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KING'S DAUGHTERS—Meet alternate Wednesdays. Mrs. J. L. Snyder, President. Mrs. W. Babcock, Secretary.

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SHAKESPEARE CLUB—Meets Wednesday evenings at 7:30. Dr. Howard Edwards, President.

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ECLECTIC SOCIETY—Meets every Saturday evening at 7:00, Fourth Floor, Williams Hall. W. J. Merkel, President. L. H. Taylor, Secretary.

FERONIAN SOCIETY—Meets every Friday afternoon at 1:00, West Ward, Wells Hall. Jennette Carpenter, President. Bertha Malone, Secretary.

HESPERIAN SOCIETY—Meets every Saturday evening at 7:00, West Ward, Wells Hall. L. J. Cole, President. A. J. Cook, Secretary.

OLYMPIC SOCIETY—Meets every Saturday evening at 7:00, Fourth Floor, Williams Hall. George Campbell, President. T. J. Leavitt, Secretary.

PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY—Meets every Friday evening at 7:30, East Ward, Wells Hall. C. M. Krentel, President. J. L. S. Kendrick, Secretary.

THEMIAN SOCIETY—Meets every Saturday evening at 7:00, Chapel. Irma Thompson, President. Harriet O'Connor, Secretary.

UNION LITERARY SOCIETY—Meets every Saturday evening at 7:00, U. L. S. Hall. F. W. Robison, President. C. H. Hilton, Secretary.

TAU BETA PI FRATERNITY—Meets on alternate Thursday evenings, Tower Room, Mechanical Laboratory. F. V. Warren, President. C. A. Gower, Secretary.

CLUB BOARDING ASSOCIATION—E. A. Calkins, President. Lucy E. Monroe, Secretary.

M. A. C. ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION—F. V. Warren, President. E. W. Ranney, Secretary.

## Board Meeting.

The Board met last Thursday and Friday; all members present except Mr. Wells and the Governor.

It was resolved to extend the water main to the Delta.

The president and secretary were instructed to prepare plans for laying steam pipes for heating Chemical Laboratory and College Hall to present at next meeting of the Board.

The resignations of Thos. Durkin and E. Witstock were accepted.

Prof. Taft was authorized to purchase a team for his department. A permanent additional instructor was added to the departments of drawing and mathematics.

The committee on buildings and the president were authorized to prepare plans for a Women's Building.

It was resolved that any senior who may be compelled to enlist in the army or navy should receive his degree at commencement provided

he is up in his studies at time of enlistment.

It was resolved that any student who may be compelled to enlist in the U. S. army or navy may, on honorable discharge, take up his work where left off with full credits for all work done previous to such enlistment.

The salary of H. E. Smith, instructor in mechanics, was increased \$100, to take effect September 1, 1898. The salary of L. E. Munson, assistant in chemistry, was made \$500 from April 1. The salary of C. E. Marshall was increased \$200 from September 1 next, as instructor in bacteriology.

The secretary was directed to fit up washroom for farm hands in the horse barn.

The selection of J. D. Towar as agriculturalist of the experiment station was approved. The appointment of C. H. Alvord as foreman of the farm was confirmed.

H. W. Mumford was given the title of assistant professor of animal husbandry and assistant in experiment station.

The following resolution was adopted: Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed by this Board to act with a like committee already appointed by the Board of Regents of the University to consider the whole matter of a forest policy for the State and with full authority to act for this Board. I. H. B.

## Some Important Indirect Results of the Round-up.

I wish to mention two lines of work formulated at the recent State Round-up Farmers' Institute at the Agricultural College, which, if carried out, will mean a great deal to the farmers of the state.

At that Institute we devoted something over half a day to the important subject of marketing farm products. Recognizing the supreme importance of the question, we asked Mr. Robt. Gibbons, of the *Michigan Farmer*, to discuss the subject of the marketing of stock and grain. After Mr. Gibbons had read his paper at the institute, a paper which aroused most intense interest, a resolution was passed authorizing a committee of three to draw up some further resolutions relative to this subject, to be acted upon by the institute. The committee appointed submitted the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, It is the opinion of the farmers in attendance at this institute, comprising representatives from nearly every county in the State, that the present system of grading its grain and seed crops is working injuriously to the interests of producers, and has greatly damaged the reputation of Michigan's grain crops; it is, therefore, hereby

Resolved, That it would be of great financial benefit to the grain growers of the State, add much to the reputation of Michigan's grain crops, and aid in improving their quality, to have a system of inspection by State officials which will insure to the grain grower proper remuneration for the quality of the grain he produces.

Resolved, That we earnestly protest against the present system of mixing and degrading our grain so as to rob the producer of his due reward, and advertise him as a grower of grain of such poor quality that it brings only the lowest prices in the markets of the world, and ask that we be relieved from a system which compels us to pay for the cost of defrauding ourselves.

Resolved further, That in behalf of the farming interests of the State, we respectfully urge upon the legislature prompt and effective legislation to remedy the grievance complained of.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed by this institute to present these resolutions to the Legislature of the State at its next meeting, and urge that the necessary legislation to this end be enacted at as early a date as possible."

In accordance with this resolution,

I have appointed a committee to bring this important subject before the people and to suggest such legislation as shall remedy the evils of the present grain grading system, and to further the reform in the legislature. I suggest that granges and farmers' clubs make this one of their leading topics of discussion for the fall and winter. The committee is as follows:

Robt. Gibbons, Detroit, Chairman; Hon. John K. Campbell, Ypsilanti; Hon. John C. Sharp, Jackson.

In the autumn of 1896 it was arranged that the Hon. Wm. Ball and Prof. C. F. Wheeler of the College, while doing institute work in the Northern Peninsula, should be driven about the counties they visited for the purpose of making a brief and hasty investigation as to the agricultural possibilities of that portion of the State. They made reports which will be found beginning with page XXVII of the Farmers' Institute report for 1896-7. With the idea of still further bringing this matter to the front, a whole session at the last round-up institute was devoted to northern Michigan. A full report of the papers and discussions at this session will be published in the forthcoming report of Farmers' Institutes, which will be ready about July 1. During the session the following resolution on this subject was presented and adopted.

"Resolved, That the chairman be authorized to appoint a committee of five to advise with the proper officers of the State as to measures that may be adopted to develop the unsettled farming lands of the State, and to co-operate with said officers in securing the adoption, by the State, of such measures."

In accordance with this resolution, I have appointed the following committee to bring this matter to the attention of the people of the State and to take such other steps as shall, in their judgment, seem wise in order that the spirit of the resolution may be carried out:

A. E. Palmer, Kalkaska, Kalkaska county; E. C. Davidson, Rudyard, Chippewa county; Hon. W. J. Oberdorffer, Stephenson, Menominee county; Stewart Gorton, Luzerne, Oscoda county; Fremont E. Skeels, assistant secretary, Agricultural College.

Railroad Commissioner Wesselius and Land Commissioner French are greatly interested in this plan, and will heartily co-operate in the work. We believe this subject to be of the most intense importance to the people of the State, and bespeak for it the careful attention of all.

K. L. BUTTERFIELD,  
Supt. Farmers' Institutes.

## Women in Literature.

BERTHA MALONE, '01, FERONIAN SOCIETY.

It is in literature that women have given to the world the most accurate expression of their emotions and ideas,—of that subtle something which we call personality.

Although women have not as yet attained the same degree of success as men, we must remember that until a comparatively recent time the literary development of woman was largely held in check by the popular idea that it was unwomanly to assert oneself in other branches than spinning, housework and a few strictly feminine accomplishments. But fortunately the day of such restraints is past, and today woman has an undisputed right to excel, if pos-

sible, in the broadest education and highest culture.

Among English authoresses Elizabeth Barrett Browning and George Eliot are leaders in their respective branches.

Mrs. Browning, although held back all her life by ill-health and great sorrow, gained by deep study and elegant expression a place among English poets second only to that of Tennyson.

George Eliot has gained her distinction by careful character studies. We cannot always agree with her opinions; and some parts of her life are entirely inconsistent with ideal womanhood. Yet no one would deny her a high place among writers of fiction.

There are many women writers in America; but while only a few of these have gained wide celebrity, many have put to good use the talents which they did possess, however small. Then there is another class who unfortunately deserve no better name than literary quacks. The reason for the existence of this class is perhaps that so many women resort to writing only as a means of earning their living, caring nothing whatever for artistic effect or for true literature.

The first American woman who made literature her profession was Miss Hannah Adams, born in Massachusetts in 1755. Notwithstanding the fact that her education was quite inferior, she wrote some books on religion and a history of New England which compare favorably with other early American works.

Lady authors of that time were expected to introduce themselves into the literary world by writing a book on household economy or some branch of domestic science. Soon after came a period of foolish sentimentality which pervaded the works of both men and women to such a degree as to seriously interfere with our enjoyment of them.

One of the factors in the great awakening of America was the theory of transcendentalism. Stirring thoughts and new ideals then came into being, and affected literature as well as everything else.

One of the prominent members of Brook farm, the chosen home of the leading transcendentalists, was Margaret Fuller, who had a better education than any woman of her own or any former time. She busied herself a good deal with works of philanthropy, and therefore did not devote very much of her time to literature. She was a brilliant conversationalist, but she had not the power of freely expressing herself in writing. In spite of her literary faults, Margaret Fuller had the valuable power of awakening peoples' thoughts and ambitions. She was by far the most prominent literary woman of her time.

Women had their part in the agitation which culminated in the destruction of human slavery. The author of Uncle Tom's Cabin is entitled to more credit in this line than any other one person. Mrs. Stowe's father had been a strong abolitionist, and to the influence of her early home were added the stirring incidents of her life in Cincinnati, where she harbored several fugitive slaves journeying northward on the famous "underground railroad." Mrs. Stowe pictured the pathetic scenes of southern slave life and the awfulness of the curse which crushed the spirits of so many victims and broke up so many happy families, in such an intensely interesting form that all

who read her book were moved not only to pity but to action.

At about the same time, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe composed the Battle Hymn of the Republic.

The humorous authors may be represented by Marietta Holley, who makes many telling hits in her tales of Samantha and Josiah, "Jonesville and the world."

But the woman who on account of her beauty and feeling has been given first place among the women writers of America is Helen Hunt Jackson. Her touching defense of the American Indians has won for her the respect and honor of all who have read Ramona.

It is only within the past fifty years that women have displayed any marked degree of excellence; but if in the next half century they continue to improve at the same rate, America will have reason to boast of her women as models in literature.

**Arbor Day Exercises.**

Friday afternoon was made a half holiday at the College, and exercises appropriate to the occasion were held in the Chapel. After an invocation by Rev. C. L. Seasholes, Lansing, Pres. Synder, speaking of the present stirring times and of the patriotism manifested everywhere, introduced Hon. Charles W. Garfield as one of the patriotic men who have fought long and earnestly for the preservation of our forests.

Mr. Garfield gave examples of the effect of trees and forests upon rainfall, floods and general climatic conditions. He also cited instances to show that nature if protected would rapidly reforest areas now entirely barren. He was followed by Dr. Kedzie who read a paper on "Results of deforesting in Southern Michigan." In this paper Dr. Kedzie made striking comparisons of the conditions now with those of sixty years ago when changes in temperature were not so sudden and when fruit was a sure crop in Southern Michigan.

Prof. Taft spoke of the modifying influence of wind-breaks upon orchards and gardens. The difference in temperature on the north and south sides of a row of evergreens emphasizes the importance of such protective devices.

A paper on "Observations regarding the needs of Michigan forests" by Assistant Secretary F. E. Skeels, was read by Mr. Crosby.

Prof. Smith, in his talk on "Relations of the State Experiment Station to forestry," mentioned the work being done by New York with an appropriation of \$500,000 for forestry experiments. Briefly, the Experiment Station should educate the people in forestry, and the State should appropriate money for the purchase and maintenance of forestry substations.

In "Thoughts concerning an ideal exercise for public schools on Arbor Day," Dr. Beal suggested that we do not forget the trees as soon as the songs have been sung and the poems recited.

Music for the exercises was furnished by the M. A. C. choir, the male quartette and the double quartette.

**At College.**

The College is grading and sodding the grounds around Harrison Hall.

Miss Mary Knaggs has come to the Hall to room the remainder of the term.

Mrs. Chas. Ohland, of Saginaw, is visiting her daughter, Miss Clara Ohland, '01.

Miss Agatha Dunston, of Fowlerville, is visiting her sister, Miss Nellie Dunston.

Misses Kate Nichols and Gertrude Gladden spent Sunday with a friend in Lansing.

Mrs. R. C. Carpenter, of Ithaca, N. Y., spent a couple of hours at the College Friday.

Work has begun on a new walk to extend from the terminus of the street car line to College Hall.

The first annual Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest will be held at Hillsdale next Friday evening.

Miss Celia Harrison went home Tuesday to attend the wedding of Owen Taft, with '00, to Miss Jennie Hubble, of Hartland.

Monday, May 2, letters to Mrs. Clara S. Gillette and Edward J. Mehan remained uncalled for in the Agricultural College postoffice.

Miss Melton will lead the union meeting of the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A., May 15. Subject, "Little ways of the world better." Matt. 5: 13-16; Phil. 2: 12-16.

It is desired that all King's Daughters be present at an important business meeting to be held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the home of Miss Lilian Wheeler.

The Horticultural Department has sent out to secretaries of institute societies and county horticultural societies in the northern parts of the State, about 2,000 young fruit trees. These are mostly Russian varieties new to this part of the country, and are sent out to be tested. In a few days about 50 collections of potatoes will be distributed in a similar manner.

The Agricultural Freshmen finished taking the four weeks' courses of lectures on soils and tillage and on farm crops last week. During the remaining six weeks of the term one day each week will be devoted to farm labor and one day to work in the class room. For the remaining three days per week, two weeks each will be devoted to bees, poultry and fence building. Mr. Alvord will have charge of the farm labor; Mr. Fulton, the fence building; Mr. Rankin, the bees; Mr. Brooks, the poultry.

A number of the more radical members of the special military company are anxious to go into camp at Island Lake immediately. The more conservative prefer to do as was planned when the company was organized—stay here, drill, and put themselves in readiness for the next call for troops. The faculty are almost unanimously of the opinion that this would be the better plan, because the boys if they go now, will have to provide their own accommodations and pay their own expenses until mustered into the regular army.

A girl who can not evolve an engagement out of the combination of a nice young man and a caterpillar down her back, was evidently designed by Nature for the unstrategic destiny of wheeling coal down hill.

May—He is so deeply in love with me that he'd do anything I asked him to. I wonder if there is anything a man *won't* do when he's in love?

Gilding—Yes; eat onions, for one thing.—*Harvard Lampoon.*



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