To all who are attending the great meeting now being held here we extend a hearty welcome. To say that everything is open to you is to put it mildly. Mingle among our faculty and students. Ask questions of whomever you may make. Meet yourselves at home everywhere.

The Oratorical Contest.

On last Saturday evening, Feb. 22, occurred the filial event of the A. C. Oratorical Association. The meeting was presided over by Mr. T. G. Phillips of the Ecclectic Society, president of the Association. A large and attentive audience gave the proper inspiration to the young orators and followed each effort of the contestants with sympathetic suspence. We pass to the consideration of the individual speeches, which we heartily and sincerely of approval all, individually and collectively, on the earnest work done and the uniformly high place of excellence attained. Especially we desire to call attention to the matter of delivery. All showed a coolness and self-possession on the stage, a mastery of voice and a naturalness and freedom of gesture quite unusual in such exercises. Such an event as this was most fittingly appreciated the high and permanent value of the work Mr. King is doing for our students.

The music, too, deserves especial mention. The selections by the College band were excellently rendered. It was a great pleasure to the audience to listen once again to Mr. B. Nagelvoort, (with '92 now a student at the U. of M.) in his beautiful trombone solos, with Miss Bach's sympathetic accompaniment on the piano. For some reason not announced to the audience, Miss Bach's "Ruhe in Walde," and Mrs. Masterman's "Nocturne" and "Lieb'lie," listed in the program, were not given.

Mr. G. Dinkel, of the Hebrew Society, was the first speaker, his subject being "The True Educator." Mr. Dinkel emphasized the importance of reason in education in opposition to the mere acquisition of facts, "A well-developed faculty of reasoning," said he, "is the true education. Opinions that are backed by reasons are sure to be respected whether accepted or not. The men that we admire are men of reason, judges, and leaders."

He proceeded to demonstrate this reasoning to be the basis of progress in all phases between us, and it was excellently rendered. Mr. Dinkel was earnest and forceful in his delivery and his audience was full of glee and suggestive thoughts.

Mrs. Harriet Farrand, of the Feronian Society, came next with an encomium of Harriet Beecher Stowe, whose life was "whom Lincoln called the little Christian empire."

The decision of the judges gave the first place to Mr. Wurmuth and the second to Mr. Carr". Rev. B. S. Smith in announcing the decision took occasion to congratulate the contestants and the audience on the interest manifested in "this the highest of a practical education— the ability to sway the conscience and will of others' behavior.

The tokens of victory, a gold medal for the first orator and a silver medal for the second, were gracefully presented to the winners by Miss Marguerite Nolan in a graceful little speech. One truth that pervaded every word was the importance to the attention of all, winners and losers, for in his light all are winners and losers are no losers. "To each must come good from the great truths which you have won by your talk and with which you have lived during the long months of preparation. Life is labor and patience and hardship is duty."

We give below the awards of the judges.

**CONTENDANTS.**

- **M. A. C. Oratorical Contest.**

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The Junior Hop given by the class of '03, on the eve of Washington's Birthday was an innovation upon those of previous years. The reception was held in the parlors of the Women's Building and the gayly gowned maidens and youths at manhood's door were graciously received by the class president, Mr. Richard Llewellyn, and Miss Catherine Gunn, Mr. Lily, Miss Bukirk, Mr. Cooper, Miss Palmer, Mr. John Frater. At half after the clock the guests, numbered about a hundred, adjourned to the dining room on the third floor which had been tastefully decorated with yards and yards of red hunting and hundreds of green palm leaves; the electric lights were covered with red tissue paper, and at each place on the tables were favors of red carnations and dainty maiden-hair fern.

The menu was as follows: Oyster Cocktail Satin ice Lome Pinelan Radishes Midgets Rosas Spiced Chicken Shrimp Glad Gravy French Paper Potato Croquettes Cranberry Sherbet Walnuts Stuffed Harlequin Sandwiches Tutti Frutti Ice Cream Assorted Cakes Cold

The menu speaks for itself. It was very tempting and very well served. Special mention must be made of Miss Crowe in management of a first-class banquet, and the thorough drill our girls received in serving. Many and many were the favorable comments upon the daintiness of the banquet.

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On all sides it was remarked, "I never enjoyed a more pleasant night nor was served better than at this banquet."

Then, as the toast-master Mr. R. L. Yates said, "our hearts were full," the banquet was given over to the announcement of the result of the feast, the toasts. These were very appropriate and interesting. Some were humorous and gay, but all were spicy and exceedingly good.

The first toast, "Full stomachs and merry hearts," by Miss Besse Bukirk's, was in verse. We wish we had room for the whole production. She began with "Ye olden time," when

- **Ladies fair** commanded their knights with imperious grace.
- **And the knights** lived in the present, nor thought of hereafter.
- **But time wore on and the art had failed** and the joy of living was dead.

- **And they worried and talked and wondered** what all time had promised.
- **And dyspepsia had gained such a hold on these creatures** that they were no longer able to enjoy the banquet.

- **We warped our hearts and distorted their features.**
- **So when they exhausted every appliance** they started a school of domestic science.
- **And this proved a cure both pleasant and healthful.**
- **And gone are those days of disinfectant fasting.**
- **And when poor man, the degenerate** was sick and cross, last dinner, last time.

- **Seems cranky and crooked, last dinner.**
- **It acts like a charm or a bit of magic.**
- **And turns into comedy that which was tragic.**
- **And quite easy prey is each dear fellow's heart.**

- **What are instructed in domestic art.**
- **So girls, this rule you all should remember** from New Year's day to the end of December.
- **If a long string of hours you're hoping to capture** Operate your space time to cooking, with your own hands.
- **And boys, if you play the invaluable part** Shun the girls who study this menacing art.
- **But if a competent b opportune you're seeking,** into our kitchen you'd better be peking.

She ended with the following remark about the class of '03:

- **Each heart will ever merry be** when in thought we return to M. A. C. And hungry or full, it will matter not. We'll remember with pleasure the Junior Hop.

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"Echoes of the Past" by Mr. Duval was a humorous narration of the important events in the history of the class, enclosing the first class meeting and the subsequent class speeches, and reports of all important class meetings to organize, adopt constitution, class yell, colors, etc., Y. M. C. A. receptions, the escorting of condemned members from the grounds in a sleigh drawn by the whole body of '03 boys, and the Chicago trip, which is so well known that it will be simply mentioned.

Mr. Severy in "Our Girls" said that to him he felt the pleasure of eloquent
Mr. Burr Wheeler had the always difficult task of prophesying the future, of the class, under the title of "Our Horoscope." Mr. Wheeler's close was as follows:

"To ascertain our class own horoscope, we must make our own estimates and, with deceptions we ourselves may only draw, outline our future. Each of us will have a foundation and that is character, the little things of our everyday life are the making of our character. By watching these little incidents and characteristics of our lives we must control and finally know our personal Horoscope. We could do well in this search for our future happiness if we were wise enough to mind Dyke's little saying: 'Be glad of life, because it gives you the chance to do good; keep your possessions, but not content with yourself until you have made the best of them."

With this receiver messages can be sent to any part of the campus, or to any point within one-half a mile of the laboratory, without the use of a vertical receiving wire, the message being sent by a good ground connection. The messages are sharp and distinct, and can be sent very nearly as rapidly as in ordinary telegraphy. The designing of this instrument was suggested to Mr. Taylor by an article in the Physical Review on "The Theory of the Coherer," by Dr. K. E. Gudge, of the University of Michigan. It is thus a automatic line contact coherer, which is really what is used in the relay-telephone device.

The union meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was conducted by Albert Craig. The time was taken up by the reports of the delegates to the State Y. W. C. A. convention at Battle
Creek. There were eight delegates who reported on the different topics as follows: Mr. E. A. Seelye reported on (a) The Y.M.C.A. and its world-wide work; (b) Michigan associations and their failures; (c) The Y.M.C.A. in its work for the religious work department. G. S. Pratt reported on the social life of the young men and (b) the devotional service.

G. A. Eby reported on the work of the Y.M.C.A. among students. Mr. F. B. Cavanaugh reported on the student conference. Lastly Mr. McWethy reported on the spirit of life and power. All together the reports were as detailed as the time would admit and certainly rich with valuable suggestions.

Two of the delegates were sick and so were not able to give their reports.

Natural History Society.

At the meeting of the Natural History Society last Wednesday Mr. J. M. Rankin gave a talk on Bees and Bee Keeping.

The bee-keeping was considered a necessary part of any well-regulated farm. There were usually only 15 or 20 colonies and these mostly took care of themselves. The winters then were steady and the bees would survive in good condition when left in the same place they were kept in the summer. In those early days there was a rich natural flora and the bees could work steadily from spring until autumn. All the honey that was produced then was in demand, no matter in what form it was marketed. Now everything has changed. As in every other industry so in bee-keeping, the successful bee-keeper must be a specialist, and do business on a large scale. He must protect his bees from the sudden changes of weather we now have in winter. Honey now is a luxury and must be put on the market as a fancy product.

A man today must either produce his own flora or locate in a community where it will be produced for him. Mr. Rankin said that in the future he thought some very valuable work would be done in the way of lengthening the tongues of the bees and shortening the corolla tubes of the common June clover so that honey bees could get honey from them and so fertilize the clover. In the future, he said, we may look for few and large yards.

His talk was followed by a spirited discussion.

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Old Students.
Mr. A. J. Cook, '00, and O. H. Skinner, '02, are assisting in the sugar beet course.
Geo. D. White, '01, has accepted a position with the Patton Paint Co., Milwaukee.
Miss Mabel Downey, with '03, of Holly, visited old friends at the College Tuesday and Saturday.
Mr. J. W. McGee, '96, formerly with the Patton Paint Co., has accepted a position with the Chicago Field Co.
T. L. Miller, with '02, is draughting for the Detroit Bridge & Iron Works of Detroit. His address is 524 Grand River Avenue.

As a kind of farewell the Ecclesiatical Society paid a visit in a body last night to Prof. and Mrs. Towar, and left a substantial token of their esteem in the shape of a gold-headed umbrella.
F. T. Williams, '98, of Petoskey; C. P. Reynolds, with '02, of Chicago; Harvey Hahn, with '93, all attended the junior hop Friday evening, in which Prof. Williams, while here, exhorted to his friends a lung tester which he has perfected.
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