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THE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Before an interested audience in Normal Hall last Friday evening, Mrs. Jennie Osborn Hannah, appearing in song recital, opened the annual music festival. Mrs. Hannah has a voice of most pleasing quality and artistic training, and with her charming personality completely captivated her hearers.

The appearance of the Hahn Festival Orchestra Saturday afternoon was greeted with delight, and the splendid concert given was received with the enthusiasm it merited. The beautiful and varied program, so exquisitely rendered, was a musical treat which will not soon be forgotten.

The interest of the festival was at its height on Saturday evening when Sir Arthur Sullivan’s ‘Golden Legend’ was given. The singing of the soloists and chorus, splendidly supported by the orchestra, and under the excellent conducting of Professor Pease, was superb. From the first sound of the beautiful cathedral bells to the magnificent burst of song in the choral epilogue, the music held the audience in rapture. The rendering of the solo parts was most artistic. Mrs. Hannah as Elsie, Mrs. Marshall Pease as Ursula, and Mr. Alfred Shaw as Prince Henry, sang with a rare precision of attack, and finish of tone which marked them true artists. The Normal felt great pride in the solo work of Mr. Ellis and Mr. Cook of the Conservatory. Mr. Ellis certainly won a triumph in the difficult rôle of Lucifer. With great evenness and trueness, vigor and breadth of tone production, and perfect enunciation, his rendering of the part was commanding and regal.

The enthusiasm of Professor Pease seemed to communicate itself to the chorus. The quality of the singing, intelligence of rendering, and finish of effect, gave evidence of remarkably fine training.

SENATOR HOAR ON SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

DR. D. PUTNAM

It is profitable to the members of any profession occasionally to get a view of their work and its results from the pen of an intelligent man outside their circle. In his recently published autobiography, Senator George F. Hoar incidentally gives us a few such views, not altogether flattering, it is true, but nevertheless of much interest.

Writing of his school days in the old town of Concord, Mass., he says: ‘We had fewer studies at our school than now. The boys who did not go to college learned to read and write, perhaps an elementary history of the United States, and arithmetic, and occasionally made some little progress in algebra. On Saturdays we used to speak pieces.’ Our favorites were some spirited lyrics, like ‘Scots Wha Hae,’ or Pierpont’s ‘Stand, the Ground’s your own, my Bravos,’ ‘The boy stood on the Burning Deck,’ and ‘Bernardo del Carpio.’ Sometimes, though not often, some comic piece was chosen, like Jack Downing’s ‘Tax on Old Bachelors.’

‘Those who fitted for college added Latin and Greek to these studies. The children were sent to school earlier than is the present fashion, and had long school hours and few vacations. There were four vacations in the year of a week each, and three days at Thanksgiving time. Little account was made of Christmas. The fashion of Christmas presents was
almost wholly unknown. The boys used to be allowed to go out of school to study in the warm summer days, and sometimes would find some place in a field, and sometimes up in the belfry of the little schoolhouse. The discipline of the schoolmaster in those days was pretty severe. For slight offenses the boys were deprived of their recess, or compelled to study for an hour after the school was dismissed. The chief weapon of torture was the ferule, to the efficacy of which I can testify from much personal knowledge. The master had in his desk, however, a cowhide for gross offenses. I do not remember knowing how that felt from personal experience, but I remember very well seeing it applied occasionally to the big boys.

We were put to school much earlier than children are now, and were more advanced in our studies on the whole. I began to study Latin on my sixth birthday. When I was nine years old I was studying Greek, and had read several books of Virgil. We were not very thorough Latin scholars, even when we entered college, but could translate Virgil, and Cicero, and Caesar, and easy Greek like Xenophon."

The statements of Senator Hoar in respect to vacations apply only to schools mostly private or select, in comparatively large places. The ordinary public elementary schools had very long vacations, and very short terms, as a general rule. Mr. Hoar entered Harvard College in 1812, on his sixteenth birthday. He writes: "The conditions of admission were quite easy. They were such as a boy of fourteen, of good capacity, who could read and write the English language, and had gone through some simple book of arithmetic could easily master in two years. There were three or four schools where the boys were pretty well fitted, so that they could translate Cicero and Virgil, Nepos, and Sallust, and Caesar, and Xenophon, and Homer." Pour schools which he mentions are still leading preparatory schools, the Boston and Roxbury Latin schools, and the two Phillips academies, one at Exeter, N. H., the other at Andover, Mass.

In speaking of his college course, he says: "There was, as it seems to me in looking back, little instruction of much value. The good scholars and the bad went to the recitation together. The good ones lost the hour, and the poor scholars got the benefit of hearing the good ones recite. Their mistakes were corrected by the professor. They handed in written exercises in Latin and Greek, which were examined by the instructor, and the faults corrected, and returned."

During the last few years of the course students were required to declaim some selection once a month. Essays in English were also required upon subjects assigned. In criticizing the essays, the professor called the boys successively to sit beside him at his table, then read passages from the essay and ridiculed them before the class.

Of the faculty and the general administration, of the college, Mr. Hoar says: "The Faculty themselves were certainly an assemblage of very able men. Making all the allowance for the point of view, and that I was then a youth looking at my elders who had become famous, and that I am now looking as an old man at young men, I still think there can be no comparison between the college administrators of fifty years ago and of those of today. It was then the policy of the college to call into its service great men who had achieved eminent success in the world without. It is now its policy to select for its service promising youth, in the hope that they will become great. Perhaps the last method is the best where it succeeds. But the effect of failure is most mischievous."

He has reference to the presidents or executive officers of the college rather
than to the ordinary professors and instructors. He is careful, however, to say that President Eliot, of Harvard, who was appointed under the last policy, the wisdom of which he doubts, has achieved a success equal to that of the earlier presidents selected under the old policy, which on the whole he thinks the better one. A good deal can be said on both sides of the question, though it must be admitted that, as a rule, it is wise to fill an important administrative position by selecting a man who has had successful experience.

Notwithstanding his criticisms upon the instruction at Harvard during the period of his college course, Mr. Hoar, in concluding, says: "Yet, somehow, the graduates of Harvard got a good intellectual training from the university. The rough country boy, if he had it in him, came out at his graduation a gentleman in behavior and character. He was able to take hold of life with great vigor. The average age of graduation I suppose was twenty. Not more than three years were spent in studying a profession. In some few cases the graduate got a little money by teaching for a year. But the graduates of Harvard College and Harvard Law School were apt to take quite rapidly the high places in the profession. That was true then much more than it is now. . . .

There was something in the college training of that day, imperfect as were its instruments, and slender as were its resources, from which more intellectual strength in the pupil was begotten, than there is in the college training of the present generation. I will not undertake to account for it. But I think it was due in large part to the personality of the instructors. A youth who contemplated with a near and intimate knowledge the large manhood of Josiah Quincy, who listened to the eloquence of James Walker, or heard his expositions of the principal systems of ethics or metaphysics; or who

THE INTERSTATE ORATORICAL CONTEST

The annual Interstate Oratorical contest, held at Notre Dame, Ind., May 4, was without exception an event of great collegiate importance. The talent of ninety-six colleges, over twenty-seven thousand students, and eleven states, was represented on that occasion; and indeed we feel honored that a student of our own institution so well upheld the standard of our state. For four hours the orators held the interested audience, and although our contestant held the undesirable first place on the program, many afterwards highly commended the inspiring and forcible manner in which was delivered the tribute on Lee's farewell to his men. Mr. McKay was highly complimented on his coolness and deliberacy in speaking, and he ranked well up in the final gradings. Although some of the contestants were somewhat weak in delivery, as a whole a wonderful amount of proficiency was displayed.

Beloit College, Wisconsin, won her third successive victory by securing first place. Missouri came a close second, and Nebraska third, with three firsts on delivery.

Creighton University, Neb.; and "Savonarola," N. L. Ferris, Beloit, Wis. The work of the orators was honored by the consideration of Matt. L. Hughes, Kansas City, Mo., President Jordan, of Leland Stanford, and President Nicholson of Dakota University, who acted as judges in thought and composition; and by Professor W. B. Chalmers, Superintendent of Schools, of Toledo; Rev. J. A. Vance, Belleville, at the detrital cone of a small thought, and requiring five judges to mark gifted speaker. This stand of the Inter­ 

After the contest a very spirited controversy arose over the proposition of doing away with the judges on composition and thought, and requiring five judges to mark on general impression at the time of delivery. The proposition was defeated on the grounds that the present plan, as a means of securing development in college oratory through work, is superior to a plan which, as an cud, but picks out the gifted speaker. This stand of the Inters­ 

**GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION**

Last Friday twenty-two of the Field Geography Class, spent a delightful and instructive afternoon in a carriage trip southeast of Ypsilantii.

Points of interest along the river were visited, the most pleasing being near Belleville, at the detrital cone of a small stream which sent branches radiating through the delta. It had built in a wash out of the road, in the high bluff at this point, during the spring freshets. Here we amused ourselves by switching some of the branches from their old channels into new ones, and in this way studied the formation of deltas and the history of rivers.

The last stop was at King's Flats, where lunch was eaten while our eyes feasted on the most beautiful scenery along the Huron River.

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**PRAYER**

**BRUNO DROW CHERRY**

At first I prayed for sight;
Could I but see the way,
How gladly would I walk
To everlasting day.

I asked the world's deep law
Before my eyes to see;
And let me see my prayer fulfilled
And realize my hope.

But God was kinder than my prayer,
And mystery veiled me everywhere.
And next I prayed for strength
That I might tread the road,
With firm unfaUtering pace,
To heavens serene abode.
That I might never know
A faltering failing heart;

And maUfully go on
And reach the biggest part.
But God was kinder than my prayer,
And weakness checked me everywhere.

And then I asked for faith,
Could I but trust my God,
I'd live in heavenly peace
Though foes were all abroad.
His light thus shining round
No faltering would I know;
And faith in heaven above
Would make a heaven below.

But God was kinder than my prayer
And doubts beset me everywhere.

And now I pray for love,
Deep love for God and man,
A love that will not fail,
However dark his plan,

That sees all life in Him
Rejoicing in his power,
And faithful though the darkest clouds
Of gloom and doubt may lower.

And God was kinder than my prayer
Love filled and blessed me everywhere.

Herz, mein Herz, sei nicht beklommen,
Und ertrage dein Geschick!

Neuer Triebling, gibst zurkück
Was der Winter dir genommen.

Und wie viel ist dir geblieben!
Und wie schön ist noch die Welt!

Und, mein Herz, was dir gegeilt.
Alles, alles, darfst du lieben.

Herz, mein Herz, warum so traurig,
Und was soll das "ach!" und "weh"?

Ist's doch schön im fremden Lande,

Herz, mein Herz, was fehlt dir mehr?

Was mir fehlt? mir fehlt ja alles!

Ein so gar verlassen lieh;

Sei's auch schön im fremden Lande,

Doch zu Heimath willst du. einsi.
A DELIGHTFUL RECITAL

A large audience listened to the second of the senior recitals, given Tuesday evening, by Miss Maud Livingston Hoag, pianist, assisted by Miss Marie L. Gareissenu, mezzo soprano.

The first number, Rondo from the Beethoven Concerto in C major, was very well rendered, and the Conservatory Orchestra with Miss Ruth Putnam at the organ, and Professor Pease as conductor, added greatly to the effect of the selection.

Although Miss Hoag is generally at her best in bright compositions, her interpretation of the stately Chopin Preludes, Nos. 7 and 15, was especially fine, as was also the Mozart Souata in A major, an andante movement, consisting of a theme and variations, ending with the Turkish March. Both the Souata and, "In My Neighbor's Garden" (The Nightingale) by Nevin, showed the pianist's technique to advantage.

The most pleasing and brilliant numbers on the program were the "Aragounaise" by Massenet, and the closing, "Aus den Carneval," by Greig.

Miss Hoag has a style all her own, her touch is naturally very light, but she adapts herself easily to the grave and more serious compositions, when the occasion demands. The best point about her playing is her expression; she paid a marked attention to the light and shade of the various numbers with true feeling.

Her pleasing manner and charming personality added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

Miss Gareissenu was at her best in the aria—"Farewell Ye Hills, (From Joan of Arc)" by Tschaikowski, although the two German songs, "Aufenthalt," by Schubert, and "Wenn ich friih in den Garten gehe," by Schumann, were highly appreciated.

The accompaniments were played with expression by Professor F. H. Pease.

POSITIONS

Some of the seniors who have positions to teach next year are located at the following places: May Hayes, 1st grade, Reed City; Hazel Pomcroy, 1st grade, Clare; Elizabeth Bissell, 1st grade, Iron Mountain; Anna Couley, primary work, Mohawk; Grace Hubel, 1st grade, Woodmere; Genevieve Lawton, 1st grade, Traverse; Wilma Merrill, 1st grade, Benton Harbor; Belle Quackenbush, 1st grade, Grand Ledge; Esther Ross, intermediate grades, Point Mills; Marie Dekker, 2d and 3rd grades, Harbor Beach; Eleanor Greenaway, principal of high school, Charlevoix; Helen Katen, 1st grade, Owosso; Cornelia Weatherwax, 2d grade, Eaton Rapids; Mattie Dekker, 4th and 5th grades, Harbor Beach; Alice Prentice, 4th grade, Pontiac; Bessie Steere, 3rd grade, Pontiac; Anna Besley, 4th grade, Newberry; Ethel Empson, 1st grade, Escanaba; Fern Greenaway, 4th grade, Woodmere; F. A. McKay, superintendent at Bad Axe; Mabel Durham, 5th and 6th grades, Rockland; Alice Jardine, 5th grade, Woodmere; Mattie Jones, 5th grade, Jackson; Adelbert Walsworth, superintendent at Vulcan; Edna Dorr, 6th and 7th grades, Grand Ledge; Willard Hoyt, in the parental school, Chicago; Christine Pinney, mathematics in grades, Benton Harbor; Kate Chapman, assistant high school, Grand Ledge; Frank Hendry, superintendent at Stanton; Jonas Sawdou, science and mathematics in high school, Grand Ledge; Anne Culliuine, 6th grade, Ironwood; Coral Johnson, high school, Dexter; Nettie Roosa, Latin and history in high school at Harbor Beach; A. A. Worcester, superintendent at Eaton Rapids; Gertrude Worden, English and history in high school, Oxford; A. E. Parkins, science in Holland.

He—You are a brick. She—Not yet, I have not been pressed.
“A friend to whom one needs make no explanations is God-given.”

To our High School graduates.—A number of our new Year Books are being sent to each High School. Examine them carefully and mark what exceptional advantages are offered you here. The course of study is what you need to fit you for a teacher, and the influence here is directly in the line of public school work. If you wish to become a teacher you cannot do better than to attend our Normal College.

Have you noticed—
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That all the new trees and shrubs are budding.
The magnolia blossoms in front of the science building.
That flower beds are being made.
That sweet peas are four inches high.
That the fountain is flowing.
That good soil is being put on the new athletic field.
The birds’ feeding-board in west library window.
The flags in the fountain basin.
The bird-houses in the trees.
That the warblers are here.
The training school gardens.
That there are no signs, “Keep off the grass.”
The Tallyho of the class in Field Geography.

Professor Griffith, of the Art Museum of Detroit, has been secured to speak to the students at chapel next Wednesday. Students should show their appreciation of this treat by their attendance. It is but courtesy to such a speaker, and to those who have the matter in charge, to give him a full house.
LOCALS AND PERSONALS

Mr. C. B. Jordau visited his sister in Owosso, Saturday.

Miss Ethel Davis spent Sunday with friends in Detroit.

The annual smallpox scare has been visiting the college the past week.

Miss Eva Moore entertained her mother from Blissfield, Friday and Saturday.

Miss Nila Hess of Napoleon enjoyed the musical festival here last week.

Miss Lettie Scott spent Sunday at her home in Marine City.

Miss Frances Clapp entertained her mother of Owosso, over Sunday.

Miss Bessie Layzer has returned to her school duties at the Normal.

Mr. Ray Allen went to his home in Oxford Friday, to see his father who has been ill.

Miss Daisy Dunmphey went to Battle Creek Friday, to remain over Sunday with her parents.

Miss Helen Sterling is entertaining her mother, who came from Eaton Rapids Friday and will remain over Sunday.

Miss Eva Chase, '03, of Green ville, was the guest of her many college friends for a few days last week.

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

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

During the past week Miss Amy Calkins has received a visit from her mother, whose home is in Detroit.

Mrs. M. D. Billings of Dryden, spent Saturday and Sunday with her daughters, the Misses Billings.

Miss Alice Prentice has been entertaining her mother from Pontiac during the past week.

Miss Lou Young, '03, of Northville, is spending Saturday and Sunday with the Misses Lousby.

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Miss Christine Thiers of Mt. Pleasant is the guest of Miss Edith Travis over Sunday.

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

Miss Mand Maxfield has returned to her home in Monterey on account of sickness. She will not return this term.

Professor Pease gives notice that this is the appropriate time to receive new voices into the Choral Society.

Miss Daisy Lonyo is entertaining her sister Miss Emma Lonyo from Detroit, who came Friday to remain over Sunday.

Miss Helen Priest, who has been ill for the last few weeks left for her home in Evart on Thursday, her mother accompanying her.

Miss May Roberts is receiving a visit from her mother and grandmother of Marine City. They will attend the May festival during their stay here.

Mr. Clayton T. Twetzel, of Chicago, will have charge of the courses given in physical training in the summer session of the University of Michigan for 1904.

Some one asks why all the girls do not remove their hats at the concerts. By the way have you noticed the new way the boys have of lifting their hats?

Professor Jefferson went to St. Louis Thursday afternoon, to look over the ground preparatory to giving his address before the National Geographical Union in July.

Miss Helen Sweet who was injured by a fall in the gymnasium last Friday, is recovering. Her sister, Miss Lillian Sweet from Detroit came Monday to visit her.

White’s studio at 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.
At the meeting of the Y. W. C. A. Sunday afternoon, May Miss Pearce will speak.

Miss Jeannette Kotvis spent Sunday with her cousin Miss Margaret Kotvis, at the Agricultural College.

A fourth grade Training school child had an accident last week that alarmed the student teachers for a moment. Someone asked if a doctor had been called. A little girl answered: "Yes, I think so, Dr. Edwards just came into the building."

FRATERNITIES
PL KAPPA SIGMA

A business meeting of the sorority was held at the Woodman House, Wednesday evening. Miss Iunez Clark, entertained the sorority Saturday evening.

THE SHAKESPEARE CLUB

The last regular meeting of the Shakespeare Club was held at Mr. Jordan's, Friday night. The comedy of Twelfth Night was finished, and the meeting adjourned with the pleasing prospect of a social meeting with Miss Laird, in the near future.

JUNIOR NOTES

Juniors reception to the seniors and faculty tonight at the gymnasium at 7:30 o'clock.

Miss Marshal has been chosen class poet, Mrs. Katz being unable to remain with the class.

At the last meeting of the class, Miss Benedict was unanimously chosen class soloist.

The juniors realize that they will soon become seniors and, therefore, are endeavoring to the best of their means to do the class of '04 as they wish to be done by—in spite of the openly expressed dissatisfaction by some of the members of that body. — Junior Editor.
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Monday afternoon was a great day in baseball at the Normal. For the first time this season the team won a victory on the home grounds, defeating Hillsdale by the decisive score of 12 to 6.

The most exciting moment of the game was in the last ball of the second inning. The bases were filled by Normal men and O'Brien came to bat. Everybody anxiously wondered what he would do. The suspense lasted but a moment. The ball shot from the pitcher's hand directly over the plate. But Paddy had a good eye and a steady nerve, and with a mighty sweep he struck that ball a rap that forever settled the hoodoo that seemed to be hovering over the team. It was the greatest hit within the memory of the oldest rooter on the campus, a genuine "four-bagger and a home run." From that moment the result was a foregone conclusion, excepting the six runs made by the visitors in the last three innings.

Coach Failor has resigned his position and his place has been filled by W. C. Cole, "King Cole" of the U. of M. team of '03. He comes highly recommended by trainer Fitzpatrick of the University.

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sat at the feet of Judge Story as he poured forth the lessons of jurisprudence, in a clear and inexhaustible stream, caught an inspiration which transfigured the very soul of the pupil.

It is hardly to be expected that everybody will accept the estimate which Senator Hoar makes of the comparative value of the college training of sixty years ago and now; but nobody who understands the power which great minds have to influence and inspire the young, will hesitate to indorse his opinion of the value of the personality of the instructor.

The Autobiography of Senator Hoar is exceedingly interesting and entertaining to one who has lived through the period of which he writes, and has personally known something of the men and the events of the period. It will not have equal interest for the new generation, but will have for them great historical value.

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