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The Cold Spell.

Dr. R. C. Kedzie.

Whenever we encounter a period of extreme weather, whether of heat or cold, we are apt to assume that such weather is unusual, and nothing so extreme was ever known in the annals of history. Fortunately, extreme temperatures do not leave a permanent impression and their memory soon fades.

The cold spell that made the strongest impression upon our people was in the opening days of January, 1899, when the temperature ran down to -23° F., a blizzard prevailing at the time, with fine snow driven by a very strong southwest wind. A large number of persons were frozen to death and the suffering throughout the state was very great. The coincidence of severe cold and high wind greatly intensifies the resulting suffering.

Many persons have asked me whether such extreme cold as prevailed February 9th to 12th was ever before known. In the state of Wisconsin, the meteorological records kept at this College since 1863, and find that the temperature was below zero winter save one (1890) during the last 35 years and in only one winter was the temperature sank lower than it did last night. The following table gives the date of lowest temperature for 35 years at M. A. C.:

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Evolution in Oratory.

It became necessary to postpone the Oratorical Contest for one week on account of the illness of Joseph A. Moulton, the representative of the Eclectic Society. This necessitated a change in the date of Thomas G. S. Price's lecture on "Evolution," which had been arranged for next Friday evening. In this emergency, Mr. Bradford kindly consented to engage in the lecture on Friday night.

He first favored us with a lecture on Evolution in Oratory, in which he considered the tendency of the oratory of to-day from mere voice culture and superficial accomplishments and toward the psychological development. The function of oratory, he said, is to convey truth, beauty and goodness to the hearers. Culture should be such that the mind and body will readily respond to the soul's impulse. After the lecture Mr. Bradford entertained his audience with a number of readings—oralical, dramatic and humorous—which were well received to set off his marked orinality.

Promotions in the Cadet Battalion.

Those who take part in athletics and are excused from drill on that account will no longer be able to hold commissions in the Cadet Battalion. In the next to this policy, two appointments made last fall have been revoked. These are E. W. Ransley, first sergeant, and B. Laubach, corporal.

The mid-winter promotions and appointments are as follows:


Winter weather will probably change when it is determined who are to be excused for athletics.

Basket-Ball Here Saturday.

The boys are practices faithfully for their game of basket-ball with Olivet here next Saturday. Nearly every evening in the week they may be seen in the Armory, where their improvement during the last few nights has been quite marked. Last Friday evening a practice game was played between five of the most promising candidates for the team and eight others that have shown pretty good form. The team of five had a good lead at the end of a half hour of interesting sport.

A Unique Banquet.

To the alumni of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, distributed over the breadth of the continent, the United States seemed, last night, one vast banquet hall. Chicago was the acoustic center of many gatherings, and those of her sons-who claim the eastern institutions, and many more about her in the west, were gathered together for the kindness of the college for the kindness and generosity of her son's, to whom she has given the most magnificent gift that ever was given to America. The banquet, Feb. 19, will be led by Miss A. and Y. M. C. A. Sunday evening. This is "Pound week." The equipment of the Zoological science was previously assigned to members.

The equipment of the Zoological department has been increased lately by the purchase of a good stereoptican, with which the teaching can be made more effective in all the classes.

At the meeting of the Natural History Society last Wednesday evening Prof. Barrows finished his talk on Winter Birds and Mr. Pettit used the new stereoptican to throw shadows of a number of interesting insects on a screen.

The Eclectic Society completed the following last resolution Saturday night: That a vote of thanks be extended to the other literary societies of the college for the invitation given us in postponing the oratorical contest, when the unexpected illness of our representative prevented his taking part.
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Official Directory.

T. Y. C. A.—Regular meetings Sunday evenings at 1:00, Wells Hall, President, M. L. Deaver.

W. F. S. A.—Weekly meetings on all days on the farm. Meetings held Saturday nights at 8:00, Wells Hall, Sunday meetings with the Y. M. C. A. Ed. C. Gould, President. R. A. Aas, Secretary.

KING'S DAUGHTERS—Meet mornings Wednesday mornings at 9:00 in the Botanical Laboratory. H. C. Stanke, President; S. L. Douglas, Secretary.

SHAKESPEARE CLUB—Morn Wednesday mornings at 9:00 in the Botanical Laboratory, Edith A. Smith, President, Elizabeth Johns, Cor. Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S LITERARY SOCIETY—Meetings every Saturday evening at 7:00. Fourth Floor, Williams Hall. M. L. Deaver, President; E. D. Gage, President; A. C. Williams, Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S SOCIETY—Meetings every Friday afternoon at 4:00, Phi Delta Theta Rooms, H. C. Stanke, President; H. P. Baker, Secretary.

THETA BETA PI FRATERNITY—Meetings on alternate Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the Botanical Laboratory. H. C. Skeels, President; W. L. Murray, Secretary.

ECLECTIC SOCIETY—Meetings every Saturday afternoon at 4:00, in the Botanical Laboratory. H. C. Skeels, President; W. L. Murray, Secretary.

MICHIANA SOCIETY.—Meetings every Tuesday evening at 7:00 in the Botanical Laboratory. H. C. Skeels, President; W. L. Murray, Secretary.

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NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY—Meetings every Monday evening at 7:00 in the Botanical Laboratory. H. C. Stanke, President; S. L. Douglas, Secretary.

SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY—Meetings every Wednesday evening at 8:00 in the Botanical Laboratory. H. C. Stanke, President; S. L. Douglas, Secretary.

Y. W. C. A.—Weekly meetings for all ladies on the campus on alternate Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the Botanical Laboratory. H. C. Skeels, Dean; S. L. Douglas, Secretary.

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February 14, 1899.

England, our mother country, was, for centuries, politically and commercially, unimportant. It was first conquered by the Romans in 55 B.C. They held the country in its entirety. It is the only country to have been continuously occupied by a single people. They seem to lack the mechanical bent. Some of the leading men are alive to these facts and are looking for light wherever they can find it. They are trying to direct them toward agricultural schools of our country.

Again, perhaps you or some of your promised help me on this other question. As you know, this vast valley and alluvial plains of the Mississippi are abounding in the best growing country. The land is low and flat like our flattest prairies. In the wilderness the year is it under water for miles; only the tall grass and buffalo's heads and heads as the animals wade are seen above the water. Again it is dry and very hard, baking and cracking in the sun in the dry season. The country is thus support it. It would seem that the first need is to have sent to me the catalogues and an expression on the question, please.

In return for this I shall be most pleased to do anything I can for the college or its interests at any time.

At present there is one prize here which I can offer to one to an American Agricultural College, and I hope it may be to you. My college regards to great group of ladies with whom I am acquainted and believe yours most cordially,

HAMILTON KING, U. S. Minister.

America and Americans.

England, our mother country, was, for centuries, politically and commercially, unimportant. It was first conquered by the Romans in 55 B.C. They held the country in its entirety. It is the only country to have been continuously occupied by a single people. They seem to lack the mechanical bent. Some of the leading men are alive to these facts and are looking for light wherever they can find it. They are trying to direct them toward agricultural schools of our country.

The fact remains, that among the European nations England is our best friend. When Lord Salisbury said, "Because," said he, "we are fighting a battle in which the sun casts its last rays over the ice bound plains of Alaska. Here's to the only flag that ever whipped every sea, the flag on which the sun never sets." This seemed like the best tribute in his power. The fact is, that among the European nations England is our best friend.

Instances of American bravery in the time of victory. In the late war, our soldiers do not fight against the flag on which the sun never set. They fight against the flag that stands for liberty; Here's to the American Flag " he said. "Here's to the American Flag," he said. "Here's to the American Flag."

Our soldiers do not fight against men and for blood, but against nations and for the flag.

There is no greater proof of American bravery and endurance than those men who have fought against the British, and those who were melted up their pride and fought against twenty years of fighting and they were free. And the next thing to do was to form a substantial government; and in 1757 the constitution was adopted. This is the framers of the great work; it is evident. With the lapse of over one hundred years, a tremendous increase in the population of our country, over seventy-five millions, fifty-one changes have been found necessary. They cleared the forests, introduced the steam engine and the steam boat. They built the first great canal. They went down into the earth and brought forth fuel to run their engines and heat their dwellings. They turned the rivers out of their course and made them run through their machinery. And with the invention of that wonderful agent, electric power, they have applied it to the transmission of messages by wires.

Our policy has always been peace; we do not wish war and we have been beaten. At a banquet in London, where representatives from many nations met to commemorate the flag, was tossed in something like these words: "Here's to the flag that ever whipped every sea, the flag on which the sun never sets." This seemed like the greatest tribute that could be paid to the American flag. In his book, Mr. Ell Perkins rose to respond to "The American Flag" he said, "Here's to the American Flag." After spending a year there they went to Holland instead. They went out to fight the British, and many were the martyrdoms. Most of the rulers down to the 17th century had two great objects in view, one to increase their personal power, and the other to establish their own religious belief. The British objected to very strongly, and many were the martyrs for political and religious freedom. When James I declared that every Englishman who would conform to the established church, many began to think what the real relation between this state and the church was. General decided to leave England, and to go to America; but, because they could not obtain the king's permission, they went to Holland instead. After spending a year there they embarked on the Mayflower and set sail for the new country across the sea.

Their first intention was to make a settlement in Virginia, but a storm blew them many miles out of their course, and they landed in Massa- chusetts, which was in turn,—to ruler. Such was the origin of a great nation—which was in turn,—to the United States. There is no greater proof of American bravery and endurance than those men who have fought against the British, and those who were melted up their pride and fought against twenty years of fighting and they were free.
that we consider it an honor to be the only nation that ever abolished the nation on which the sun never sets, is evidence of our respect.

Such are a few important events in the history of a great nation. Such are a few characteristics of its people. From a little band of one hundred and two, it has grown to a nation of many millions, and is considered one of the most powerful nations of the world.

America did not rise to her present condition through the efforts of a few men, but by the industry and intelligence of those in the common pursuits of life. As Abraham Lincoln said, ours is "a government of the people, for the people and by the people." If one man fails to perform his duties toward the government, the whole government is represented.

But you may say, "Will not history repeat itself, and this nation, founded and preserved by the blood of its best citizens, go down to ruin?"

"This" is the first of a few great men, but by the industry and point proudly to their own nation.

"Ours is "a government by the people," we mean as an example. When we say, "government of the people," for the people and by the people." If one man fails to perform his duties toward the government, the whole government is represented.

The causes for which Greece and Rome fell could not exist now. So long as America adheres to those principles, which are right, so long will she continue to be in the future, as she has been in the past, a blessing among the nations of the earth. We should be proud of our country and the more fully to realize more fully our privileges as its citizens. May the name America ever be symbolic of Liberty.

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A. W. Chase with ‘94 is now a full-hedged lawyer at 61 Home Bank Building, Lansing.

H. A. Knotts with ’96 is in business for himself, dealer in books, bicycles, etc., Elkhart, Indiana.

C. S. Hitchcock with ‘80, White Pigeon, participated in the late war as sergeant in Co. K, 33d M. V. I.

Cass E. Herrington with ’97 is a lawyer and a member of the Board of Public Works in Denver, Colorado.

L. R. Love ’96, Kalamazoo, called at M. A. C. Friday. He had been attending his sister’s wedding in Pennsylvania.

W. J. Mikel ’80 is now in the employ of the General Electric Co., as draftsman, Address, Box 53, Romany, N. Y.

Thomas E. Stewart, the railway postal clerk killed in the collision at Inlay City last Monday, was a special student at M. A. C. in 1866.

S. G. Walton with ’86, 4140 Newport ave., Chicago, has been nine years in the railway mail service between Chicago and Cleveland.

Married, Thursday, January 26, at the residence of the bride’s mother, Costs Grove, Mich., Miss Alice Coats with ’98 to Mr. Jesse Chase.

D. J. Hale ’98 called at the College Friday night on his way from Ann Arbor to Benton Harbor, where he has received an appointment in the U. S. mail service.

E. C. McKee ’81, a successful farmer and former of Sherman, at Laingsburg, attended the institute at St. Johns and said, “Tell the boys I am alive and kicking.”

He was father of Don H. Kedzie in the age of 84 years and 5 months.

H. E. Harrison ’88 visited at the College February 6. He was on his way tomorrow to Imlay City last Monday, was a draftsman. Address, Box 53, Romany, N. Y.

Hiram Rikerd, Lansing, Mich., called at M. A. C. She graduated from St. Johns and said, “Tell the boys I am alive and kicking.”


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Without the cold rain plashes.

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