The Dedication of the Women's Building.

A perfect day, a large gathering, fine speaking, and beautiful music made last Thursday memorable in the history of the institution. The dedication was present at the exercises of the day. All class exercises were suspended, and students and alumni were present to welcoming and entertaining guests and to enjoying the unique occasion.

A committee of people had assembled to listen to the program for the dedication of the women's new dormitory. The oratory was very tastily decorated, flags and bunting being in evidence everywhere. It was a day of triumph for the women of Michigan, and the manner in which they entered into the spirit of the occasion showed itself not only in their words but in their actions.

In his introductory address President Snyder stated that it was with satisfaction he traced the history of the College with special reference to the development of the woman's course. He said it was now the aim of the founders of the institution to lift men out of the ordinary paths of labor, but to educate our young men that these ordinary walks of life might be made glorious and delightful. A like purpose led out to the founding of the women's course four years ago, and the setting apart of Abbot Hall as a women's dormitory. There were then young ladies in the hall that first year. The next year the hall was full. Since then the College has had no sufficient accommodations for its young women students. Meanwhile, the College grew. The imposing buildings and institute meetings and at farmers clubs, the desire for a practical course for girls has been realized.

Against the wishes of the State Board asked the legislature for $75,000 with which to erect a Women's Building, provided with all that is necessary.

Miss Maud Keller, who for the past eight years has been in charge of women's department, warmly welcomed the visitors and spoke of the work her department had been doing. She presented a valuable paper on Education for Practical Life.

Educational Debts and Dangers, was the subject of the address given by Mrs. Elise R. Fink. It was an able address, characterized by much humor.

Miss Mary Evans, president of Lake Erie College, Fairbanks, Ohio, spoke on Culture in the College Home. Extracts from this valuable address and from that of Mrs. Nellie S. Kezize, Professor of Hygiene and Domestic Economy in the Bradley Institute, Peoria, Illinois, who followed, will be found elsewhere in our columns.

Mrs. Mary A. Mayo was to give an address but Pres. Snyder explained the reason of her absence by saying that her daughter was ill at this time, and that by his request, the audience expressed their sympathy to her by rising.

Women as Helpmates rather than Competitors of Man, was presented in full by Mrs. Lorraine Immen for Women's Building. The lady said stress upon the need of better homes and assured them that they will be most establishment when women become thoroughly skilled in the art of homemaking.

Mrs. Martha A. Keating, of Muskegon, president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, spoke of The College Woman. The speaker said that college days and memories of old teachers are highly treasured by college women, Mrs. Keating gave a great tribute to our College.

The orchestra again rendered a selection while the guests passed out. Great credit is due those who held tickets for the banquet, numbering about four hundred, repaired to the Women's Building. After a short time all were shown places at the tables by ushers in uniform. After the dinner, Mr. R. C. Keizige, called the assembly to order and asked Rev. J. R. Andrews to invoke the blessing. The guests then seated themselves and were waited upon in a very pleasing manner by the young women of the College. The room was tastefully decorated with smilax, asparagus, ferns and autumn leaves. After the excellent menu had been enjoyed, and some of the tables had been cleared away so that the visitors might all get in to bear the toasts, the toastmaster made a very happy little speech, as he always does, and introduced Dr. Ella Mohr, of Ann Arbor, who spoke on the Evolution of True Womanliness.

"The lady said that mothers in every state have an idea of true womanliness and spoke with commendation of the women who are making the world's future. The College was a true idea of a home with its mutual dependence and personal oversight and gracious deference.

The next speaker, Miss Jula King, of Ypsilanti, brought "Greetings from the Normal Schools." She said, that in the fleeting centurions of women's lives there has been growing and increasing until now we have a new expression for the women's department. She wished success to the institution.

"The Twentieth Century Girls" represented the case of the women. The lady pointed out the necessity of being a good cook, also of being able to protect one's self and dear ones from disease.

The Hon. Jason E. Hammond, Speaker of the House, told the audience "The Boy's Side" and held it with a very bright speech. He paid a tribute to the Department of Woman's Work, and Dr. Beal for the work they have done for M. A. C.

The College Women, in behalf of the Washington Tree League, presented some little trees which are to be set on the campus. The orchestra rendered a selection in a very pleasing manner.

Hon. L. Whitney Watkins next spoke of "The Country for Girls." He said there was just one country for girls—the United States. He asserted that the "Clara Bartons and Helen Goulds and Lady mission­aries had done more to advance civi­lization than all of the armies of the Union."

H. C. J. Monroe next told of "Some of the Things to be Hoped for from the Women's Department."

The speaker's most important expect­ation was the training of the young women of Michigan to care for their own homes. He said the College Home should be, secondly, a happy home, where love and friendship, where multitudes of men may be gathered together East and West and for the aggrandizement of seven of our best city avenues and, second, a harmonious union, teaching at a glance the beauty of that space and color. The culture in beauty must not be only in the air but it must have its roots in the soil. The first is always the best, but the second is much better. The museum of anti-arts applicable to the consideration of the house, to common utensils of service and to costume will surely grow in the interest of the student; to be a perpetual inspiration to the highest ideals.

But culture in the college home is also perfect sanitary condition and harmonies of form and color. Culture has to do with persons, and persons' personal influence. And while the community life of the college is largely determined by the free democratic spirit of the student body, there is a distinct loss if the college home does not, like the true home, emphasize the relation of older and younger in a harmonious whole. This substitutes for the old system of boarding school espionage, strict and overbearing rules, the true idea of a home with its mutual respect and personal oversight and gracious deference.

The personal element in culture is further emphasized in college friendships, nowhere more true and lasting than the friendship grows in the atmosphere of a college. Our college magazine of every day living together, not merely in the college, but in the college homes, together East and West and for the happy homes that have grown out of the college.
In order to get in a full report of the exercises of the dedication of the Women's Building—a great occasion, for the women of this region—we have given to it all available space, to the exclusion even of campus notes. Our desire is to present all the different activities which have contributed to this event in so far as our facilities will permit.

The American Queen,

Extracts from the address of Mrs. Nellie S. Kedzie, Professor of Domestic Economy in Bradley Institute, Peoria, Illinois, at the dedication of the Women's Building, Michigan Agricultural College, Thursday, Oct. 25, 1900.

...say we have grown to feel the preciousness of these girls of ours in such measure that we are glad to do for them all that we can in the way of training. We give them the tools with which to carve for themselves a future of happiness and comfort and joy, because they are strong enough to do whatever work may come into their hands. The day has gone by when it was considered wise or best to shield a girl from all work, worry or responsibility. We find that every girl needs to understand the world, sooner or later, meet responsibilities of various kinds, and as she meets them, she grows more and more strong, more and more able to carry out whatever task may come to her hands. Therefore, we begin, in the early years, to give her easy responsibilities, to teach her to measure her own strength against the tasks which come day by day, and we are trying in this way to give her an education which will fit her for the duties of life the world will demand that she be able to accomplish. No one ever knows all that is in the store for her. She may reach out, not only to all the girls of tomorrow, but to all women of every land, and ask them in all seriousness; "What are you prepared to do if you are ever asked to help build a laboratory where the women's building shall stand?" Perhaps the most important part of Domestic Science for the girl, as for the man, is to make her feel that the food she eats is something of real value. Teaching her to cook? for food, or the selection of food, means a part of the lesson. The best food in the world may be ruined by improper cooking, and as a girl stands at her cooking table and learns to combine materials into palatable, digestible, nourishing food, she begins to realize the responsibility which is upon her, not only for today but for the years which are to come. She begins to appreciate that these bodies of which she has studied in your biological laboratory, and which depend upon the food put into them, not only for growth and strength, but for what they are able to accomplish; just as the engine which is built in your shops is dependent largely upon the fuel with which it is kept going. She appreciates that the food for her own table must not only be well selected but well prepared.

We are told that one pound of beefsteak ought to give us 189 grams of protein, but if that beefsteak be overcooked or undercooked, or if it be poorly cured or poorly selected, is the work which fills our days is different from the great work which the chemists of today are doing? They spend years of his life in studying the new plants which may be useful for stock raising, and the Department of Agriculture today is sending workers over the world to discover new plants which may be useful in this country. In view of this it is any wonder that M. A. C., the first Agricultural College in the land, and asked in all seriousness; "Whence came you?" but one

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The agriculturalist plans the crops which shall be established by these Michigan girls of today will be the mothers of tomorrow. Whether a girl has put it into this great building, and if she knows enough of the general principles of the business pertaining to the home, she will find herself not only well but capable, and thus ready, to take on the work of whatever burdens may come.

This teaching of Domestic Science means making a girl ready for the Cautionary note: All the food which she eats is something of real value. To teach her to cook? for food, or the selection of food, means a part of the lesson. The best food in the world may be ruined by improper cooking, and as a girl stands at her cooking table and learns to combine materials into palatable, digestible, nourishing food, she begins to see the responsibility which is upon her, not only for today but for the years which are to come. She begins to appreciate that these bodies of which she has studied in your biological laboratory, and which depend upon the food put into them, not only for growth and strength, but for what they are able to accomplish; just as the engine which is built in your shops is dependent largely upon the fuel with which it is kept going. She appreciates that the food for her own table must not only be well selected but well prepared.

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of the mysteries of life. We know happiness— that may come into her successfully.

I am glad to realize, as we dedicate this building today, that a large percentage of the students have been so tempered with strength that it shall be able to recognize evil and to combat it successfully.

On recommendation of Pres. Snyder the special course in sugar beet culture be increased both as to time and scope, with fees the same as in the regular college course.

Also that the Women's Building is practically completed and that the Women's Department and their finds in connection with the Women's Building a success.

Resolved, That the State Board of Agriculture tends to the women's clubs of Lansing a vote of thanks in appreciation of their efforts to make the dedication of the Women's Building a success.

The larger pond in the Botanic Garden has been somewhat enlarged, the bottom enriched and then covered with a coat of gravel to help keep the water clear. The bank has been prepared in a manner to prevent dirty surface water in rainy times entering the pond. The water is to be raised a foot or more above the former level.

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