A GRAND SUCCESS
GREATEST MEETING OF THE CLUB EVER HELD

The attendance and enthusiasm at the Schoolmasters' Club, held at the Normal College last week surpassed all records. Over 300 registered, while 175 was the previous high-water mark. The schoolmasters were fortunate in the presence of a number of college presidents, not less than four of the distinguished heads of notable institutions being on the program.

The dedication of the new science building took place Thursday evening. Professor John M. Coulter, of the University of Chicago, delivered the address of the evening in Normal hall, after which an informal reception at the science building was held. This proved to be one of the most delightful occasions of the entire meeting. A large number of guests inspected the rooms and their splendid equipment, and were impressed with the perfection of the whole.

Friday morning was given up to the three great lectures as indicated on the program.

SECTIONAL MEETINGS
The sectional meetings of the afternoon were well attended, and valuable papers were discussed.

ENGLISH CONFERENCE
The general topic of the English conference was: "How Can the Teaching of English be Made more Efficient in the Secondary Schools?" Many helpful suggestions were crowded into the fifteen minutes allowed each speaker. Principal

THE EDUCATIONAL VALUE OF GEOGRAPHY
PROFESSOR M. S. W. JEFFERSON

In geography all the sciences find their application, for geography shows us the world and the details of the world are the subjects of separate sciences. In geography the history of mankind finds its stage, the life of nations, cities, and individuals, its setting in a right geography there is even some prophecy for the future.

What is the educational value of geography?

Geography in the grade schools is to show these relations of men and the earth. Geography in the normal schools is to make geography possible in the grades; and geography in the university or in the research of individuals, is to satisfy the craving of the human soul for understanding.

There must be more advanced work in geography in the normal schools than in the schools, and the most advanced work in the subject must always lead these courses onward.

Knowledge progresses. Men are always making new knowledge. Other men are always trying to use this new knowledge and every now and then some one of them succeeds. The public press keeps the people that have gone forth from school more or less informed about this new knowledge and its applications. The press makes its mistakes. It attaches more importance to novelty than to accu-
racy. But it is wise in making its stories attractive reading. It teaches a large school. The public school cannot be so venturesome in the field of new things as the press. But it is bound not to lag too far behind it. On the day when public sentiment regards the schools as behind the times, on that day the public loses interest in the teacher and his work.

We cannot teach all we know. No stream rises as high as its source, not even the stream of knowledge. There are frictional resistances all along the line of transference. So in the attempt to transfer knowledge, there are frictional resistances all along the line. You have certain ideas, certain pictures in your mind; you wish to build them up in mine, or as we say to teach me what you know. The line of communication between us is twofold; you have to give expression to your thought in language, and I have to interpret that language in terms of my thought. There are frictional resistances all along. You cannot ever fully express your thought. I cannot ever fully interpret your expression. For we are working you with your mind and I with mine and no two were ever alike.

Suppose you wish to teach me arithmetic. I say what I shall learn will be something less than what you know. Something is lost by friction along the way. I am not supposing any failures to do our duty, yours and mine. You are to teach well and I to study diligently. Still there will be this loss which is in the limitations of human minds. The loss is not however absolute. Over and above what we know is a borderland of feeling, faith, truth desired to be true rather than known to be true. Into this borderland some of your teaching goes. It represents a loss of knowledge, but it is potential for good as well as evil. For good, since thought and further study may transform it into knowledge, but for evil also, since when knowledge is demanded of me from that border region I may in haste and desperation construct imaginations into the pre-

tuce of truth. If these considerations are sound it seems to follow that when I teach what you have taught me I draw from a diminished fund to begin with, and my pupil will receive it somewhat diminished again, and perhaps filled out to a semblance of knowledge that is not truth. Continue this process a sufficient number of times and we arrive at a pupil whose whole result is in his borderland, he knows nothing but merely thinks he knows, or perhaps he says he knows but he cannot tell.

This does not happen, lor two reasons. In the first place all subjects of instruction contain formal elements that a diligent mind cannot miss, the multiplication table, the rules of parsing or arithmetic, the names of the capes of the declensions and conjugations of nouns and verbs, all that a Gradgrind delights in. To this, teaching will inevitably come that gives the pupil no instruction beyond the subject of his own future teaching. This is the reproach that has oftenest been made to normal schools, that they have thought to prepare teachers well enough for their work when they added a course in method to the knowledge or ignorance the students brought with them from high or grammar schools. Formal instruction is deadly in its seemingly substantial character. The second reason the knowledge does not diminish to a vacuum is that most teachers do study to overcome defects that they perceive in their teaching.

This brings me to the remedy for the continuous diminution suffered by knowledge re-taught. It is to study something higher than what we are to teach. To teach arithmetic study algebra. What went into your borderland when you were taught arithmetic will now be called out and set in order as real vital knowledge. A review does not accomplish this for lack of freshness, and because its unavoidable tendency is towards the formal things only. A review to my mind is much like the perusal of the index after reading the book.

(To be concluded next week.)
ENGLISH CONFERENCE

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Webster Cook, Saginaw, E. S., made some good points; the paper by Miss Kavana, of Chicago, was a strong plea for "The Use of Literary Models." The paper by Headmaster L. E. Hult, of Michigan Military Academy, was especially well received. This was said to be the best English conference ever held by the Club.

FRENCH CONFERENCE

The French conference which was held in Dr. Ford's room, was voted a very successful meeting. Miss Lombard, of the French department of the college, read a stimulating paper that provoked much discussion, and Dr. Effinger, of the University, discussed at length the scope of high school work in French. He combined with his remarks an outline of study which he and Dr. Ford have recently prepared for the high schools of the state. In his report, work for each year was laid down and commented upon.

HISTORICAL CONFERENCE

For the first time in some years the teachers of history enjoyed a "conference" in connection with the Schoolmasters' Club. Mr. Davis of the Detroit Central high school, in a paper entitled "The Teaching of Civil Government in the High Schools," treated of the importance of the subject objects to be attained, and methods of teaching. Mr. Davis favored the combined course in American history and civics in the twelfth grade.

Professor Fairlie, of the University, read a paper on the relation of history and political science, in which he advocated separate courses in civics as necessary to a clear and orderly understanding of the subject.

Miss Kimball, of the Eastern High School of Detroit, discussed the kind of text-book to be used in teaching history in the high school. Miss Kimball treated a rather difficult subject in a way to hold the attention of the audience, and suggest questions for future consideration.

Mr. Larzelere, of the Central State Normal School, followed with a bright discussion. The audience would have gladly heard from others present, but there was only time for election of officers. The next program will be in charge of the chairman, Mr. Davis, of Detroit, and the secretary, Professor Dow, of the University.

PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY

At the meeting of the Michigan Schoolmasters' Club last year it was decided to change the conference of physics to the conference of physics and chemistry, and a committee was appointed to outline the work on chemistry. A circular letter was sent out to the schools of the state, asking a series of questions. The answers to those questions are to be used as a basis to suggest work in future meetings. The program of the conference was in line with the suggestions received.

The article which seemed to be a favorite was by Dr. G. A. Hultett, of Ann Arbor, on "The Chemistry of Radium." A special feature was Dr. Harry Randall's paper on "The Relation of Mathematics to Physics in the High School," and from the discussion, which followed it appears that the laboratory method is now being introduced into the teaching of mathematics, and the physics teachers demand that mathematics be made more usable for physicists under the new plan. Mathematicians seem willing to grant this if they can learn what is required. It was decided that the graphical representation of functions should be required of mathematical students, as this is practicable directly in physics.

Much disappointment was felt in the absence of Professor Carhart, who was to have lectured on "Radium and Its Properties," and of Professor Holbrook, who was to have spoken on "The German System of Wireless Telegraphy."
At the German Conference, Professor Max Winkler, of Hillsdale, read a practical paper on "The Character of First Year Reading." Professor Max Winkler, of the University of Michigan, read scholarly paper on "Goethe and Self-Culture."

The report of the committee on German courses in the high schools was presented. The committee consists of Professors Winkler and Diekhoff, of Ann Arbor, Edwards, of the M. A. C., and Ford, of the Normal, and Miss Crist, of Grand Rapids. It outlined a full four-year course with specifications as to the amount of grammar and syntax necessary, and recommended 100 pages of reading for the first year and 400 for the fourth, to consist of poetry and prose.

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**BIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE**

In the biological conference, the advocates of the field work had their innings, a response to the new note sounded by Dr. Coulter. In many ways the value of field work and its practicability were recognized, a thing that would not have been done half a dozen years ago. Most of the speakers were from the University, but the high schools had a share in the discussion. Nature study was well treated by Miss Gertrude Gilmore of Detroit.

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**CLASSICAL CONFERENCE**

The meetings of the Classical Conference were full of interest, enthusiasm, and helpful hints. Normal students and visitors may feel themselves fortunate to have had the opportunity of hearing some of the best specialists in the country.

The paper read by Miss Allison of Hastings, on "How to make the Classical Course more attractive to High School Students," called forth a very interesting discussion.

The core of Principal D. W. Lothman's talk was that all books, if rightly used, should be for sight-reading. Professor J. G. Sutphen presented a plan for the rapid gain of power in reading connected Latin.

Principal Pearson emphatically advocated the reading of the Fourth Book of the Aeneid as necessary to the appreciation of the complete man, Aeneas.

Mr. Smalley of Lewis Institute, gave some very interesting parallels to the sixth book of the Aeneid—Homer, Daute and Milton. The other papers were of equal interest and value, making the conference as a whole a splendid success.

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**MATHEMATICAL CONFERENCE**

In the mathematical conference on Friday, Dr. A. B. Pierce of the U. of M., generalized some of the theorems of elementary geometry by central projection. The first was the projection of the triangle. Second, the projection of a quadrilateral from plane I formed a parallelogram on plane II and vice versa. If the words "line" and "point" were used interchangeably in these theorems, great advantage would be gained in the use of projections.

The report on mathematical courses in high schools was discussed, first by Professor J. L. Markley of the U. of M., who dwelt on the question: Shall every subject be taught to every pupil in exactly the same way, irrespective of what he intends to follow in later life? Shall mathematics be taught continuously, is another question which remains to be settled?

Mr. W. L. Whitney of Saginaw, in his discussion of the distribution of algebra and geometry, said there should be a recitation in these subjects every day, not alternating with any other.

Interesting discussions followed, especially in the question, "Shall geometry be made elective?"
**ALL ABOARD FOR LANSING!**

College interest at present is focused upon the debating team and the debate with M. A. C., which will take place at Lansing on Friday evening, April 15. So much enthusiasm has been manifested concerning this event, that a special train has been secured to carry those who wish to attend the debate. The train will leave Ypsilanti at 10.30 Friday morning, and will reach Lansing at 1 p.m., and will return to Ypsilanti after the debate on Friday evening. The round trip ticket has been cut to the lowest possible figure, one dollar and forty cents, so that no one will be hindered from taking advantage of this opportunity to participate in the enthusiasm and college spirit of a first-class debate, and incidentally to visit the state capital. The tickets for the trip will be on sale next Monday; so come to college on that day prepared to buy your ticket, and also wear your badge. All who go to Lansing will be excused from college work after 10 a.m. President Jones and a band will accompany the debaters.

**MICHIGAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE**

A very successful meeting of the above organization was held at Ann Arbor, March 31, April 1 and 2. The following names of the Normal College faculty appeared on the program of the Geography and Geology section:

1. The Valley of the Yumuri River, Cuba. Illustrated. Professor M. S. W. Jefferson.

Professor A. C. Lane, state geologist, was made president for the coming year. Professor Jefferson was chosen vice-president of the Geography and Geology section.

"Most high school graduates can neither count nor add."

**THE DIAMOND**

The Normal baseball team this season is going to be a hummer. Coach Failor and his squad are hard at work every afternoon, and a few minutes spent in watching them are well repaid by a delightful anticipation of the good things we're going to see on the diamond this spring.

Twenty men are putting in from two to three hours of practice daily. Two good teams are thus assured. The policy of management will be to have practice games, as far as possible, between the home teams, insuring plenty of efficient players, and at the same time giving Normal men the benefit of the training. When next year's squad begins practice there will be enough well-trained material at the outset for a good team, without the necessity of breaking in an entire squad of green men.

The game with the "Alumni Stars" last week, though hardly indicative of the team's strength, showed that a winning team may be expected. There is plenty of excellent pitching material. Morgan and Hyames, who often sent the crowds wild last year, and Reshore and Cooper are all good men in the box. Burke, Plowman, and Gaul are trying to catch and showing well. The infield is strong, with O'Brien, G. C. Smith, Reshore and Morgan working that way. Hicks, Keeler, and Uptogrove give promise that the outfield will be equally strong.

The first game will be played at Detroit with the College of Medicine next Saturday.

Normal students, it's up to you, what this team will be! You did it last fall and you can do it this spring. In loyalty there is victory. Nine rahs for Failor, Rivett, and the team.

The total precipitation for March on the College Campus was 5.18 inches, equivalent to nearly 7500 tons of water on the entire campus. What has become of it?
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At a recent meeting of the Michigan Academy of Science, the forestry interests of our state were discussed. The best policy advanced was that the pine be replaced. 

The training-school was a source of interest to all our visitors last week and they seemed very much pleased with the work being done there. Professor Roberts was probably the most sought after man in the whole college. By Thursday night, he had recommended fifty students to the superintendents seeking teachers.

The Zoology class spent most of last week constructing bird-houses which have been set up at each student's home and they will be watched with great interest. 
One does not realize until one begins to observe them, how very interesting all birds are. 

What a pleasant sensation it is on awakening these lovely spring mornings to hear the different songs of the birds who have been up since long before sunrise! They are very busy just at present selecting places for their nests, and many have already begun building. One pair of robins have chosen an oak tree quite close to a house for their place of abode. The other morning while one robin was busy utilizing long pieces of dead grass from the bank below, the other kept watch on the near-by house-top, so as to ward off all intruders. The sparrows were very curious to know what was going on in the old tree, but they dared not approach nearer than three feet from the nest.

The recent action of the State Board of Education in selecting Principal Dwight B. Waldo, of the Marquette Normal as principal of the new Normal at Kalamazoo and the choice of Superintendent James H. Kaye of the Cadillac schools to take Mr. Waldo's place at Marquette, is receiving the hearty commendation of all. Principal Waldo is a graduate of Albion and Harvard, and has been prominent in state educational matters for some time. Mr. Kaye is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is well known over the state as a strong educator. The Board is to be congratulated in securing so able a man for this important position, for in Mr. Kaye are found the qualities of a great leader and the broad, deep culture of a true gentleman.
SENIORS WON

The men's indoor class-meet Saturday evening was a grand success. The freshman sided with the juniors and the sophomores with the seniors.

To an outsider looking on, it would have been a matter of doubt as to where the contest really was—between the men on the floor, or between the girls yelling in the galleries. The final score stood 59 to 33, which probably represents a fair average for either case.

The meet showed that there was any amount of good material for a first-class track team. The work was fine, Fast, however, undoubtedly deserving especial distinction.

Events and winners were as follows:

- 15-yard dash—Seniors won.
  - Running high jump—Fast, '04, won; Smith, '05, second; Evans, '05, third. Height, 4 feet 11½ inches.
  - Potato race—Seniors won.
  - High kick—Fast, '04, won; Smith, '05, second; Kruse, '04, third. Height, 8 feet 3½ inches.
  - 12-pound shot-put—Kruse, '04, won; Hendry, '04, second; Fast, '04, third. Distance, 39 feet 1 inch.
  - Rope climbing (team race)—Class of '05 won.
  - Donkey race—Olney and Morey, '05, won; McKay and Hamill, '05, second; Andrews and Ryawes, '05, third.
  - Basketball—Class of '05 won, 12 to 6.
  - Cock fight—Class of '04 won.
  - Relay race—Class of '04 won.
  - Referee—Wittwire. Judges—Gorton, U. of 31., and Bishop, Ypsilanti H. S.

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LOCALS AND PERSONALS

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Miss Agnes Misener is again a student here.

Miss Clio Case has entered college for post-graduate work.

Mr. J. Chandler visited Mrs. and Miss Goddard Sunday.

Miss Edith Holbrook has been suffering from tonsilitis this week.

Miss Florence Dickinson has accepted a position in the Grand Rapids schools.

Miss Hildegard Grum of Mt. Pleasant, spent Sunday with Miss Lucile Hoyt.

Miss Lou Young, '03, of Northville, is spending a few days with the Misses Lousby.

Miss Clara Knowles will not return this term, but will resume her studies in the summer school.

Miss Heesen, who was detained at home during the winter quarter, has returned to college.

Are you going to the basketball game between the junior and senior girls tonight?

The men’s quartet sang in Wayue last Tuesday evening, and pleased their audience with their selections.

Mr. Fred Ellis sang in Ann Arbor in the opera “Crusaders” on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Miss Zoe Kimball of Alma, spent her vacation with her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Putnam.

Miss Anna Besley was in Detroit Friday, Monday evening she entertained her cousin from that city.

Many words of appreciation were expressed by those who heard the superb musical recital in Normal Hall Friday afternoon.

The Pease Ladies’ Quartette, with Miss Clara Brabb as accompanist, sang at a reception held in Detroit Saturday afternoon. They were entertained at luncheon at noon by Mrs. Jessie Pease.

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Miss Jessie Mann of Concord, Miss Juanita Clark of Dearborn, Miss Mary Clark of Ann Arbor and Mrs. Mahel Falconer of Charlotte, visited at the Sigma Nu Phi House last week and attended the meeting of the Schoolmasters' Club.

Misses Grace Ahlbot and Maud Post are wearing Kappa Psi colors.

The Alpha Sigma Tan Sorority were entertained Thursday of last week by Misses Lulu Smith and Frances Clapp. Games appropriate to the Easter season were played and a dainty luncheon served. Misses Bess and Lon Nims, Clio Case and Edith Silk were guests of the evening.

Last Friday night Mr. Frank Jensen was initiated into the Phi Delta Pi. After the initiation the fraternity adjourned to the parlors of the Methodist church, where a banquet was waiting. Mr. S. R. Wilson, acted as toastmaster. The alumni members present were, Messrs. Churchill, Ellsworth, Lull, Steimle, Wilson, Dodds, Goodrick, Paton, Wilcox and Winter.

S. C. A.

The meeting Sunday afternoon will be in the interests of the Lakeside Conference to be held at Lakeside, Ohio, next June. The meeting will be addressed by Mr. E. A. Mowrey of Wixom, Mr. F. B. McKay and some speaker from the U. of M. Association. It will be an interesting session. Conie.

At the annual meeting of the Y. W. C. A. the following officers for the ensuing year were elected. President, Miss Pearl Benedict; vice-president, Miss Estella Willets; treasurer, Mrs. Lila Pittman; secretary, Miss Grace Cooper.

Miss Margaret Kyle, one of the four student national secretaries of the American Committee, will speak at the regular Sunday service at 2:30 p. m. Miss Kyle will conduct other meetings during the week.

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