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ON THE FIELD

A preacher comes to bat,
And Morgan says, "What's that?"
Then he throws three strikes,
And the preacher hits,
And that's the end of that.

There is a tendency among college publications in reporting athletic and other contests, to disparage as much as possible the work done by opposing teams, in the attempt to laud the home team. The plain duty of such papers certainly is to encourage home organizations and place them in the most favorable light, but it seems an indiscreet policy which colors facts so highly as to deceive both sides, and which destroys genuine competitive spirit.

In the game with Albion last Friday afternoon the visitors clearly outmatched the home team. Six runs for the visitors in the first inning might have seemed discouraging in the eyes of a stranger, but any such notion would have been quickly dispelled by the outbursts of cheer from the side lines. That is the spirit which some people cannot comprehend, but which permeates this institution so thoroughly, that win or lose, the Ypsi Normals are always victorious because they are loyal and because they are proud of their team.

The Albion game was lost by a score of 23 to 3, with another game to play. On Saturday an enthusiastic crowd watched the second team play their first game with Saline, winning it by a score of 8 to 7. During the week there has been several practice games with the Ypsilanti high school, in which Coach Failor and Coach

PEDIAGOGICAL VALUE OF NATURE STUDY IN THE PRIMARY GRADAS

PROFESSOR W. M. SHERZER

"The teacher who thinks first of his subject teaches science; he who thinks first of his pupil teaches nature study,"—Bailey.

Of those who profess to be able to speak for Nature Study in the primary grades, all agree:

1. That the material must be studied first hand; not simply talked about, read about or lectured upon.
2. That this material must be viewed through the child's eyes.
3. That the immediate purpose is to secure a deep and abiding love and sympathy for Nature.
4. That the acquisition of knowledge is incidental.

In its present form the Nature Study movement is new, although in reality the fruit of the educational reformers Comenius, Pestalozzi, Rousseau and Froebel. The term "Nature Study" was first used by Frank Owen Payne in 1889, and was at once widely adopted. Previous to this it had been known as "Object Lessons," "Elementary Science," and "Popular Science." Amongst the Germans it is known as "Naturkunde," or nature knowledge, emphasis being placed upon the knowledge rather than upon the sympathy phase of the work.

Much of the nature work done at the present time is flabby because the teacher does not have clearly before her a set of well-defined purposes. She is in no position to get the full results from the subject or to gauge the quality of her work.

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with the children. The speaker believes in a thoroughly unified Nature course, the various topics of which are suggested by the season, the environment, the interests and stage of advancement of the children to be reached and the other subjects of the course that are to be re-enforced. Such a course consistently and persistently carried through the grades may be made to yield the following desirable results:

1. The intensification of the interest of the child in nature, the deepening of his sympathy and an abiding love for nature's forms. The care of the silkworm from the egg to the spinning of the silken vestment; the daily observation of the toad or frog as they slowly climb their ancestral tree; the rearing of the young horse-chestnut, first in the schoolroom, and later on the school grounds or at the home, will certainly keep any boy from maliciously destroying such forms in nature.

2. To lead the child to appreciate the wonderful unity, harmony and beauty of Nature's forms and laws. To the child everything is diverse and unrelated until he is led to discover the action and interaction of the forces of which he is the center.

3. To lay a rational foundation for the religious belief. Wisely or unwisely our public schools are not permitted to teach religion, but it is the duty and privilege of Nature Study to lead every child to discover that back of this glorious creation there is a Creator, who is endowed with Goodness, Wisdom and Power.

4. To lay a foundation for the thought subjects of the elementary school; science, geography, literature and history. In the history of the race these subjects grew out of the nature lore which the exigencies of life compelled man to acquire. They can now be developed most easily, because naturally, by having the child follow, just as closely as is feasible, the procedure of the race in acquiring these subjects. This fact fully appreciated settles at once the question of subject matter and method in the Nature work.

5. To furnish the natural basis for the development of the expression subjects. Under this head are included oral work, composition, reading, spelling, penmanship, numbers, music, drawing, painting, modeling, etc. In the Nature work the child is brought face to face with the material and the deepest possible impression is made through the avenue of every sense. He is brimful of ideas, of his own acquiring, and yearns for some means of expression, but, strictly speaking, here the Nature work ends. If teachers of these expression subjects can see their way to using this wealth of material thus prepared for them a great deal of the drudgery of early school life will be spared the child.

6. Along the line of formal discipline the Nature work furnishes a training in comparison, the detection of resemblances and differences, and in inductive reasoning. Aside from music it is the only subject in the primary school that can furnish any especial amount of sense training. If the child is encouraged to use his senses and is properly directed, for one exercise in school he will set for himself a hundred outside. It is only with well trained senses that the mind can secure accurate and complete first hand information of the material world. It is believed that a child is born with all the brain cells that he will ever have, but experts tell us that, in the best brains yet examined, fully one-half of these cells are never developed from lack of proper exercise. Nature work is capable of making larger, heavier and better brains. By the training and exercise of the senses the mind is stored with a fund of definite, elementary concepts, absolutely necessary for the full and correct interpretation of what one hears and reads.
The lecture of Jacob A. Riis at Normal Hall Wednesday evening on "What Makes True Americans" was a source of inspiration which students could ill afford to miss. Although born in Denmark, coming to this country when a small boy, no man has a deeper appreciation of the meaning of American institutions or a higher conception of what American citizens should be. The following are some of the thoughts gleaned from his talk, although in quoting we feel that much is lost in the absence of his honest, whole-souled personality.

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HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL RECITAL

A large and appreciative audience greeted Miss Lorinda Smith enthusiastically last Tuesday evening, the occasion being her senior recital. Such an event is without doubt the most important one in the life of the conservatory girl, and all felt this one was especially happy in every respect.

Miss Smith has always been a favorite with Normal audiences, but on that evening she exceeded the expectations of her most ardent admirers. Her many friends will be glad to learn that she will return next year to continue her musical studies and much confidence is expressed in her future.

The pleasure of the evening was added to by the solos of Mr. Milton Cook, who is always heartily welcomed. The following is the program as presented:

1. First movement from concerto in A minor, op. 54, (with orchestral accompaniment arranged for organ.) - Schumann
2. Aria—"She alone charmeth my sadness." (From the Queen of Sheba.) - Gounod
3. a. Nocturne, b. Dance of the Gnomes. - Paderewski
4. a. Hungarian dance, No. 6. b. Staccato Etude. - Brahms
5. a. The Fishermaidens b. The old plaid shawl. - Schubert
6. Song—The Mill-wheel - Rubinstein
7. Rhapsodie Hongrise, No. 6. - Liszt

WISCONSIN WON

At the Interstate Oratorical Contest at Notre Dame, Indiana, last Wednesday evening, Wisconsin again carried off the palm. Walter Ferris, the winner, is from Beloit college, the same institution which won last year. Missouri came second and Nebraska third.

At the time the News goes to press it is too late to give full details, but Michigan colleges were ably represented by the Normal orator, Fred B. McKay. In the final ranking he was 11 points behind the first man and 27 above the last. A full report will be given in next week's News.

The contest next year will be held in Illinois with Guy C. Smith, of Ypsilanti, in the chair, as president of the Interstate Association.
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"Joy comes; grief goes;
Every thing is happy now;
Everything is up ward striving;
'Tis as easy now
For the heart to be true,
As for grass to be green
And skies to be blue."—Lowell

"Complete success alienates man from his fellows, but suffering makes kinmen of us all."—Hubbard

If your subscription is not yet paid we shall be glad to receive it. Running a paper at fifty cents a year is no snap, and money is a scarce article with us.

In the annual report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for 1894, is a paper on 'Professional Ethics,' which was read before the State Teachers' Association that year by Professor C. C. Hoyt. It was written two years ago, but makes tip-top reading at this season of the year, when the annual rush for positions is under way. Read it, and then be loyal to yourself and your profession.

Among the great international congresses that will be held at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition will be the Congress of Arts and Science. The program of this congress has been prepared, and a preliminary list of the Europeans who will deliver addresses has been sent out. Among the subdivisions of the congress will be one devoted to the Greek language. Of this section, Martin L. D'Ooge, professor of the Greek language and literature at the University of Michigan, has been invited to serve as chairman; he has accepted.

This is the time of the year when the Seniors are supposed to be getting anxious about positions for the coming year. We knew a man last year who used to hang about the statue and boast that he had filed seventy-two applications without landing a job. That is all he ever did while he was here; stand about the statue, talk of his extra credits, and then growl because the school boards did not fall over each other to find him out. If you expect to secure that position, make sure of the letter you write. When you have done, read it again, and then before you seal the envelope and affix the stamp, give it at least one more long, searching look, ere it goes on its all-important mission. By that letter they will find you out.

"Two applied: one was appointed and the other disappointed."—SelECTION

MRS. A. D. T. WHITNEY

Little birds sit on the telegraph wires
And chatter andflutter, and fold their wings;
Maybe they think that for them and their sires,
Stretched always on purpose, those wonderful strings,
And perhaps the Thought that the world inspires,
Did plan for the birds, among other things,
Little things light on the lines of our lives,—
Hopes and joys and acts of to day,
And we think that for these the Lord contrives,
Nor catch what the hidden lightnings say;
Yet, from end to end, His meaning arrives,
And His word runs underneath, all the way.
LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION

The attention of the world is this week centered upon the city of St. Louis, Mo., where on April 30, the opening of the great Louisiana Purchase Exposition took place. Education is its grand purpose, and in order to clearly demonstrate the processes of manufactures, it has caused the managers to enlarge the original plan, so that now the St. Louis Exposition has 128 acres under roof. Chicago had 82 acres under roof, Buffalo 15, and Omaha 9. Thus may one comprehend the vastness of the exhibit.

An immense and costly physical culture building has been erected. All known games will be played, ending with a grand football game for the championship of the world. After the fair this building and fixtures will become the property of Washington University.

Many new and interesting novelties are to be seen. "The Irish Village" is one of the most attractive exhibits of the fair. This great structure stands in the middle of the Pike and attracts the visitor's attention immediately by its colossal size and seeming solidity. When the sightseer gets inside the gates he finds himself confronted with reproductions of Ireland's most famous buildings and resorts, among which are: Blarney Castle, Cormac's Chapel, Rock of Chosel in which the ancestors of the late McKinley were born, Kate Kearney's cottage, and others of like fame; displays of linen and rug making, and jewelry and pottery. Harpers and pipers from the Dublin Feis Crail, Ireland's national brass and reed band, will furnish music.

"Akomu's Mysterious Asia" and "Empire of India" will rank next to the "Irish Village." This exhibit will occupy a hundred and fifty square feet, and it will represent booths, bazaars, native industries, village merchants, natives giving their sports and games, with camels, oxeu, elephants, etc. Burmah, the land of the white elephant, with its idolatrous inhabitants and the Golden Temple of Ragoon will be shown in connection, with which will be an Asiatic theater, with performers from their native country.

"Jerusalem" is a true reproduction from real life in the Holy City. Much time and money has been spent by the promoters securing data for this exhibit, and it is presented on a scale never before attempted in America or abroad. Special features will be the Holy Sepulchre, The Temple, the Golden Gate, The Via Dolorosa, The Ecce Homo arch and the station where Christ is said to have fallen. Pilate's Judgment Hall, The Mount of Olives and the Jews Wailing Place are only a few of the biblical features. Ten acres of floor space has been allotted to this exhibit.

Rome during the reign of Nero will be portrayed by "Garragien's Ancient Rome." There will be a view of streets, squares crowded with freedmen, slaves, captives and soldiers, a correct reproduction of Roman bazaars, shops, etc. The scene will be one of activity, palaces, triumphal arches, pillars, columns and gardens. Workmen carving statuary that has made Rome famous. Other features will be a Roman stadium, in which Roman sports and pastimes will be presented; chariot races, wrestling, juggling and other features. It is the grandest spectacle ever attempted.

"Indiana's Log Cabin" will be on the grounds. Thousands of relics connected with his life will be exhibited, including the books with which he got his education. The general atmosphere will tend to remind the visitor of the greatness of the "Emancipator."

"The Creation," in which one is taken from the present age back even to the Garden of Eden, farther yet, to the earliest geological ages is a marvel, entertaining and instructive.

"The Fire Fighter's Exhibit" will be
one of interest. It will present all the modern developments of the art of saving life and property from fire, and is given by firemen and horses which have been in training for years.

"The Cliff Dwellers" is a complete representation of the most ancient of the famous Cliff Dwellings to be found in the Mauco and Case Verde canyons in Arizona and New Mexico. The exhibition will consist of a mammoth cliff over one hundred feet in height, in which will be shown the rude habitations of these people.

These are not the only exhibits of interest however; many will be pleased with the "Esquimaux Village," the "Russian," "Battle Abbey," "Magic Whirlpool," "Temple of Mirth," "Old St. Louis," "Palais Du Costume," "To the North Pole" "Galveston Flood," "Scenic Railway," and "Submarine Diving."

Taken all in all the Louisiana Purchase Exposition is the greatest world's fair ever given, and Buffalo and Paris are mere side shows in comparison.

THE NEW YEAR BOOK

The new Year Book is out, and may be had at the general office. A cursory glance reveals the fact that it differs from its predecessors in some important particulars. An obvious and great improvement is in the illustration of the buildings and grounds. These are new and handsome, and show our beautiful campus to good advantage.

The book is also considerably larger. This is owing to the insertion of considerable new matter, and to the large increase in the enrollment and consequent list of names of students. For the first time in the history of the college the attendance for the academic year has exceeded one thousand—this, with an enrollment at the Summer School of 762, gives a grand total of 1761, which, if we mistake not, is the largest number of students enrolled in any normal school in the country. A further glance at the statistics shows that 67 out of the 84 counties of the state sent students here last year—most convincing proof that the institution is grandly fulfilling its mission of preparing Michigan boys and girls for the teaching profession. Of equal interest is the fact that large numbers of those attending the Summer School came from other parts of the country, eight different states being represented.

But of most importance, not alone to our own student body and alumni, but to all interested in the progress of the professional training of teachers in the United States, are the new courses of study which are outlined and presented for the first time. The college now offers a full four years' professional course, crowned with the degree of B.A. in pedagogy. This distinction it shares with the Teachers' College of Columbia University. Michigan has always been a leader in education, and she is true to her traditions in being the first normal institution in the West to provide a full collegiate course for the training of teachers. It now becomes the duty and the privilege of the students and alumni of the Normal College to avail themselves of the enlarged opportunities presented. We call attention also to the new Three-Year-Certificate Course, the Rural School Course, and the special courses in Manual Training and Domestic Science, and to the larger liberty in the election of Teachers' Courses.

Get a Year Book yourself, and hand in the names and addresses of those to whom you wish copies sent.

There are two universities in Ireland, the University of Dublin and the Royal University. The former is Protestant and is known as Trinity College; the latter is hardly a university at all. It merely grants degrees upon the successful passing of its examinations.—Ex.
LOCALS AND PERSONALS

An evening of fun, May 13.
Spinsters to be imported.
Miss Josephine Lorenz is again in school.
Miss Helen Kaue spent Sunday at her home in Flint.
Mrs. Priest is visiting her daughter, Miss Helen Priest.
Miss Mary Harding will spend Saturday and Sunday in Jackson.
Miss Laura Spalding entertained her father over Sunday.
Miss Edna O'Dell spent Sunday with her brother in Detroit.
Miss Charlotte Steinbach, of Chelsea, visited the college last Wednesday.
Misses Zoe Spencer and Edna Tompkins spent Sunday in Detroit.
The Ladies' Quartet will give a recital at Orchard Lake, May 27.
Miss Clara Felder, of Jackson, spent the week with Miss Irene Mogford.
Miss Florence Cotharin has been entertaining her aunt Miss Taylor, from Flint.
Mrs. Robtoy, on Perrin street, will not open her boarding house again this year.
Miss Louise Peacock went to Corunna, Thursday, to attend the wedding of a friend.
Miss Maud Hoag will give her graduating recital in Normal Hall on Tuesday evening.
Miss Frances Van Hess entertained her sister, Miss Vera Van Hess, of Zeeland, over Sunday.
Miss Edith Mead, '03, of Detroit is spending Sunday with Misses Barrington and Adams.
Miss Loretta Kingsley is entertaining her sister, Miss Adelaide Kingsley, of Flint.
Miss Ethel Davis has been entertaining her sister, Miss Susan Davis, of Lansing, this week.
Miss Sarah Fribley, a graduate of the winter term, has accepted a position at Muskegon.

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A good variety of home cooked food can be found at the Woman's Exchange, across from the gymnasium.

Miss Mabel Barber was called to her home in Plainwell by the illness of her mother, whose death has since occurred. Much sympathy is expressed for her in this bereavement.

Miss Gertrude Worden spent a few days last week in Oxford, the guest of Superintendent and Mrs. J. H. Baxter. Miss Worden has been elected by the school board of that city to the position of Principal of the high school there.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Marlette, were present at the graduating recital of their daughter, Miss Lorinda Smith, Tuesday evening last. Two cousins, the Misses Smith, and Mr. Robert Joy, of Detroit, were also guests.

At a meeting of the managers of the recent girls' meet, it was decided to give $25 to the Loan Fund, $15 for a chair for the gymnasium office, and $10 to the Athletic Fund. These gifts were made by the Junior class.

This week has been full of good things. The Musical Festival, which began last evening with the recital of Miss Jennie Hannah Osborne, has been anticipated for a long time. A large number of tickets were sold.

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The Shakespeare Club met Saturday evening with Miss Helm. All members are requested to remember the last regular meeting, Friday, May 13, at the usual time with Mr. Jordan.

**CALENDAR**

- **Monday, May 9**: 3 p.m., Baseball, Normal vs. Hillsdale.
- **Tuesday, May 10**: 8 p.m., Normal Hall, Graduating Recital, Miss Maude Long.
- **Wednesday, May 11**: 10 a.m., Chapel.
- **Thursday, May 12**: 4 p.m., at Starkweather, Dr. Hoyt's Mission class.
- **Friday, May 13**: 7:30 p.m., at Starkweather, Spinster's Convention. 3 p.m., Baseball, Normal vs. Adrian. Girls' Basketball, Normal vs. Detroit Western High School.
- **Saturday, May 14**: Junior party.

**FRATERNITIES**

The Kappa Psi Sorority met with Miss Zagelmeyer Friday evening, April 29.

Miss Fitch, of Howell, and Miss Brown, of Ann Arbor, Kappa Psi girls, were guests of the sorority last week.

Saturday evening, April 30, the Sigma Nu Phi sorority held their annual party at the gymnasium. The decorations were of yellow and white, the sorority colors. The office was transformed into a reception room and refreshments were served in the young men's side of the gymnasium by five little girls. At half past eight the grand march was formed. It was led by Mr. and Mrs. Dau Quirk, Jr., of Ypsilanti, the figures closing with the Greek letters, Sigma Nu Phi. After the march the evening was spent in dancing. The patronesses, Mrs. Sherzer, and Professor Sherzer were assisted in receiving by Miss Van Hess of the sorority. Aside from those from Ypsilanti, guests were present from Detroit, Jackson, Ann Arbor, Zeeland, Kalamazoo and Wyandotte.

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL GAME.
The first basketball game between the Normal College girls and any outside team, will take place in the gymnasium, Friday afternoon, May 13, at 4:30. The game is to be with the Western High School, of Detroit, and promises to be very exciting. The college team has been faithful in practicing, and has gained considerable skill.

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The Alpha Sigma Tau sorority were entertained, Friday evening of last week by their two pledged members, Miss Stendel and Miss Goodson.

The following attended the Sigma Nu Phi party Saturday night and were entertained at the sorority house over Sunday: Miss Amy Hoag, Evart; Miss Jeannette Johnson and sister, Wyandotte; Miss Grace Hammad, Detroit; Miss Gertrude Salliotte, Ecorse; Miss Belle Buridge, Kalamazoo.

MARRIAGES

Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Miss Mabel Langford, '98, to Mr. Edward Mills, '98, to take place at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. W. P. Moore, Ann Arbor, May 11, at 7 o'clock p.m. They will be at home at Mason, Michigan.

The announcement of the marriage of Miss Bessie M. Brittan, '98, of Fenton, Mich., to Mr. Thomas Carlyle Wood, of Chicago has recently been received here. The wedding took place in Chicago, April 19, where the bride has been studying art. They are pleasantly located at 3747 Vincennes Ave., of that city.

ON THE FIELD

Jacobs of the high school were the battery for the city lads.

The game with the '07 engineers was cancelled by the university men, because class teams are not allowed to play only on the university grounds.

Next Monday, Hillsdale will be played on the Campus, and on Friday the team goes to Adrian. Every Normalite will be on the field and will cheer the all-student team to victory. Bring your colors, your horns, megaphones and your yells. Hillsdale desires a hearty welcome, and they like to hear us yell, because "Those Ypsi girls are so confounded loyal!"

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