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NOTICE.
The King's Daughters will meet with Mrs. Atkins December 15th. A musical and literary program has been arranged for this meeting and all friends of the Circle are cordially invited.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.
MISS ELLEN STONE GIVES AN ADDRESS.

On Thursday evening prayer meeting was led by Mr. J. G. Moore—Subject, "Use the Oil Can." We are, figuratively, the oil cans, God's pure love the oil, so that when we are all full of his love we believe how the whole world is to the rapture reviving machinery. The prayer meeting was well attended.

On Sunday morning chapel services were conducted by Rev. George S. F. Storer. Mr. Luke 5:8, "When Simon Peter saw it he fell down at Jesus' knees saying, 'Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord." The service was fairly well attended.

Miss Ellen Stone, the ransomed missionary from Turkey, addressed the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. Sunday evening. The associations consider themselves extremely fortunate in having the rare privilege of hearing Miss Stone. She began by giving a Sunday evening sermon in old Thessalonica. Once a year the British Mediterranean naval squadron stops at Thessalonica. The navy boys always spend their Sunday evening at this old town in the little mission parlors singing the old songs of childhood days, and ending the evening with a prayer meeting. Hearing Miss Stone, when St. Paul labored so earnestly to win the Thessalonians to a pure faith in Jesus nearly two thousand years ago, and to be found mission stations. How strange it seems to us, as we read in Thessalonians of Paul's fruitful labors, how he established and the converts he made there, that today two thousand years hence, the people know but little more of Jesus Christ and his kingdom than when first St. Paul visited them. So much is this true that missionaries are sent to them to remind them of their better days. Following this little scene Miss Stone remarked that in the last ten years the missionary spirit had made wonderful progress here in America.

To illustrate and show what their work really accomplished on the mission field, Miss Stone narrated the history of one or two families that had been led to Christ through their labors.

The pictures shown are true to facts, as far as we are sure they are, their work on the foreign field is most gratifying for those lives, taken as far as we can trace the results of the work, will exhibit wonderful advances in culture, enlightenment and all that goes to make up lovely christian character. The mission schools are perhaps the most valuable agencies in compensation for pioneer mission work, in civilizing and christianizing the people. All the native schools are greek for the reason that the government prohibits, under severe penalty, teaching in the native language. All these facts are from Soledan where Miss Stone was engaged as missionary. It was by invitation to Soledan from a long missionary tour through the surrounding region that Miss Stone was invited by Bulgarian bandits, September 31, 1901. The wife of an Albanian preacher, who was at the time accompanying Miss Stone was also taken captive. The rest of Miss Stone's company were allowed to continue their journey after about twelve hours detention. When Miss Stone arrived at Soledan she found that little Elencie Talsica was born, where only God and his guardian angels and the bandits know. Themselves nothing was expected by the payment of about sixty-five thousand dollars.

One of the scenes on the mission side views were very good and showed very impressively the habits and life in that Greecian city. The lecture was one of the most entertaining we have had here in several years. All through the lecture Miss Stone emphasized the fact that the Book of God gives a half-heathen people.

One of the things which Miss Stone said ought to be of special interest to every missionary is being a Christian, and that was the great value of knowing the Bible so that even denied the blessings of the Book of all books one can find comfort in the sure promises of God.

In conclusion, those who failed to hear Miss Stone missed an opportunity which they may never have another and which they may not make up. The Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. succeeded in raising $27 for Miss Stone. The question was why the associations were so anxious to raise as large a sum as possible. It is the fact that Miss Stone said they were trying to pay back the price of her ransom, and the associations desire to contribute to this purpose of Miss Stone's as largely as was possible.

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DEBATING CLUB.

At the regular meeting of the Debating Club held December 11th, officers for next term were elected as follows: President, Howard L. Severance; vice president, Don B. Hogen; secretary, J. W. Nelson; critic, Dr. Edwards. Program committee: 1st member, Mr. Hogen; 2d member, Mr. Thos. Gunn; 3d member, Mr. R. H. Hartman.

The debate for the evening was upon the subject, Resolved, That the number of courses offered at Michigan Agricultural College don't land on their feet, where do you find any college that has a better set of workers I never saw. Being followed by physiology in the spring term. I shall teach this subject and all the courses of the four classes in beginning botany.

The following are the charter members: Fred D. Stevens, James 5. Moore, John B. Strange, Edwin S. Good, Horace W. Pettiet, Jr., Floyd O. Foster, Charles M. Marshall, Harry W. Dey, Glenn C. Seyf, and Samuel B. Hartman.

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SHAKESPEARE CLUB.

The Shakespeare Club met with Prof. and Mrs. Marshall last Wednesday evening and listened to a musical program. The evening's entertainment was arranged by Mrs. W. O. Hedrick and Miss Gilchrist. Every number on the program was thoroughly enjoyed and all having parts on the program did great credit to themselves.

PROGRAM.

3. Miss Mr. Miss Marshall.
4. Miss Pieces.
7. Vocal Duet—Fawziot Miss Gilchrist.
11. The Merry, Merry Lark—Nielson.

FRIDINGEN UTCHEN SCHAFT.

THE ALPHA ZETA FRA- TERNITY.

On Saturday afternoon a chapter of the Alpha Zeta Fraternity was installed at this college by Worth High Scribe John T. Cunningham, assistant editor of the Ohio Farmer.

This is the only purely agricultural fraternity in existence, and though quite young is being installed in the leading colleges of agriculture in the United States.

It is more of an honorary fraternity than a social one—perhaps fulfilling the same purpose to the student of agriculture as does the Tau Beta Pi Fraternity to the students of engineering.

"The aim is to honor the young men who will make some line of agriculture his life work, who has attained a high grade of scholarship in his respective university or college, and who has enough good fellowship to attract capable and enough culture to improve the social influences of the fraternity.

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ALUMNI.

19. E. A. Holden, of Lansing, was summoned to Bear Lake last week by news, stating that his father, of whom he was very fond, had died.

19. W. L. Cumings is geologist with a party of surveyors in the employ of the Oliver Mining Company. He has been on the more for the past six months and expects to remain in their employ indefinitely. Mr. Cumings paid especial attention to geology at the Michigan School of Mines, of which he is a graduate.

W. H. Anderson, with 50, is in storehouse as chief chemist at Ish- pening. An examination of Mr. Cumings' recent letter shows that he spent the summer of 1901 on a large private survey in northern Minnesota. His present work is a geological survey of the Minomine range for the company, by which he is employed. His winter headquarters are at Duluth. His present address is from Mountain, Mich., care Chapin Mining Co.

39. John B. Dimnick is located at Little Falls, West Virginia.

45. Will Clute, son of ex-pres­ident Clute is now in old Mexico on a railroad survey.

19. Miss Marion Clute is attending Washington University at St. Louis.

6. W. R. Goodwin died at his home in Union Pier, Mich., December first. The interment took place at Aurora, Ill. He had been long a resident of that city. He left two sons, one of whom, aged both and his death was as he was the only son.

95. A recent letter from Thomas 5. Hancock locates him at Charles- ton, Ill., where he is professor of zoology in the State Normal School. He says, "There are 117 students in my zoology class, and a better set of workers I never saw. Zoology is elective for last two years students runs for two terms, being followed by physiology in the spring term. I shall teach this subject and all the classes of the four classes in beginning botany.

96. George Goddard of Saranac visited College friends last week.

19. Thorne Swift of Grand Rapids spent Saturday and Sunday at the Colleget. He took an outing recently in the Michigan woods in the northern part of the State and while there met an old M. A. C. man under peculiar circumstances. One evening a man lost in woods came to Mr. Swift's cabin, being attracted by the light. Upon inquiry the stranger proved to be Mr. Curtis Stocum, '94-95.

102. Burt Wermuth has left for central Wisconsin where he will work for the National Map Publishing Co.
STATE GRANGE AND FARMERS' CLUBS.

The College took great interest in the meetings of the State Grange and the association of Farmers' Clubs held during the same days in Lansing last week. Many visitors from various organizations visited over the College grounds and buildings and investigated so far as possible the work that is done. One night after having spent the afternoon on a tour of observation, was heard to remark, "Well, I have looked over the College quite thoroughly and am satisfied that the M. A. C. is all right.

During the meetings of the organizations Pres. Snyder gave some helpful remarks on "Methods of Training Teachers for rural schools." Schools at the County High Schools," Kenyon L. Butterfield, '91, spoke twice upon the Grand his remarks relative to the course given by him in Rural Sociology at the University, attracting much favorable comment from Grange. Prof. Smith spoke on the Special Courses and the National Congress at Detroit. Capt. Allen and a favorable comment by his excellent paper on "Good Roads." An off-the-record meeting of the Farmers' Clubs, Senator A. B. Cook, '93, met with great success. Pres. Snyder spoke in part as follows:

"I understand that during this meeting you have spent considerable time in discussing rural school problems. I shall not speak of centralization, the township unit system, or any of the other topics which are the chief points of discussion at the organization of our country schools. I do wish, however, to say that the most important factor in our rural school work is the teacher. With a good teacher the school will be a success under any system. With a poor teacher it is a miserable failure under the best system imaginable. Poor teaching in a city under central supervision, may do fairly good work, while in the district schools with no central supervision or stimulus in their efforts, failure is inevitable. In my opinion the greatest question with reference to our district schools is that of securing better trained teachers. Our normal schools are preparing teachers for our graded schools. They are doing good work, but the normal-trained teachers are not found in district schools. Let me suggest a plan which will turn out teachers for our rural schools. Why not take the best high school graduates in each county and add to it a department for the teachers of the rural schools? Let the graduates of this high school and of all other high schools in the county take a course, extending over one or two years, upon the completion of which they will be licensed to teach rural schools. In addition to the academic training given them, they shall be made to do thorough work in pedagogics and in nature study or elementary agriculture. This is the only way in which we can make it possible for our rural teachers to do successful work in nature study. The country teachers of this high school have produced more success in New York State, and there is no reason why it would not do a great work for the country schools of this state. These schools could be established at a cost to the state of perhaps from fifteen to eighteen hundred dollars, and would be able to turn out from twenty-five to fifty graduates each per year. It would not be wise, I think, to try to organize the whole state at once. We could begin with two or three counties and if they proved successful as I feel certain they would, we could add to this number each year, as fast as the finances of the state and other circumstances would permit. We all know that the majority of high school graduates do not feel that they can go away from home and take a course in a higher institution of learning. They could, however, take a course at home or near home. Many of the best high school graduates come from the country. They go back to the country again, but if an opportunity were offered they could take such a course and be prepared and would make very valuable teachers in the community in which they live. The grange stands for education. It has done much to further the interests of higher education and I would now like to see it take hold of a project which would mean great good to the country children of this state.

Hun. George B. Horton, father of Horton, '92, was elected Master of The Grange for the sixteenth time.

In the Chicago Record-Herald for December 10th a list of the best inter-scholastic track records in the west for 1902 is given. In this list Barlow of the Greenville (Mich.) high school has the record in the two-mile run, his time being 10 minutes and 52 seconds. He is a brother of Mr. Bronson Barlow of the bacteriological department, and is now attending the State University. He was a member of the U. of M. football squad this year.
The postoffice is now in its new quarters.

The Feronian Society received the ladies of the faculty at a reception last Saturday afternoon—three to six.

Instructor Parrott was called to his home, Lawrence, Kan., on Thursday by a telegram announcing the accidental drowning of his sister.

The results of the student stock-judging contest held in connection with the International exhibition show that Iowa, the winner, received 2,402 points. Michigan got 2,169, a very creditable showing.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Blair entertained Saturday and Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Henry Foster of Haslett, and Mrs. A. W. Roby, a sister of Mrs. Blair. Miss Lena Foster visited recently her sister, Miss Nellie Foster of the postoffice force.

Board has been audited for the various clubs as given below. Notwithstanding the rise in the price of food stuffs board has not increased much over that of previous terms.

The Feronian Society gave a ten o'clock party in their rooms Saturday evening in honor of their new members. The decorations were representative of college life, consisting of pennants, golf sticks, etc. A musical program was rendered, by which guests received favors which directed them to various tables where some of the young ladies presided over chafing dishes.

The regular meeting of the Natural History society was held in the laboratory room last Wednesday evening. As this was the time for the election of officers, that took place first; the following officers being elected: For President, E. A. Seelye; vice-president, G. Sevey; Sec-Treasurer, B. S. Bronson; Directors, J. G. Moore and Morton Barrows. After the business meeting Prof. Bogue gave a very interesting talk on the rapidity and amount of water absorption and the comparative volumetric increase by water absorption of sixty-two species of wood.

The Thement Society gave an open program Friday evening. Secretary and Mrs. Brown were the chaperones.

The officers of the Phi Delta Society for the winter term are: Pres., F. H. Nickle; Wardens, C. H. Boughton; Sec., H. D. Sweet; Tres., E. A. Wilcox.

Prof. C. D. Smith received a better letter last week from an English gentleman in Bangkok, Siam, enquiring about the course of the Farm Home reading circle. This gentleman is a member of the Royal Agricultural Society of England and the corresponding Society of Denmark, Hedelevs two days a hour to reading along agricultural lines and from all evidence is a man of considerable note.

Some of the society officers for the winter term not reported last week are as follows:

Union Literary: President, A. D. Peters; vice-president, G. E. Martin; secretary, R. A. Burpee; treasurer, R. T. Stevens; marshal, H. C. Sallaby.

Olympic: President, Charles M. Blanchard; vice-president, D. A. Goodale; Honorary Captain, R. Rammussen; treasurer, P. B. Pierce.

Thebian: President, Miss Jessie Palmer; vice-president, Miss Jessie Cortley; secretary, Miss Kate Conol; treasurer, Miss Mabel Downey.

Perian: President, Miss Elvina Armstrong; vice president, Miss Ruby Light; secretary, Miss Russell Taylor; treasurer, Miss Ethel Adams.

The Columbians entertained their lady friends last Friday evening. Prof. and Mrs. Holdsworth chaperoned the party.

Instructor Harza expects to receive a visit during the Christmas vacation from his brother, who lives in Brookings, S. D.

The State Board met December 10th in the board rooms and several matters of interest were taken up. The final meetings of the institutes will be held this year in Owosso. The residence of the late Dr. Kedzie was assigned to Prof. Shaw. Permission was given to the horticultural department to remove a portion of the garden windbreak and to take out the old peach and plum orchard near the hospital. Steps were taken to secure a hundred additional guns for the military department. Prof. W. O. Helrick was given leave of absence for the spring term. It is understood that he will soon take his Ph. D. at the University. The Adelphic Society having requested a society room, the board requested the president of the society to lay before the board information regarding the various literary societies of the College. Prof. F. S. Kedzie was made associate chemist, and Floyd W. Robison was made chemist for the experiment station, the latter being given rooms in Howard Terrace in addition to his present salary. Some matters of minor importance were transacted, after which the board adjourned to meet again January 7th.

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RULES FOR INTER-SOCIETY DEBATING.

In previous years there has been considerable difficulty in determining the correct rules for judges of debates to use in determining excellence in debating. The rules given below have been adopted this year for inter-society debating are meant to clear up this difficulty. The position of a judge of debate is not enviable, but his position is often key to the outcome of a debate. Happens that the decisions made by judges of inter-collegiate and inter-university debates seem entirely wrong to the audience and the dissatisfaction has much justification.

ARTICLE 1.
Each debater shall be allowed an opening speech of ten minutes and a rebuttal speech of five minutes. An affirmative debater shall make the first of the opening speeches, and the sides then shall speak alternately through the opening speeches. The last opening speech by the negative shall be followed by the first negative speech in rebuttal.

ARTICLE 2.
For each debate one judge shall be appointed by each society or team interested, and one by the inter-society debating committee. Before appointment, each proposed judge shall be announced to the societies or teams interested for acceptance or rejection.

ARTICLE 3.
Each judge shall write on his card which side of the question in his own mind as to what constitutes good debating, and shall present his ballot in an envelope to the usher, the usher shall open the same ballots to the chairman who shall, with the help of the ushers, reckon up the votes and announce it to the audience.

ARTICLE 4.
Each judge shall write on his card which side of the question in his opinion wins. He shall also place opposite his name in the column opposite his, the name grading the relative degree of success with which the individual debater acquits himself as a debater.

The debaters shall then be ranked one above another, etc., by the chairman and ushers, the debater having the highest grade being ranked one, the debater having the second highest grade is ranked second, etc., until the total number of ranks shall be added and the debater whose grand total is lowest or smallest shall be declared first, the next second, etc. In case of a tie that debater of the two tied who has the highest total percentage shall be declared first of the two. The first three debaters thus determined shall constitute the winning team for the next debate.

ARTICLE 5.
In the following debate the side taken by this winning team shall be, if possible, the losing one in the previous debate.

Instructor Sawtelle received a letter on Saturday evening from Mr. Foster, a President of the University of Chicago. The head of the U. S. Bureau of Soils, Department of Agriculture, has written to Prof. Smith, stating that four men are desired by the Bureau to be in the field by January, and that ten more men are needed by the first of April. It has been decided to offer these men from $750

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