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THE LAST CLASS

Transcribed from the Wrench of Alipoue Bandit by
J. V. Andrein

In the opening paragraphs the author tells of his struggles to play truant, the tempting calls of nature, his dread of the grammar lesson for that day. As he passes the mayor's office he sees a group of people about the bulletin board, and Wachter, the blacksmith, shouts to him:—"Do not be in such a hurry, little one. You will be there early enough."

I had been counting on the customary noise and confusion of the class-room to cover my tardiness, but to my surprise there was an unusual hush in the air and a gentleness in the master's manner.

Monsieur Hamel looked at me without anger and said very kindly: "Go quickly to your place, my little Frantz, we were going to begin without you."

I stepped over the bench and sat down at my desk immediately. Then, partly recovered from my fright, I noticed that our master had on his handsome green coat, his finely plaited frill, and his skull cap of black embroidered silk, which he wore only on days of inspection or of distribution of prizes.

Besides, the whole room seemed unusual and solemn. But what surprised me most, was what I saw at the back of the room—on the seats which usually remained empty, there sat the people of the village, silent. Old Hauser, with his three-cornered hat, the former mayor, the former postman, and other people besides. Every one seemed sad, and Hauser had brought an old primer, worn on the edges, which he held open on his knees with his great glasses laid across the pages.
Then M. Hamel began to speak to us about French, saying that it was the most beautiful language in the world, the most clear, the most perfect, that it must be kept among us, and never forgotten, for when a nation falls into slavery, as long as she keeps her language, it is as if she held the key to her prison. Then he took a grammar, and we read our lesson. I was surprised to see how much I understood it. All that he said seemed so easy. I believe that I had never been so attentive, and that he had never explained with so much patience.

That lesson finished, we passed to writing: For today, M. Hamel had prepared for us new copies written in a large, round hand:—France, Alsace, France, Alsace.

They looked like small flags, which floated around the class, hanging on the rod of our desks. You should have seen how each applied himself, and what silence! You could hear only the scratching of pens on the paper.

On the roof, the pigeons cooed softly, and I said to myself while listening to them, "Will they have to sing in German, they also?" From time to time, as I raised my eyes from the page, I saw M. Hamel motionless at his desk and gazing at objects about him, as if he wished to carry in his mind all of this small school house. Think of it! For forty years he had been there in that place, where the seats, the desks, which were polished, were now rubbed by usage.

The walnut trees in the yard had grown up, and the hop vine which he had planted himself, twined about the windows to the roof.

Still, he had the courage to keep the class till the end. After writing, we had our history lesson. Then the little ones chanted, Ba, Be, Bi, Bo, Bu. Softly in the back of the room old M. Hauser had put on his glasses, and holding his primer in his hands, he spelled the letters with them. You could see that he was work-
ing—his voice trembled with emotion, and it was so amusing to hear him, that we felt like both laughing and crying. Ah, I would remember this last class!

Suddenly the church clock struck noon, then the Angelus. At the same moment the trumpets of the Prussians, who were returning from drill, burst forth.

M. Hamel stood up on the platform. Never had he appeared so tall.

"My friends," he said, "my friends, I — I — " But something choked him—he could not finish his sentence.

Then he turned toward the board, took a piece of crayon, and summoning all his strength, he wrote as large as he could:

"Long live France." Then he remained there, his head leaning against the wall, without speaking, and with his hand he gave the signal to us—"It is done—you may go."

FROM HELENA
MAY HURD, '03

In the early sixties a few prospectors were surveying the western part of Montana in search of gold. Their search had been long and fruitless, and they were about ready to return to Colorado when they decided to try the gulch ahead of them.

"Last Chance Gulch," as they called it, proved a gold mine indeed, for a good many millions have been taken from it. This very gulch is now the main street of Helena, and from the very cellar of the hotel where the writer spent her first night here, several millions of the shining metal have been taken. Those were the booming days when this little city held more millionaires than any other city of the world. It is interesting to hear "old timers" tell of those wonderful days when eggs were $3 per dozen and an apple cost from $1 upwards, when children played with $20 gold pieces as they now play with wooden blocks; of their overland trips here, their trouble with the Indians, and how the city sprang up as by magic.

The whole city was once a placer mine and many of the open shafts may be seen today. Only a mile or so up the gorges may be seen "panning," and the workingmen are often seen washing the dirt taken from the cellars near the old veins. In fact, they dig the cellar free, if allowed to wash the dirt.

Helena is now a pretty little city near the main divide of the Rockies and about twenty miles from the Missouri River, from whence we get our power for lighting and street car lines. For its size, no place in the world can surpass it in public buildings. The capitol building is magnificent, throughout and the new postoffice and high school buildings are the pride of every Helenaite's heart.

The scenery is grand, the climate is ideal, and the hospitality of the people make it a desirable place to live.

Helena, Mont.

NORMAL ALUMNI AT SAULT STE. MARIE

Dr. C. O. Hoyt has returned from the successful institute which he held at Sault Ste. Marie. Out of the 130 teachers enrolled, 58 had had Normal training, and the following Normal alumni are teachers in the above city schools:—Supt. E. E. Ferguson, '85; E. Olive Mavecty, '97; H. R. Cornish, '01; Alma Lockart, '02; Edna Ballard, '01; Ada Rains, Lottie Lawson, Thercesa Campbell; Margaret Aldrich; Ina C. Gilray, Julia A. Gordon, '98; Birdelle Sprague, '02; Anna Whiting, '03; C. H. Ireland, '01; P. E. Dennis, '02; Jas. G. Lake, '01; Ada Fuller, '97; Ella Smith, '01; Clara J. Lake; Martha Boniger, '03; Charlotte Gierst, '95; Salome Egler, '98; Gertrude Sharpe, '02; Jean M. Scanlan, '01; Mary Walsh, '90; Ethel McDonald, '03; Alice A. Watson, '01.
CHRIST AND THE TRIBUTE MONEY

Of our rich legacy from the hands of the old masters, their paintings of The Christ form one of the most interesting and inspiring subjects for study and comparison in all the realm of art; for in these not only is the subject itself one of supreme interest, but it has also the added merit of representing on the part of the artist his most painstaking effort, and is the expression of his highest striving after the ideal. Fortunately the fact that so few of us can hope ever to draw our inspiration from the originals does not wholly debar us from their enjoyment, for copies lie within the means of all; and it is a matter for congratulation that we have in our Normal collection copies of the two paintings which are considered the best. Titian’s “Christ and the Tribute Money,” and Leonardo da Vinci’s, “The Last Supper.” It is of the first that I would speak.

Titian has chosen for his theme an episode from the latter part of Christ’s ministry, when the fear and hate of the Jews had resolved itself into a fixed purpose to accomplish his destruction. Their stratagem, and the ease with which they were thwarted, is best told in the words of the Bible itself:—

“And they sent out unto Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men. Tell us therefore, what thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Cæsar or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Show me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto him Cæsar’s. Then saith He unto them, Render therefore unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar’s; and unto God the things that are God’s.”

Titian has brought this remarkable scene before us with a masterful hand. The Pharisee, a crafty old fellow whom they had chosen for spokesman, stands facing Christ with the penny held out between his thumb and fore-finger. His toil-seamed face, the muscular arm and hard, knotty hand tell us that he belonged to the laboring class. He has the aquiline nose which is so pronounced a characteristic of his race, and he stands peering into the face of Christ with a look of cunning and hypocrisy, just touched with wonder as to what this coin can possibly have to do with the question he has just asked.

Christ turns upon him a look which seems to search his very soul and read its hidden motives like an open book. There is no indignation, only sorrowful rebuke in his expression as he quietly points to the coin, and utters the words which so confound his listeners and convince them of the futility of their efforts to entrap him.

It is a face whose memory lingers with you long after you have turned away from it. A wonderful face, strong, intellectual and refined; gentle, yet firm; compassionate, yet just; its beauty is enhanced by an element of purity which seems to enter into and become a part of all the other elements and pervade the whole as an atmosphere, bringing into strong contrast the coarse, malignant face of his questioner.

As a matter of technique it is interesting to note that the halo which surrounds the Saviour’s head in the pictures of earlier artists is here omitted, being superseded by three tiny points of light which shine from the top and sides of his hair, the mystic emblem of the Trinity. The original of this picture hangs in the Dresden gallery; a copy in the corridor on the second floor of our main college building. This is so great a piece of art that no one can afford not to have formed its acquaintance.

L. P., ’05
MICHIGAN SCHOOLMASTERS' CLUB

(Concluded from page 199)

13. The Chemistry of Radium and Radio-Active Substances, Dr. G. A. Hulett, University of Michigan.

14. The Relation of Mathematics to Physics in the High School, Dr. H. M. Randall, University of Michigan.

It is hoped that all interested in this subject will come prepared to give this paper a thorough discussion.

15. Discussion led by Professor J. Q. Reed, University of Michigan.


17. New Uses for the Micrometer Screw, Professor N. F. Smith, Olivet College. Mr. H. N. Clute, Ann Arbor High School.

18. An Experiment in Interference of Light, Professor N. F. Smith, Olivet College.

Saturday, April 2, 2 o'clock, standard time, Science Building, Room B.


22. A Device for Regulating Length of Air Column in a Resonator, Mr. J. E. Fox, Three Rivers.

MATHEMATICAL CONFERENCE

Friday, April 1, 2 o'clock, standard time, Chapel, Training School Building.

Professor E. A. Lyman, chairman; Mr. L. P. Jocelyn, secretary.

1. Some Generalizations of Theorems of Elementary Geometry by Central Projection, Dr. A. B. Pierce, University of Michigan.


(c) Shall Geometry be made elective? Superintendent R. S. Garwood, Marshall, Superintendent P. J. Wilson, Adrian.

3. Business meeting.


HISTORICAL CONFERENCE

Friday, April 1, 2 o'clock, standard time. Main Building, Room 49.

Professor Julia A. King, chairman.

1. The Teaching of Civil Government in the High Schools, Mr. J. B. Davis, Detroit Central High School.

Discussion led by (a) Principal C. F. Weinberger, Muskegon. (b) Professor John A. Fairlie, University of Michigan.

2. What kind of Text-book ought to be Used in the Teaching of History in High Schools? Miss Edith M. Kimberly, Eastern High School, Detroit.

Discussion led by (a) Mr. C. S. Larzelere, Central State Normal School, Mt. Pleasant. (b) Superintendent Blanche Vaughan, Portland.

FRENCH CONFERENCE

Thursday, March 31, 2:30 o'clock, standard time, Main Building, Room 50 A.

Professor Arthur G. Canfield, chairman, University of Michigan.

1. Scope of the Courses in French in the High School, Professor J. R. Effinger, University of Michigan.


3. Some Results of High School Experience, Miss Bertha Alice Williams, Flint High School.

Act 1. The clock strikes.

Act 2. Papa strikes.

Act 3. Cholly strikes—the pavement.

—Exit.
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ASSISTANT EDITORS:

Entered at the Ypsilanti postoffice as second-class matter.

On Friday of last week the girls held a great mass meeting. Our efforts to learn what transpired have proven futile. Now who says that girls cannot keep secrets?

The coming meeting of the Schoolmasters' Club is attracting much attention in Michigan and in neighboring states.

The program is one of the best ever offered. Alumni and other friends of the Normal who expect to attend the meeting and who wish accommodation in private rooming houses, should apply to Professor C. O. Hoyt, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee. The hotels of the city are offering reduced rates during the days of the session.

In the January number of NORMAL COLLEGE NEWS is a scholarly article on the subject, "Plays and Games in the Public Schools" by Professor W. P. Bowen. The subject is treated under the heads: The interest of the people in play, Plays as a subject of instruction, The origin and nature of play, Plays and games as a means of physical training, Mental training in plays and games, Moral training in plays and games, and Public playgrounds and vacation schools. The article gives advanced ideas and should be of value to all interested in pedagogical subjects.—The Collegian.

The Religious Education Association

In Chicago, February 10-12, 1903, a great convention was held in the interest of Moral and Religious Education. This convention organized the Society whose name heads this article. During the first year of its existence the Association has enrolled nearly 2,000 members, including persons from nearly all the states and from Canada. The name indicates the purpose of the Association, the promotion of Religious and Moral Education.

The first annual meeting of the Association has just been held in Philadelphia, with a very large and enthusiastic attendance. No extended report of the proceedings have yet been published, but they will appear in book form at an early day.

The general character of the work during the sessions can be inferred by reference to some of the topics discussed, and to some of the speakers. "The Bible in Religious Experience;" "Religious Education in the Home;" "The Coordination of the Bible with Other Subjects of Study;" "The Annual Survey of Progress in Religious and Moral Education;" "The Bible in Social and Civic Life," were some of the subjects.

President Jesse, of the University of Missouri, gave an address upon "The most effective method of chapel worship in Universities and Colleges, and the expediency of appointing a Professor with such a staff of assistants as he may need, to conduct this service and have charge of the Religious Life of the institution."

Most of the work was done in departmental meetings, the Association being divided into twelve or fourteen departments. Most associations are the result of slow growth, but this organization has come into existence full grown within a single year. The report of the Philadelphia meeting will be looked for with great interest by all students, especially by those connected with Christian Associations.
ATHLETICS

At a meeting of the athletic association Tuesday evening, the following managers were elected for next year: Football manager, E. O'Brien; basketball manager, John Thomas; track manager, W. B. Smith; baseball manager, Frank Jensen.

A post-season game of basketball was played on the gymnasium floor Friday evening with the Coopcr team of Detroit. The game was well played by both sides, the Normals being especially strong in guarding. The final score was 22 to 18 in favor of the Normals. A return game will be played at the D. A. C. gymnasium, Detroit, Friday evening March 25. Between halves the Normal boys will be entertained by a fierce struggle between their old rivals M. A. C. and D. A. C.

The following baseball schedule has been arranged for the spring season. John Failor of the Normal team of '01, will coach the men beginning Friday afternoon. A movement is on foot to fix practice hours from four to six every afternoon, thus putting supper time a little later.

April 16—At Detroit Medical College.
April 23—At Michigan Military Academy.
April 29—Albion at Ypsilanti.
May 4 or 5—Open.
May 9—Hillsdale at Ypsilanti.
May 13—Adrian at Ypsilanti.
May 16 or 17—Open.
May 21—At Albion.
May 26—Detroit College at Ypsilanti.
May 30—At M. A. C.
June 10—At Adrian.

The game scheduled here by the M. A. C. for May 17, has been cancelled by the M. A. C. faculty, because it was to be a mid-week game. The two open games of the schedule will probably be played with the Detroit College at Detroit, and one of the class teams of the University here.

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JUNIORS WON

The first indoor meet between the Junior and Senior girls was a great success. The preliminaries which had been held on Friday afternoon to determine the persons who were eligible from each class according to the rules printed in the News, January 23, gave the juniors marked advantage in numbers, their entries alone entitling them to 120 points to 59 for the seniors.

Both classes acquitted themselves with credit. The juniors won an easy victory by a large majority of points, while the seniors won highest honors in five out of eight events.

The scores with totals were as follows:

NEWCOMES—

Juniors 27
Seniors 28

FLYING RINGS—

Juniors 39.6
Seniors 10.6

RUNNING JUMP—

Juniors 127
Seniors 60

INDIVIDUAL CLUB SERIES—

Juniors 16
Seniors 17.6

15 YARD DASH—

Juniors 7
Seniors 14

TRAVELING RINGS—

Juniors 46.6
Seniors 16.3

CLASS CLUB SERIES—

Juniors 3.6
Seniors 17.3

BASKETBALL—

Juniors 4
Seniors 8

TOTAL—

Juniors 266.8
Seniors 163.8

Dr. Alice G. Snyder, U. of M.; Miss Cody, Thomas School, Detroit; Miss Emma Parmater, Albion; Miss Bertha Ronan, Mt. Pleasant; together with Mrs. Burton and Professor Bowen and Miss Inez Clark acted as officials.

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St. Patrick's Day in the morning.

Mr. Guy Bates spent Sunday with Ypsilanti friends.

The sixth grade gave an Irish program in chapel Friday morning.

Miss Bessie Layton has gone home on account of illness.

Miss Lucy Brown, '03, visited college friends over Sunday.

Miss Lois Steudel has been entertaining her mother of Detroit.

Miss Irene Pimlott entertained her sister from Detroit last Sunday.

Miss Carrie Briston entertained her cousin of Detroit, Sunday.

Miss Hazel Clark went to her home in Clinton Saturday on account of illness.

Miss Amy MacGregor entertained Miss Grace Culver of Pontiac, over Sunday.

Miss Norton was called to Battle Creek last week by the death of her cousin.

Marine City board of education paid the expenses of Supt. Markham to the Atlanta meeting.

Eaton Rapids board of education is receiving visits from many fine gentlemen these days.

A. Gordon Dye resigns the principalship of White Cloud schools to take up life insurance.

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 Carolina Blodgett, '03, of Woodmere, spent Sunday with Miss Clara Knowles.

Professor Stanley's lecture on "Parsifal" was well attended, and all were very much pleased with it.

Miss Jackson entertained her student teachers last Saturday evening. Each guest represented a book, some of the parts were especially well taken.

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Jackson 2:40 8:40 4:05 8:00 10:05 5:05 2:35


Detroit 5:30 10:30 6:00 10:40 12:25 7:15 4:15

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Kalamazoo 8:00 13:15 11:20 4:28 9:25 1:55 5:05

Chicago 11:50 6:40 3:05 8:55 7:30

*Daily.
Miss Parmater, '02, of Albion, spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Jenney. She was one of the judges at the girls’ meet.

Miss Edna O’Dell entertained her sister Miss Emma O’Dell of Port Huron, also Mr. and Mrs. O’Dell of Detroit, over Sunday.

Miss Hattie Gibson, '03, is spending her vacation with her cousin Miss Nettie Tripp. Miss Gibson is teaching Latin and German at Plainwell.

Miss Downing took her class in English composition to Ann Arbor Saturday to visit the University art gallery. Miss Downing entertained them at her home on their return.

Supt. John H. Waldron of Carson City resigns because of ill health. Miss Ludwick, preceptress, takes the place, and Mr. Potter of Alma College is engaged to teach languages.

Miss Bertha M. Ronan, '99, who is now an assistant in the physical training department at Mt. Pleasant, spent Sunday with friends in Ypsilanti. She was one of the judges at the girls’ indoor meet.

Mr. Harry Moore, '95, and Mrs. Moore (Miss Harriet Hawkins, '97) spent Sunday in Ypsilanti. Mr. Moore is in business in Philadelphia, representing a Michigan manufacturing firm, and his old friends have reason to congratulate him.

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TWODEATHS

Mr. Earl Haynor, an alumnus of the Normal College, passed away at his home in Cleveland, Ohio, March 1st, after a brief illness. This is sad news to his many college friends and much sympathy is felt for his widow, née Miss Edith Cowen, and for his little daughter, who are left to mourn their loss.

Many of our readers will be sad to learn of the death of Mr. Fred Johnson, for many years a citizen of Ypsilanti. He passed away, March 14, being ill only for a short time. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved wife and son, Mr. Sylvester Johnson.

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SORORITIES AND FRATERNITIES

The Alpha Sigma Tau held its last regular meeting of the quarter, Thursday evening at the home of Miss Pearce. Officers were elected for the remainder of the year.

The sorority of Harmonious Mystics held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Pease, Thursday evening. A very interesting Robert Louis Stevenson program was given.

Miss Estella Willits has been pledged to the Harmonious Mystic Sorority.

Friday evening, March 11, the Pi Kappa Sigma welcomed into the sorority their pledged members, Misses Eudora Estabrook, Olga Goetz, Ina Mickam, and Eva Reynier. After the initiation ceremony, a dainty banquet was served at the Woodman House. Miss Marshall acted as toastmistress. Miss Lucy Brown, who is teaching at Woodmere, was present at the initiation and remained Saturday and Sunday.

A special meeting of the Zeta Phi Sorority was held Monday evening, March 14. Miss Arnold and Miss Kingsley entertained. Miss Brown was surprised with a birthday celebration, and Miss Edna O'Dell was pledged to sweet violet and white.

Mr. Albert Graham has been pledged to active membership in the Kappa Phi Alpha fraternity.

Roy Sprague has become a pledged member of the Arm of Honor fraternity.

SOCIETIES AND CLUBS

The Shakespeare club met Saturday evening, with Miss Kane. Mr. Fast was elected to membership. The final meeting of the quarter will be held at Miss Ballard's, Thursday evening, at 6:30.

The Webster club has elected the following officers for the spring quarter: President, G. L. Mowry; vice-president, A. M. Walsworth; secretary, C. R. Murphy; treasurer, W. B. Smith; yellmaster, E. L. O'Brien.

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