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The Close of the Special Course.

The work of the special course in Dairying and Live Stock Husbandry came to an end on Friday, February tenth. The attendance was larger than had been expected, especially upon the Live Stock Course. The work in this course was directed toward fitting the student to select, breed, feed and manage, in a business way, a large flock of sheep or herds of cattle or swine. Last year but nine young men were registered for this special line of work, this year there were twenty-five.

As a matter of course the instruction given is, for the most part, purely technical. Although brought up on stock farms, few of the young men coming to this work, have studied closely the characteristic forms of the various breeds of domestic animals. The first benefit they derive is therefore the formation of the habit of critically examining animals offered for sale or shown at fairs. Their eyes are opened. Confidence in the correctness of their own judgment naturally soon follows. It is the unanimous opinion of the farmers' sons attending this course that they have had more experience in judging live stock, in comparing individuals with standards, on one side, and determining relative money values, on the other, during their all-too-short stay at the College, than they could hope to secure in many years of business life on their own farms. Here the experience has cost but a trifle; in actual practice it often costs a farm.

The young men went away commending as well other features of the course. It is not enough to know how to calculate rations to succeed in feeding efficiently and economically. The farmer must be acquainted with the details, care and daily routine of management of the particular kind of stock involved. These matters were discussed daily and the best experience of the best feeders in this and other countries was concentrated in the lessons given. It is not a matter of wonder, therefore, that these young men left us feeling abundantly repaid for the effort and money expended by them to make their six weeks' visit possible.

What is true of the live stock course is equally true of the dairy courses. While, for many years to come, much of the butter made in Michigan will be made on the farm, it is still true that the proportion of factory-made butter is increasing and must necessarily largely increase before Michigan can become widely famous as a dairy state. With this

fact in mind our dairy courses were planned. Four men chose the Home Dairy course and twenty-three the Creamery course. Many of the latter had worked in creameries, others began that line of business with us. The work of the course must necessarily be a mixture of manual training in the art of the industry and technical instruction in the chemistry of milk and its products, the theory and method of the Babcock Test, the physics of the separator and churn, and dairy bacteriology. A feature of these courses of unique value has been the veterinary instruction.

These courses are but six weeks long, and the time is fully occupied by the essential, technical work. It is to be regretted that there is no opportunity to introduce instruction on fundamental principles of general agriculture. Unless the courses are lengthened, this cannot be done. Nor could it be done without changing their character. They are now special courses, each devoted exclusively to those lines of work essential to a clear understanding of one department of farm practice and such they should remain. While the equipment of the College for giving practical instruction in butter and cheese making is grossly inadequate, it is pleasant to know that the young men taking these courses went away fully satisfied with their treatment here and well repaid for their coming.

Special mention should be made, in this connection, of the good work done by instructor DeWitt Goodrich of Climbing Hill, Iowa, who had immediate charge of the work at the separator and churn. Mr. Goodrich had charge of the butter making in the experimental dairy house at the World's Fair in Chicago and was subsequently instructor in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Mention should also be made of the value to the classes of the lectures of Hon. J. I. Woodward of Lockport, New York, and C. P. Goodrich of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin.

The special courses for 1899 have been an outstanding success and show definite progress in this extension of College work.

C. D. SMITH.

Washington's Birthday.

There will be no class work on Washington's Birthday. Short exercises, consisting of appropriate music and a patriotic address by Hon. E. P. Allen, will be held in the Armory at one o'clock sharp. It is hoped that all will attend.

The Tenth Annual Oratorical Contest.

The tenth annual contest of the M. A. C. Oratorical Association opened Friday night at a few minutes after eight o'clock with a selection by the band.

President Gagnier then, in a few well chosen remarks, stated the objects of the contest, which are to bring out the best oratorical talents of the several societies, in a friendly rivalry, and also to decide who shall represent our College at the State Intercollegiate contest. Mr. Gagnier also made mention of the admission of the Feronian Society into the Association this year, but owing to the illness of their orator, they were unable to be represented. The program in full was as follows:

Oration—"Evils of Imperialism," A. T. Swift, Union Literary Society.

Mr. Swift presented a forcible plea against the policy of Imperialism, treating the relations of our country to the other countries, our attitude in undertaking the Hispano-American war, and drawing some very touching pictures of the results and the moral effects of Imperialism. His protest against American repudiation of her avowed war policy was a very powerful and just argument.

"Universal Disarmament," J. A. Bulkeley, Eclectic Society.

Mr. Bulkeley pointed out in a clear and concise manner, the infeasibility of a policy of universal disarmament, proving by a strong *pro et con* argument that such a policy would only make war more sanguinary and more to be abhorred. He clearly proved the supremacy of scientific warfare and showed that disarmament would never produce universal peace, concluding with a strong plea for that time to come when wars should be no more. After a selection by the M. A. C. band, the third orator was introduced.

"A Municipal Problem," F. R. Crane, Olympic Society.

Mr. Crane presented a very convincing oration in favor of the policy of municipal control of natural monopolies, and by a few well chosen examples, proved the advantages such a policy would bring forth. His argument was a forceful one and well backed up by up-to-date examples. He closed with a plea for the time when municipal brotherhood shall be a reality and when man shall follow the two greatest commandments.

Hambletonian March, M. A. C. band.

Oration—"The Destiny of a Nation," C. H. Smith, Hesperian Society.

Mr. Smith made a presentation and a careful comparison of the careers of the leading nations, treating of the rise and fall of several of them and in particular of Rome and Spain. His allusion to the fact that the Maria Teresa lies near where the Santa Maria first landed was a good example of the hand of destiny controlling the affairs of nations. Mr. Smith closed with a fine exposition of America's status of to-

day and her probable future career. Oration, "The Need of the Hour," F. E. West, Columbian Literary Society.

Mr. West pointed out the evils surrounding and endangering the welfare of American citizens and the dangers which through our citizens threaten our welfare as a nation. His subject was presented in terse and pointed style and was of such a nature as to need little argument. In conclusion he presented a safeguard against these dangers and a method of eliminating them.

After the judges on delivery had retired and made up their report, Rev. Allen in a happy manner, announced to the audience that they "had awarded the first honors to the successful contestant" and announced the winners of first and second prizes, also giving honorable mention to the orator who stood third. Rev. Allen expressed the appreciation of the judges of the class of work they were requested to award the prizes upon and stated that the standard of excellency had been a lofty one.

Miss Teresa Bristol, of the Feronian Society, with a few words of commendation to each, presented the medals to the successful orators, a gold medal to Mr. F. R. Crane, a silver medal to Mr. C. H. Smith.

After the rendering of Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever" by the band, the company amused themselves by dancing until 11:30.

The grades of the competing orators are as follows: A. T. Swift 520, J. A. Bulkeley 502, F. R. Crane 557, C. H. Smith 546, and F. E. West 464, the highest possible standing being 600.

Judges on composition: Rev. Dan F. Bradley, Grand Rapids; Prof. A. B. Noble, Ames, Iowa; Hon. J. G. Ramsdell, Traverse City.

Judges on delivery: Rev. E. B. Allen, Lansing; Hon. S. L. Kilbourne, Lansing; Mrs. J. Edward Roe, Lansing.

ED. R. RUSSELL,
Sec'y. M. A. C. O. A.

It's Another Literary Society.

The projected debating society turned out to be a literary society much after the plan of literary societies already existing at the College. The organization, which was completed Saturday evening, February 11, will be known as the Adelpic Society; will meet Saturday evenings, in College Hall at present; and will have a limit of 40 members—20 the first year. Fourteen sophomores and freshmen make up the charter membership, and from these the following officers have been elected: President, O. L. Ayers; vice president, H. L. Bumger; secretary, H. D. Fay; treasurer, R. Southwick; marshal, S. L. Jones. Here's success to the new society!

Again in College.

G. W. Bailey, who was so badly burned on the switch-board in the Physical Laboratory two weeks ago, is again in classes. His burns are rapidly healing, and it is not thought that they will leave any very unsightly scars.

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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. Edith A. Smith, President; Elizabeth Johns, Cor. Secretary.

KING'S DAUGHTERS—Meet alternate Wednesdays. Mrs. C. L. Weil, Leader. Mrs. M. L. Dean, Secretary.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY—Meets alternate Wednesday evenings at 6:30 P. M., in the Zoological Lecture Room. W. B. Barrows, President. A. J. Cook, Secretary.

BOTANICAL CLUB—Meets Monday evenings at 6:30 in the Botanical Laboratory. H. C. Skeels, President. Miss Marie Belliss, Secretary.

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

ADELPHIC SOCIETY—Meetings every Saturday evening at 7:00, Class room A., College Hall. O. L. Ayers, President. H. D. Fay, Secretary.

COLUMBIAN LITERARY SOCIETY—Meets every Saturday evening at 7:00. Fourth floor, Williams Hall. C. F. Austin, President. A. H. Hayes, Secretary.

ECLECTIC SOCIETY—Meetings every Saturday evening at 7:00, Fourth Floor, Williams Hall. E. D. Gagnier, President. A. C. Williams, Secretary.

FERONIAN SOCIETY—Meetings every Friday afternoon at 1:00 West Ward, Wells Hall. Edith A. Smith, President. Grace Lovely, Secretary.

HESPERIAN SOCIETY—Meetings every Saturday evening at 7:00, West Ward, Wells Hall. F. N. Lowry, President. J. H. Skinner, Secretary.

OLYMPIC SOCIETY—Meetings every Saturday evening at 7:00, Fourth Floor, Williams Hall. W. K. Brainard, President. H. J. Eustace, Secretary.

PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY—Meetings every Friday evening at 7:30, East Ward, Wells Hall. Eugene Price, President. M. Hayward, Secretary.

THEMIAN SOCIETY—Meetings every Tuesday afternoon at 4:00, Phi Delta Theta Rooms, East Ward, Wells Hall. Ruby Calkins, President. Mrs. C. H. Harris, Secretary.

UNION LITERARY SOCIETY—Meetings every Saturday evening at 7:00, U. L. S. Hall. G. N. Gould, President. H. P. Baker, Secretary.

TAU BETA PI FRATERNITY—Meetings on alternate Thursday evenings, Tower Room, Mechanical Laboratory. W. H. Flynn, President. P. S. Rose, Secretary.

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Industries of Northern Michigan.

H. S. KNEELAND '02, ECLECTIC SOCIETY.

When I was requested to present to you an article on the Industries of Northern Michigan, the question immediately arose in my mind as to what branch of industry would be best suited to the occasion. Agriculture is practically the same in one section as in another, therefore we will discard that branch of the great question before us and consider the other and more varied one of manufacturing.

Michigan has always stood well to the front in the value and variety of her manufactured products. She is a cherished and much loved sister in the family of Uncle Sam. Surrounded by a chain of the world's

greatest thoroughfares, and penetrated far and wide by railroads, she is easy of access and her products are readily distributed to the world.

Northern Michigan is, when compared with many other sections, a new country. Half a century would cover its period of industrial activity.

When the first white settlers penetrated its unbroken wildernesses, they found vast fortunes bound up in its miles upon miles of stately pine forests. This great source of wealth was immediately recognized and small hamlets began to rapidly grow, each surrounding a mill where the great pine logs were sawed into shape for exportation. Many millions of dollars have been taken out of Michigan's pineries; many a millionaire of this day can trace his fortunes back to his early years in the woods. Today, as one travels north through the state, he sees vast stretches of country, utterly worthless. Plains covered as far as the eye can reach, with scrub-oak, jack-pine and charred, blackened stubs, silent witnesses of the devastating hand of man; mournful sentinels over a wilderness now, but once a hive of industry, the influence of which built cities and made men prosperous and happy. Many are the towns at the present time, whose growth, prosperity and subsequent decline, may be traced directly to the pine lumbering trade.

Northern Michigan would now be but a lonely struggling section of country, eking out a bare subsistence from the soil, had she not, phoenix-like, risen from the ashes of this, her blasted and ruined industry. Men began to cast around for new modes of bread-winning. New fields of effort immediately presented themselves. Now instead of pine logs, one sees hemlock and hardwood going through the mills. Thousands of cords of hemlock bark are peeled annually and shipped to the great tanneries. The bare logs are sawed into lumber which takes the place pine occupied years ago. There seems to be an unlimited supply of hemlock, so this is likely to remain one of the important pursuits. Hardwood, though, is not so plentiful. The day is not far distant when a famine in this, as in pine, will manifest itself. An interesting sight in the fall and early winter in nearly all of the northern lake ports, is the sticks of hardwood square-timber, which are hauled from the cuttings to the nearest point of exportation. These will average nearly sixty feet in length and are from one to three feet square. They are shipped direct to Quebec and thence by ocean steamer to Liverpool and London for use in the shipyards.

From the account I have given, you will no doubt infer that the lumbering industry is an important factor in Northern Michigan's progress. This is not a wrong impression, but do not by any means accept this idea to the exclusion of others equally important. Had Northern Michigan but the lumbering industry to sustain her she would, before many years, be in the predicament she was when the pine failed.

I would now like to bring my native town, Traverse City, into notice for a moment. I consider it a typical Northern Michigan manufacturing town. There are several very important industries represented there, but for lack of time I will mention but three; the first of which is the Oval Wood Dish Co. This

immense plant is devoted to the manufacture of the wooden dishes so familiar to you all, no doubt, in the meat markets and grocery stores as receptacles for lard, butter etc. These are made from hardwood and cut in shape from the solid blocks. This factory is one of three such plants in the world.

The next of relative importance is the basket factory. Here are made fruit baskets of all shapes and sizes, besides berry boxes for the small fruits. Another of these factories is in operation at St. Joseph, Michigan.

The last one I will mention is Traverse City's youngest industry, and one of which she is justly proud. Two years ago the Potato Implement Factory was but a fond dream of its owner. Today it is an immense concern producing all the implements necessary to potato raising and fruit culture. Far behind in their orders, they are almost daily adding new machinery.

You have all doubtless heard of Manistee's pet industry, salt evaporation. This is her main stay. The vacuum process is employed and the out-put is immense. The quality is first-class, comparing favorably with that produced in other parts of our own country and abroad.

The waters of the Northern lakes and bays lend themselves to man's effort for a livelihood, and many tons of fish are annually exported to the south central and eastern states. This business alone is pursued by an army of men who find it one of the most lucrative of the various industries represented in the section of the state under our notice.

It may be interesting to consider the Northern Peninsula for a moment, more especially for the great mining industry carried on there. The iron mines of the Gogebic range are very rich in the finest Bessemer ore, and the annual production is over 3,000,000 tons. Comparatively few comprehend the scale on which all the work is carried on at our great copper mines. Few, even mining experts, are ready to give credence to the statement of the results which are obtained. Calumet and Hecla mining stock is far above par and much to be preferred to government bonds.

The product of the iron mines is widely distributed throughout the state for use in the various iron works and machine shops. The Elk Rapids Iron Works produces a great share of the pig iron shipped from Northern Michigan. Here also a great quantity of wood alcohol is condensed and distilled from the smoke arising from the charcoal pits. As a by-product, crude acetic acid is formed and shipped to the refineries.

My article would not be complete were I not to mention the flouring and grist mills variously situated in the northern portion of our state. Cadillac stands at the head in this industry, and her product finds a ready market. This can by no means be classed as one of Michigan's leading industries, however, nor can it be compared in magnitude to milling as carried on in the other North Central states. But for all this it is worthy of favorable mention.

This completes the list of Northern Michigan's industries, or more correctly speaking, the list of her principal ones. We have reason to be proud of our state. She can hold her head high among the world's best. With her wonderful resources

and her abundant facilities for utilizing these gifts; with her great educational advantages and a people who are true, patriotic citizens, she commands the respect of the world at large.

The Retiring Members of the Board

HON. C. W. GARFIELD.

As members of the State Board of Agriculture, no two men ever won the confidence and admiration of members of the faculty in a more eminent degree than did Mr. Garfield and Mr. Moore.

In the class of 12 graduating at M. A. C. in 1870, was a rather delicate young man, apparently less than twenty-one years of age. He had previously won a good name for scholarship and kind deeds in Grand Rapids High School, where he was one of the chief founders of the Kent Scientific Institute. Since graduating, he has been a very busy man in many kinds of good work to the fullest capacity of his strength, and sometimes even beyond his strength. Much of this was non-remunerative in a financial way. He has lived most of the time on a remnant of the home farm adjoining Grand Rapids, devoting a portion of his energy to gardening. In 1874, he became foreman of the Horticultural Department and continued for three years, with the writer, who was Professor of Botany and Horticulture. He was enthusiastic and efficient, not only in his horticulture, but among the students in their rooms and societies and everywhere.

For long years he has been very active as an officer in the Kent County Horticultural Society and superintendent of Sabbath school.

In 1877 he was elected secretary of the State Horticultural Society, a position which he filled for eleven years, making the meetings and the report of value, second to none in America. To accomplish this in a new country, with little money to help, was a severe task on time, skill, and patience, yet he did not seem to realize the success he had won in this work. In the beginning, the mountain seemed steep and rugged, but when he stood on the pinnacle, it didn't seem to be much of an eminence after all.

He was secretary of the American Pomological Society in 1887-88, a director of the State Forestry Commission 1888-92, a frequent contributor to agricultural and horticultural journals, giving a course of lectures at Cornell University, declining three or more invitations to become Professor of Horticulture in as many different states. He is president of a bank, and president of the company which publishes the *Western Fruit Grower*. He has been a member of the House of Representatives for one term and a member of the State Board of Agriculture for two terms, a period of twelve years.

In all of these positions, he has been prompt and active with never a taint of trickery.

In this brief memorandum, no doubt, more works of merit have been overlooked.

The College will miss him in its counsels, but as long as life shall last he will never cease to love his Alma Mater and to render her any assistance within his power. He is an efficient Christian gentleman.

W. J. B.

HON. C. F. MOORE.

The Hon. Charles F. Moore is a

man who has large and varied industrial interests, and his opinions and advice,—resulting from a wide experience and sound business judgment,—have been highly esteemed by his associates and subordinate officers throughout his connection with the Michigan Agricultural College.

Mr. Moore's experience in the line of agricultural work, especially in the breeding of short-horn cattle, particularly fitted him to lend valuable aid to the College in the direction of the affairs of the course in agriculture; his experience as the promoter and president of a successful manufacturing concern rendered his services as a member of the committee on the mechanical department of great value; viewing, as he did, the work of this College in the light of broad practical experience, he was brought into touch with most of the many departments, and these departments have been greatly benefited in this connection.

During the past two years Mr. Moore earnestly sought to define with exactness the true function of the College in the educational work of this State, and devoted much time to the consideration of methods that might bring the College more closely and more effectively into touch with those to whom its services should be most properly devoted; in this connection he particularly endeavored, as a member of the committee on mechanical work, to thoroughly analyze the opportunities and needs of the mechanical course.

We take this occasion to publicly acknowledge our appreciation of the courteous and efficient supervision rendered this college by Chas. F. Moore during his term of office as a member of the State Board of Agriculture. C. L. W.

HON. IRA H. BUTTERFIELD.

For ten years Mr. Butterfield has been officially connected with the College; four years as a member of the Board of Agriculture and six years as secretary of the Board and of the College faculty. The duties of his office have been at all times onerous, sometimes extremely trying; and yet it was rare indeed that an impatient word escaped him. The high esteem in which he is held by his associates on the faculty is attested by the resolutions adopted at the last faculty meeting, February 6, 1899. They are as follows:

WHEREAS, the long term of our present secretary, Mr. I. H. Butterfield, ends on the 22d of the present month, and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and right that faithful service such as his should be duly acknowledged, therefore be it

Resolved, That the faculty of the Michigan Agricultural College does hereby tender to Mr. Butterfield its hearty thanks for his efficiency and his uniform patience and courtesy in the trying duties of his office, and in severing the relations heretofore existing, assures him of the high consideration and kindly wishes of the entire College community.

Approved by the committee.

F. S. KEDZIE,
W. J. BEAL,
H. EDWARDS.

Goes to Alaska.

It will be remembered that a few weeks ago the RECORD stated that Prof. C. C. Georgeson '78 would

return to Alaska in the spring to establish several experiment stations for the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Prof. Georgeson has selected one of our graduates, C. H. Robison '95, to take charge of the station to be established at Sitka. The position carries with it a salary of \$1,200 and transportation to Sitka. Mr. Robison, accompanied by his wife, will start for his new field of labor soon after the first of March. He will take with him from Oregon several ox teams to carry on farm operations.

At the College.

And now it's mud.

The State board meets this evening.

Mr. Chace Newman is receiving a visit from his mother.

Rev. C. L. Seasholes spoke in chapel Sunday morning.

The seniors are planning a banquet for the evening of March 10.

K. L. Butterfield has moved his office to the second floor of College Hall.

Prof. J. D. Towar has spent nearly eight weeks on institute work.

Faculty ladies have sewed 35 balls of carpet rags for the Pilgrim church carpet.

R. E. Southwick, of Elbridge, visited his son, Roger Southwick '01 last week.

The Union Literary Society will entertain the Class of '99 next Saturday evening.

Miss Brown, of Hart, was the guest of Miss Sadie Hatch '02 a few days last week.

Miss Bertha Wellman and her friend, Miss Bartlett of Mason, called at the College Saturday.

Miss Ronan and Miss Southard gave a most delightful spread to a number of friends last Friday night.

Lost: Two army-button hat pins, one American, one Spanish. Finder please leave them at the Secretary's office.

Prof. Woodworth's class in electrical engineering made tests of the Lansing City Electric railway line last week.

Pres. Snyder, Prof. Smith, Dr. Waterman, Miss Keller and Miss Rushmore were out on institute work last week.

Prof. P. B. Woodworth and family have taken rooms at Backus Cottage and will remain there the rest of this term.

Margaret, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Noble, has been quite ill with tonsillitis and other complications, but is now better.

We think our College band is all right. The music they furnished at the oratorical contest was the best ever rendered here by a College band.

In the annual freshman declamatory contest held by the Union Literary Society last Saturday night, H. E. Young won first prize, a society pin.

The Olivet basket-ball team could not come here Saturday, so our team went to Olivet. The game was the first our boys had ever played and they were defeated by a score of 15 to 6.

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Special Hat**

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News from Graduates and Students.

Ben H. Halstead with '97 is in the senior law class at Ann Arbor.

David C. McElroy with '97 is deputy collector of customs at Port Huron.

John Swift '68, of Harbor Springs, visited his son A. T. Swift '99, over Sunday and left Monday for Ann Arbor on business.

Dan F. Pagelsen with '97 has hung out his shingle in Grand Haven, and is Circuit Court Commissioner of Ottawa county.

We have received from W. E. Rohnert '89, of Gilroy, California, his 1899 list of sweet peas, asters and other specialties.

J. A. Flanagan, dairy student in '93, Orleans, Mich., was with Co. K. 1st U. S. Volunteer Engineers, in service in Puerto Rico.

F. W. Kathe with '93 is head clerk and book-keeper with W. A. Eckerman, hardware merchant, 1026 Lorain St. Cleveland, Ohio.

John E. Taylor '76, Greenville, attended the meeting of the Michigan Mutual Association in Lansing last week, and visited the College.

E. M. Hunt with '99 is now a member of the firm, M. H. Hunt & Son, dealers in bee-keepers' supplies and manufacturers of comb foundation, Bell Branch, Michigan.

W. P. Casper with '89 is general agent for the Consolidated Car-heating Co., of Albany, N. Y., with headquarters at St. Louis, Mo. He writes,—"I consider it the greatest misfortune of my life that I was unable to complete my course at the M. A. C."

The Round-up Institute.

The fourth annual round-up farmers' institute will be held in Pontiac this week, beginning with a conference of officers of county institute societies tomorrow morning and ending with a program of special interest Friday evening. The hotels of Pontiac give low rates and are prepared to entertain a large crowd. A fare on all railroads of one and one-third rate for the round trip has been secured. These considerations and the greater inducements offered by the program—discussions of live topics by well known specialists—should fill Pontiac's opera house every session of the round-up.

Wednesday's program will include articles and discussions on sugar beets, general farming, farm adornment and good roads. On Thursday the dairy, the orchard and forest, and educational interests will claim attention. Friday will be devoted to stock feeding, breeding and diseases, and farmers' defensive movements. In the evening a program of special interest will be given. The Orchard Lake Military Academy orchestra will give an opening concert; Dr. W. H. Jordan, director of New York agricultural and experiment station, will speak on "The influence of the science movement upon farm life;" and President J. B. Angell, of the University of Michigan, will talk about "Farming in the oriental countries."

The Women's Section, in charge of Mrs. Mary A. Mayo, will hold sessions each afternoon in the Lyceum, at which vital problems

concerning the home and social life of women will be discussed.

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Dancing occupied the first of the evening, then the master of ceremonies, Hon. Wm. Dan Ebenazar Hurd, delivered an eloquent speech of welcome and was succeeded by the following:

"The advantages of Co-education at the Michigan Agricultural College," Mr. Samuel Leonard Christensen.

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"Home Life on the Farm," Squire James Hackley Skinner.

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