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Howard Edwards.

Tribute of Respect.

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from us a highly respected member of our society, Edward F. Bounton; therefore be it

Resolved, that we, the Adelphic Literary Society, do sincerely manifest our loss and extend our heartfelt sympathy to his friends and especially to his family. And be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to his bereaved widow.

Adopted March 23, 1901.

August F. Frey,

Edgar Krieg.

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Committee.

Botany Club.

Dr. Deal read a paper before the Botany club last Tuesday, entitled the “Relation of Botany to Agriculture and Horticulture.”

The ground was covered very thoroughly and there was no doubt left in the minds of the hearers of the importance of the study of botany.

G. M. Bradford then gave a talk on “Grafting.” It was mainly a review of his work in connection with his thesis which he has been doing this term in the greenhouses.

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Officers Elected.

The Phi Delta Society have elected the following officers for next term as follows: President, O. H. Skinner; vice-president, B. Wermuth, president; W. F. Decker; secretary, Mrs. Ella S. Weil; treasurer, Mrs. Paddock. The initiation and elevation of officers is expected to take place during the coming week. The Phi Delta Society have noted the return of Mrs. Walker, College resident who is not members to unite with the organization for the work of the new year.

About the Campus.

M. B. Stevens has been appointed drum-major of the band.

Sick list the past week—Dick Yates, Hugh Baker, A. G. Craig.

Prof. Smith and wife entertained some of the seniors on Friday evening.

Prof. A. H. Taylor expects to spend his Easter vacation in Chicago.

B. H. Takvorian has received his appointment as guide at the Pan-American Exposition.

On Wednesday last Prof. and Mrs. Milky entertained the bachelors of the station terrace.

President Snyder was in Ann Arbor last Thursday in the capacity of judge at the university oratorical contest.

Mr. A. W. Jewett of Mason was here last Thursday to consult with Prof. Taft in regard to the Michigan agricultural exhibit at the Pan-American.

The Union Literary Society held their annual freshmen declamatory contest last Saturday night—C. G. Woodbury won first honors; Harry Meek second.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Towar entertained a large company of people on Friday and Saturday nights in honor of their guests Mr. and Mrs. Fish of the V. Y.

The water of the Red Cedar River has overflowed the flats south of the president’s house covering the electric field to the depth of two or three feet.

Prof. I. C. Russell of the university and Mr. Bryant Walker of the Detroit public library are at the College last Tuesday visiting the botanical and zoological departments.

Saturday evening the Phi Delta Society entertained ladies. Mr. Baker of Lausin furnished excellent music, and dancing and euchre were freely indulged in.

Putting the experiment station bulletins.

M. B. Stevens will determine the value of seed corn taken from various varieties of the corn. The experimentation of loss of moisture by forage crops; Kocher and Skinner, relative value of nitrifying germs in the soil; Dal and Wilson, effect of fertilizers on nitrification; Wright and T. D. Swain, effect of age on soil temperature and moisture; M. B. Stevens will determine the value of forage crops from various portions of the ear.

The General Teachers’ Meeting.

On March 12 the second general teachers’ meeting of the term was held, the subjects being the work of the institutions and the experiment station bulletins. The address was by Professor Smith, and the meeting adjourned under the general head of College extension work.

Professor Smith said that by College extension work meant all educational work done outside the campus, although such a definition does not embrace the work of the short or special courses. Taking up first, the institutes, he explained that if all men could go to college there would be no place for institutes; but all men do not and cannot go to college nor in all cases, even to the high school. Hence the need for the extension work.

The legislature of 1899 appropriated for the institute work of the two years following $150,000 and limited the expenditure of this sum to counties having a regularly organized institute society. There are now sixty-five such counties. In the arranging of institutes, the institute director corresponds with the secretary of the county institute society and be in his turn is charged with other directors, the places and the topics of the forth-coming meeting. By mutual arrangement and agreement of these matters are decided. The meeting are usually located at out-of-the-way places, and reach the farmer in the rough. They constitute the kindergarten work of the College extension course. Concerning the questions raised by the class of men most frequently asked for in these meetings is the college extension course. The people want good scientists who understand the basic principles of the arts and sciences and who will live in the immediate neighborhood, its soil, climate, and conditions and whose experience is immediately available.
The one-day man is expected to speak three times during the day and after this to travel during the night or early morning to his next station.

During the past year 144 one-day institutes were held, not more than four being held in any one county. The cost of the 144 one-day meetings was less than one thousand dollars.

Prof. Smith enlarged on the great benefit of these one-day institutes. It was an inspiration to see the interest awakened. He mentioned one case where out of an assembly of 400 people only ten took a paper of any kind. The following year over one hundred copies of The Michigan Farmer alone were taken.

The next meeting in importance is the regular county institute. For this the county secretary selects the topics, and to him a list of speakers is sent from which he makes a choice. To each county institute three workers are sent, one being a lady. A separate women's section is not very well liked unless the woman sent is capable of giving a demonstration in cooking or sewing. In general, the demand is for special topics treated by specialists; for example, (1) the physiology of plant roots, etc. Practical farmers do not serve the specific topics, but are favorably impressed with the evening programs heretofore devoted to general topics which are becoming more and more specialized. Of these two-day county-institutes sixty-four were held during the winter at a cost of $2,194.90; more than twice the cost of the 144 one-day institutes. It should be stated that the railroads contributed during the year about $2,000 in reduced fares. The system keeps the College in close touch with the practical farmers and makes the College the leader in agricultural matters.

The chasm of the system of farmers' meetings is the State Round-up. To this meeting the expenses of county secretaries, not counting five dollars in any case, were paid from the Institute fund. The Round-up just held cost the State about $600. About 50 people were present from a distance. The meeting was a very enthusiastic one, and was immemorably beneficial to the agricultural interests of the state and to the College.

For the coming two years $15,000 are asked from the legislature. The work of the Farm-Home Reading Circle is to be enlarged on the Chautauqua plan. Correspondence courses in agriculture, domestic science, and horticulture are to be instituted. Leaflets are to be sent out, and written examinations to be held. As proof that the plan is practical, Prof. Smith cited the work that is being done in New York and Pennsylvania, laying especial emphasis on the Scranton Correspondence School.

**SPECIAL COURSES.**

The special courses are offered to meet the needs of those who can attend school only for a short time. Of these courses there are six, the most expensive is the creamery. The creamery course teaches how to make butter and to run the Babcock test; it gives some knowledge of the bacteriology of butter-making. The product made in the school commands a high price in the market. Prof. Smith gave a somewhat detailed summary of the work of the other five courses, laying especial emphasis on the meat sugar course. The total attendance on the special courses has been 81.

### EXPERIMENT STATION.

The experiment station is supported by the United States, with a appropriation of $15,000, and has, besides, a yearly income from the fees for fertilizer tests, etc., of $1,000. Its work is original investigation of questions pertaining to agriculture, and the instruction of the farmers through the bulletins issued.

Prof. Smith discussed at some length the relation of the experiment station to the College, and favored a rather stronger line of cleavage between the two, on the ground that where the same man does work in both college and experiment station, the work of one or the other is sure to suffer. He cannot be equally interested in both. As an example of what the experiment stations are doing for the country, it was stated that the Canadian government had lately spent over $100,000 in inducing immigration into Canada. Of this sum some ten per cent. was spent in Michigan, and a result, from Shiawassee county alone, fifty families had gone to Canada. Mr. Geisnar, of the northern peninsula experiment station, had found this out and by his own efforts alone had counteracted the efforts of the Canadian government in Michigan. Prof. Smith gave a long list of results brought about by the work of the experiment station, any one of which would more than pay for the cost of maintaining the stations.

At the close of Prof. Smith's address, an animated discussion of the work of correspondence schools was developed on the proposal to establish a correspondence school in connection with the Farm-Home Reading Circle. The general trend of opinion being rather favorable to such work. All acknowledged; however, the proverbial danger of "a little learning," while in some it may tend to develop a foolish and harmful conceit of knowledge, in many cases it serves a good purpose, gives serviceable knowledge, and arouses ambition for larger attainment. **Howard Edwards.**

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