Normal College News, March 5, 1904

Eastern Michigan University
"More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.
For what are men better than sheep or goats
That nourish a blind life within the brain,
If knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer
Both for themselves and those who call them friend?
For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God."

-Morde D'Arthur

GERMANY OF TODAY

Dr. Lutz, professor of Modern Languages at Albion College spoke to the students of the Normal last Friday afternoon. The following are a few of the many interesting points which were made:

Many people wonder why Germany does not disband her standing army. They do not stop to consider her geographical position. She has Russia on the east whose attitude is none too friendly. On the west, France which would be only too happy to pay off old scores. Austria was conquered by Germany in 1866 and would not fail to take advantage were any offered. Denmark too has grievances and would come in for a share. Situated as Germany is in the heart of unfriendly Europe, how can she wisely take any other course than her present one with regard to this matter?

Thus Germany holds what she has and has come to be what she is. Her greatness as a nation, however, is due largely to the patriotism and devotion of three men, Emperor William I., Moltke, and Bismarck. The emperor was and is Emperor of Germany and King of Prussia. Often-times he makes speeches under one title and they are interpreted as though made under the other, and this gets the poor potentate into trouble. Many people think that today Germany is not as united as in the time of Bismarck, but the appearance of any great national danger would show that the Germans are just as loyal or even more so than in former times.

We are glad to know that in Germany no teachers are hired who are not Normal graduates. The pay is very small, but this condition is rendered more bearable when we remember that in Germany teachers are retired on a pension when they are no longer capable of performing their duties. Attendance in the common schools is compulsory. Ypsilanti students who groan under the weight of our tests at the end of the quarter may deem themselves fortunate that they are not students in a German gymnasium. Besides the examination at the end of each term there are examinations at the end of each year, covering the work of the entire year, and at the end of the nine-year course examinations are
again given, covering the work of the entire nine years.

However distasteful this might be to us, we cannot but admit that such a system must afford a splendid discipline. Neither can we fail to recognize the fact that along many lines Germany has produced some of the finest, if not the finest, students and scholars the world has known. In view of this phase of the country alone, we cannot wonder that every German is proud of his birthright and his fatherland. —'04

EDUCATION AND THE NEGRO

Booker T. Washington recently sent out a series of questions to representative white men in the old slave states to find out if the belief was entertained by them that education is an influence making for the increase of crime among the negroes. This belief appears to be readily accepted by large numbers of southerners, who can point to an illustration here and there which seems to confirm their view. His questions and the answers he received are as follows:

1. Has education made the negro a more useful citizen?
   Answer—Yes, 121; no, 4; unanswered, 11.

2. Has it made him more economical and more inclined to acquire wealth?
   Answer—Yes, 98; no, 14; unanswered, 24.

3. Does it make him a more valuable workman, especially where skill and thought are required?
   Answer—Yes, 132; no, 2; unanswered, 2.

4. Do well-trained, skilled negro workmen find any difficulty in securing work in your community?
   Answer—No, 117; yes, 4; unanswered, 15.

5. Are colored men in business patronized by the whites in your community?
   Answer—Yes, 92; no, 9; unanswered, 35.

(The large number of cases in which this question was not answered is due to scarcity of business men.)

6. Is there any opposition to the colored people's buying land in your community?
   Answer—No, 128; yes, 3; unanswered, 5.

7. Has education improved the morals of the black race?
   Answer—Yes, 97; no, 20; unanswered, 19.

8. Has it made his religion less emotional and more practical?
   Answer—Yes, 101; no, 16; unanswered, 19.

9. Is it, as a rule, the ignorant or the educated who commit crimes?
   Answer—Ignorant, 115; educated, 3; unanswered, 17.

10. Does crime grow less as education increases among the colored people?
    Answer—Yes, 102; no, 19; unanswered, 15.

11. Is the moral growth of the negro equal to his mental growth?
    Answer—Yes, 55; no, 46; unanswered, 35.

Leaving out of account the fifth question, it appears that the average number of answers favorable to education is 106, and the average unfavorable 13.

This should settle conclusively the question of the evil or good effects of education on the negro so far as that question is honestly raised.—Moderator-Topics.

"Johnnie," said his father, "who is the laziest boy in school?"

"I dunno."

"Why, surely you do. Who is it that, when the rest are studying, sits and gazes idly about the room?"

"The teacher."—Ex.
THE BEAR AND THE PEAR

"A mau up north saw a bear" last week, was the hired mau’s chance remark one August day at dinner. Two round-eyed little sisters, in the farm-house on the hill, began to talk about the bear. The white school-house was up north! The bear was up there, and was coming their way home from school! When would he be in the lane, and down on the road?

To-morrow, they were going to play with Mary Ann and Sophia and stay "to tea." The way was straight west. Beyond the corners, on the south side, was a long strip of dark woods. Across the road, on the north side, was a house on a hill; here a big, fierce dog always barked, and even came down to the road. A little farther on, a lane led up to Mary Ann’s house. Back of the house was the old orchard where the summer pears were ripe.

The next afternoon, each little girl put on her stiff print dress, with a pocket in it, and a long white apron with two pockets. The mother said as she tied the pink sunbonnets, "Be sure to come home before dark!" They looked for the bear’s tracks in the soft sand, and for Bruin himself; but no bear was to be seen. They tiptoed by the dog asleep in the sun, and just glanced at the long woods. "Do you think the bear’s in the south woods?" whispered the little sister. "O, course not!" answered the older sister. Then they ran up the lane, where Mary Ann and Sophia were waiting for them. While they gathered pears in the orchard Annie, the older sister, told the bear-story. Mary Ann was sure the bear was in the south woods. Timid little Mary began to cry. "The dog’s over there, and the bear is in the woods; I want to go home," she sobbed. They managed to comfort her. Sophia knew the bear wasn’t there; Mary would go apiece with them, and Annie said she wasn’t afraid.

Supper was late, so when they started with pear-filled pockets, the light was dim, and in the lane, Mary Ann ran back home. The poor little pilgrims were left alone. "We didn’t mind mother, and its dark, and the dog will come down the hill and bite us, and the bear will come out of the woods and eat us ‘cause we’re naughty children," wailed little Mary. "Hush!" whispered Annie. "If we’re very quiet, the dog will not hear us, and if we run very fast, the bear will not see us!" They heard the dreaded bark and ran towards the woods. Just at that moment, Annie, who was ahead, heard the small sister’s terrified whisper: "There’s the bear!" "Sure their sis had found them out," and with only the thought of escape, the brave sister fairly flew, and never slackened her pace until she reached the corners, and saw the light of the corner house.

"What made you run so?" questioned the breathless little sister, when she overtook Annie. "Run!" gasped Annie. "What did you say to me back there by the woods?" "I said ‘you’ve dropped a pear!’ What did you think I said?" Annie drew a long breath of intense relief, before she answered, I thought you said, "There’s the bear!"

When they told the whole story at home that night, the hired man said: "Bears never come here! That one is hundreds of miles off, away up in the woods." So that night they slept in peace because "up north" meant "away off."

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QUERY

Why do some beughted souls show their college spirit by taking posters which enthuasistic society advertisers place on the bulletin boards? Can we not have bulletin boards where posters will at least be safe until they have fulfilled their mission?

Student (in biology)—"It is called the funny bone because it borders on the humerus."—Ex.
MIDWINTER

IRENE CRAWFORD

We looked from the window one evening
Through the winter rain and the haze,
And saw with what wonderful splendor
Dawn Nature her power displays.
The rain had been slowly descending
On branches and twigs till at last
And when by the light they were outlined,
They shown with a Margaret sheen.
The trees were all out in full costume
Bedecked with their jewels pure white.
Each seeming to say to the others
"Come, dance with me in the light."
The wind was their only musician
None could be better than he,
Now loud, now soft was his music
As he played for each leafless tree.
Now soft, and the dancers so merry.
Kept time with fairy steps light.
Till it seemed as if beautiful Nature
Was in rollicking mood that night.
Now loud and each little bough buckled
As it swung to and fro so free.
Nodding and swaying with the music.
Till it seemed it would leap from the tree.
And still the rain slowly descended
All night and all the next day,
Till each tree was covered with jewels
That flashed in the sun's bright ray.
The glittering diamonds were rain drops,
The pearls were raindrops, too.
Each sparkled in the radiant brightness,
Like myriad drops of dew.
Their mission at last was ended,
They dropped to the earth in rest,
Silent, but yet contented,
Knowing they had done their best.

TO SPRING

Dear Spring, when will you rise?
I long to see your blushes in the skies,
And that fair, tender garb of dainty green
To clothe the fields where white so long has been.
I long to have your fleeting footsteps pass
And leave the print of violet in the grass;
And where your salutary touch has trod,
The daffodilies springing through the sod.
And crocuses and snowdrops, and the birds
Re-echoing the bright tones that they had heard.
From thy sweet lips that murmur thou didst at wake,
I long to see thy nimble fingers take
The gray coat from the wheels, and each branch dress
In iridescent hues of wondrous loveliness.
Dear Spring! thy coming doth make all so gay,
Please, please arise and scatter up our way.

DOO DSBRI

O reddad Sbrig!
Thy braies would I tug
But through by base gibs hoverig od the wig
By dree is so stubb'd ub i reddad sig a thig.

DEFIANCE TO SPRING

Spring, I defy thee! Armed though thou come
To tame and put me down in my long home
With bronchial and pneumoniacal attack!
My coat is waterproof; my boots are beaux.
Through my whole body strength of quinine shoots.
Then, Spring, thy taunts take back!

Why dost thou wear a sour face?
Why dost thou weep, O Spring?
I know. Like me you've just heard—
Trying so hard to sing.

MORNING CALL TO SPRING

O Spring why will you sleeping lie
A sleeping, sleeping, sleeping on!
The sun climbs lofty in the sky
And February all is gone
And April Pool just coming on.
Come, Spring, get up!

Throw off that coverlet of snow;
Poor out some rain and wash your face!
Put on your dress and let us know
Again that kath of matchless grace!
To sleep so late is a disgrace!
Come, Spring, get up!

O Spring, I feel a tender stir
Within my weary breast;
Is my young sprout of love for Her
Budding like all the rest?

PHYSICAL EDUCATION SOCIETY

MEET

The Southern Michigan Physical Education Society will hold a meeting in the Normal gymnasium at 3 p.m., March 12. The following program will be given: "The Development of Motor Ability," Dr. Hoyt; "Plays and Games," Professor Bowen; Discussion, "Value of Competitive Gymnastics," led by Dr. Snyder of Ann Arbor, followed by Miss Parmater of Albion.
Among the celebrated pictures in the Normal College collection is a copy of Leonardo da Vinci's famous portrait "Mona Lisa." For centuries, this painting has been the fascination and puzzle of art lovers. No two critics can agree in their interpretations. In fact, the critic finds it hard to reconcile his own diverse impressions. Such an enigma "Mona Lisa" has proven itself that artists have denominated it "The Sphinx in Art."

"The Last Supper" is usually considered Leonardo's greatest production, but "Mona Lisa" is in the truest sense his great masterpiece, for it expresses in many ways the enigmatic life of the painter. Leonardo was a puzzle to humanity. It is said that he loved to astonish people. He certainly was capable of doing so. With surprising versatility he yielded to his wild fancies, painting now a beautiful Madonna, now a repulsive Medusa, now a fathomless Mona Lisa, excelling in each.

Lady Lisa was a Florentine. Leonardo was strongly attracted by her and desired to paint her portrait. She was in many ways the realization of an ideal he had long cherished in his dreams. With greatest care he wrought this work, consuming four years in its production. Indeed was it ever completed? Like modern novelists, has he not left his work with a mystery for the mind of man to solve?

Let us look for a moment at the picture. The subject is not beautiful, yet there is a sweet attractiveness in the mouth with its upturned corners and delicate curves, a grace in the small pointed chin, a refinement in all of her features; her hands crossed gracefully on the arm of her chair are truly beautiful, so perfect indeed, that the picture is known to many as "The Lady of the Beautiful Hands." Yet it is not physical beauty that attracts. It is the mystical expression in the eyes, the mouth, the bodily posture. A hundred impresarios possess you as you try to meet her evasive glance. Is she a woman of the world with carnal interests and passions, idly posing to court the admiration of men? Or is she an apparition, an embodiment of Leonardo's quaint fancy, lost in thoughts of the spirit world? Greet her in different moods, and she gives you different impressions. Who can know the mind of the author?

Leonardo would not part with the portrait when it was finished. He kept it for several years, but finally sold it to the King of France for nine thousand dollars. It may be found today in the Louvre, in a very good state of preservation.

MICHIGAN SCHOOLMASTERS' CLUB

German Section

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2:30 P.M.
Room 50 Middle Building

Professor R. Clyde Ford, Chairman.

1. Paper—"The Character of Literature for First Year Reading," Professor S. B. Harvey, Hillsdale College.

2. Address—"Goethe and Self-Culture," Professor Max Winkler, University of Michigan.

3. Discussion of report of committee on German Courses for High Schools.

MARO, MAGICIAN, PRINCE OF MAGIC

The next entertainment of the Lecture Course is to occur on Monday evening, March 7, in Normal Hall at eight o'clock. The entertainer is Maro, Prince of Magic. His name is well-known in Ypsilanti. It will be interesting to see whether he finds again that same pack of cards which some member of the faculty had about him the last time Maro was here. Maro finds rabbits in most unexpected places, sometimes. Students who have very long hair are advised to get it cut. In addition to finding frogs in people's throats Maro has some brand new illusions and mysteries. Everybody come and be horrified. Come and laugh.
A noticeable point of variance from the old customs is found in the lack of observance of the little social courtesies that are so small in themselves, and so large in effect. In this day of hurry and rush we commit sins of omission that would shock our gentlemen of the old school. We have left off doing those little acts of courtesy that have made stories picturing life under the old conditions so fascinating. We “haven’t time nowadays,” we say. Perhaps not, but why not? There are still twenty-four hours in the day, and seven days in the week, just as there used to be in our grandmother’s day.

It is quite true that we do get along without these little courtesies very well, but it is equally true that their absence takes away the sweet tone of daily life. In our busy college days we are so absorbed in our books on natural science, philosophy, history and literature, that we forget all about the origin of those estima- ble branches of knowledge—plain, common, every day men who differ from us in that they lived a little earlier than we, and studied men and things, and took time to be courteous while we study the books they wrote, and do not think it worth while to have more than a bowing acquaintance with our neighbors—we forget to observe the minor laws of social life.

At some time or other we have each asked and answered the question, “Cui bono?” Perhaps not consciously, but unconsciously we answer it every day by the things we choose. Some say by their choices that they consider society the best in life; others the acquisition of knowledge; others the accumulation of wealth; all good when rightly used. But if they are sought as an end our disappointment in life will be bitter. There is pleasure in the busy life, there is intoxication in it. It draws us deeper and deeper into its toils until we have not the power to escape. Only when the body is exhausted and strength is spent do we pause to think, to weigh things and take them at their proper valuation.

Nature would teach us how to work if we would watch her as she goes about her daily round of duties. Her constructive work is done slowly and she does not attempt the impossible. She spends much time in her decorative work. It is from this source that the inspiration which has given us our beautiful thoughts in prose and poetry has come. Yet how many of us are blind to it. If we would but open our eyes to the beauty of nature, study more carefully human nature, spend more time with the noble minds of the past as they speak to us through their writings, life would be fuller and richer, we would be stronger and better.

The Cornell co-eds may take their place beside the Ann Arbor sophomores in devising unique restrictions on freshman liberties. According to recent information the lady students have decreed that no freshman girl shall receive gentlemen callers, or be attended by gentlemen escorts. —Ex.
LOCALS AND PERSONALS

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Marno, the magician, comes next Monday evening.

The Milan teachers visited the Training School last Friday.

Miss Hoy McMullen visited friends in Milford recently.

Miss Grace Hubel is entertaining her mother from St. Clair.

Mr. Troub is absent from the library on account of illness.

Miss Louise Patterson spent Sunday at her home in Charlotte.

Mr. Clare Murphy visited near Oxford last week. Wonder why?

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. McKay visited friends in Detroit last week.

Miss Edith Hammond, of Marshall, has been visiting Miss Leone Paxton.

State oratorical contest at Adrian last night. Three cheers for Mr. McKay!

Miss Bernice Waring, of Kalamazoo, visited Miss Elizabeth Reis last week.

Mr. Hugh Salisbury, of M. A. C. spent Sunday with Miss Iva Widoe.

Miss Maud Poston entertained her cousin, Miss Leverson, of Ann Arbor, over Sunday.

Mr. Willis Murray, of Harbor Springs, spent a few days recently with Miss Edna Zehner.

Miss Lou Youngs, of Northville, was the guest of Ypsilanti friends over Sunday last.

On March first a robin was seen on the campus. He was there last year on the same date.

Misses Atkinson and Youngren gave an informal party to their friends on the 22nd of February.

Miss Grace McCormack entertained her uncle, Dr. Lloyd, of Ann Arbor, on Washington's birthday.

Helen Robson, '01, who is a student in the Thomas' School of Music, was the guest of Miss Laird over Washington's birthday.
Monday evening, March 7, Maro, the magician, at Normal Hall.

Miss Enalia Dickinson spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Pontiac.

Miss Auna Pettit spent Washington's birthday in Ann Arbor with her cousin, Miss Donua Sours.

Miss Whalley and Miss Van Donan spent Washington's birthday in Ann Arbor with friends.

Cut flowers can be ordered at the Woman's Exchange across from the gymnasium, 811 Ellis St.

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

Miss Gertrude Grimes entertained the "Big Eight" Club Wednesday evening, Feb. 24, at 508 Ellis St.

Miss Foster entertained her student teachers last Saturday evening. The guests had a delightful time.

Miss Sylvia Cornell, of North Monroeville, Ohio, spent several days of last week with Miss Della McCurdy.

Miss Marion Richardson, who left college at Christmas, is filling a position as third grade teacher at Kalkaska.

It is expected that there will be specializing courses offered in Manual Training and Domestic Science next year.

Dr. Hoyt will go to the Soo on Tuesday to conduct an institute. He will be absent from College the remainder of the week.

The winter term of school will close on March 18, so as to give students an opportunity to be present at the meetings of the Schoolmasters' Club.

Miss Mary Harding left Ypsilanti Wednesday morning on a trip to New Orleans. She will join her parents at Chicago and will be gone four or five weeks.

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Miss Sydina Atkinson entertained a few of her friends at a thimble party Feb. 22. Misses Frances Jilek and Elizabeth Reis visited Ann Arbor friends during vacation.

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

The judges for the girls' Indoor Meet will be Dr. Snyder of the University of Michigan; Miss Parmater of Albion College, and Miss Cady of the Thomas School, Detroit.

White's studio of Ann Arbor, offers for the senior class its best cabinet photos for $2.50 per dozen. This work is positively first-class in every respect and special attention will be given each sitting.

Professor Pease announces the following soloists for the production of Sullivan's 'Golden Legend' by the Ypsilanti Choral Society at the April music festival: Mrs. Jenny Osborn Hauuah, soprano; Alfred D. Shaw, the well-known English tenor; Mrs. Marshall Pease, contralto; and Fred G. Ellis, basso. The Hall Festival Orchestra of Cincinnati, will furnish the accompaniment.

There was some excitement at 611 Ellis St. last Thursday evening when the rooms of Misses Zagelmier, Tompkins, and Broughton caught fire. It started from their chafing dish and proved quite serious. The young ladies lost all their pillows and photographs, but the insurance will cover the losses in the room itself.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Saturday last, the Lincoln club gave a special program on Washington and Lincoln, each member of the club delivering an appropriate oration. The excellence and general feeling of the several speakers showed marked advance in the work of the club. This week the navy question will be discussed under the leadership of Messrs. Kruse and Andress.

The following Scotch program was given in the Atheneum last evening:

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At our mid-winter meeting Mar. 2, a full account of the state convention at Saginaw was given by various delegates from this association. Those who were unable to attend the convention were led to feel the importance of the great work being done.

Rev. Arthur Beach of the Congregational church, will speak at the Sunday afternoon meeting in Starkweather Hall, Mar. 6. Subject, "Intelligent Christianity."

Subscriptions are due. We need the money. Please settle at once.

FRATERNITIES

The Kappa Phi Alpha fraternity considers itself very fortunate in having elected to its honorary membership Mr. Bowman, of the department of geography, and as an active member, Mr. Worcester.

The Arm of Honor fraternity is by no means inactive as some may have supposed. Last Saturday evening was the occasion of the initiation of five pledged members: John C. Thomas, Wm. Skenflebury, Grover C. Thomas, Albin C. Woodward, and Elvin F. Bradley. After the initiates' perilous ride on the fratern-

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ity's far-famed goat, the company sat down to the banquet table. Among those present were a number of the ever faithful alumni members: F. J. Mellencamp, '96, a charter member; Merviu Green, '03, of Ann Arbor; Carl Barlow; John W. Failor, '00, of Saline; John A. Morse, '99, of Dearborn; A. E. Sherman, '01, of Byron; F. O. Gorton, '03, of the U. of M.; H. S. Boutell, '99; N. H. Bowen, '97, of Detroit; and J. D. Lawrence.

**SENIOR CLASS MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 8**

Room 50, 5 p.m.

Important business is to come up, on which the expression of the entire class is desired.

Dues are payable at the general office all day Monday.

**CALENDAR**

*Monday, Mar. 7*: Mary the Mexican, in Normal Hall.
*Tuesday, Mar. 8*: Senior Class Meeting, 3 p.m., Room 50.
*Wednesday, Mar. 9*: Chap 7, 11 a.m.
*Saturday, Mar. 12*: Forti Club meet, 3 p.m. Physical Ed Society, at Normal Gymnasium.

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HERE'S TO YOU, SENIORS

For fear the seniors might again be defeated at the hands of the juniors, the last named class have challenged the seniors and sophomores together to an indoor meet. The juniors, sincerely hope that the "cons" will be favorable for this union as the seniors can no more survive the meet without their soph's than could Mary without her little lamb, for:

The seniors have some little soph's,

Little soph's, little soph's,

The seniors have some little soph's,

Who help them all they can.

It is said the challenge has been accepted and that the seniors have appointed a committee to reason with the juniors for the purpose of securing a few more aids.

BASKETBALL

The last scheduled game of the season in our gymnasium was that played with D. A. C. last Saturday evening, the score being 34 to 14 in favor of the visitors.

Both teams played exceptionally well. The Normals outplayed their opponents in team work but D.A.C. excelled in throwing baskets.

One incident of the game was unfortunate and decidedly not to our credit as hosts. That was the hissing which was done by some in the galleries. The Normal College stands for purity and gentlemanlike conduct in athletics. This is the first incident of the kind that has occurred in our gymnasium this year. Let's beware, that it may never happen again.

Brown and Dartmouth will debate upon the immigration question this year.—Ex.

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