basement extending far under the earth, the giant had deep, dark dungeons in which he kept many prisoners. Now this day some of the doors of the castle stood ajar and the two guards at each door were carelessly asleep. So the little playmates, fast hold of hands, stole softly in. They were nothing daunted by the splendor of the great airy hall-ways in which they found themselves, and wandered on from room to room until at last they came suddenly upon the giant himself taking a sunbath in his upper sun-parlors, apparently asleep. But Chlorophyll, the giant of the trees, never naps during the day. His motto is: "Make starch while the sun shines," and he allows nothing to deter him. So when the "CO₂'s" grew mischievous and tickled his nose, he was very angry and, snatching them up in his big hands, he tried to pull the fairy Oxygen fairies away from the Carbon imps. But they, laughing merrily, slipped between his awkward fingers and tried to run away. Now this made Chlorophyll still more wroth and when he found he could not hold them he called for his friend Light, whom he was entertaining that day, and together they managed at last to separate the fairies. When the giant saw how black and delightfully impish the little Carbons were, he
was much pleased and said, "These I will keep and they shall serve me," and immediately he called his servants, Water and Protoplasm, and ordered the Carbon imps to be held while he pushed the poor, beautiful Oxygen fairies, all moaning and crying, out into the lonely wood. Then cruel Chlorophyll told others of his servants to cast the Carbon imps into cells down in the dungeon of his castle. All night long these servants toiled, carrying the Carbons down the steep narrow stairways, while Chlorophyll, the big giant of the trees, rested.

And what do you suppose the Oxygen fairies did? You may be sure they were very anxious to free their former companions. The stress of longing was almost more than they could bear, and, ten-thousand strong, they bombarded the castle on all sides. At last almost discouraged,

they bethought themselves of their good god-mother, Necessity, likewise called the Mother of Invention, and to her they sped in all haste and told their story of their rash adventure. "Yes," she said at last, "I know, we must get man to help us." You see, not even the Mother of Invention can do everything by herself. To man then went Necessity with all the Oxygen fairies trooping behind. He was a big, silent woodsman in those days and after he had listened to Necessity for a long time he swung his axe to his shoulder and silently strode off through the forest to the castle of Giant Chlorophyll. He knocked on the dungeon with his axe, but getting no response he cut down the walls and put the pieces in a pile. Then he performed some strange incantations which Necessity taught him.

Now all the Oxygen fairies were crowding close around waiting eagerly
to see their friends pleased. At last the prison cells were broken open and the fairies and the
imps rushed into each others arms, and hugged each other close, dancing in high glee, all
their intense longing satisfied. They made the very air quiver in their great joy, and Man,
rubbing his hands together comfortably, said, "Lo, heat!" Necessity disappeared and the
happy "CO:z's" sailed away on the evening breeze.  

EDJP.
THE accessions of the present month include several reference books of peculiar and even unique value. The World's almanac, the Statesman's year book, and Appleton's annual cyclopedia, would seem to need no word of comment. The bibliography in Cubberley's Syllabus of lectures on the history of education, is the best working bibliography for the general student that has come to the Library, and refers to a wealth of material which is in the Library, but for which analytical cataloging has never been done.

The Index and epitome to the Dictionary of national biography is truly monumental in character. Uniform in style with the Dictionary, it is printed on thinner paper and its 1456 pages do not make a volume unduly cumbersome in bulk. Its title is exact—it is an alphabetical index to each name in the sixty-three volumes of the Dictionary and in the three volumes of the Supplement, and at the same time an epitome, as under each name is given the leading facts and dates that are recorded in the original work, together with an exact reference to volume and page in which the article appears. The preface states that each entry contains about one-fourteenth of the number of words in the text of the original memoir, and the separate articles number 30,378, besides 3,474 cross references. Remembering that the work includes British biography only, its value is readily seen, even from this brief statement of its scope.

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With care forespent,
Gray morn slipped by,
My eyes down-bent
Saw worlds awry.

A spying sun
From ambush pressed.
Ah, recreant!—
Divine arrest!

—Mary Lowell, '97.
Editorial

These beautiful May days are good tests of the influence of weather on human conduct. No scientific treatises or statistics are needed in proof of the fact. The outburst into beauty which nature makes at the close of April and the beginning of May, awakens in the human mind a deep sense of gladness—one feels it a joy just to be alive. We are reminded of Chaucer's lines:

"Hard is his hart that loveth naught
In May when all this mirth is wrought,
When he may on these branches here
The smale briddes syngen clere."

The Aurora will be ready for sale about the middle of June. Those in charge are sparing no pains to make it better than ever before. It is their aim to represent the different departments of the college in the most interesting way possible. Among new departures are special articles devoted to the choir and the debate. Much thought is being given to make the drawings an interesting feature. All of them are original and each one has its own particular meaning.

The Nature Study Club furnishes a systematic avenue for the gratification of the outdoor craving of students. Just now the members of the club are deeply interested in bird study. For the benefit of those who not know what a delightful study this is, we are permitted to give in this number a leaf from the diary of one observer.

The original story, "The Chemical Fairy Tale" in our departmental column was told by Miss Lynch to the Third Grade Nature Study class of last quarter at the close of a series of lessons on fuel and combustion. We regret our inability to publish the outlines of the lessons as given by Miss Lynch.

The June number of the News will appear in new dress—an orange and black "commencement gown." It will be a souvenir number, devoted to the senior class, and will contain the classday essays and orations, and an article by the class president on "Seniorship."

The number will be issued during commencement week. Notify us of any change in address before that time and thus make sure of receiving the paper.

In the last number of the News we printed a little poem from the Inlander, by Mary Lowell. We since learn that Miss Lowell was graduated from the Normal College in '97, later took her degree at the University of Michigan, and taught in the Department of English at the State Normal, Winona, Minn., and is now doing graduate work and assisting Professor Scott in the English Department at Ann Arbor. She has received a fine appointment for next year in the Department of English Literature at Vassar. We print elsewhere another little poem by Miss Lowell, and take occasion to note that she has three in the current Inlander.

Freshman—"The more I read about a subject the less I seem to know." Professor—"You seem to have read a great deal."
The annual alumni meeting and reunion of the State Normal College, occurs the evening of June 23, 1903. All alumni should begin now to plan for a visit to their Alma Mater at that time. Come and contribute your share to the interest and pleasure of the occasion. A somewhat detailed report of the program will appear in the June News.

Dean J. F. Selleck sends a copy of the "Varsity Review" from the Memorial University, Mason City, Iowa.

'05—Mr. Charles Livingstone has resigned the principalship of the East Side high school at Jackson, and will enter the insurance business.

John A. Craig will remain in Saginaw next year at an increase in salary of $100. He will have the advanced algebra and the geometry classes. Miss Anna Dobbin will have the English work in the High school, having been transferred from the eighth grade at an increase of $150.

M. N. C. is represented by ten efficient teachers at Marshall:—Miss Anna Johnson, and Miss Madge Rodger have sixth grades; Mala Rodger, third grade; Lily Smith, second; Miss Frank Rice and Miss Persis Daniels, first grades; Miss Virginia Briggs, eighth grade; Miss Jessie MacDonald and Miss Ellen Pilcher, second and third grades.

Miss Rose Perkins, who has been teaching very successfully in Ironwood, has resigned her position and will take a year’s rest.

'02—Mr. Roode sends words of encouragement: "I have heard many nice things about the Normal News from alumni at different institutes, and I found them interested in the alumni notes.

'96—Miss Bell Taylor is supplying for two months, in the first grade room of the recently completed Columbus Avenue building in Benton Harbor. Miss Grace Taylor, who has resigned her position at Ironwood, will take the room in September, 1903. Benton Harbor welcomes the return of these efficient teachers.

'02—Mr. Burton A. Barnes, writes from Delray, under date of April 4, 1903:—

"I am principal of the Hugh Cary School, which is one of the three grammar schools in the Delray School system. The building was erected last year at a cost of $35,000. The teachers, all "old" Normalites, are Miss Ruth Hill, Miss Nellie Van Sice, Miss Carrie Herkimer, Miss Florence Greene, Miss Louise Fraser, Miss Adeline Mette, and Miss Flora Little. Things are running smoothly; we have about everything needed in the way of supplies; we are contented. I expect to be in Delray next year."
C. L. Young, now at the U. of M., will superintend the Evart schools next year.

Miss Julia Martin has been appointed eighth grade critic teacher in the Mt. Pleasant Normal.

Miss Bessie Goodrich, ’01, and Miss Bertha Wolvin, ’02, will remain at Ironwood another year.

’02—Word comes that Miss Katherine Lewis and Miss Leonora Pilcher have enjoyed their year at Cadillac.

Robert Foreman, who has been teaching in a rural school near Tecumseh, has accepted a position with a surveying party in Illinois.

’99—Miss Harriet Gano has resigned her position in the Benton Harbor schools, to accept a position in Minneapolis at a larger salary.

Mr. Warner Jennings, who has been teaching during the past year in Montana, has been elected to the principalship of the school at Livingstone.

L. G. Avery has been unanimously re-elected as superintendent of the schools at Madison, S. Dak., with a salary of $1400—an increase of $200. Mr. Avery writes that the entire course of study in the Madison schools has been changed and many improvements made. Every teacher but one was re-elected and that one is to be married.

A LETTER FROM NEW ORLEANS

The following extract is taken from a very interesting letter sent by A. W. Cavanagh, now teaching in Colonel Soule’s Business University at New Orleans. We regret that lack of space prevents us from publishing the letter in full:—

“One visiting New Orleans for the first time cannot fail to note the odd appearance of the narrow streets with their deep, open gutters on either side of the pavement. This is true only of the French section of the city and of the suburbs. The dwellings are constructed for coolness in summer, and present an od appearance to the stranger. Broad galleries, sometimes supported by large, round or square pillars, hang far out over the street.

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“One of the most interesting phases in this section of the city is Jackson Square containing the Equestrian statue of General Andrew Jackson, on the base of which General Butler caused to be inscribed Jackson’s famous words: “The Union must and shall be preserved.” I might add, however, that no citizens of the Republic to-day will make greater haste to defend that command than these same warm-blooded Johnny Southerners.

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“On two sides of this square stand the old government building of the Spanish regime, and the Spanish cathedral, one of the oldest landmarks of the city. Near by is the French market with its great pillared columns crumbling into decay, while real live Frenchmen barter their wares as of old and gesticulate like madmen.

“Several blocks further out may be seen the old Royal Hotel, once a magnificent building, but now in ruins. In the basement directly opposite the public bar may still be seen the old slave block from which negroes were sold at public auction. On a broad arch above the block and carved in bold relief is the name of the most famous auctioneer at that time, while to the left and just above the entrance to the slave pens is the name of the sheriff. Like the systems they represent, all are relics of the barbarous past.”
L. P. Whitcomb has accepted a position as director of athletics and gymnastics at Vash-тон College, Seattle, Washington, for next year.—Ypsilantian.

Jas. B. Melody writes that his year at Marine City has been a very pleasant one. He has been re-elected at an increase of $150, and will receive a greater salary than has ever been paid to one holding his position.

W. M. Gregory aforetime head of East Tawas schools, a Jonesville boy, State Nor-mal College, '96, has been elected assistant instructor in paleontology at Harvard College. —Moderator.

Superintendent C. A. Graves, '01, Principal Carrie L. Yutz, '01, and Miss Nora F. Drake have been offered an increase in salary to remain another year at Dexter.

H. Z. Wilber is feeling quite happy over his re-election at an increase of $200 in salary. He has been doing critic work in the prepar-atory department of the Normal school at Emporia, Kansas, and writes that his year has been a very pleasant and a very busy one.

Exchanges

The Inlander has certainly done its part in presenting the opinions of the students and others interested in the University on the honor system. In the April number under the heading "Matters of Opinion" are published opinions on the system taken from the exercises in first year English. They are interesting because they show the attitude of Freshmen toward the proposed plan.

CLIPPINGS

German Instructor (to unusually late student)—"I see you are early of late; you used to be behind before and now you are first at last."

Kid curlers—green apples.

Yankee Doodle came to towu,
Feeling mighty frisky;
He stuck a duster on his head
And said 'twas Paderewski.

University of Chicago is establishing an annex at Paris.

In the University of New York the cane rush has been superseded by the rope rush. A space one hundred feet square is cleared, and the members of the sophomore and freshman classes are each given a piece of rope. At the end of thirty minutes the class which can show the most of its opponents tied up is declared the victor.

"Evolution," quoth the monkey,
"Makes all mankind our kin;
There's no chance at all about it,
Tails we lose, heads we win."

One of the features of the Yale dining hall is the "International Table" at which are men from almost all countries of Europe, from the Philippines, Japan and the Hawaiian Islands.

She winters at California,
Summers at Newport's call;
Now if she'd spring in Florida
I wonder where she'd fall?

Professor—"Too bad! One of my pupils to whom I have given two courses of instruction in the cultivation of memory, has forgotten to pay me, and the worst of it is, I can't remem-ber his name."
**BASEBALL SCHEDULE**

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Have you seen the basketball players with their new caps? Well, I guess our athletic association is all right.

**WEBSTER VS. LINCOLN CLUB—15 TO 14**

By far the most interesting baseball game of the season was played Saturday, May 2, between the Webster and Lincoln debating clubs. The Webster club took the lead and kept ahead during the first part of the game but in the latter part the railsplitters commenced to bat the ball and succeeded in tying the score in their last bat, but the Websterites had another bat and won.

Professor Lathers umpired the game and you may be sure that all decisions were correctly and quickly given. (Sometimes the crowd helped to decide.) The umpire and some of the players have already received great offers to

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Of last year's ball players the men that are back this year are: T. Whitmire, capt.; Hyames, Shigley, W. O. Smith, Waldron, and Novak.

With Morgan in the box, F. Whitmire to catch, Furlong on 2d, and Hyames on 3d. together with the other players we have a team of which we may be proud. So far they have shown up exceedingly well, having won easily in all the practice games with the High School and Cleary College.

The first regular college game here was played with Olivet, resulting in a score of 10 to 8 in favor of the Normals. This is the first time that the Normals have had any athletic doings with Olivet since the water-doping controversy two years ago.

The attendance was unusually large, owing possibly to the fact that every student pays a dollar for the support of athletics, and in turn receives a season ticket to all games. In the first four innings the Normals batted Eyke in all directions, but after Hall, the coach, went
in the box the Normals failed to make another score while Olivet made four more. In the fourth inning Waldron made a three-bagger letting Shigley and Whitmire in, and on a poor throw home succeeded in making a home run of it:

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The next game was played with M. A. C. at Lansing. The Normals succeeded in batting their Indian out of the box, but being a cold day plenty of errors were made on both sides and the score ran up to 27 to 22 in favor of M. A. C.

Adrian College team came here and played May 1. After the second inning they were found to be so easy that our captain put the substitutes in and then beat them 33 to 7.

May 2 our team went to Albion and won from Albion College team by a score of 5 to 2. The game started out in a brisk fashion and clean, fast ball was played throughout. Our team was greatly strengthened by having Morgan in the box. For three innings neither team was able to score. In the fourth, Albion made 2 runs but was shut out for the rest of the game, while our team made three scores in the seventh and two in the eighth.

YPSILANTI

F. Whitmire, c, Furlong, 2, Hyames, 3, Shigley, m, Smith, 1, Waldron, r, T. Whitmire, 1, Novak, s, Morgan, p. Runs—Whitmire, T. 2, Furlong, 2, Novak, 1.

Director Teetzel has a class in athletics every day from 3 to 5, and under his training the men are showing up very well. A meet was held Saturday, May 2, at 9 o’clock, with the following result:

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| NORMAL VS. HILLSDALE—TIE GAME—15 TO 15

About a thousand people were out to witness what proved to be the most interesting and exciting game played here this season. Hillsdale started the ball rolling with 5 runs to the Normals 4 in the first inning. Morgan settled down to work in the second inning and for the next 3 innings he had them hitting the wind, not allowing them to score. As a result of pitching two games of ball last week without any training his arm became weak at the end of the 8th inning and Hyames took his place. Johnson only pitched the 1st inning. Davies, the ex-Michigan player and coach for Hillsdale, went into the box, but proved to be an easy mark for our men. Wood opened the last half of the 9th with a safety to left, got
2nd on a passed ball, and scored on Whitmire’s grounder to left. Whitmire scored, thus tying the score. The main features of the game were Morgan’s pitching, Smith’s home run in the 4th, Novak’s quick work on short, and the heavy safe hits by Furlong. Brown, Hillsdale’s colored center fielder, played a star game, catching every ball that came in sight.

SENIOR SHAKESPEARE

Comedy of Errors—Senior Class meetings.
Much Ado About Nothing—Seniors having their pictures taken.
All’s Well that Ends Well—Training School!!

Winter’s Tale—“It seems to me.”—O. W.
Love’s Labor’s Lost—Heard concerning the Senior President.
Midsummer Night’s Dream—“The Cash”
Seniors expect to have next year.
Tempest—State of Seniors’ emotions over applications ignored.
As You Like It—Escorts for the receptions (?)

Hamlet—Place containing two churches, one schoolhouse and a “bar,” where one Senior pedagog will hold forth next year.

Romeo and Juliet—Tragedy to be enacted in June, when the Senior Class makes its exit.

Taming of the Shrew—Farce between regular acts enacted by married Seniors, for the benefit of the less (?) fortunate. Free to all.

Measure for Measure—Play to be presented next year by all seniors who teach. Daily rehearsals now in the Training School. For further announcements watch next year’s NORMAL NEWS.

One of the leading events of this past month was the concert given for the benefit of the Y. W. C. A., on Wednesday evening, April 29, under the direction of Professor F. H. Pease. This alone was enough assurance to warrant the splendid success which the concert proved to be. Not only was the audience given the rare treat of listening to choice selections of noted composers, both vocal and instrumental, but the fact that these were rendered by the select talent of our conservatory, added much interest and enthusiasm to the great pleasure. The audience, though lacking somewhat in “quantity,” revealed their excellent “quality” by showing their appreciation in strong and hearty applause.

The following was the program rendered:

**PROGRAM**

1. Elevation in E major, for organ - Saint Saëns
   Mr. Howard Brown.
2. Songs—a. Daffodils a-blowing - Edward German
   b. Were I a Star - C. B. Hawley
   Miss Pearl Benedict.
3. Waltz Song—April Morn - Robert Batten
   Miss Eva Chase.
4. Quartet—From the Valleys and Hills - Balfe
   (From “The Bohemian Girl.”)
   Miss McKercher, Mrs. Gray,
   Mr. Brown, Mr. Cook.
5. Aria—Lascia chio piango, (From “Armida”),
   Händel
   Miss Blanche Robertson.
6. Song—Haymaking - Alicia Needham
   Miss Sara McKercher.
7. Quartet—The Little Brown Bee,
   Mrs. H. H. A. Beach
   Conservatory Lady Quartet.
8. Recit. and Aria—The Tempest of the Heart,
   (From “Il Trovatore.”)
   Verdi
   Mr. Fred. G. Ellis.
9. Scena and Prayer—Softly, Softly - Von Weber
   (From “Der Frieschiitz,”)
   Miss Donna Riblet.
10. Witches’ Dance - MacDowell
    Miss Lorinda Smith.
11. Aria—My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice,
    (From “Samson and Dalilah.”)
    Saint Saëns
    Mrs. Annis D. Gray.
12. Armourer’s Song, (From “Robin Hood,”)
    De Koveu
    Mr. Milton Cook.
13. Terzetto, (From “Martha,”)
    Lady Harriet
    Miss Chase
    Nancy,—Her friend - Miss Robertson
    Sir Tristam,—Her adorer - Mr. Ellis
    Accompanists—Mr. F. H. Pease, Miss Clara Brabb,
    Mr. Arthur Bostick.
Miss Kate Van Cleve recently spent three weeks in Buffalo.

Miss Anna Sherrard spent Sunday, May 10, at her home in Homer.

Miss Edith Crane has been entertaining her sister, Miss Grace Crane, of Fenton.

Miss Norton, who has been detained from her classes for some time on account of illness, is again at her post.

During the illness of Miss Norton, Mr. Munson had charge of a geometry class, and Mr. Erickson of a trigonometry class.

Miss Eva Chase has been chosen soprano of the Division St. M. E. Church of Grand Rapids, and began her duties there May 3.

It would be worth your while to visit the training school and see our worthy debater, Kellogg, handling the first graders. Truly, his powers are many and varied.

Professor Lyman has been detained from his classes for over two weeks, by serious illness. We most earnestly hope that his recovery may be speedy and complete.

The eleventh national conference for good city government, and the ninth annual meeting of the National Municipal League, was held in Detroit and Ann Arbor, April 22nd, 23rd, and 24th.

Among the topics discussed was the municipal situation in Ohio, Wisconsin, California, Chicago, Cleveland, and Detroit; the recent disclosures in St. Louis and Minneapolis; the efforts of the League toward a "uniform municipal accounting"; and instruction in municipal reform. The latter topic is of especial interest to teachers, the aim being to introduce this subject into our school curriculums, with a view to training the young for active, intelligent, honest citizenship.

Miss Caroline Lonsby has been quite ill the last few weeks.

Dr. Salisbury, of Bessemer, has been the guest of Miss Florence Pheil.

On account of illness Miss Smeltzer has returned to her home in Cadillac.

Heard during a pause in the Advanced Reading class—"Is Wilson awake?"

Miss Maude Ballou, of Cadillac, was the guest of Miss Jean G. Gow, April 29 to May 4.

Miss Clara Gibbs, who is teaching at Dundee, spent Sunday, May 3, with friends here.

The Y. W. C. A. bulletin has been made very attractive this year with its many artistic posters.

Miss Ronan has accepted the position as assistant teacher of physical training at Mt. Pleasant.

Students gaze with anxious looks at the many superintendents who are visiting the Normal this month.

We are glad to see so much enthusiasm shown at the ball games. May the Normals good luck continue.

Miss Margaret Robertson was called to her home in Grand Haven on account of the serious illness of her mother.

Thursday evening, April 23, a most delightful recital was given by the piano pupils of Miss Jessie P. Scrimger, assisted by the Misses Eva Chase, Blanche Robertson and Marie Gareissen.

Miss Harriet Vincent, '98, special teacher in the Household Arts department of the Chicago schools, and Miss Mabel Vincent, teacher of the 7th grade, spent their spring vacation visiting friends in Ypsilanti.
Miss Shirley Patterson spent Sunday, May 3, in Jackson.

Miss Belle Cady, of Olivet, has been visiting Miss Jessie Laird.

Miss Edith Curtis has been obliged to return to her home on account of ill health.

Professor F. E. Wilson, of Franklin, visited Normal friends over Sunday, May 3.

Miss Elona Anderson of Tecumseh was the guest of Miss Mabel Mills, this month.

Superintendent Clark, of St. Joseph, recently spent a few days at the Normal, looking for teachers.

"Ask and ye shall receive if ye ask not amiss." Yes, I asked a miss for her photograph, and didn't get it.—Ex.

Miss Blanche Robertson has been engaged as contralto soloist in the Park Street Congregational church, Grand Rapids.

Professor D'Ooge gave two very interesting chapel talks last month on Greek Art. He spoke especially of the casts in the chapel.

Professor Frederic Gorton and family go to Germany this summer. Professor Gorton has a two years leave of absence and will study during that time in Germany.

Mrs. M. S. W. Jefferson has been chosen vice-president of the Ann Arbor chapter of the Society of Intercollegiate Alumni. Mrs. Jefferson is a graduate of the Boston University.

The male quartet, composed of Messrs. White, Ellis, Brown and Edwards, appeared in chapel for the first time, Wednesday, May 6. They sang two selections, the second being a song composed by Dr. Edwards, entitled "Ypsi Rare."

The Misses Hattie and Mabel Vincent, '98, were the guests of Miss Jackson during their spring vacation. The former holds a lucrative position in the Household Arts Department of Chicago schools, and the latter has charge of the Seventh grade at Park Ridge, Ill.

Professor C. T. McFarlane, formerly of the department of geography, was called to Ypsilanti on personal business. It seemed very pleasant to see him around the Normal again.

The commencement exercises which were scheduled for July 1 have been changed to June 24. For many reasons it was not thought expedient to carry the school work into the thirteenth week.

SENIOR NOTES

The Senior Class Day participants are as follows: Caroline Holt, salutatorian; John Waldron, historian; Katherine Kelley, prophet; Mae Belle Carroll, poet; L. W. Carr, orator; Clinton E. Kellogg, valedictorian.

Arrangements are being made whereby all seniors may secure class pins at reasonable prices.

Professor Lodeman's portrait will be painted just as he appeared in his class room.

The senior reception will be held in the Gymnasium June 5 or 6.

NATURE STUDY CLUB

On the evening of Monday, May 4, the Nature Study Club was pleasantly entertained and also instructed with a lecture given by Mr. Adams, curator of the University Museum. The subject was "The Relation of Geographic Distribution to Origin of Species." The lecture was illustrated by lantern slides, photographs and shells, and was an account of a series of investigations carried out by Mr. Adams upon a certain class of the mollusca. These animals which were investigated occur only in the Tennessee river and its tributaries. They occur on the numerous shoals that abound in those streams. The various colonies are practically isolated from each other by the intervening deep water. Because of this there can be no inter-breeding between neighboring colonies.

Mr. Adams first showed that there is a constant tendency toward variation even among the members of the same colony. In some groups the smooth-shelled individuals predominate, while in others there are many spiny ones. During the course of the work all the
tributaries of the Tennessee were explored. Owing to lack of time only two of these rivers were spoken of. By means of slides and specimens it was shown that in the headwaters of these streams, the shells that are found, are smooth. This species is called Io fluvialis. As we go farther down stream the shells of this same species become covered with spines. At first the spines are small and they gradually increase in number and size until a new name is given, Io spinoso. The size and number of the spines increases with the distance from the head-waters of the river. Since the smooth ones occur in the headwaters and also because the young are always smooth, it is probable that they are the ancestral forms. Although it is not known just what the causes which bring about the change, are, yet it is evident that the changes in the geographic surroundings have a good deal to do with the origin of this new species.

S. C. A.

Y. M. C. A.

The new officers of the Association are as follows:—

President—Fred. B. McKay.
Vice-President—Ray E. Allen.
Recording Secretary—Wilbert Morris.
Corresponding Secretary—Bruce E. Mil-likien.
Treasurer—M. B. Travis.
Chairmen of committees are as follows:—
Memorandum—Ray E. Allen.
Devotional—Bert Hammill.
Bible Study—E. A. Mowry.
Missionary—C. L. Mowry.
Social—Guy C. Smith.

A Bible study rally was held April 26, afternoon and evening. The address by Dr. D’Ooge on “Early Translations and Editions of the Bible,” was most interesting and instructive. Mr. Hurrey’s talk was earnest and to the point. Many of the men signified their intention to take a course in Bible study next year.

The evening session was a union meeting with the Y. W. C. A. Mr. Waterman, of Ann Arbor, gave an excellent address on “The Relation of Prayer to Bible Study.” Mr. Hatch, of the city, gave a very practical address on the “Value of Bible Study.” On the whole, we consider the rally a great success.

Students wishing access to the Chicago Record-Herald (daily), Munsey, Success, and others, will find them on the Association reading table.

Y. W. C. A.

During the month of April a series of special meetings were conducted by Miss Esther L. Anderson, general secretary of the Detroit City Association. The evening services were well attended, and were a source of great inspiration. Most helpful committee conferences were held. A deeper consecration and a deeper interest along all lines of work are the definite results.

The association was represented by the general secretary at the Ninth Biennial Convention of the American Committee, held at Wilkesbarre, Pa., April 15-19. A helpful, inspiring convention is reported, delegates being present from different sections of our country and foreign lands.

Excellent courses in the “Life of Paul” and “Studies in Luke” are being offered the young women this quarter. The increase in Bible class enrollment is most encouraging.

The Y. W. C. A. is deeply indebted to Professor Pease and those who participated in the excellent concert given Wednesday, April 29, for the benefit of the association.

Lyceum

THE CRESCENT

The last meeting of the Crescent Society for the present year was held Friday evening, April 24.

The feature of the evening was a mock trial. Case of the Crescent Society vs. V. B. Wood, who was charged with the larceny of one sofa pillow. Carr and Novak conducted the prosecution, while Bates and Herald appeared
for the defense. Professor Lathers filled the judge's chair, and his calm, dignified demeanor impressed all who beheld him, and incidentally was of great service in restraining the excitement of the attorneys.

The trial was concluded with a verdict of "guilty" by the jury. The judge, with impressive solemnity of manner, imposed upon the prisoner the heaviest penalty allowed by law,—three terms in the Training School.

After the sorrowing prisoner had been removed, the court was adjourned, and the society proceeded to elect officers for the coming year. Charles Rivette was chosen president, and under his able leadership, together with the assistance of the excellent staff of officers chosen to aid him in his task, a prosperous year is assured for the Crescent Society of next term.

ATHENEUM SOCIETY

The Atheneums held their final meeting May 1, and a general good time was enjoyed by the many who attended. The members told their best jokes and conundrums in response to roll call. Among other things a history of the Atheneum Society was given by Mr. Jordan. The prophecy of the Atheneums given by Miss Holbrook showed that the prophet must have indeed been inspired. The whole prophecy was bubbling over with wit and kindly humor.

The following officers were elected for next year:

President—Mr. R. E. Allen.
Vice-president—Miss Lockwood.
Secretary—Miss Holbrook.
Treasurer—Mr. Hammill.
Chaplain—Miss Trankler.
Chairman of Program Committee—Miss Ching.
Chairman of Musical Committee—Miss Landon.
Chairman of Social Committee—Miss Ballard.
Ushers—Mr. Graham, Mr. Pierce.

The members who do not expect to return next year wish the society as great a measure of success in the future as it has had in the past.

Fraternities

ALPHA SIGMA TAU

On the evening of May 2, the members of the Sorority met at the rooms of Miss Harding, to initiate into the Sorority Miss Ellon Henley, Miss Emma Baer and Miss Daisy Brodhed. After the usual rites had been performed, and the emerald and gold pledge ribbons had been exchanged for the yellow rose, the members adjourned to the rooms of Miss Silk, where refreshments were served and a social evening followed.

The Sorority gave their annual party in the Gymnasium, Saturday evening, May 9, 1903.

PI KAPPA SIGMA

The members of the Sorority were pleasantly entertained Saturday evening, April 11, by the pledged members. Dainty refreshments were served.

On Tuesday evening, April 17, Misses Mary Flannelly, Kathryn Winter and Mae Hitchcock, were received into the Sorority as active members. After the initiation a delightful banquet was held at the Woodman House. Miss Irene Callow acted as toastmaster, and with well chosen words called for responses from Miss Huntington, Miss Winter, Miss Flannelly and Mrs. Burton.

On Friday evening, May 1, occurred the annual May party given by Pi Kappa Sigma, at the Gymnasium. The room was decorated for the occasion with bunting, palms and evergreens, and the music was furnished by two members of Finney's Orchestra, from Detroit. About one hundred guests were present, including the following members from out of town: Mrs. Mae Harper Seeley, and the Misses Ida Pierce, Zora Perkey, and Edith Holmes, from Ann Arbor, and Miss Estella Baker, from Detroit.

Miss Jessie Wallace is wearing the turquoise and gold.

KAPPA PSI SORORITY

The annual Kappa Psi party was given at the Gymnasium Friday evening, April 24. The occasion was one of great enjoyment.
The gymnasium was tastily decorated with palms and potted plants, the same forming a pyramid at the center of the room.

The Greek letter monogram of incandescent lights against an effective background of evergreen was an original and prominent feature.

Dainty refreshments were served to forty couple, many of whom were out of town guests.

Announcements have been received of the marriage of Miss Ethelyn Ballard to Mr. Harry G. White of Grand Rapids. Mrs. White was formerly a member of the Kappa Psi sorority. Her many friends extend hearty congratulations.

**Zeta Phi**

The regular meeting of the Sorority was held with Miss Hammond, at Ann Arbor, Saturday, May 2, with a very full attendance of regular members, and Miss Ballou and Miss Horner, from Detroit, and Miss Frank, from Wayne, as senior guests. An unusual amount of business was dispatched before the social work in lighter vein was taken up, and the afternoon passed merrily away.

A letter from Miss Mowrey brings greeting to all from Seattle, where she has been re-elected, with a substantial increase in salary.

Miss Elsie Brown, '02, has been appointed special drawing teacher in Houghton.

Miss Leland, who taught last year in Havana, Cuba, has accepted a proposition to return in September for another year.

Miss Patterson and Miss Clark have accepted positions in the primary grades at Bessemer for next year.

**Harmonious Mystics**

Mrs. F. H. Pease very pleasantly entertained the Sorority, a few days ago, at a home tea party.

Mrs. B. L. D'Ooge has been invited by the Sorority to share the responsibilities as patroness with Mrs. Pease, and she has graciously accepted.

It has been laid at the doors of musicians that they are too much absorbed in their profession to come under the broadening influences of the other arts, of sciences, and of literature. It has been the effort of the members of the Sorority to correct this error as much as possible while pursuing their musical studies and receiving their training in the conservatory, and in choosing Mrs. D'Ooge, have confidence that her knowledge and experience will help greatly in directing their efforts, while they will receive the good influence of her personality.

The Sorority regret the absence of Miss Jessie L. Pease, an honorary patroness of the Sorority, who sailed May 2nd. She will be abroad nine months.

**Clubs**

**Portia Club**

The Portia Club began its work this spring quarter with a deep and evident interest on the part of its members. New officers were elected, and Miss Margaret Lockwood was chosen president.

Three new members, Misses Miller, Paulson, and Wiggins, have been elected to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of Miss Closz, Miss Ellis, and Miss Lorenz.

Debates on educational subjects have been the prominent feature of the majority of our meetings. Two weeks ago we were thoroughly convinced that environment has a greater influence in education than heredity.

On the evening of May 7, the club will debate the question: "Resolved, That the 'Honor System' should be adopted in our colleges." President Jones informed us that if the club decided in favor of this system, we should certainly have to adopt it in the Normal.

The work that has been done has been very creditable, and in the estimation of its members, our club is one of the best of its kind in the school.

The club decided May 7 that the Honor System would not be a desirable thing to adopt in our colleges. On this evening, also,
the members enjoyed having Dr. Edwards as critic. He gave many good suggestions, and his criticisms, while wholly without flattery, were very acceptable. The members unite in saying that Dr. Edwards knows how to mix the bitter with the sweet and in such proportions as to leave a good taste in the mouth.

WEBSTER CLUB

The Club is doing plenty of good work, as usual. Several seniors have resigned, and their places are ably filled by promising new members.

The much-talked-of ball game was played Saturday. The Lincoln Club did better work than was expected, but the inevitable happened.

The ship subsidy bill was discussed Saturday and found wanting.

The cup looks promising for next year, if good speeches and confidence will win it.

THE GERMAN CLUB

During the month of April the German Club held two meetings, on the evenings of the 10th and 24th, respectively. Books have been purchased containing the words and music to many of the German songs, the singing of which is a very pleasant part of the meetings.

At the meeting of April 24th, we were entertained with the story of Lohengrin, charmingly told by Miss Koenig. This was followed by games and songs which closed the meeting.

THE LINCOLN CLUB

The Lincoln Club have elected the following officers for the spring quarter:

President—Reinhold.
Vice-president—Jensen.
Secretary—Rutherford.
Treasurer—Milliken.
Editor—Crawford.
Yell Master—Graham.
Member of the Oratorical Board—G. E. Bates.

Mr. G. E. Bates represented the Normal College in the state Oratorical Contest at Olivet March 20.

Mr. Odle, and Mr. Geo. K. Wilson resigned and Mr. Prine and Mr. Burke were elected to fill their places.

An amount of interest unusual for this season of the year is manifested in the club work. The membership is full and many are waiting for admission.

Saturday afternoon, May 2, the Webster and Lincoln Clubs played the most hotly contested baseball game that has been played on the Normal campus this year. At no point in the game could the final outcome be foreseen and the crowd went wild with enthusiasm. At the beginning of the last half of the ninth inning the score stood nine to nine, but the Websterites succeeded in bringing in one score and the game ended nine to ten in favor of the Webster Club.

GIRLS’ SOCIAL LEAGUE

During the month of April the league has met twice. The regular meeting was held at Starkweather hall during the afternoon of April 11. The afternoon was pleasantly spent, and each person present carried home a prettily-decorated Easter egg as a token.

Saturday evening, April 18, about 150 of the members met at the Gymnasium, where a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

The regular meeting in June will be held the 6th of that month, at which time the annual election of officers will take place.

The Blue and Blue for April contains a well written article entitled "Wherefore." The writing was occasioned by finding in the room of a Cherokee Indian student at Hampton University a slip of paper on which was written the following concise statement of his reasons for attending the institute: "To develop all my powers, to learn self-control, to help my people.''

The article "On the American College Girl," in the Chicago Monthly Maroon, for April is full of common sense even though the "grad" is talking treason.
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