TONIGHT

THE FINAL ORATORICAL CONTEST IN NORMAL HALL AT 8 O'CLOCK.

The Contest Bids Fair to Be the Hardest Fought in Years.

The final oratorical contest takes place tonight in Normal hall and from the seven contestants the Normal representative to the state contest at Albion will be chosen.

The judges, as far as known, will be William B. Hatch and W. S. Putnam. Prof. J. S. Lathers will preside. The contestants and the societies they represent, arranged in the order of speaking, will be as follows: Minnie Charlick, Portia Club, "Joan of Arc;" Gerrit.ude Kern, Olympic, "The Angel of Crimea;" Ira F. King, Lincoln, "Andrew Jackson;" Mace Andress, Lincoln, "Gettysburg;" C. A. Sheppard, Atheneum, "Grit;" C. W. Fulton, Webster, "The Boys Who Wore the Gray;" Rex Plowman, "Olympic, "Abraham Lincoln."

It bids fair to be the hardest contested battle in many years. The orators are well matched and have all worked hard to win the coveted place besides the valuable prizes offered. At the oratorical board meeting last Monday evening it was decided to give to the winner of first place a handsome gold medal, besides the ten volumes of World's Best Orations.

The contest will be a big affair. The clubs and societies have been making big preparations to cheer on their representatives. Some of the societies met last night and held meetings to practice their yells and songs.

The second prize will be thirteen volumes of the Statesmen series of biography, and the third prize will be three volumes of Cambridge poets—Lowell, Longfellow and Whittier.

THE FINAL DEBATE

THE PRELIMINARIES ARE COMPLETED.

The full list of contestants and the order of speaking in the final debate will be as follows:

Affirmative—Robert Reinhold, of the Lincoln; Benjamin Pittenger, Webster; Lewis Reed, Webster. Negative—Roy Herald, Lincoln; Earl Schoolcraft, Crescent; Maurice Lathers, Olympic. The date has not yet been set.

GIRLS' INDOOR MEET

SENIOR AND JUNIOR GIRLS TO REPEAT THE EVENT OF LAST YEAR.

New Brabb Cup Will Be Given to the Winning Side.

At the meeting of the junior and senior girls, which was called by Mrs. Burton Monday afternoon, arrangements were made for an indoor meet between the two classes, to take place the last week of this quarter. A handsome loving cup has been offered by Mr. Brabb, and will be awarded to the side gaining the most points. At a meeting held Wednesday a general manager for the meet was appointed and also special managers for the different features. These will include traveling rings, flying rings, class club swinging, individual club swinging, high jump, twenty-yard dash, newcomb and basket ball. All junior and senior girls may enroll in any two events, excepting those students having two or more conditions or failures.

The managers for the juniors are: General manager, Adah Hawley; basket ball, Ruth Dunbar; newcomb, Minnie Leith; clubs, Anna Brady; double rings, May Davis; traveling rings, Elizabeth Steere; jump and dash, Anna French. For the seniors: General manager. Bess Brown; basket ball, Olgay Goetz; newcomb, Savannah Marshall; clubs, Eva Strable; double rings, Jessie Morgan; traveling rings, Pearl Helm; jump and dash, Maud Port.

The club swinging, newcomb and basket ball practice will be held in the chapel of the training school. On Tuesdays and Fridays the juniors practice clubs from 4:15 to 4:45, newcomb from 10 to 10:30; basket ball from 10:30 to 11. The hours for the same work for the seniors are on Mondays and Wednesdays, with clubs from 4:15 to 4:45, newcomb from 11 to 11:30; basket ball from 11:30 to 12.

Last year the meet was a great success and although both classes acquitted themselves with credit, the juniors won an easy victory. If the class of '05 hold the position they gained for themselves last year, or if the juniors are victorious, each may well be proud of their standing.

The entries in the 20-yard dash are limited to twelve. In newcomb and club swinging to forty each, while the running jump and put work entries are unlimited.
HE DID THE TALKING.

lively-looking porter stood on the rear platform of a sleeping-car in the Pennsylvania station, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer, when a fussy and choleric old man clambered up the step. He stopped at the door, puffed for a moment and then turned to the young man in uniform.

"Porter," he said, "I’m going to St. Louis, to the fair. I want to be well taken care of. I will pay for it. Do you understand?"

"Yes, sir—"

"Never mind any ‘buts.’ You listen to what I say. Keep the train-boys away from me. Dust me off whenever I want you to. Give me an extra blanket, and if there is any one in the berth over me, slide him into another. I want you to—"

"But, say, boss, I—"

"Young man, when I’m giving instructions I prefer to do the talking myself. You do as I say. Here is a two-dollar bill. I want to get the good of it. Not a word, sir."

The train was starting. The porter pocketed the bill with a grin and swung himself to the ground.

"All right, boss!" he shouted, "You can do the talking if you want to. I’m powerful sorry you wouldn’t let me tell you—but I ain’t going out on that train."

HE GOT IT.

"I was very much amused the other day," said a hardware dealer, "at a very small boy who came around looking for a job. One of the clerks dropped a lot of sharp pointed tacks into a drawer of brass screws and had given up the idea of taking them out.

“When the youngster turned up looking for a job, we thought we would try him out by letting him sort the articles. He went at it the same way the clerk began, picking out the tacks with his fingers and getting the point of every third tack in the ball of his thumb.

"He had enough in about a minute and straightened up. We all began to smile, expecting him to give up the job. Instead of that he went over to the scow case and picked out a horseshoe magnet.

“Then he came back to the box. In a few minutes he had the tacks out and the screws were still in the compartment. He knew that the magnet would attract iron, not brass, and in a jiffy he had accomplished what we had been trying to do all morning.

"We didn’t really need a boy, but this chap’s smartness appealed to us, and we find him so handy to have around that next Saturday he gets a raise."—Mich. Mirror.

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She—“Darling, I believe you!”
He—“Heavens! You are the first girl that ever told me that.—Ex.
THE HAUNTED HOUSE.

[Translation from the Latin of one of Pliny's letters by a second year student.]

There was once a large and roomy house at Athens, but it was of ill repute on account of being haunted. During the stillness of night the rattling of iron and, if one attended more closely, the clanking of chains at first in the distance, then close at hand. Soon a spectre would appear in the form of a gaunt old man, disfigured by filth, with flowing beard and shaggy hair. It had shackles on its feet, and chains on its hands, and these would shake with its every movement. As a result the frightened occupants of the house passed gloomy and dismal nights in watching, while sickness followed this loss of sleep, and with their increasing fear, death also. For even in the day time, though the apparition had disappeared, the remembered vision hovered before their eyes, and their terror, therefore, lasted longer than its cause. Consequently, the house was deserted and entirely given up to that monster. Nevertheless it was advertised with the hope that some one ignorant of its horror might wish to buy or rent it. It happened that the philosopher Athenodorus came to Athens. He read the notice of sale, and on hearing the price became suspicious of its cheapness. He, therefore, made closer inquiry, and learned everything; but not only did this not deter him from renting the house, but it proved rather an inducement to him for doing so.

He took possession, and when it began to grow dark, he asked that his bed be made in the front part of the house, and then after calling for paper, pen and lamp, he sent the other members of his household to the inner rooms. He himself now fixed his whole attention upon writing, lest an idle mind might picture imaginary sounds and empty fears. At first about him, just as everywhere else, there was the silence of night—suddenly the rattling of iron and clanking of chains were heard. Athenodorus did not raise his eyes or lay down his pen, but kept at his work, and thus tried to make himself deaf to the sounds. Then the noise began to increase, it drew nearer, now he heard it through the ill-reputed house. It was advertised with the hope that some one ignorant of its horror might wish to buy or rent it. It happened that the philosopher Athenodorus came to Athens. He read the notice of sale, and on hearing the price became suspicious of its cheapness. He, therefore, made closer inquiry, and learned everything; but not only did this not deter him from renting the house, but it proved rather an inducement to him for doing so.

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IS THERE CHANCE FOR AMENDMENT?

"The failure of the Portia club to send representatives into the debating contest was not due to the neglect of the club, as one, who unfortunately, has not been endowed with the spirit of speculative interest—i.e., the spirit of looking into the true causes of things, implied in last week's issue of the Normal News; but to the fact that the girls of the club have been handicapped all the year because all of them were new members, none of them having been in the club prior to the contests of last year, and because a permanent critic could not be secured to give the necessary aid to these new members.

It is true that the Portia girls are entitled to two representatives in the contest, but you must remember that this was not decided until very late last year. It was too late for the club to make the foundation for this year's work. But notwithstanding all these hindrances of this year's work, they would have sent representatives if it—i.e., the not sending of representatives in any way would have interfered with the entering of other capable contestants. But as it would effect none others but themselves, they did not know of any reason for entering into the debate under such uneven circumstances.

They left no vacant places, hence debarred no one from entering the contest."

The above communication was received from a member of the Portia club in reply to an article in this column last week. The article in question was not aimed at the Portia club, but was written in the interests of the association. We used the case to show a weakness in the oratorical constitution, and what was said was without prejudice. Since then the Atheneum society has done the same thing and failed to send representatives into the contests. Such a condition must prove detrimental to the association and should be remedied. If the article in question has resulted in emphasizing the danger, then it has accomplished its aim.
It is thus deserted plucked some grass and leaves and placed them as a mark upon the spot at which the ghost had disappeared. The next day he went to the magistrates and advised them to issue orders for the excavation of that place. Bones were found there bound with chains. The flesh of the body had decayed by reason of the action of time and earth and had left the bones bare and corroded by the iron. These were gathered and given a public burial. The next day he went to the spot at which the ghost had disappeared. Bones were found there bound with chains. He thus deserted his companion alone. He thus deserted his companion alone. He thus deserted his companion alone.

NORMAL BASKET BALL TEAM HAS WON EVERY GAME THUS FAR.

In one of the best games of basket ball which has ever been played in the Normal gymnasium, the Normals defeated the Detroit Y. M. C. A. team by a score of 16 to 14 last Saturday evening. Both teams were evenly matched and the play was fairly terrific throughout the two halves of twenty minutes. The Y. M. C. A. team of Detroit is considered one of the fastest teams in the city, composed, as it is of the best players of the association gymnasium, and Capt. O'Brien, of the Normals, before the game expressed only a desire that the college team make a good showing against the visitors, as this contest was one of the hardest on the schedule. The features of the game were the work of Head at center and O'Brien at guard, for the Normals, and the passing work of Stockham and Huebner, for Detroit. The score at the end of the first half was 9 to 7 in favor of the Normals. The teams lined up as follows: Normals—Sprague, Thomas, forwards; Head, center; O'Brien and Smith, guards. Detroit—Stockham, Barnes, Huebner, forwards; Keller, center; Cross, Rickards, guards. A game was scheduled with Adrian at Adrian on Friday of this week by Manager Chapman and one with Windsor for Saturday. The Windsor aggregation has since disbanded and a game was played with Cooper team, of Detroit, in the Normal gymnasium, last evening at 6:30 o'clock. The second team was sent to Adrian Friday noon. The men taken were Osborne, Carpenter, Jordan, Webster, Evans, Mowry and Olney. The game with Adrian was scheduled for the first team, but the second team was sent so as not to give the first team two games in one week. The scheme of caring for all the basket ball men by dividing them up into six teams worked out very successfully this week when the scheme was first given a fair trial. The teams have been so arranged that the first team plays against the second daily in the north side of the gymnasium and the work of the second team during the past week has been very creditable.

Athletics in all forms have taken a boost during the past few days. Saturday afternoon about fifteen basketball men were out for indoor practice, getting themselves in shape for the regular indoor practice which will be started along toward the last of the quarter. It is probable this practice will extend on Saturday afternoons until the regular practice begins.

John Morse, of Dearborn, who has charge of the track team, meets the men at the Normal on Thursday evening of each week. A squad of about twenty men have been enrolled for the work, and Mr. Morse expressed himself as being favorably impressed by the work done so far. The work for the past few meetings has been long distance running and practicing on starting for the sprints, high jump, hurdles and pole vaulting. The outlook for a class meet between the two class continues to grow brighter, and if the management fails in securing a game with either Adrian or Albion, it is extremely probable that the dual class meet will be held. Prof. Bowen requests the students to keep watch of the bulletin boards for the basket ball games to be played in the gymnasium, as it is expected there will have to be still further changes in the schedule.

REDUCED SALE OF LECTURE TICKETS.

The price of the lecture tickets for the remaining numbers has been reduced from $2 and $1.50 to $1.35 and $1.15 respectively. The price of single tickets for the Choir Concert, given February 17, are $1 each, and besides this there are four lectures of well known worth. Eminent soloists and a finest orchestra have been secured for the concert, which is Mendelssohn's "Oratorio of the Elijah." Those who heard the concert last year will not wish to fail to hear it this year, and the opportunity of purchasing a ticket now should not be lost.

LATIN.

They are all dead that wrote it;
They are all dead that spoke it;
They all must die that learn it;
Oh, happy death! they earn it.
Elizabeth Reis, '04, is teaching eighth grade at Park City, Utah.

Mary A. Ulrich, '93, is teaching at Mason, and Charles Chapman, '03, at Fenton.

Gertrude Baxter, '89, teaches mathematics and science in the Bronson high school.

Ella Frank, '03, of Wayne, has accepted a position in the third grade at Kalamazoo.

Maud Livingston Hong, Conservatory class of '04, is teaching music in Fergus Falls, Minn.

Gay Dishong, '04, teaches near Traverse City.

He is principal of the school and there is one other teacher.


W. W. Chalmers, '86, is superintendent of schools at Toledo. For some time previous he taught in Grand Rapids.

Chas. A. Farnum, '90, is superintendent of the township high school at Lasalle, Ill. Luella Creed, '90, is now Mrs. Farnum.

R. L. Halloway, '92, who was a former editor of The News, is now editor of the Tuscola County Courier, published at Caro, Mich.

Ira Simmons, '03, is traveling for the firm of Burnam, Stoepell & Company, wholesale dry goods merchants of Detroit. He commenced his work January first.

Myrtle Smith, '04, has primary work at LeRoy; Edna Bixley, '03, teachers at Silverwood; Eta Loomis, '04; mathematics at Stanton, and Kate MacKenzie, '04, mathematics at Calumet.

W. J. McKone, '87, the recently elected president of the Michigan State Teachers' association, was the orator who presented the memorial boulder which stands in front of the Normal.

Clare Murphy, '04, is superintendent at Springport, and teaches science and mathematics, and Lucy Burgess, '04, has charge of the eighth grade and teaches Latin in the high school.

Among the Manistique teachers are: Sarah Fribley, '04, third grade; Rose Chrysler, '00, eighth grade, and Kate Fribley, '02, second grade.

Gertrude Defendorf, '03, is living at Glendo, Wyoming, and teaches about two miles from her home. To reach her school she is obliged to ford a river each time, and as a consequence is becoming quite an equestrian.

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INTERESTING WAGE STATISTICS.

Striking Decrease in Wages of Teachers in Graded School Work Against Increase in Ungraded.

The sixty-eighth annual report of the superintendent of public instruction, recently compiled by Hon. Delos Fall, shows that there were 7,269 teachers employed in the graded schools and 9,375 in the ungraded, making a total of 16,664 teachers in Michigan's public schools. The total wages paid teachers last year was $5,308,720.79. The average monthly wages of men in the graded schools was $49.43, and in ungraded schools, $35.33. This is an average decrease over last year of $4.52 per month for men in the graded schools, and an average increase of $5.88 per month for men in ungraded schools. The average monthly wages of women in graded schools was $14.63, an increase of 49 cents over last year. The average monthly wages of women in ungraded schools was $28.73, an increase of $1.74 over last year. Summed up as a whole, men in graded schools are receiving on the average $4.52 per month less than last year, while men in the ungraded schools are receiving $5.88 more. Women are receiving 49 cents per month more for graded school work and women in ungraded schools $1.74 more than last year.

The average number of months of school in graded schools was 8.4 months, a decrease from the previous year of .41 month. The school year in ungraded schools was 8.2 months against 8.17 months the year before, a decrease of .03 months.

The total receipts for school purposes during the year, including balance on hand of $2,116,729.24, was $11,827,967.35. The amount expended was $10,534,143.16. The amounts expended by denominational and incorporated institutions will bring it up to a grand total of $11,377,081.07.

ISABEL SMITH.

Word has been received of the death of Isabel Smith at her home in Martin, Saturday, January 14. Miss Smith was of a delicate constitution and her death resulted from hemorrhage of the lungs. She was a junior in college last quarter and made many friends while here, who mourn her loss.

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THE LIBRARY

Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead, who addressed the students on "The End of International Dueling," left in the library some very interesting literature on the subject of the world's peace through arbitration.

Primer of the peace movement, by Mrs. Ames, is a brief and pointed statement of the facts which formed the outline of her address at the Normal. Other pamphlets are as follows: Jean de Bloch and the future of war; Economic facts for practical people; Organize the world, by Edwin D. Mead; More earnest work for the world's peace; Memorial of the pilgrimage to Mount Auburn, by European members of the thirteenth International peace congress, Boston, October, 1904.

The American Book Company is constantly adding to its useful series of Eclectic school readings. In Lives and stories worth remembering, Grace H. Kupfer gathers a group of most interesting people from life and literature, beginning with a sketch of Robert Louis Stevenson and his love of the rugged Scotch coast, where his father, grandfather and great grandfather had built light houses, and of his ambition to follow in their profession, and his weary exile through ill health to another sea-girt country far from his beloved Scotland, where he still kept a cheerful spirit and could write from his heart.

"The world is so full of a number of things, I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings."

In the same series is Margaret C. Walker's Our birds and their nestlings, with very good plates and illustrations, and well told stories of our bird friends, with a few good selections of poetry.

ACCESSIONS.


Training School Notes

The Junior Naturalists' Club of the third grade has been reorganized this week.

The schedule of the grades, which have charge of the training school chapel exercises this quarter, is as follows: January 26, seventh grade; January 27, second grade; February 3, eighth grade; February 10, fourth grade; February 17, sixth grade; February 24, patriotic program; March 3, kindergarten; March 10, fifth grade; March 17, first grade; March 24, third grade.

A school saving system is to be introduced into the training school within the next week or ten days. The purpose of this is to encourage thrift, but not penuriousness. The object is the saving of pennies usually spent in candy, peanuts and gum for a larger purpose.

Word has been received that Miss Lynch is still in the hospital, but that she is getting along as well as possible, and that the doctors hold out to her the promise of recovery.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The freshmen gave a party to the sophomores Friday evening.

Mina Scott, who attended the High school last quarter, visited one afternoon this week.

SOCIETIES

SORORITIES AND FRATERNITIES.

Belle Majors, of Ann Arbor, visited the Alpha Sigma Tau sorority last Sunday.

Lila Lawrence and Katherine Lewis, of Lowell, are pledged to the Alpha Sigma Tau sorority.

The Pi Kappa Sigma sorority was entertained by Miss Inez Clark, Thursday evening, and on Saturday evening by Bessie McIntyre, in honor of her guest, Lillian Chambers, of Mt. Clemens.

An informal dancing party was given last Friday evening at the gymnasium by the Kappa Phi Alpha fraternity. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mollencamp were the chaperones.

The Harmonious Mystics were given a spread this week by Miss May George. Mrs. Pease and Mrs. D'Ooge will entertain the sorority with a dancing party at the Country club January 27.

DEBATING CLUBS.


Mae Sweezy was absent part of last week on account of illness.

The freshmen have chosen for their motto, "Nullus dies sine linea," and hope to live up to it.
LOCAL

Lillian Chambers, of Mt. Clemens, visited Bess McIntyre over Sunday.

Richard Keeler entertained his mother and sister, of Detroit, last week.

Blanche Dunham was called to Northville this week by the death of her grandfather.

Adelaide Stearns, of Kalamazoo, visited Athella Phillips and Alice Hawks Saturday and Sunday.

Profs. D'Ooge and Barbour were unable to meet all of their classes this week on account of illness.

Florence Lott has been substituting as teacher of the life sketching during the illness of Miss Olmsted.

A new club has been formed, the Avon, which meets weekly, and is taking up the study of Shakespeare.

Florence Cotharin, of Flint, a Conservatory student of last year, spent Saturday and Sunday with Majorie Alexander.

Minnie Vroman, of Vicksburg, a former Conservatory student, visited her sister, Erma, for a few days this week.

Mabel Clark has given up her work in the college on account of poor health, and has returned to her home in Wayne.

Jean Howard, of Oxford, spent the latter part of last week with Almina Dunlap, Mildred Betteys and other Oxford friends.

LaVerne Barrett, '04, has accepted the fifth grade position in the Woodruff school made vacant by Enid Withy's resignation.

The changeable weather of the past two weeks has had the effect of promoting an additional amount of sickness among the students.

Lora Brown attended the wedding of her cousin, Miss Mand Sherwood, a former Normal student, and Dr. Cooper, at Plymouth Wednesday.

Mable Kyte, who leaves college this week to accept a position as teacher at her home, and read a paper Tuesday evening at a Grange meeting in Mooreville.

Prof. J. C. Stone talked to the city teachers and county normal students of Pontiac Friday afternoon and evening on "The Teaching of Arithmetic."

Eva Reynier, who was chosen honor teacher in the fourth grade, has been seriously ill at her home in Grand Rapids and will not return to college this quarter.

Next week chapel will be held Tuesday instead of Wednesday, the fourth hour classes reciting on Wednesday. This change is made to secure an address by Bishop Williams, of Marquette.

About twenty of the college students, who were former Ferris Institute students, attended the recital held Saturday evening in the S. C. A. building at Ann Arbor, and given by the F. I.'s of the university. A very pleasant evening was spent and a club was organized, which is to meet at the Normal in the near future.

Prof. J. C. Stone was very pleasantly surprised by about twenty of the college faculty, and the Rev. and Mrs. Beach Saturday evening, in honor of his birthday. The decorations were flowers, the prevailing colors being green and white, and the evening was spent in games. Prof. D'Ooge read an original poem written by Prof. Ford, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Irean Murray spent Saturday and Sunday in Detroit; Isa Hitchcock, Saturday and Sunday in Rudd, Sunday at her home in Ann Arbor; Nelly and Fern Newkirk, Sunday in Chelsea; Helen Stirling and Irene Plimott, Saturday in Detroit; Zoa Spencer, Saturday in Detroit; Ruth Sturme, Sunday at her home in Saline, and Almee Best, Saturday, Pearl Helm, Wednesday, and Elsie Winters, Bertha Turner and Edith Demorest, Saturday and Sunday in Detroit.

SENIORS IN STATE.

The first appearance of the senior class in a body was a great success. More than two hundred and fifty seniors, wearing the gold and white, marched into chapel Wednesday morning. The central rows of seats, which were draped in gold and white, were reserved for the seniors and after these were taken the hall was completely filled. After a short address by President Jones, a recital was given by members of the Conservatory senior class, which consisted of a piano solo, LeVerne Brown; vocal solo, Pearl Benedict; Pease quartet; piano solo, Grace McCormack; vocal solo, Estella Willits.

CONSERVATORY RECITAL.

The bi-weekly Conservatory recital given in Normal hall Wednesday afternoon was deserving of a much larger attendance in an institution of this size. The Program was as follows, which was especially well rendered:

Song—"Afterwards Love, The Dawn, Edna"...
Song—"Daffodils-a-Blowing, Mabel Bernard.......
German...
Song—"Flower May Hide Its Lovely Face," Joe McCarthy ............George Osgood...
Song—"O Rest in the Lord, (from the Elijah)
Cora Wilson ............Mendelssohn...
Song—"When Madeline are Ringing, Laura Spalding ............Mascheroni...
Song—"Aufenthalt, Maude Bissell.......Schubert Romanze, for organ, Miss Clara Br Abby, Spender...
WHY WE LAUGH

Mr. Foster (in senior meeting)—"A young man and young woman will march together, the reason for which will soon appear." Enter Mr. Wood.

* * *

Mrs. Burton (answering a telephone call and leaving physical training class)—"Position!"

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"Just because I do not belong to a labor union is no reason under the green canopy of heaven why any man should subject my defenseless wife and innocent babes to suffering and starvation"—And now there are a few people who were not present at the inter-club contest wondering where they are at, and what Mr. Herald could have meant.

* * *

Prof. K.—"What would have been the result if the Mississippi had not been discovered?"

Student—"If we hadn't discovered it, we could not have used it.

* * *

First Farmer—"I see by the papers that some of the students down at Madison painted the town red the other night."

Second Farmer—"Beats all what some of them boys do to earn money."—Ex.

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Prof.—"Why are the days in summer longer than those in winter?"

Bright Boy—"It is warmer in summer and they expand."—Ex.

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Teacher—"How do you account for the phenomenon, dew?"

Pupil—"Well, you see, the earth revolves upon its axis every twenty-four hours and in consequence of this tremendous pace it perspires freely."—Ex.

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ALL CARS RUN ON STANDARD TIME.

Additional cars will leave Ann Arbor for Ypsilanti only at 10:15 P.M., 12:15 A.M. and 2:45 A.M.

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AN INCREASE OF HALF A HUNDRED.
The number of students enrolled at the beginning of the present term is 4.4 per cent greater than at the close of the term last year. This means that the enrollment is greater by nearly half a hundred at the opening than at the close last year. In March 1904, the number was 969, which included the preparatory students. The total enrollment now is 1010, of whom 43 are in the new high school department doing work corresponding to that of the preparatory students last year.

THE PARK QUESTION.
The question of securing more land for the Normal college grounds is again being very earnestly discussed. Early in the school year a desirable site of twelve acres, extending west and north of the science building, was secured for a Normal park, money being raised by subscription among the citizens and faculty. Dr. J. Van Fossen worked very earnestly to bring about the purchase, and at the meeting of the Civic Improvement Association of Ypsilanti last week he introduced the proposition of securing additional ground for the Normal college. He spoke of the importance of the Normal and thought the tract of land under discussion should be purchased at once before any more buildings were erected upon it. He would not have the money raised by subscription, but thinks the city should make the purchase.

It is hoped that more land will soon be secured, for it will not only contribute to the attractiveness of the college grounds, but also to the beautifying of Ypsilanti.

A CLOSE CORPORATION.
In a certain Highland parish the church collection, after being counted, was placed in a box which was consigned to the care of the minister, says the author of "Bygone Church Life in Scotland." The minister hid it, with the key, in a place known only to himself and the beadle.

In spite of this, all sorts of money were regularly extracted from the hoard, and one Sunday when the minister discovered that some more had disappeared, he summoned the beadle.

"David," said he, "someone has been taking the church money from the box, and you know there is no one has access to it but you and myself."

Thinking he had the beadle thoroughly cornered, the minister fixed him with his eye and paused for an answer. But David dumfounded him by his cool proposal:

"Well, minister, then if there's a defeishendency, it's for you an' me to make it up between us and say naething about it."—Mich. Minn.
WAS A RARE TREAT
SEEBOECK-SHAW RECITAL WAS ONE OF ENCORES.

The third artist recital under the auspices of the Conservatory of Music was given Thursday evening, January 19. The audience was enthusiastic but not as large as either performers or the Conservatory deserves. The program was charming throughout. The pianist, Mr. W. E. C. Seeboeck, of Chicago, was new to Ypsilanti, though well-known as a composer. His playing was characterized by a delicacy and rhythm which was delightful. His numbers were mostly by modern composers, and a group of Mr. Seeboeck’s own composition was much appreciated, while his playing of Chopin will be long remembered.

Mr. Alfred Shaw, the tenor, was as well and favorably known by his singing in the “Golden Legend” last spring. His numbers were very much enjoyed, as the frequent encores proved. He gave a group of beautiful German songs, also one by French composers and a number of songs by American and English composers. The Cowen song, “A Birthday,” brought out Mr. Shaw’s voice particularly well, as did also the encore, “Songs of Araby.” The recital was artistic throughout and greatly enjoyed by those present.

D. A. C. WON

COOPER TEAM DIDN’T COME AND NORMALS PLAYED D. A. C. INSTEAD.

The Cooper team, of Detroit, failed to arrive last night, and the regular D. A. C. team came instead. The D. A. C. team is the best in the country, and recently beat Yale University. The Normals played an exhibition game, the score being 53 to 14 in favor of the champions. The showing of the Normals was first class.

WILL MISS THEM WHEN TOO LATE

What was said in connection with the attendance at the oratorical contests, applies also to the series of recitals being given by the Conservatory. The talent used includes the best artists in the land and should insure large audiences. After leaving college, the great majority of students will have few opportunities to enjoy these treats and will appreciate them only when too late.

Dr. Edwards Leaves.

Dr. G. V. Edwards has accepted a call to the faculty of the College of New York and leaves to begin work there on February first.

FOUND—Near the training school, a pair of gold-rimmed bow spectacles in a case. Call at News office for same.

EXchanged—A black derby hat, bearing the owner’s name and two square inches of the affirmative side of the labor question on the inside; steam pressed and shaped to fit the head; bought and paid for with three silver dollars still bearing interest and for the express purpose of being used when applying for a job; was exchanged for a blue cloth cap. Please return to the News office and receive the cap as a reward.

Like the lava from the crater,
Came the gravy on his pate;
For he failed to tip the waiter,
So the waiter tipped his plate.—Ex.

An Englishman was being shown the sights along the Potomac. “Here,” remarked the American, “is where George Washington threw a dollar across the river.” “Well,” replied the Englishman, “that is not very remarkable, for a dollar went much further in those days than it does now.” The American would not be worsted, so after a short pause said: “But Washington accomplished a greater feat than that. He once chucked a sovereign across the Atlantic.”—Ex.

When I was a small boy, at Harrisburg, a New England school teacher came there to teach the young ideas how to shoot. Now you know, when a New Englander comes to Pennsylvania he never fails to learn something. Well, he called up a boy, gave him a subject for a composition, and told him to write about it. He spoke to the boy with that delicacy of accent which showed clearly that he came from that remote part of the country which is usually designated as “down east.” The boy said he did not know how to go about writing that composition. The school teacher remarked, “You see, when I write, I write just as I speak; do just as I do.” The boy answered, “Yes, but I don’t know how to write through my nose.”—Horace Porter.

Professor—“A fool can ask questions that a wise man can’t answer.”
Student—“I guess that is why so many of us flunk.”—Ex.

COMING EVENTS.

To-day—Final Oratorical Contest, Normal hall, 7 p. m.
Sunday, January 22—Y. W. C. A., Prof. Ford, 2:30 p. m.
Tuesday, January 24—Chapel, Bishop Williams.
Friday, January 27—Literary Societies.