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WEBSTER CLUB SONG

Tune—“Music in the Air.”

When beneath some grateful shade
The Lincoln's scholar heads are laid.
Vision of that cup so fair
Will vanish in “Hot Air.”

LINCOLN CLUB SONG

Tune—“Settlers' Legend.”

We are Old members of the Lincoln Club
We're not of the Webster C.
You'll find our colors on the cup
And there they'll ever be.
Those second-ranked Websterites,
Oh what did they ever do?
We're marching on to victory
With the good old red, white, and blue.
THE PLACE OF MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES IN EDUCATION

RESUME OF DR. FORD'S LECTURE

PART I

The ancient languages are the foundation upon which much of our modern civilization has been built. Our mother tongue is the first interest, but anything which will enrich our mother tongue, renovate it, and cause it to be used in its purity is of paramount importance. English owes much in its structure to foreign languages, and a study of them will invigorate it.

It will be profitable first to consider the history of the teaching of modern languages,—French and German more especially. The study of the modern languages goes back to the Revival of Learning. As the study of Latin and Greek extended and the Renaissance movement spread a new feeling of respect arose for the living tongues, and this, coupled with the fact that science, philosophy and history were beginning to command attention heralded the breaking up of the old traditions.

In 1736 a German school was founded in St. Petersburg, and as early as 1700 French was taught in Germany. In 1835 Prussia made the study of French compulsory, but it was not until 1865 that France required the teaching of German and English. The teaching of French in America goes back to an early date, owing probably to the friendly relations existing between the two countries at the time of the Revolution. Columbia University established a chair of French in 1779 and of German in 1784. Michigan was the first western university to give instruction in the modern languages, having established such a chair in 1846. Of course, French was taught in Detroit much earlier, but in a haphazard way. Only during the last twenty-five years, have the modern languages been given a real place in the high schools of the country.

The place of the modern languages in education at the present time is due to a widening of national interests and culture. It is a measure of our interest in others.

The value of the study of French and German may be summed up under three heads: I. Its disciplinary value; II. Its utilitarian value; III. Its culture value.

I. The development of language keeps pace with the development of the race and also with the development of the individual. When we learn our mother tongue we gradually collect a wealth of symbols which are built up into a complete linguistic structure,—we acquire the conception and the symbol. But in learning a foreign language we begin with the conceptions already existing and adapt hereto new symbols. Here lies the mental gymnastics of such study, in short, the disciplinary value. Not simplicity of grammar or lack of it determines the chief disciplinary value of language—but rather the idiom. English is easy in its grammar, but difficult in its idiom. The study of the modern languages involves the same mental processes which are concerned in the study of ancient languages, but these processes are put to a supreme test by the fact that the modern languages call for special facility in colloquial expression.

[To be concluded next week]

Two girls were comparing progress in catechism study. "I've got to original sin," said one. "How far have you got?"
"Me? Oh, I'm way beyond redemption," said the other.

Those interested should not fail to take account of the state meeting of the Consumers' League in Detroit this week.

Teacher—"What letter follows the letter H?"
Boy—"I dunno."
Teacher—"What have I on either side of my nose?"
Boy—"Freckles, mum."
THE SCHOOL-HOUSE UNDER THE PINES

LOU MARSALIS, '95

'Twas an afternoon in winter,
And the sun traced strange designs,
Upon a quaint little school-house,
A school-house under the pines.

'Twas a study for any painter,
As it nestled there cozy and red,
Scantly among the pine trees.
Whose boughs met overhead.

A soft light snow had fallen,
Sprinkling them o'er with white,
And the sun, slow-sinking behind them.
Cast on all his rosy light.

Inside 'twas unusually quiet
The birch lay at rest on the desk.
The stool in the corner was vacant,
For the dunce worked as well as the best.

Some were working on pictures,
Others were trying to rhyme.
For each and every pupil there
Was making a valentine.

The teacher was young, almost boyish,
But his eyes looked weary and old.
And as he gazed at the sunset
He shivered, as if with cold.

He was thinking of disappointments,
Sorrows that none might share.
Ambition seemed to mock him
And he sighed, "Who is there to care?"

As the children left the school-room
A blushing maiden of nine
Stopped before him and timidly whispered
"May I give you my valentine?"

As he stooped for her little offering,
From those upturned eyes of blue,
He seemed to read hope's message,
And it said to him, "Be true."

So again he took up his life-work
And as years after passed by,
What once he had dreamed, became earnest.
And fame herself drew nigh.

His way was becoming pleasant,
From his forehead were smoothed the lines,
But in memory still there lingered
The school-house under the pines.

And with it the little maiden,
Who was now a woman grown,
And the longing grew upon him
To claim her for his own.

Wistful, he wrote his petition,
Notas a lover bold.
And told her that tale, ever new,
Yet old as the world is old.

Impatiently he waited her answer,
When it came 'twas only a line,
I'll not tell you what was in it,
But 'twas signed "Your Valentine."

VALENTINES

Dropped by a careless messenger near the training school and brought to the News office is the following missive:—

TO PRESIDENT BROWN
Paris of old gave choice
To Venus' charms:
We to Minerva's knight
Extend our palms.

None who his kindness feels
His sway disowns.
Our hearts are true as steels,
To President Brown.

Over by Stark weather was found this on a very delicate note paper, perfumed, and in an envelope:—

● Cupid, had I been the one
Sole aim, like Ida, of your reddest dart,
I'd not 'a done what Ida done.
I'd took you down into my heart.

Nearby was found this, on regular valentine paper:—

To thee our hearts, do all belong,
Thou art our star, Professor Smith.

On the steps of the conservatory lay this written on harmony paper. On the margin there is a pen drawing of a girl with long hair down her back which we cannot reproduce:—

For thy dear sake I would
A host defy;
Thy valentine, thy champion knight
Am I.

Just by the statue this:—

TO DOCTOR F
I sent my Cupid forth with all his art
To launch my love deep down into your heart.
In vain! Tho' master of his art is he
His arrow splintered on your lip.

A girl was seen reading this in chapel. It was headed "A job lot of stale old promises":—
Blue skies, blooming flowers,  
Lots of honey, shady bowers,  
Placid lakes, moonlight nights,  
Only a few of the pictured delights.

Soft soap by the barrel  
And sugar by the ton.  
Not a bit of care  
But a perfect round of fun.  
Sweet names to call you,  
Lovely! Dovey! Dear!  
Darling! Sweety! Precious!  
For just about a year.

STUDENTS' MEETING A SUCCESS

A large and enthusiastic body of students gathered in Normal Hall Tuesday evening to discuss subjects related to college life here. The students were bubbling over with excitement and all felt themselves a part of this great institution.

Professor Lathers was appointed chairman and after stating the object of the meeting he called upon Mr. Milliken, president of the senior class, for an opening speech. Mr. Milliken in an earnest way made all feel that the person who most closely connects himself with all the departments of college life is the one who receives the broadest culture from his college course.

Several students were then called upon for speeches. Miss Kate M'Keuzie spoke for more loyal support of the literary societies and clubs. Mr. Graham proposed a senior-junior meet; this suggestion was hailed with delight, especially by the juniors.

Miss Flora M'Keuzie proved herself a witty speaker; she urged that the class meetings be more largely attended. Mr. Wilson also spoke along this line. A speech which called forth a great display of enthusiasm was made by Mr. Herald who gave a call for a large number of students to accompany the debating team to Lansing in April. Mr. Walsworth spoke effectively on this subject.

One of the most forcible and business-like speeches of the evening was made by Mr. Jordan, manager of the News. By actual comparison, he showed that the News is far cheaper and better than any other college organ in the state. After some rousing cheers for the News, subscription blanks were passed and a number of students availed themselves of the opportunity to subscribe for the paper for the remainder of the school year at twenty-five cents. Miss Hoare also spoke at this time urging the students to contribute newsy items, jokes and literary articles unsolicited, for their own college paper. Mr. Crawford spoke for a few moments on the 1904 Aurora. He earnestly requested each senior to claim his space in it at once.

It was a matter of satisfaction to the students that a number of the members of the faculty were present, and especially did President Jones receive a very cordial welcome. Near the close of the meeting he was called upon for a speech and the students appreciated very highly his kind words. He commended youthful enthusiasm, suggesting that the enthusiasm of today when carried into the work of the future, will help in making the days to come our best days.

Songs were then sung by the Lincoln and the Webster clubs, after which some strong, lusty yells for the M. N. C. were given and the meeting was adjourned until Friday evening when all expected to be present at the great debate.

THE GREAT DEBATE

Never has there been more genuine enthusiasm manifested by the students of the Normal College than has been shown here during the past week.

By the time this issue of the News reaches you, the debaters will have spoken and the prizes will have been awarded. Whatever the result of the debate may be, the Normal College is sure of a strong team to represent her at Lansing in the great debate with M. A. C.; and it is a pleasure to announce that these men will not go alone but they will be accompanied and supported by hundreds of loyal Normalites.
**JUNIOR PLUCK IS RISING**

If class spirit is in any way helpful to college spirit, surely the latter is not on the decline in the Normal.

The junior class is one to be proud of, for since the seniors and sophomores helped them to get started they are doing well. To be sure, they did not challenge the seniors to an indoor meet as most junior classes before them have done. Why this was we cannot say, but surely it was not due to lack of pluck as will soon be seen.

Generally the event of the winter quarter is the junior-senior indoor meet. This quarter it began to look as though there would be no excitement. It was not the place of the seniors to challenge. The juniors would not, so the occurrence of such an event rested with the sophomores. Although the smallest class organization in the school, they did not hesitate to respond to the call of duty. Realizing that in such a contest they would be outdone by numbers, they nevertheless felt that they owed it to the college to keep up the spirit of interest, and so backed by the enthusiasm of the loyal sophomore girls, the boys of the class challenged the juniors to an indoor meet, date and events to be arranged by a joint committee of the two classes.

Last Monday night the juniors held a meeting and after some discussion, pro and con, they accepted the challenge. Surely this was pluck. It is the kind of pluck that should receive the applause of every loyal Normalite. Forty junior men against eight sophomores! And it is reported that they accepted the challenge without even asking advice from any other class. Surely with such rapid development, the juniors will be able by next year to organize alone.

Mr. Guy Smith is the athletic manager for the sophomore class and Mr. Alson Hyames is the junior manager. The following events have been arranged for and much interest is being taken in the preparations:

1. Basketball.
2. 10-yard dash.
3. Donkey race.
4. Relay race.
5. Cock fight.
6. Rope climbing.
7. Potato race.

**BASKETBALL**

The efficiency with which our team met the persistent attempts of the veteran team from M. A. C. on Saturday last, was most gratifying. Though not a victory the team showed wonderful improvement, and with but one mouth’s practice was able to present as brilliant team work as the opposing team with its five years of playing. The game from beginning to end was rough and furious, and none but well developed teams could have maintained the rapid pace set from the beginning. Continual fouling on both sides was the course of the game, yet the members of the opposing team were usually the offenders.

The strength of the visiting team seemed to lie in rapid foot work and in unusual weight, yet they earned every point in their score, the home team contesting vigorously every gain. To a spectator the score of 22 to 2 did not seem to indicate the relative abilities of the teams, for the Normals were by no means outclassed by the strongest team in the state.

The spirit of appreciation which urged our team on in the face of defeat was most inspiring and cheer after cheer followed the team at every successful move.

The line-up of the teams was as follows:

**M. A. C.**
Haftenkamp  r. b.  Morris
Schaefer      l. b.  Graham
Balbach       c.    Sprague
Gill          r. f.  O’Brien
Miller        l. f.  Hayward

**N. C.**

To night our men play at Detroit another of the strongest teams of the state, D. A. C. Our best hopes and confidence go with them.
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Sunday is Valentine's Day—Hearts are trump.

Is Mr. Milliken still at C?

We have it on good authority that the Websters are 'not dead yet.'

THE NEWS until June '04, for 25 cents.

Who says we have no college spirit? Were not the shouts and yells at the
game Saturday indicative of a great deal of enthusiasm? The Normalites know
how to meet defeat gracefully.

We have never in this part of the state had so wintry a winter as the present. The
coldest November on record; the coldest December on record; and now the coldest
January on record. The week ending Jan. 30 was especially remarkable for steady
cold. The snowfall for the season, so far, is also the greatest on record. But enough
of the weather,—this sort, at least.

As February rolls around again, the
world pays tribute anew to "the first
American," Abraham Lincoln, so great
in his simplicity and so simple in his
greatness. Great, because in all his re-
lations of life, whether humble or exalted,
he was characterized by the simple up-
rightness of a little child, combined with
the heart of a man beating in strong
sympathy with all humanity.

Because of this, more than all else
perhaps, has he become the nation's ideal. For nations like individuals have
their ideals—those who remain separate
from the rest of the world as types of the
noblest and best in men and nations.
They stand as monuments of strong in-
tegrity and unswerving allegiance to right
and justice. It is through these high
forms of typelife that nations and indi-
viduals climb to perfection, and through
Lincoln our nation has made its greatest
progress.

"We rest in peace where these sad eyes
Saw peril, strife and pain;
His was the nation's sacrifice,
And ours the priceless gain."

Yes, we have heard that some of the
seniors do not intend to have their pictures
in the Aurora. Doesn't this smack a
little of disloyalty and lack of interest?

Each individual senior ought to feel
that a certain space in the Aurora belongs
to him and that it is his duty to prove his
ownership by putting into that space his
picture. What if you are not a Venus or an
Adonis? It is you who want, just as you are. You never take a good picture? Comfort yourself with the thought that
good-looking people never have justice
done them in a photograph gallery. You
always look "so cross?" Call it "stern-
ness" and "lines of thought." You can't
shut your mouth long enough to have your
picture taken? Think of the admiration
given to advertisements of Rubifoam,
Enthymol, etc.

We believe these excuses are being
offered only in fun and that every senior
of the class of '04 will be glad to do the
right thing and do it soon.
BASEBALL PROSPECTS

On Monday afternoon a meeting of men interested in baseball was held in the gymnasium. The purpose was to talk over the prospects for the coming season and to find out who wished to try for the team. About thirty men have already declared their intention of taking baseball training the coming spring. Of last year’s team, Morgan, Hyames, and W. B. Smith will be back. “Deac” Re Shore of the ’03 football team will also be returning at that time. Among the new men, Hicks has played on the M. A. C. champion class team of ’03, and Keeler, Evans, Uptegrove, and Kelly have played on high-school teams. The athletic board has not engaged a coach yet, but there are two good candidates for the position: Failer, of Saline, and Cole, of the University of Michigan. Failer is a Normal graduate and has pitched on the Normal team. Cole played on the University of Michigan team last spring, and he will be assistant coach in football there next fall. He is highly recommended by trainer Fitzpatrick. It is the policy of those in charge of baseball for the coming season, that the team shall be composed strictly of Normal players and it is believed that there is plenty of material in college to make a good strong team. The schedule is nearly completed, games having been arranged with M. A. C., Albion, Adrian, Alma, and Detroit College. Indoor baseball practice commenced Tuesday; “Doc” Owen, pitcher on the Chicago American League team, acted as coach.

THE WIDOW’S MITE

She was a widow stern and spry,
And brimming with lots of fight;
She married a little man five feet high,
And he died from the widow’s might.

—Columbia Spectator.

Mr. B.— What is a moderate distance?
Student—Not so awfully far.
LOCALS AND PERSONALS

Miss Charlotte Parker is quite ill.
Mr. S. D. Mager is quite seriously ill.
Mr. Bowman spent Sunday in Port Huron.
Misses Betteys and Zoe Spencer spent Saturday in Detroit.
Miss Edith Martin spent Friday with Miss Pope.
Miss Nora Kauzler spent the last of last week in Detroit.
Miss Joslynn is the new stenographer at the general office.
Mrs. Sherzer has returned from a two weeks' visit at Saginaw.
Miss Edna O'Dell spent Sunday with her brother in Detroit.
Miss Irene Mogford returned Tuesday from a short visit in Jackson.
Miss Lou Young visited Misses Ida and Carrie Jansby last week.
Misses F. Blaine and Weeks went to Detroit Saturday afternoon.
Miss Anna Besley sprained her ankle at the gymnasium the first of the week.
Misses Culbertson, Helou and Antoinette Priest spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Ann Arbor.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Perine, of Rives Junction, visited Miss Nellie Smith this week. They spent Saturday in Detroit.
Miss Amy Riggs fell in the gymnasium last Friday, hurting herself quite badly. She is recovering rapidly and will soon resume her school work.
Misses Amy Calkins and Adelaide Stearus went to Detroit to spend Sunday.
Many of the faculty have been unable to meet their classes recently on account of illness.
We are glad to note that the "Spirits" so noticeably present at the "Students' meeting" Tuesday evening, did not mysteriously disappear at the close of the meeting, but continued their good work at the society rooms Wednesday evening, the result of which was manifested Friday night at the debate.

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Miss Edith Thompson, '03, is the guest of Miss Helen Priest.

Miss Jessie Laird went to Detroit Saturday afternoon.

Miss Louise Stellwagon is out of school on account of illness.

The regular Conservatory recital was given Feb. 10 in Normal Hall.

Subscribe for the Normal News for the remainder of the year, 25 cents.

Miss Maitlin, the critic in the seventh grade, was ill the first of the week.

The date of the indoor meet, junior and senior girls, has been set for March 12.

Miss Nellie Adriance has been entertaining Miss Hobart from Grand Rapids this week.

Professor Barbour took up his work again Monday, after having been absent a week on account of illness.

If you want to secure a position to teach, write James F. McCullough, 639 Fine Arts Building, Chicago.

Miss Mary Osborne, who has been filling a vacancy in the Lapeer high school, has returned to the College.

Mrs. Tray, Miss Beudict, and Professor Pease heard Madame SchumannHeinck, the great contralto, in Detroit, Tuesday evening.

The Conservatory Faculty recital which was to have been given last Tuesday evening was postponed until Tuesday evening of next week.

Students planning the luxury of late rising can get something to eat at the Woman's Exchange, across from the gymnasium.

Miss Minnie Hall, a former student at the Normal, visited with friends here on Wednesday. Miss Hall will take her A.B. degree at the University this year.

Miss Pearl Benedict charmed the people of Allegan last week, where she sang at a banquet and a meeting of the "Treble Clef." Their admiration and appreciation of Miss Benedict were shown by the reception she received.

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Tues. Feb. 16—Conservatory Faculty Concert, 8 P.M.

Wed. Feb. 17—Chapel, 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. Talk by Dr. Ford. Christian Association Prayer Meeting, 6:15 P.M.

Thurs. Feb. 18—Gymnasium Entertainment

Fri. Feb. 19—Normals play Adrian College at Adrian. Crescent Society meets, 8 P.M. Athenaeum Society meets, 8 P.M.

Sat. Feb. 20—Meeting of the Debating Clubs, 9:00-12:00 A.M.

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As we said before, always something new! Our next meeting, Feb. 19, will be of interest to all as Miss Eagle will give one of her delightful readings. Our Michigan poet, Will Carleton, will contribute to the general entertainment.

Come and hear Miss Eagle at the Crescent Literary Society, Feb. 19th, 1904.

**FRATERNITIES**

Mr. Fast was initiated into the mysteries of Phi Delta Pi, Saturday last.

Miss Jessie Lee is pledged to the Sigma Nu Phi.

The regular meeting of the Sigma Nu Phi was held Saturday evening, at which officers were elected for the remaining part of the year.

Guy Bates was called home from his teaching in Delray to attend the funeral.

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of his mother, who died last week. The Kappa Phi Alpha fraternity extend their sympathy to him in his bereavement.

**CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION**

The following delegates are representing our association at the state convention of Y. M. C. A. associations held in Saginaw, beginning with today and continuing until Wednesday, Feb. 17. C. C. Smith, Bruce Milliken, Alson Hyames, M. B. Travis, C. H. Jackson, and J. M. Andress.

The newly elected officers for the ensuing years are as follows: President, Guy C. Smith; vice-president, Alson Hyames; recording secretary, George Shafer; corresponding secretary, J. M. Andress; treasurer, E. L. O'Brien.

Dr. Hoyt will speak on "Self-Mastery," Sunday, Feb. 14, at 2:30 p. m. Everyone cordially invited to attend these meetings.

The juvenile party given Feb. 5 was voted a most successful occasion by those present. Costumes, amusement, and refreshments, all served to recall most vividly to hostesses and guests the early days of childhood.

Professor Ford's mission study class in "The Evangelization of the World in this Generation," will meet at Starkweather Hall at 6:30 on Saturday evening of this week, instead of the regular time one week later.

The universal Day of Prayer for students will be observed by the Y. W. C. A. Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Miss Gertrude Palmer, general secretary of the S. C. A. of the University will speak. The clergymen of the city will preach special sermons for students in harmony with the thought of the day. All young women are most earnestly invited to be present.

A class in the historical and literary study of the Bible, under the leadership of Rev. Beach, will be organized Friday, Feb. 12, at 4 o'clock, in Professor Barbour's room. All students are cordially invited to join.

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