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The College Oratorical Contest.

The exercises of commencement week began Friday evening with the annual contest in oratory, participated in by representatives of six of the College literary societies. The contest was held in the Armory and was very close and interesting. Excellent music was furnished by the College orchestra and by the double quartette.

The first oration given was by Mr. A. H. Stone of the Hesperian Society, who took for his subject "Deep Waterways to the Sea." Mr. Stone argued for the reduction of transportation rates, in order that our producers and manufacturers may compete successfully in foreign markets. This end would be accomplished by putting into Welland canal the recently invented locks, which would reduce the time required for passing the canal from twenty-four hours to about four hours. Through this canal would then pass the traffic of the great Northwest—a traffic greater in volume many times than the combined traffic of the Suez canal and the proposed Nicaragua canal. Mr. Stone had a carefully prepared oration, but his delivery was not quite so good as that of some of the other speakers. His rank in the contest was third.

Mr. F. W. Robison, of the Union Literary Society spoke next, and his was the winning oration. "The Spirit of Discontent a Factor in Progress" was his subject, and he handled it in a masterful way, both the thought and the delivery. The speaker viewed the discontent of both past and present in an optimistic light—outwardly bad, but productive of good: Thus the wars of Alexander carried Grecian civilization into the East; and thus a divine discontent fostered by Martin Luther divorced the ancient Roman church from the governments of Europe.

In her oration on "Woman's Work and Education," Miss Coral Havens, of the Themian Society, first gave us a glance at the progress of education for women, and then her idea of the place women should occupy. At the beginning of the century—aside from her place in the home—two occupations, sewing and teaching, were open to women. Now, while most women still find opportunity for their grandest work in the home circle, four hundred occupations have been opened up to them.

"The Slavery of the Present Day," by Mr. T. L. Hankinson, of the Columbian Society, was a vigorous denunciation of the liquor traffic. Intemperance is the present day slavery, a slavery far worse than that which plunged our country into a long war. We must do one of two things, stop the demand or remove the supply. We cannot stop the demand, therefore we should remove the supply. This can be accomplished only by National prohibition.

The Feronian Society was represented by Miss Bertha Malone, whose subject was, "The Dawn of the Morning." Progress was her theme. The awakening of intellect, the progress of invention, the rising of ideals, are heralds of the dawn.

"This grand old world has passed through the age of muscle and of intellect and now is in the age of heart."

The last speaker was Mr. A. M. Patriarche, of the Olympic Society; his subject, "Lynchings." In clear, ringing, earnest tones, the speaker denounced the barbarous custom of lynching, so common in our country. He had a good oration and his delivery was excellent; he seemed to forget self entirely in the importance of his subject.

The judges on thought and style were Rev. W. H. Vincent, D.D., of Detroit; Judge O. W. Coolidge, of Niles, and Prof. C. M. Brink, Ph. D., of Kalamazoo; those of delivery, Prof. W. J. McKone, of Mason; Rev. J. M. Rogers, of Lansing, and Mr. J. F. Crotty, of Lansing. After a brief intermission, the decision of the judges was announced by Mr. Crotty. First place was given to F. W. Robison, second place to A. M. Patriarche, and third place to A. H. Stone. The prize given is Larned's History of Ready Reference, the five volumes costing \$25.

Program of Commencement Week.

This evening at 8 p. m. will be held the senior class-day banquet. Tomorrow at 3 p. m. the battalion will be inspected, and in the evening at 8 o'clock the literary societies will hold reunions and banquets in their respective society rooms. Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the armory will occur the president's reception to the senior class. Commencement-day exercises begin at 10:30 o'clock, Friday, in the Armory. There will be three addresses by members of the senior class, one from each course as follows: "The Influence of Bessemer," by F. V. Warren, of the Mechanical Course; "Influence of the Farmer's Market," by D. J. Hale of the Agricultural Course; "The Realm of Woman," by Miss Pearl Kedzie, of the Women's Course. An address on some mechanical subject will be given by Prof. F. R. Hutton, of Columbia University. Music for these exercises will be furnished by the College band and the Music Department.

The Cooking Class Entertains.

It was the writer's great pleasure to be one of eight guests at the last dinner of the year given by the young women of the Domestic Science department.

On this occasion the table decorations were in pink and green. The center piece was a huge bowl of roses, and carelessly scattered around the table were pink roses and maiden-hair ferns, while each guest was favored with one perfect rose.

The menu cards were of green ribbon, upon which were tiny cards in pink and white; one for each of the nine courses of which the dinner consisted, and one, bearing the name of the guest, enabling each to readily find her place at the table.

Each dish prepared for this occasion, was actually cooked by the young women of the department, and two of them, neatly attired in white aprons and caps, served each

course in the daintiest possible manner, and with an ease which gave evidence of careful training.

The following ladies were present: Mesdames Hedges, Henry Humphrey, N. B. Jones, Robt. Smith and Miss Rice, from Lansing; Mesdames Bacon, Haner and Landon of the College. We feel sure that all went away, hoping that they might "come again and often—"

L. E. L.

Sophomores Win the Brackett Cup.

The field-day at Charlotte resulted in a tie for points between the sophomores and freshmen classes. This field-day took the place of the annual local field-day in which classes contest for the Brackett cup in our library. The two classes agreed to decide the contest by a relay race, and Friday afternoon the race was run on our cinder track. Bigelow, Edgar, Tompkins and Russell were the freshmen runners; Bale, Olsen, Holdsworth and Wells, the sophomores. The first fifth-mile was won by Bigelow, the second by Olsen, the third by Holdsworth and the fourth by Wells. Russell fell as he was coming into the stretch but he was so far behind that it is not probable that he could have won the race anyway.

Baccalaureate Sermon.

The Baccalaureate service for the class of '98 was distinctively a patriotic service. It was held Sunday evening in the Armory, which was beautifully draped with flags and bunting. In the center of the Armory our largest flag, caught up in the center canopy-like, was connected with the sides, ends and corners of the room by festoons of red, white and blue bunting. Over the rostrum another large flag was draped, and above the east entrance, with the clock for a center, was a tent in national colors. Then, too, the sermon was patriotic, and the last song, "America."

The address, "Elements of Christian Patriotism," was given by Rev. David McAllister of Pittsburg, who took for his text the fifth and sixth verses of the 137th Psalm, "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy."

The speaker took the figures on Plymouth monument as symbols of the elements of Christian patriotism. The first of these is Education. The patriot should know his country, its geography, its history, its language and literature, and its political institutions, founded as they are upon Christian principles. The second figure is Freedom, and closely associated with this is the third figure, Law. The two must go together—freedom of intellect, of speech and the press, but law abiding freedom. The fourth figure is Morality. "All your training," said he to the graduating class, "will increase your power for harm, unless guided by morality." Morality is closely connected with political questions, with law, with individual rights, with the nation; the nation is a moral agent.

To be worthy citizens you must comprehend such questions.

And then, on this monument, towering high above these four figures on the pedestal, is another figure, Faith. The Christian patriot will have an unwavering faith in God, the God of the Pilgrim fathers, who guided the destinies of this nation through the dark days of the Rebellion and who will keep us in the present conflict with Spain.

In closing Dr. McAllister pointed out to the class of '98 some of the problems they must meet, some of the duties they must perform, if they would be true Christian patriots.

The Millers at the College.

The Michigan State Miller's Association will be with us June 21. The afternoon session of the summer meeting will be held in the College Chapel, beginning at 1:30 o'clock. Members of our faculty will appear on the program as follows: "The College and the Industrial Classes," Pres. J. L. Snyder; "Quality, of the Highest Importance," Dr. R. C. Kedzie; "Domestic Economy and Household Science," Prof. Edith F. McDermott; "Middlings," Prof. H. W. Mumford; "The Farmer and the Miller," Prof. C. D. Smith; "Rhode Island Johnnycake," Prof. J. D. Towar.

Dr. Fiske's Address.

The annual sermon to the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A., given by Rev. Lewis R. Fiske, ex-president of Albion College, last Sunday morning, was a very scholarly and helpful address. By invitation the Lansing Y. W. C. A. attended and took part in the services, the Misses Holland rendering a very pleasing vocal duet. The Rev. David McAllister, of Pittsburg, Pa., also assisted in the services.

Dr. Fiske's text was from the fourth verse of the Eight Psalm—"What is man that thou art mindful of him?" Man alone of all creatures is capable of knowing and verifying truth. The brute sees the object, but man sees the how and why of the object. His reason penetrates into the laws of causation. Man is also a creator; he plans and thinks and makes. No beast can climb to such heights; no beast can plunge to such depths as man—because he is man, a reasonable being—"but little lower than the angels;" but little lower than God. In worship man finds his highest attribute. Worship brings man nearer to God; it brings God and man to a common ground.

What is the perfect human? Christ as a man embodied all that is perfect in humanity. He possessed unbounded enthusiasm and perfect calmness, attributes not incompatible. He possessed absolute unselfishness; but though perfect, absolutely without sin, he did not withdraw himself from the touch of the unclean. There is no perfect manhood or womanhood except as it is Christian. Man is worth saving. God considers him worth saving; hence he is worthy the best efforts of this organization to save.

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Official Directory.

Y. M. C. A.—Regular meetings Sunday evenings at 6:00 and Thursday evenings at 6:30. F. N. Lowry, President. C. H. Parker, Cor. Secretary.

Y. W. C. A.—Weekly meetings for all ladies on the campus, Tuesday evenings at 8:00, in Abbot Hall. Sunday meetings with the Y. M. C. A. Miss Russel Taylor, President. Miss Emma Bach, Cor. Secretary.

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

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY—Meets second Friday of each month in the Chapel at 7:00 P. M. T. L. Hankinson, President. O. W. Slayton, Secretary.

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

COLUMBIAN LITERARY SOCIETY—Meets every Saturday evening at 7:00. Fourth floor, Williams Hall. T. L. Hankinson, President. W. T. Parks, Secretary.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Should Our State Educational Institutions be made Self-supporting?

GEO. SEVERANCE, '01, COLUMBIAN SOCIETY.

The fact that the taxpayers all over the State have been agitating this question during the past year, and for the most part favoring the affirmative, makes it a subject that calls for our thoughtful consideration. Although they have discussed right along with these the Charitable and Reformatory Institutions, I wish to consider merely the State Educational Institutions proper, the U. of M. at Ann Arbor, the M. A. C. at Lansing, the State Normal College at Ypsilanti, the Mt. Pleasant Normal School and the Michigan College of Mines at Houghton.

What are the desired results to be

attained by making these schools self-supporting? First, it would lessen our taxes. Second, it would make the managing boards more economical. Third, a person who obtained an education would pay for it himself. We know the first results would be attained. The board might be more economical in some instances and the persons obtaining an education would pay for it in-so-far as the productive funds did not pay for it. So let us admit that these desired results would be reached, and consider some of the attendant results to see if the move would be advisable.

Since the tax question causes the greatest outcry, let us see what these schools are costing. The aim being to make these schools produce what is at present actually levied, we need not consider productive funds. All figures are from 1897 reports, except for the U. of M. The assessed valuation of the property of Michigan for these years is \$1,105,100,000. For 1896, the U. of M. cost the taxpayers of Michigan \$194,000. On \$1,105,100,000, this would make a tax rate of .0175 per cent. For 1897, the Michigan State Normal College cost the taxpayers \$58,450, which gives a tax rate of .0053 per cent. The cost of the Central Normal School to the taxpayers was \$12,000, giving a tax rate of .00108 per cent. The Mining School cost the taxpayers \$40,000, giving a tax rate of .0036 per cent. The M. A. C. is supported mostly by U. S. government appropriations and income from land grants; hence the small cost, which for 1897 was \$11,100, or a tax rate of .001 per cent. The total tax rate for these five was .02848 per cent (two thousand eight hundred and forty-eight hundred-thousandths of one per cent). Now suppose the assessed valuation of a man's property is \$5,000—more than the general run of men are assessed. \$5,000 at .0284 per cent would give \$1.42. Is this burdensome? Many people will spend that much or more every little while in some useless, or perhaps worse than useless way. Suppose a man should pay taxes on \$5,000 from the time he is twenty years old until he is eighty. Making no allowance for interest, his total tax at that rate would be \$85.20. I think any taxpayer can see that this is not the cause of much of his want and suffering. It would take several generations for this tax to sink a \$5,000 farm.

In regard to making the managing boards more economical, let us see if the accomplishment of this would balance some of the other results. At present these schools in their respective classes rank among the very best in the country. Their reputation is not confined to the United States, but several countries of the old world are represented in them. Why is this? Because our schools are well equipped and have excellent corps of teachers. But why can they be better equipped or have better corps of instructors than self-supporting, private schools or denominational schools? Because their support is stable, and does not depend upon the income of a variable attendance or contributions by charitable organizations. The teacher's pay is fairly good and sure to come, therefore the best teachers are glad to take positions in these schools. If the schools were made self-supporting the income would vary with the attendance, and in poor years the

boards would be unable to keep things in good repair, while the teachers' pay would become a little uncertain and the best men would rather go elsewhere. I know a young man who graduated from the U. of M. and took a seemingly fine position at \$1800 per year in a denominational school of North Carolina. At the end of two years most of his salary was still unpaid. The schools would deteriorate in equipments and grade of teachers. This would cause an injury to their reputation and a consequent decrease in attendance; and this in turn would cause a decrease in revenue. Thus things would work in harmony to pull down our present fine schools: all, perhaps, without gratifying the desire to see the controlling boards learn economy, for men are often less economical when they don't know what they have to use than when they do know.

The person getting an education would have to pay for it. Many people of ordinary means seem to feel antagonistic to the rich, to feel that there is some dividing line between them and that their interests are directly opposite. They think the rich are being educated in these schools at their expense, so want to see the schools self-supporting. I wish to show that such a move would only widen the division between the rich and the poor.

Under existing circumstances a great many more poor students are attending these institutions than most folks imagine, simply because the rates are so reasonable that they can soon earn money enough to work their way through and not be gray-headed when they get through. For 1897 the average cost per student to the State was: 1, U. of M., about \$65; 2, Michigan State Normal College, \$58; 3, Central Normal, \$75; 4, Mining School, \$294.96; 5, M. A. C., \$29.21. Supposing the attendance the same, with the schools made self-supporting, just that much more would have to come out of each student's pocket. But that much increase in expense would keep away many poor students who are now able to attend, and this decrease in attendance would mean a further increase of expense to each student attending, operating all the time to decrease the ratio of poor to well-to-do students. Thus, considerable means would get to be almost a prerequisite to a higher education, and this is precisely what we must not let happen if we wish to prevent the formation of classes in this country. Another point to consider in this line is that a good part of the support of these schools is already provided for by productive funds, and if the poor are barred from the schools, the rich will get the benefit of all this.

Summing up these points we see: First, the tax is too small to affect taxpayers, perceptibly; second, the move would tend to lower the efficiency and the reputation of these schools; third, the tendency would be to remove higher education from the grasp of the poor without affecting the rich, thus widening the division at present imagined to exist between them. I believe any person that will thoughtfully consider these points will agree with me in saying our State Educational Institutions should not be made self-supporting.

The tip of his tongue—"Thank you."—E_x.

The Curiosity Strip.

One of the early heralds of the approach of spring is the catalogue of the seedsman, adorned with beautiful and impossibly grotesque pictures of supposed products to be grown from the seeds offered. The text in many of these seed catalogues is not infrequently as misleading as the cuts. Certain crops that, by reason of climate or illy adapted soil, can not be grown at all in this State, are urged upon unsuspecting and overconfiding farmers because they do well in the South or bring profit to the growers in the fertile prairies of the West. To prevent the success of such schemes as far as possible, and to give data on which to found answers to the host of questions that come to the office in regard to these new crops, a strip of land is set aside for testing as many of these curiosities as possible. This plot is called the "Curiosity Strip." Heretofore the planning of the work in this line and a large part of its execution has been placed in the hands of two members of the senior class. Because the early coming of the long vacation removes them from the College before the plants are out of the ground, this plan is no longer possible. Among the many varieties of supposedly useful plants that are to be found on the strip this year may be mentioned the following: Sacaline, a new forage plant of the buckwheat family, with large leaves, coarse stalks; perfectly worthless.

Prickly comfrey, another coarse forage plant, but of borage family; not valuable.

Esparsette; soja beans; Luzerne rustique, a variety of alfalfa; German coffee berry, a fraud; sweet clover; Japan clover; yellow clover; kidney vetch; spurry; chufas; teosinte; several varieties of sorghum.

Mixed with these plants of more less doubtful value, there are other species placed in this strip because they are curiosities to most of the visitors at the College. In this list are such things as Mexican frijoles, other beans and peas from foreign sources, four or more grasses from Australia, several varieties from Armenia, millets of a dozen different varieties, peanuts, cotton, rice, rape of two sorts, varieties of sunflowers, husk corn, alfalfas from home and abroad, and many varieties of corn.

The entire list of curious plants is too long to publish here but every caller at the College should visit the plot and see them for himself.

C. D. S.

Society Officers for the Fall Term.

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Second Nine Statement.

A statement of the financial transactions of R. E. Morrow, as manager of the second nine, for the season of 1898:

EXPENDITURES.	
8 bats	\$8 30
1 breast protector	6 00
1 bat	25
Tickets for three games	65
Telephone	35
Postage	40
Gum	30
Car fare—Eaton Rapids H. S.	5 00
Half car fare—Charlotte H. S.	4 30
Half car fare to Charlotte	4 55
Half car fare—Albion Reserves	8 50
Expenses of team to Charlotte field-day,	
May 13	15 30
	\$53 90
RECEIPTS.	
From selling tickets:	
Eaton Rapids H. S. game	\$12 65
Albion game	9 80
Charlotte H. S. game	4 65
From Athletic Association	11 50
From Director of Charlotte field-day	15 30
	\$53 90

The equipment left on hand at the end of the season consists of a breast protector, mask, catcher's mit, first batsman's mit, bat, ball, and three old gray suits.

At the College.

Miss Watkins will entertain her parents this week.

Miss Mary Knaggs is again well enough to attend classes.

Miss Jennette Carpenter, '98, is entertaining her mother this week.

D. J. Crosby has a pocket knife picked up on the campus Saturday.

A pair of steel-bowed spectacles has been left at the secretary's office.

Eugene Price, '00, was called home Saturday by the death of his father.

Miss Ward, of Milan, is the commencement week guest of F. W. Robison.

Misses Lula and Nellie Lockwood are visiting their sister Miss A. G. Lockwood.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pettit left Friday for Ithaca, N. Y., to spend the summer.

After June 18, Mr. V. M. Shoemsmith will have charge of the College news agency.

G. N. Gould is entertaining Miss Patrick of Saranac during commencement week.

Mrs. Woodworth entertained the seniors of the U. L. S. at supper Wednesday evening.

The Farm Department has a quantity of beech stovewood, which, if purchased at once, will be delivered at \$1.40 per cord.

Mrs. Patriarche arrived at the College Friday to spend commencement week with her sons.

Mrs. Knaggs, who has been caring for her daughter, Mary Knaggs, returned home last Wednesday.

Saturday fifteen of the students took the physical examination for admission into the regular army, and thirteen of the number passed.

Fred T. Williams, '98, left Friday for Petoskey to join a company of volunteers for the 35th regiment. He expects to get a commission as second lieutenant in this company.

Prof. and Mrs. C. D. Smith left Friday night for four weeks in New York state. Most of the time will be spent at Ithaca, where the professor will do special work in forestry.

Prof. and Mrs. F. S. Kedzie left this morning for New York City, from whence they will sail Thursday for Europe. Most of the summer will be spent in Germany, studying in Berlin and visiting the rural districts.

The librarian respectfully requests that she be consulted before clippings are made from books or periodicals in the library. Magazines intended for the bindery are frequently rendered entirely useless by irresponsible or thoughtless persons who clip from them some verse or illustration.

Lightly Told.

"You live by butchery," declared the manufacturer of pills to the surgeon. "And you by pillage," came the quick response.

"I see your son has turned out an artist, Mr. Gibbs. How did that happen?" "I, dunno, sor, his mother thinks he was left that way by the measles."

The Young Doctor—"Just think—six of my patients recovered this week." The Old Doctor—"It's your own fault, my boy. You spend too much time at the club."

Mrs. Smythe—"What would you be if I didn't have property?" Smythe—"Well, what would you be?" "I?" "Yes, you! You wouldn't be Mrs. Smythe!"

Teacher—"You are painfully slow with figures, Tommy. Come, now, speak up quickly. If your father gave your mother a fifty-pound note and a twenty-pound note, what would she have?" Tommy—"A fit."

Prohibitionist, (to Irish servant)—"Pat, how does your master stand on the question of whisky?" Pat—"Well, sor, up to about 12 o'clock at noight he sthands pretty well, sor. Thin he ginerally has to loie down, sor."

A MEAN MAN.

"Man Sandy," said a Perthshire farmer, "Jock McPherson's an awfu' mean chap." "Hoots, toots, man!" said his friend, "ye're haverin'! Hoo d'ye mak' that oot?"

Weel, I'm jist sayin' he's mean—beastly mean. It's like this. It was up at his hoose the other night, and he said, 'Peter, will you hae a hauf o' whusky?' and I said, 'Ay, of coorse!' Weel, he got his bottle oot an' began to pour me oot a glass, and thinkin' to be sort o' polite, ye ken, I said, 'Stop, stop!'—and he stopt!"—*Weekly Telegraph.*



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News From Graduates and Students.

Mrs. L. J. Briggs, '93, is visiting at the home of Mr. Briggs' parents, Lacey, Mich.

Miss Myrtle Peck, Ann Arbor, is spending commencement week with Miss Mamie Baker.

L. C. Brooks, '92m, expects to visit the College this summer, possibly at commencement time.

Commissioner R. S. Campbell, '93, has supplied the teachers of St. Clair county with maps of Cuba.

We have received from G. C. Davis, '89, Los Angeles, Cal., a number of his scientific treatises, for the alumni library.

Zebedee Beverly, with '76, a clerk in the auditor general's department, called at the College Thursday. Mr. Beverly was a charter member of the Union Literary Society.

W. G. Smith, '93, and Miss Barbour, of Howell, called at the College Wednesday. Mr. Smith hopes to get a commission in the 35th Regiment, Michigan Volunteers.

E. M. Hunt, with '99, visited at the College from Friday to Monday. He is in the business of manufacturing bee-keepers' supplies with his father at Bell Branch, Michigan.

H. A. Dibble, '97, who has been principal of schools at Detour, U. P., during the past year, called at M. A. C. Friday on his way home. Next year he will engage in business in Detroit.

Rogers and Quick, with '97, are partners in a prosperous mercantile business at Lacey. Both came to field-day a-wheel. A brother of Mr. Quick's expects to be a student here in the near future.

The Professor.

Nearly a page of *The Queenslander* (Australia) for April 16 is devoted to a cut and sketch of "The Professor"—E. M. Shelton, '72, principal of the agricultural college at Gatton, Queensland. He is given credit for being the principal mover in the organization of that college. We quote briefly from the sketch: "Had big desire for college career, too. Desire wasn't too easily met. In '68, however, he matriculated at Michigan Agricultural College, then, as now, famous institution for general culture as well as for science and agriculture. Got his share of learning in this knowledge factory under President Abbot, with Miles (agriculture), Kedzie (chemistry), and Beal (botany), as leading teachers.

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