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One Remedy.

M. G. KAINS, '95.

The blues! the blues,
Those azure hues
Whose visits every one eschews,
Have bound me with their gloomy screws.

"These blues," I muse,
"Do not amuse;
Why do I yield me to their ruse
Like farmer gulled by wily Jews?"

"These blues! they ooze
Into my views
Of life, and all my thoughts confuse
Until I everything abuse.

"Some choose to cruise,
They wave adieus;
Some lounge around; some tea infuse,
Or gormandize on charlotte russe.

"Some snooze in pews;
Some visit 'zoos';
Some try to mind their P's and Q's,
Yet find themselves in mental stew.

"But blues diffuse.
I freely use
Good 'Barley brews,'
(Which worry W. C. T. U's).
While cheeks suffuse with rosy hues
My blues they ooze away in booze."
So all of you who have the blues
Refuse ye not these clues and cues
To drive away what each one rues—
A visit of the pesky blues—
For if you use the 'Barley brews'
The booze will make you lose the blues.

[We are informed that the inspiration for the above poem came at the birth of Lewis Stanley Kains, second son of the author.—ED.]

John Wesley.

In a plain, straightforward, and interesting talk, Professor Mumford told us Sunday morning of John Wesley. He told us of his childhood, when he first conceived the idea that he was inspired for a special mission in life; of his school days at Charter House school, Christ's Church school, and Lincoln College; of the Holy Club organized at Oxford by Charles Wesley, which mapped out such methodical rules for college and religious work that its members were called Methodists. While John Wesley's name is always connected with methodism, it was not as a methodist that he did his principal work. At times he filled the pulpit for his father at Epworth; but he did not think that his work should be confined to one parish. At one time he and his brother Charles came to Georgia in the United States to convert the indians, but their work failed utterly. Afterward returning to England he began his great revival work about 1738. Contrary to popular opinion, John Wesley never opposed the Church of England; he was always loyal to it. Besides his work as an evangelist, his temperance and prison reform work, Wesley did a great amount of literary work. He left as a result of this labor 250 volumes, which included translations, medical treatises, music, modern language grammars, and his sermons.

Our Representative in the Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest.

Friday morning in Chapel there was adopted a resolution to the effect that, in case there are no candidates for the Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest except those engaged

in the local Intersociety Contest, the winner in the Intersociety Contest shall, if a candidate, be our representative at the Intercollegiate Contest. The result of the contest Friday night makes Frank V. Warren our representative to the contest in Albion in May, and that he will represent us well all who heard him Friday night feel sure.

Noted Speakers at the Round-Up.

The State round-up of farmers' institutes at the College next week will bring together a large corps of noted and able speakers, and the programs in which they will take part will be worth going many miles to hear. Of course there will be all the regular institute workers. Besides these we might mention the names of Hon. J. H. Brigham, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture; Governor H. S. Pingree; President H. B. Hutchins, of the University of Michigan; Hon. George McKerrrow, Supt. Farmers' Institutes of Wisconsin; Hon. E. O. Grosvenor, State Dairy and Food Commissioner; Hon. Sybrant Wesselius, Commissioner of Railroads; Mrs. Mary C. Spencer, State Librarian; Dr. Mary Wood-Allen, Ann Arbor; Mrs. Irma T. Jones, Lansing, and T. B. Terry, Ohio.

Those who attended the round-up at St. Louis last year will be pleased to know that Mr. C. S. Bartlett, of Pontiac, will sing at all general sessions. Very low railroad and hotel rates have been secured; and excellent opportunity will be afforded to inspect the College in all its departments; in fact, we see no reason why a great many people should not attend.

The Olivet-M. A. C. Field Day.

Thursday afternoon G. B. Wells, of M. A. C., met Prof. L. D. Milliman, of Olivet, in Charlotte to see about holding a joint field day at that place. Business men of Charlotte were consulted and found favorable. It is probable that they will furnish suitable grounds free, give good prizes for the events, and get good hotel rates, so that there will be but little expense to the two athletic associations. The matter was left with Mr. Brown, of Brown Bros. clothing house, who will call a meeting of business men and enlist their co-operation. The following program, subject to approval by the athletic associations, was agreed upon by the two representatives:

FORENOON.

100-yard dash, half-mile bicycle, 220-yard hurdles, hammer throw, pole vault, half-mile run, running hop, step and jump, 440-yard run, running broad jump, running high jump, mile walk.

AFTERNOON.

Mile bicycle, 120-yard hurdles, mile run, shot put, relay race, baseball.

EVENING.

Light, welter, middle, and heavy-weight wrestling; club swinging, and high kick.

The events for the all-around

championship are to be the same as those in the M. I. A. A. The evening program will be given if Olivet succeeds in getting a wrestling team. There will be an endeavor to have one of the regular M. I. A. A. baseball games on that day. The date set for the field day was Friday, May 13, or in case that is not a good day, Friday, May 20.

It was agreed further that the number of entries in each event be not limited, that profits or losses be shared equally by the two associations, that the services of bands from both institutions be secured, and that all (whether contestants or not) pay admission as follows: At the gates, 25 cents per half day or 35 cents for all day; at grand stand 10 cents per half day or 15 cents for all day; at indoor meet, 15 cents. The indoor meet, if held, will begin at 6:30 P. M., so that we can catch the evening train for Lansing. The friendly rivalry existing between Olivet and M. A. C. should make such a field day a success; and the interest now manifested in it indicates a large attendance from both colleges.

The Sopho-Freshman "Scrap."

Wednesday of last week was the day set by the freshmen for flying their colors; all "Naughty-ones" were to meet at 12:20 in the Chapel to receive their strips of green and pink. Yards of the bright silk had been stored in the room of Miss Melton, class secretary, the night before. Yards of this same bright silk was purloined in the night by a sophomore girl.

The hour of morning chapel was at hand. A notice was read: "Freshman class-meeting at 12:20 to-day;" and a laugh went up from the sophomore seats, where every boy was bedecked with strips of that green and pink. Disgrace had come upon the freshmen; their rivals were wearing their colors. Some warning must have come to the freshmen, for but few of them were in chapel; but when the doors were thrown open for the students to go out, a crowd of the absentees were seen in the hall and the first sophomore out was promptly relieved of his decorations. In an instant the hall was in a tumult, but it did not last long. President Snyder was among the excited students, and they hesitated before his voice of command. He requested that they go at once to their classes and told them no scuffling in the buildings would be tolerated. The boys were spoiling for a "scrap," and some could not resist the impulse to grab at the coveted colors; but respect for the president's word prevailed, and it was not five minutes before all were in their classes.

Noon came, and with it the freshman class-meeting, the distribution of the remaining colors, and the taunts of the sophomores outside. The latter had not long to wait before they had their "scrappy" desires satisfied. The freshmen poured out of the building and overwhelmed them like a flood; at least the sophomores, in a very few moments, looked as though a flood of mud, snow, and wild cats had enveloped them. Every sophomore found

himself at once the center of a very lively interest, with about half a dozen freshmen to accelerate his interesting gyrations. By one o'clock the dilapidated contestants were ready to draw off, and classes went on as usual.

At night the freshmen floated their colors from the flag-staff, with the sophomore colors at half-mast, and posted a squad to guard them; but in the early morning the sophomores charged the guard and pulled the streamers down. The whole difficulty ended Thursday afternoon at a friendly meeting of the two classes on the campus in front of Wells Hall, where each class sent out a representative to take part in a wrestling bout. Each side got a fall; it was called a draw, and, with good-natured cheers for the wrestlers, the boys went to their rooms.

Special Courses Ended.

The third annual session of the special dairy courses came to an end last Friday. The attendance upon the special courses this year has been much larger than ever before, the farm department having given instruction during the winter to sixty-four students, nineteen in the cheese course, twenty-seven in the creamery course and nine in the course in live stock husbandry.

The removal of the partitions in the basement of the Agricultural Laboratory, made possible by the supply of steam from the central plant and the supply of electrical power, gave room for the increased equipment necessary to the more elaborate instruction offered this season. The boys went away commending the College and the course.

"Students' Org." Records Wanted.

An effort is being made to gather up all books and records pertaining to the old Students' Organization. Any information concerning such records and books will be gratefully received. WARREN BABCOCK.

Lightly Told.

Sound asleep—Silence.—*Ex.*

A study in high lights—The stars.

Freezing point is thirty-two in the shade. Pleasing point—thirty less.—*Ex.*

Was not the electric light used in Bible times? Did not Noah see the arc light on Mount Ararat?

Jack—I say, Jim, why aren't you calling on Miss Jones any more?

Jim—Don't ask me, Jack; the reason is a parent.—*Harvard Lampoon.*

"My task in life," said the pastor, complacently, "consists in saving young men."

"Ah!" replied the maiden, with a soulful longing, "save a nice looking one for me."—*Ex.*

She—I saw you gazing very pensively at the moon last evening, Mr. Skinner.

Mr. Skinner—Ah, yes! Well, I'm in sympathy with her. We're both on our last quarter.—*Harvard Lampoon.*

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PREACHING SERVICE—Sunday afternoons at 2:30 in the Chapel.

Y. M. C. A.—Regular meetings Sunday evenings at 7:30 and Thursday evenings at 6:30. C. W. Loomis, President. E. M. Hunt, 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 Clara J. Stoccum, President. Miss Ella Phelps, 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.

BOTANICAL CLUB—Meets Monday evenings 6:30 in the Botanical Laboratory. B. Barlow, President. Miss Marie Belliss, Secretary.

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. C. E. Townsend, President. D. B. Lanting, Secretary.

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

FERONIAN SOCIETY—Meetings every Friday afternoon at 1:00, West Ward, Wells Hall. Lucy Monroe, President. Blanche Huhn, Secretary.

HESPERIAN SOCIETY—Meetings every Saturday evening at 7:00, West Ward, Wells Hall. C. W. Loomis, President. H. J. Westcott, Secretary.

OLYMPIC SOCIETY—Meetings every Saturday evening at 7:00, Fourth Floor, Williams Hall. W. K. Brainerd, President. C. A. Warren, Secretary.

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

THEMIAN SOCIETY—Meetings every Saturday evening at 7:00, Chapel. Marguerite Bogula, President. Irma Thompson, Secretary.

UNION LITERARY SOCIETY—Meetings every Saturday evening at 7:00, U. L. S. Hall. F. L. Woodworth, President. E. W. Ranney, Secretary.

TAU BETA PI FRATERNITY—Meetings 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.

The Oratorical Contest.

It is a pleasure to report the inter-society contest of last Friday night, for it was certainly a success. The Rev. Mr. Osborne in his remarks preceding the announcement of the decision voiced the sentiments of many when he declared it the best contest of recent years. The audience was large and appreciative, the music good, and the orations a credit to the contestants and to the societies. And when the time comes for the State contest, we shall all feel that Mr. Warren, the successful orator, will bring credit not only to himself but also to the College. Whether he wins or not, the reputation of M. A. C. is safe in his hands.

The first oration was by Mr. C. E. Townsend; subject, "The Ideal Citizen." The theme is an expository one, a form not best suited to oratorical purposes, but Mr. Townsend in large measure overcame this

difficulty by making us feel that the conditions essential to the development of the ideal citizen must be brought about, and we should strive more ardently to attain the ideal he so sympathetically portrayed. The points were all well developed, and the style was clear and unpretentious. The especial excellence, perhaps, was the clear, simple outline, with parts distinctively marked by transitional phrases and sentences. Briefly his thought ran somewhat as follows: It is not the possession of rights that constitutes citizenship, for rights are but a means to a nobler end, the performance of duty. But in order that a man may be in condition to do his best, he must have an adequate livelihood and health. He must also enjoy the influences of family life, for it is here that one first gets his conception of human brotherhood. He should be free to engage actively in politics, for active public life is the best school yet devised for developing human beings. That he may accomplish something by his political activity, he must have a broad education, for the problems of today are of unexampled complexity. He should also be patriotic, and above all religious, for it is religion that enables men to stand for principle, for right, for truth and justice, and for purity and honor both in public and in private life.

Mr. F. V. Warren's subject was "Self and the Other Man." The especial strength of this oration was in its thought, which invited the close attention of the audience from the first, and held it throughout. The style was plain, direct and forcible, without any effort at ornamentation or oratorical display. There was no phrase that savored of the perfunctory, nothing that seemed to be put in for mere effect; there was a proposition to establish, and every phrase was devoted to the establishment of that proposition. Another element of strength was the sanity of judgment that was everywhere present; to all he said he won our assent. As this was the winning oration it will probably be published at some later date; for that reason we make no attempt here to summarize the thought.

Mr. F. R. Crane took for subject the indefinite term, "Probabilities." This was a serious handicap for it did not suggest any distinct line of thought. However, Mr. Crane soon narrowed the term to the probabilities of success or failure, and devoted himself mainly to developing the topic, elements of success. This was another expository theme, but the speaker succeeded in giving it a persuasive trend. In places the oration showed real oratorical style and spirit, and if it had been equal throughout to its best passages, it would have won a higher rank. Mr. Crane's delivery possessed great flexibility and excellent modulation. The elements of success enumerated were as follows: The kindly interest of friends, which spurs one on to do his best; the spirit that permeates the phrase, "I'll try;" industry and the willingness to do what seems given one to do; perseverance; self reliance; and a spirit like Lincoln's, that will defy poverty. From this on, the speaker developed the idea that a really great man is the grandest object this world ever exhibits, and closed with an appeal for the domination of the heart by the love of excellence, of truth, of nature, of man, and of God.

The last speaker, Mr. D. J. Hale, discussed the topic, "Unsolved

Problems and Their Remedy." The fundamental thought-principle underlying this oration was much the same as in that of Mr. Warren; but the thoughts used in presenting the topic, and the plan of development were totally dissimilar.

Mr. Hale began by saying that the world is ruled by selfishness. The capitalist asserts his right to all in profits, the laborer his right to all in wages, and the Nation trembles in fear of industrial war. Courts are poor safeguards, for a rich criminal can always find a lawyer and a jury able and willing to whiten his black crime. In Congress better laws wait on log-rolling and party strife. The remedy is to replace the spirit of selfishness by that of service. This spirit is growing, but it does not yet dominate. The best method of developing it is to teach it in the public schools. Let the teacher practice it; let the lives of great men enforce it. Let children learn what it means by teaching them to practice it. The school touches every home, and the spirit of service once quickened in the hearts of children will save the nation. Mr. Hale's subject is well adapted to oratory, and the development was in the main oratorical. There were a few phrases that suggested some coloring of the expression for rhetorical effect, but with this exception the style was very good. The delivery was earnest and forcible, but still a trifle too nervous to show Mr. Hale at his best, or to make his oration most effective. In the markings of the judges he came very close to Mr. Townsend, who carried off second honors—so close that it is not strange that many think Mr. Hale should have had the second place.

The judges on composition were Professor Scott, of the University of Michigan, Professor Ford, of Albion, and President Mosher, of Hillsdale. The judges on delivery were Rev. Mr. Osborne and Messrs. C. C. Wood and Paul Hickey, all of Lansing. The marks are as follows:

Judges.	Townsend.	Warren.	Crane.	Hale.
Scott.....	95	85	70	75
Ford.....	92.5	96.5	77.5	95
Mosher.....	93	95	80	88
Wood.....	79	89	84	86
Osborne.....	82.5	100	96	93
Hickey.....	86	95	89	87
Totals.....	528	500.5	496.5	524

From this table it will be seen that Mr. Warren was marked first by five of the six judges, that Mr. Townsend fell off on delivery, and that Mr. Crane gained on delivery. As to the first prize the decision seems to give general satisfaction; as to the second there is an honest difference of opinion, as there is sure to be when the grading is so close.

As we have already said, the reputation of the College in the coming State contest, is safe in the hands of Mr. Warren. Still it is a matter of regret that there should be but four contestants for this honor. Barring the case of the natural orator, no society can tell in advance which one out of a half dozen or more of its members will produce the best oration. And if the natural orator should come, the method of election would give him no show until his junior or senior year. Let us hope that next year there will be many contestants. Those who aspire to the honor may well begin now to look for a subject and to accumulate material. A. B. M.

Professor Bailey's New Botany.

During the last quarter of this century there has been a great revival of interest in the study of plants. Many new text books for high schools have lately been written, covering with greater or less completeness the subject of plant life. Many books treating the subject in a popular manner have also appeared to help along the growing interest in elementary science which is now attracting considerable attention under the name of Nature Study. School boards and science teachers are besieged by the persistent agents of enterprising publishers. These gentlemen all have the best and latest presentation of the subject. Early in January the Macmillan Company published a book of nearly five hundred octavo pages bearing the following title page:

"Lessons With Plants. Suggestions for seeing and interpreting some of the common forms of vegetation by L. H. Bailey. With delineations from nature by W. S. Holdsworth, assistant professor of drawing in the Agricultural College of Michigan."

This book is the result of the experience of the author in trying to interest the pupils of common and high schools in the State of New York, in the common plants which grow in the fields and gardens about their homes. Such was the success of his efforts in this direction that he decided to prepare this work, hoping thereby to interest the young people of the whole land in these delightful studies. Like everything which Prof. Bailey writes, this book has a freshness and a clear point of view which makes it a storehouse of methods for all teachers of botany of whatever grade. The fact that Prof. Holdsworth's skillful hand prepared the fine illustrations, over four hundred in number, is a sufficient guaranty of their excellence. The introduction, mainly for teachers, shows that the function of teaching is not to impart facts so much as to bring out methods. The work begins with studies of twigs and buds. These may be studied at any season of the year and are full of interest. Interesting chapters follow on leaves and foliage, chiefly the forms and structure of these members, always urging the necessity of independent and continued out-of-door observation on the part of pupils. A plant is a living thing and must be studied as it is growing and behaving in the open air and in its relation to the hosts of other plants by which it is surrounded.

Over a hundred pages are devoted to studies of flowers. This is perhaps the most important part of the whole book. The question, What is a flower? is discussed in the most thorough manner, and the answer is brought out by actual observation of the pupil on a few well known plants.

Chapters on the fruits and propagation of plants are followed by studies on their behaviors and habits. There is an interesting talk on classification and another on preserving plants for the herbarium, full of the author's ripe experience in these subjects.

An appendix gives excellent pedagogical advice, a list of the best books for reference and a complete and concise glossary of the technical terms used in the book. A full index adds much to the usefulness of the book—C. F. W.

At the College.

Sleighting is gone.

The first half-term ended last Friday.

There will be no school next Tuesday.

The special course students left us Friday.

Miss Coman spent Sunday with friends in Lansing.

Wanted—To know the name of our new cartoonist.

Miss Melton spent Sunday with her parents near Mason.

Don't miss seeing the display of orchids in the greenhouse.

The College has purchased 400 chairs for use in the Armory.

President Snyder was away last Wednesday on institute work.

Mrs. Snyder has been suffering from la grippe during the past week.

Wesley Wilkson of Chicago, was the guest of Wayne Dunstan, '01, last week.

A little more outside work and our electric lighting system will be completed.

Miss Gertrude Lowe, '01, who has been ill for several days, is able to be in classes again.

Prof. C. D. Smith attended the Lincoln Club banquet in Grand Rapids, Friday night.

Mr. E. C. Baker, of the Lansing Iron & Engine Works, has been secured as instructor in the foundry.

Saturday morning a telegram announced to Clarence Cornell, '01, the sad news of his mother's death.

About fourteen baseball candidates are playing basket-ball every night from 6:20 to 7:00 o'clock in the armory.

Pres. Oscar Clute arrived at College from Chicago Saturday evening and is spending a few days with his family here.

The junior class has completed the work embodied in Klein's "Elements of Machine Design," and will now take up the design of a high speed engine.

The track athletes are practicing daily in the armory. The new gymnasium apparatus enables them to practice the high jumps, pole-vault, hurdles, and runs.

The short course specials have finished their work in the Chemical Department. They were attentive students and seemed to enjoy the opportunities offered them.

Several illnesses of last week have been reported among faculty people. Mrs. Butterfield, Mrs. Gunson, and others were on the sick list but are now better.

The class in veterinary science witnessed an operation in dental surgery Saturday morning. Some molar teeth were removed from one of the "Hort." Department horses.

The faculty of the College will be represented at the Student Volunteer convention in Cleveland next week by Mr. W. O. Beal, and the Y. W. C. A., by Miss Clara Stocoum.

Messrs. C. H. Parker, F. E. West and W. W. Wells left Thursday afternoon to attend the State Y. M. C. A. convention at Jackson. A number of others also went down Friday afternoon.

Supporters of athletics will be pleased to learn that Mr. Tompkins, the Lansing high school athlete, has entered College. He classified last week and began his regular work this morning.

Through its agent, Mr. Snyder of Lansing, the weather bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture has furnished the Chemical Department a new case for meteorological instruments. It fills a long felt want.

The Junior hop will be held this year in the Eclectic and Olympic society rooms and will be exclusively for Juniors. The event will occur next Friday evening and will be followed by a banquet in Club A. Stark's orchestra from Grand Ledge will furnish music.

J. H. Brown, Climax, was at the College on Monday of last week. He had just returned from Denver, Colorado, where he had been, with the other members of the Michigan Live Stock Sanitary Commission, attending a meeting of the National Stock Breeders' Association.

The special course students enjoyed "Swedish timbals" at the Domestic Economy Department last week. One unfortunate who misunderstood the nature of these delicacies, thought he had secured one safely but it took wings, and mistaking it for a butterfly, he caught it in his hat.

The contest to be given next Saturday evening by the S. E. division of the Capitol Grange promises to be a very entertaining affair. Miss Vaughn, Miss McCurdy, Miss Champion, Mr. Gunson, Mr. Bulkley, Mr. Snook and Mr. Bodourian will take part in the entertainment. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

College and Exchanges.

Hand-ball is having a popular run at the U. of M.

Chapel exercises at Olivet College are now held at 11:55 A. M.

Albion's new president, John P. Ashley, will be inaugurated February 23.

The Shipherd Hall girls at Olivet have inaugurated a series of masquesade balls that are proving very popular.

State Normal students have petitioned the faculty to add 50 cents a semester to the registration fee, the fund thus secured to be used for athletics.

Senator James McMillan has presented a valuable addition to the Shakespeare library of the U. of M. It consists of 152 volumes and pamphlets, duplicates from the memorial Shakespeare library in Birmingham, England.

After the year 1900, students entering the medical department of the Michigan University will have to present the equivalent of from one to two years of work in the literary department. The combined literary and medical course which now takes six years will, after 1900, be extended to seven.

Dartmouth is considering a plan for the support of college athletics, by which the bill of each student is to be increased \$10 a year, which will go toward the support of the football, baseball and track teams. Every student will in this case receive a pass to all the athletic contests.—U. of M. Daily.



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News from Graduates and Students.

T. C. Lewis, with '00 m, is in Grand Rapids working for the Anti-Saloon League.

W. J. Goodenough, '95m, is now employed in the Bath (Maine) Iron Works, a marine engineering establishment.

Ralph Haskins, with '95m, formerly of Imlay City, is now a resident of Lansing. He visited College last Tuesday.

H. E. VanNorman, '97, is engaged in dairy work for Congressman S. M. Stephenson at Menominee, Michigan.

John W. Toan, '90, will graduate next June from the Detroit College of Medicine. Guy H. Frace, '95, is a student at the same institution.

Married, January 19, at Albion, Mich., George W. Davis, '92, to Miss Addie E. Herrick. At home, Tekonsha, Mich. Mr. Davis is State mustering officer for the Sons of Veterans.

F. F. Stephenson, *sp.* commissioner of schools in Iosco county, writes for advertising material of the M. A. C., to be used at a teachers' association in East Tawas next week.

Among those who attended the Oratorical Contest Friday evening, we noticed Guy L. Stewart, '95; G. A. Parker, '97m; H. A. Williams, with '98; H. B. Gunnison, with '98m; and D. E. Hoag, with '99m.

We were favored with calls by Dr. E. A. A. Grange, Detroit, and Dr. H. F. Palmer, '93, Brooklyn, last Wednesday. The two were attending the annual meeting of the State Veterinary Association in Lansing part of the week.

W. S. Kedzie, '83, has gone to Durango, Mexico, to take the position of assayer for the Otis Williams Company. He receives a salary of \$200 per month, Mexican money, equivalent to \$90 in gold. He takes the position left vacant by the promotion of his brother G. E. Kedzie, '73.

Will A. Cannon, with '93, is devoting nearly his whole time in Leland Stanford University to the study of botany, for which the University and vicinity offer exceptional advantages. He expects to spend part of the summer vacation at the Hopkins Seaside Laboratory at Pacific Grove. He speaks of frequently seeing W. F. Wright, '94, who is also making a specialty of botany at Leland Stanford.

Rural Peace, Beauty and Homes.

Donald McPherson, '74, writes that the Washington, D. C., contingent of M. A. C. alumni numbers over twenty. They have an association, of which Mr. McPherson is president, and will hold their annual reunion and banquet soon. Although Mr. McPherson is a lawyer, he has not lost all interest in agricultural subjects, nor in the Agricultural College, as is indicated by the following from his letter to President Snyder:

"Permit me to congratulate you on your successful administration of the affairs of the Michigan Agricultural College; also I congratulate the friends of the College and the people of Michigan on its successful development and high attainments and rank among kindred institutions

in the United States. It has done a good work, and been a great factor as an educator in the practical art of agriculture, as well as kindred arts.

"The art, as well as the science as applied to other arts, is yet in the primitive state. There is an immense field yet for discovery and development; it is the art of all arts—the most beautiful and useful, and the noblest of them all. Upon competent reflection, it involves more than any other—if not nearly all others. Its high development marks peace and a higher development of human civilization. With its improvement will come honorable respect and regard without the vanity, deceit, treachery, and distress, the resulting terminations of nearly all other occupations. Peace and security and general prosperity may be the general award of most American agricultural and rural homes, while disappointment, hopeless reverses and blasted hopes and fortunes will ensnare most men engaged in other callings. This I know by experience and observation. It is a delusion and an empty vanity that leads away from rural life—but still it will be so for some time. When the status is changed, and which this College is aiding in doing, making it more desirable, then the tide of humanity, I believe, will turn as a matter of choice to rural peace, beauty and homes. The esthetic as well as the practical sense will then advise and demand it. It will be the coming civilization and not 'the coming slavery.'"

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