Lafayette Day.

Wednesday, October 19, was "Lafayette Day." At the College short exercises were held in the Chapel, and afterward nickel and dime conversations took place for the purpose of erecting a monument to the distinguished champion of Liberty, in France at the time of the late war, and the lines were taken in classes. The amount of the contributions was about $17.

In a letter to the "New York Times" recently, Mr. John Hay, late Secretary of State, says: "I have been often asked why, in giving a brief sketch of his life, it was more forcibly to your minds this thought, that what the great Reformer of the 18th century did by means of the sea, Lafayette essayed to do for us when we were unknown in the grand court of the nations, but only warriing bands of rebels, with no rights but the right to be taxed, and shot and shot!"

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What do we owe any benefactor? Not gold with its jaundiced hue—blood and money.

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"The village of Gross Beeren is about as large as Öknerow, but more interesting. One may have a choice breakfast or lunch at the hotel at Ižid, and wonder whether the ham sandwich is as fiery tasting there as here.

"Potatoes play a leading part in German living. During the time of the harvest the gardens are to be found in every field, so that at present all over the German empire the gardens are closed so that people can help in the fields, so that at present all over the German empire the gardens are closed so that people can help in the fields.

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What shall the swift-footed morrow bring to our American day?

Professor F. S. Kedzie, in a recent lecture before the Phi Delta Theta rooms, eastward, Wells Hall.

Miss Frances Russell with 19 is making a specialty of German and history at the U. of M.

The Literary Societies.

THEMIAN SOCIETY.

Thursday afternoon the Themian Society presented the following program:

The roll call was responded to by original stunts.

Music—Lagrange—Miss Emma Louden.

A Story—"My Burglar," by Miss Coral Harrold.

A five-minute talk on strong drinks, by Miss Harriet O'Connor.

A dramatic poem, "A Tribute to the Thesmophoria.

The Themian Society hold their meetings Tuesday from four to six in the Phi Delta Theta rooms, eastward, Wells Hall.

Bet Sugar in Michigan.

Dr. Keidel visited the beet sugar factory in Bay City last Thursday and brought back some of the Michigan product, as fine a sample of sugar as ever was seen. The Doctor reports that the crop is a decided success. One man has 16 acres of beets will clear $5,000 this year. The total output of the factory this year is expected to be worth $200,000 pounds of sugar, and yet this enormous quantity will not be sufficient to meet the demands of the sugar market. Certainly. The outlook for the sugar beet farm in Michigan is a promising one.
work done now is of a higher grade."

The change of the college man as compared with the non-college man is as 250 to 1 to become distinguished as a public man of some sort."

An Jumping Gall

R. H. Pettit.

To persons of an inquiring turn of mind, who are in the habit of occasionally wandering in the woods, galls, especially oak galls, are very familiar. These growths are spherical and as large as an apple, sometimes flat and very small, sometimes smooth but often hairy or covered with spines, are the works of insects. A small wasp-like insect, usually smaller than a mosquito, lays an egg or a group of eggs in some part of the tree; or each course of species fly selects some part of the tree, but almost every part is the natural home of some species. In the course of time the egg hatches and a minute maggot comes out and commences to feed, while from its body is secreted an active poison which usually closely fits the occupant. These growths, sometimes spherical and as large as an apple, but as its food is entirely of vegetable, this mass of growth and a minute maggot come out and passes through its transformations confined in its cell, which usually closely fits the occupant; its life must be very monotonous, for even the pleasure of eating is done away. The exact manner of obtaining food is not as yet known, but as its food is entirely in the form of sap, it is supposed to be absorbed by the maggot at any rate the digestive apparatus is reduced to a miniature and, in some cases at least, the alimentary canal is closed at the caudal end.

Of the many hundreds of species known, one obtained from Calamassoo last summer seems particularly worthy of notice. The gall is a type of the species above described by the writer on the College grounds. The gall referred to is found in great numbers in tiny pits situated in the under side of the leaf of the bur oak, Quercus macrocarpa. It is spherical in form and very small, less than one-sixteenth of an inch in diameter, and if wet thick instead of yellowish white it would equally resemble a small bird-shot. The curving part of the matter is the lively nature of the thing. When the first specimens were received a trace of a textbook were emptied on the paper and they immediately commenced jumping about, looking something like miniature core-popping. They threw themselves straight up into the air about half an inch, very many times their diameter, with the most astonishing vigor. This jumping without the presence of legs gave the massive performance rather a strange appearance. On opening one of the tiny hills it was found to consist of a very thin paper shell enclosing a mass of white grubs, and it is the sudden and convulsive movements of this grub that cause the jumping, though the amount of strength required to throw itself to such a height when closely confined in a tight shell is something amazing. These insects are not of a very great size; they are quite apparent; the galls being very delicate and fragile would stand a poor chance if left on the surface of the ground where animals are constantly walking, and being so small and seed-like would probably be overlooked by animals. The jumping causes them to be sifted into cracks and cavities where they are protected and where they can pass the winter in comparative safety. The name of this insect is Neoterus g-saltatorialis, now somewhat resembling this interesting insect is the jumping-bean of Mexico. This bean is nearly half an inch in size and is inhabited by a larva of a small moth closely related to our cooling-moth. The animal produced is, however, much less than that produced by the American insect, amounting at most to a series of feeble hitching motions sufficient to move the bean along on a smooth surface.

An Incident in the Literary Career of Julius Caesar.

Read by L. H. Taylor before the Eclectic Society, Octo­ber 19, 1898.

When Julius Caesar was yet a very young man, he showed talent for literature, and a great desire for reading every book he could get hold of, especially the so-called liturgies.

The first book that he ever read was "The Dream of Hylasaramus." One day he and a washout on the suburban line he was unable to make negotiations with the conductor for a book for some time, and for this reason, read the aforesaid book over and over again until it was nearly memora. After he had read it through for the seventh time, however, he made up his mind that he was going to procure fresh literature from some quarter. Accordingly he began to save up his pennies and put them into a pasteboard box that his brother had sent home from College.

After having his pennies for some months and containing from his usual sticks of licorice and all-day-suckers, he figured out that it would take him a week to save enough to buy a copy of "Shakespeare's" Table or "Dr. William's" Medical Adviser. Each being over $1.75 new or $2.00 second-hand.

One night after going to bed he got to thinking how he might make the purchase of these books, and having referred to some conclusion about a.m. he arose quietly from his resting place, and out he went. He succeeded in knocking the wash bowl and pitcher off the stand into the cuspidor along with about three or four inches of cuticle from his flexus ustacularis perforatus which came in contact with a radiator that was, as usual with college steam pipes, red hot on a warm night. Then he got his new bicycle lamp which would burn at least seventy-five consecutive seconds without extinguishing itself, and filling one pocket with graduated cotton he proceeded to carry the electric fire escape in the outer and began a search for the box of coins, which had been given him by his mother the day that he had forgotten its location, and his range-finder had been loaned to another; this being "the unbreakable Armada" twelve years before.

Not wishing to disturb the household, he conducted the search silently by himself, by some means secured a piece of ivory soap in the kitchen and trying to kick an electric lamp from the two windows of his ceiling; he then threw his grandmother's old arm chair through the screen door into the room, and hung the object of his search, safely out of reach on the top shelf of the pantry. After trying to reach it for some time without success, he walked around the house, to a sudden last repat and in his desperation, seized a garden rake and grabbed hold of the corner bumper to a piece of pumpkin pie, and with a sudden jerk brought it down. He then observed that the manner of it made an ugly wound over his left eye and scattered its contents everywhere in the room, and the cool ℃ was somewhat offended by the roaring gas; then he had been subjected had, beside the box,
hocked onto a pan of morning's milk and a jar of New Orleans molasses and brought them along far enough to empty their contents upon the head of the renowned Caesar.

Julius was afraid that that slight confusion might disturb his parents' slumberers, so he quickly gathered up his centered coins and wiped the aforesaid chemical conglomeration off his intellectual extremity on his sister's clean shirt that was hanging on a line in the kitchen, he immediately repaired to his room, locked the door and then closed it.

He now counted his money and made out six cents, recounted it and made out four, but finally concluded by declaring that there were just five coppers. What to purchase with this amount was the next thing that occupied his attention, but after thinking so hard for a moment that his whiskers actually grew six inches and his eyebrows vanished like watermelons at a colored revival, he would go at once and obtain the aforesaid chemical conglomeration.

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that occupied his attention, but after made out six cents, recounted it and five coppers. What to purchase it, and become famous, even if he had to take it on the installment plan and sell his little brother's rocking chair to meet the payment. He would go at once and obtain the same.

By means of the automatic fire extinguisher he lowered himself quietly to the roof of the woodshed along with about one thousand feet of siding and a fairly good-sized hornets' nest that had hung just underneath the window sill. Regardless of the entreaties to remain, which the wasps thrust upon him, he suddenly made a leap in the direction of the earth, but the northeast quarter of the southwest half of section two of his physique made a foul tackle with a clothes-line pole, one motor extremity landing on terra firma, while the other began pulverizing the tail of his feline friend, who emitted a yell to be equalled only by that of the barefoot boy. This caused the infant Julius to start crying, and his eyebrows vanished like watermelons at a colored revival, he would go at once and obtain the aforesaid chemical conglomeration.

The Union meeting of the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A., Sunday evening, October 30, will be led by Mr. Lyman. Subject, "Helpfulness." Mrs. Kedzie has removed her studio from Lansing to her home where she will soon be ready to receive her friends and all interested in art.

Mrs. Taft gave a dinner party Wednesday evening. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Tower, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Miss Garfield and Miss Peppe. Miss Vesta Woodbury and Miss Deborah Garfield entertained Saturday evening by giving a spread in honor of their guests, the Misses Bohn and Melton. The class in Military Science will meet in the Chapel Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 5 o'clock. Text-book, Infantry Drill Regulations. Lesson, Paragraphs 1 to 25 inclusive, and 14 to 155, inclusive.

The Natural History Society will meet Wednesday evening, Oct. 26, in the Zoological Lecture Room, Library Building, at 6:30. Dr. Longyear will read letters from Porto Rico; R. H. Pettit will talk on our local shellfish; and there will be an exhibition of interesting objects under the microscope. Everyone invited.

The Covenanters of Scotland.

The subject of Dr. Kedzie's Sunday morning talk in Chapel was the Covenanters of Scotland—the Israelites of Scotland," he called them. In his impressive way the Doctor told an interesting story of those stern churchmen who considered their duty to God before their king, and of their struggles for religious privileges in the face of the most cruel persecutions and tortures.

At the College.

George Gould returned to College Saturday.

A brick floor is soon to be laid in the blacksmith shop.

Miss Ida Bramham spent Wednesday at her home in Hadley.

Miss Zadie Vesper received a visit from her father Thursday.

Mr. Will Quale, of Ionia, was the guest of Mrs. Merriett last week.

E. C. Kendrick entertained Mr. P. Johnson, of Greyling, last Monday.

Mrs. Hendee of Eaton Rapids was the guest of Mrs. Smith last week.

Mr. D. English, of St. Ignace, visited R. R. Carr one day last week.

Miss Ella Phelps was able to accompany her mother home Monday.

The Epworth League of the Central M. E. Church entertained the College students last Friday evening.

Mrs. Louden of Saginaw and Mrs. Smell of Ionia are spending a few days with their daughters at the College.

Freshmen having new uniforms are requested by Dr. Waterman to appear in them at drill this afternoon, Tuesday.

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News from Graduates and Students.

Miss Mabel Bohn with '01 spent Sunday at the College. Miss Grace Melton with '01 spent Saturday and Sunday at the College.

C. R. Tock with '06 will be married November 2 to Miss Verna O. Parrish, of Flushing.

E. A. Calculs, '95, has been at the College a few days preparing for the Civil Service examination in Detroit this week.

George Starr with '96, visited friends at M. A. C. last week. He is at present engaged in raising seeds for a New York firm.

H. M. Rich with '92 is managing editor of the S. C. A. Bulletin published by the Students' Christian Association at Ann Arbor.

The ninth annual report of the Commissioners of Parks and Boulevards, Detroit, contains R. J. Coryell's report as horticulturist.

Supt. J. E. Clark, a special student here in '95, and for four years Superintendent of Shelby schools, is now in charge of Frankfort schools.

E. A. Robinson '97 called on friends at the College Thursday night. He is in the traveling photography business and will locate in Lansing for four weeks.

H. W. Lawson '95 takes C. B. Smith's place in Washington while the latter is absent in Germany on leave. Mr. Smith left last Wednesday for Halle University, Gottemburg, Germany.

Frank R. Smith, '87, Somerset, says he is still alive and manages to keep busy with farming and grain business. He claims the banner for the largest wheat crop grown in the state—4,825 bushels, machine measure, an average of 27.5 bushels per acre. Golden Chief heads the list at 40 bushels per acre.

The death of Mrs. E. O. Ladd, wife of E. O. Ladd '78, occurred at her home in Traverse City, Monday, October 10. Though Mrs. Ladd had been in poor health for two years, her death was unexpected and came as a terrible shock to her family and friends. She leaves two children, a boy of 15 and a girl 5 years.

Fred N. Clark '90 is again in the poultry business, having purchased 20 acres at the city limits of Ludington and started the "Lakeside" poultry plant. He has a 16x20, brooder house arranged for 2,000 winter chickens, expects to keep 200 hens this winter and to start the chicks about the first of January. As soon as he can get trees started he will combine fruit raising with the poultry business.

How We Stand on Athletics.

At a meeting of the Athletic Association last week, our Director was instructed to vote for retaining the percentage system in baseball; for the proposed amendment allowing two entries from each college on each indoor event; and against the amendment to extend the voting time at which the ballots shall be excluded from participation in M. I. A. A. sports from 1899 to 1893.

The Ferris Industrial has changed its name to "Ferris Institute."