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Thos. Dixon, Jr.

The semi-final number in the College lecture course was the lecture on "Backbone" delivered in the armory on Friday night last by Thomas Dixon, Jr., a tall, long-armed, raw-boned, typical Tar-heel, and at the same time a man of powerful, well-modulated voice (when it is in good trim), great rapidity and accuracy of enunciation, just a little artificiality in pose and bearing, originality and attractiveness of expression, and an encouraging degree of earnestness of purpose.

The lecture was a good one, as lectures go. The great requisite of a popular lecture seems to be an overwhelming mass of illustrations without anything especial to illustrate; but it should be said of Mr. Dixon that he did show a commendable proportion of solid thought and serious purpose. I am beginning to think that when we go to get up a lecture course next year we should not go to the lecture bureaus at all to get lecturers. All the lectures of all the lecture bureaus are made after one recipe—take three rather commonplace ideas, dissolve with stories and jokes apt and inapt until the ideas cannot be distinguished, beat with gestures and grimaces to a light froth and pour with great rapidity (of articulation) into the ears of your audience until they become restive. The lecture-bureau lecture is a very, very mild sort of mental dissipation, insipid because of its very mildness, and frothy until the sufferer, like Milton's sheep, feels swollen and distempered with wind.

There are exceptions to all rules, and Mr. Dixon is one of the exceptions. But even he would do better were we to deal with him directly, telling him what we wanted and assigning him a definite topic. This method would, no doubt, cost more, but it would be undoubtedly more satisfactory in the end.

Mr. Dixon commenced by telling what from a Frenchman's standpoint the English race had done—advanced in five centuries from five million people to 465 millions, created armies and navies greater than those of all Europe put together. The secret of this marvelous development lies in the Anglo-Saxon's indomitable purpose, his power of will, his individualism. This will-power is cultivated in the Anglo-Saxon from the beginning. The education of the Frenchman is the substitution of an older will for that of the boy himself. "Obey, submit, do as I tell you, and then I will get you a place in the army or the civil service, or marry you off to some rich heiress." The Anglo-Saxon gives his son the best training possible, directing not repressing his powers, and then tosses him out into the world to make his own way. The colonization schemes of the two nations differ in the same way.

Backbone does not consist in obstinacy. There is no man but makes a mistake; the man of backbone sees it and acknowledges it.

The following pithy sentences were picked up during the course of the very enjoyable two hours' talk: "He who knows how to retreat has

mastered the elements of victory." "There are many fools in this world that can't stand the truth." "The man that has convictions is sure to have trouble." "A man's strength is measured by his weakest hour." "Men respect a man that believes something." "Expert testimony is invaluable but not infallible." I imagine that the word "invaluable" has two meanings here, at least it should have. "The man that says 'I will' is alone responsible for human life." "To will is to live; not to will is to die." "Into every man's life comes the divine possibility of choice." Mr. Dixon paid high tributes to Alexander H. Stephens and William Lloyd Garrison, and closed with a fine word-picture of the sacrifice of an engineer in a railway wreck.

It might be well to mention that the word steppes is not a two-syllable word. H. E.

Correspondence.

TO THE EDITOR:

From 1860 to 1863 Dr. George Thurber was professor of botany and horticulture. He was a genius, original, a great botanist, an old bachelor, and eccentric; for two years the class of 1864 studied under him. To the student who showed any signs of talent for botany he was interested and devoted.

Dr. Thurber had no use for a stupid student. His profession was his ideal and only those who showed talent in that line interested him. Dr. Thurber was commissary and botanist under Burnside, who surveyed the boundary line between Mexico and the United States substantially as it now exists. He had edited a volume of Gray's botany, and after he left M. A. C. he was for a long time editor-in-chief of the *American Agriculturist*. He was a scientist, but not a teacher in a college of miscellaneous students. His peculiar disposition caused him to have favorites among the students, which resulted in jealousy and indifference among those not favorites.

It is said of Agassiz the elder, that he was such a genius, that he was not a success as a teacher. Dr. Thurber might well be classed with Agassiz in that respect. The impression made upon the students was that he was not a teacher but a botanist of high order.

Albert N. Prentiss succeeded Dr. Thurber as instructor in botany and horticulture. Much might be said of him as a student and as professor in this, his chosen profession. He was instructor in botany and horticulture in M. A. C. from 1863 to 1865; professor of botany from 1865 to 1869; associate director of Cornell Natural History Exploration Expedition to Brazil in 1871 and professor of botany, Cornell University 1868, where he served until his necessary retirement on account of poor health.

In personal appearance Prof. Prentiss was tall, slim and frail, refined in contact with his fellow students, always gentle and approachable. He was looked upon as a superior in intellect, and in personal bearing. He had no enemies

because he was always courteous and a gentleman. He was an excellent instructor, patient and pains-taking in his classes.

As I look back upon his personality and upon his native characteristics, I have of late years placed him with the type of men illustrated by Robert Louis Stephenson—physically weak, mentally dreamy and poetical in thought. I am not aware that Prentiss ever expressed himself in poetry, but such were his mental characteristics. Stephenson was not academic; in his memoir of Fleming Jenkins, he remarks "I was inclined to regard any professor as a joke." He disliked conventionalism.

Prentiss may be said to have been original. He never seemed to like the harness of a professor; he was a student in his own original methods. Leave him untrammelled by fixed methods in his system of research, and Prentiss was a natural scholar and teacher.

He belonged to the first graduating class of M. A. C., and during his student years the same characteristics I have described existed in his relations with his classmates and associates.

The College is fortunate to have upon its records the name of Albert N. Prentiss as one of its first graduates. Beloved as a student, honored as an instructor and professor, his mental and moral characteristics belong to the College, his alma mater, and constitute one of the bright chapters in its history of usefulness and success.

S. M. MILLARD, 1864.

Military Hop.

The second military hop of the term will be given March 14 in honor of Prof. and Mrs. J. D. Towar. A first-class time is promised by the officers, so let all College people come and help us entertain and be entertained.

Hesperian.

The Hesperian Society held a Poverty Party in their rooms Saturday evening, March 1, from 7:00 to 11:00. The guests were attired to suit the occasion and ranged in rank from the "Prince of Hoboes" to the ordinary "Weary Willie."

The Okemos Marine Band led the crowd through the grand march, after which dancing was indulged in. Professor and Mrs. Smith acted as chaperons.

Athletics.

An indoor meet will be held Saturday afternoon March 22d at 2 o'clock in the armory. The following events will take place: 20-yd. dash, running high jump, standing high jump, standing broad jump, running broad jump, pole vault, shot put, potato race, high kick, wrestling, all weights.

All entries should be made before March 19th with Prof. Denman or H. M. Eaton. An admission fee of 15c will be charged to those not members of athletic association.

M. A. C., 29; Alma, 3.

The basket ball team had a very pleasant trip to Alma last Friday. The team was met at the depot by Coach Mortimer and several members of the Alma team. The afternoon was very pleasantly spent about the college and the team went into the game very kindly disposed toward Alma, but nevertheless determined to win.

The game was fast and furious but at no time was M. A. C. in danger of losing. Alma started in with a rush and played a much faster and rougher game than when they played here. Although somewhat tired from the long ride M. A. C. put up a fine game and many complimentary remarks were heard from the spectators. An Alma man would make a wild throw the entire length of the hall where one of our backs would usually get it, and then by clever passing the ball would come up the field and would invariably land in the basket.

It was only through the excellent team work that M. A. C. was able to score such a decisive victory, for the floor and basket were very hard to become accustomed to.

M. A. C.	POSITION	ALMA
Tower	Backs	Fuller, Webber
Tuttle		Catsenberg
Babcock	Centre	Shank
Cooper, Capt.	Forwards	Jennings, Capt.
Haftenkamp		Robinson, Whitney
Substitutes		
Morgan		Whitney Webber
Referee Mortimer of Alma.		
Umpire Brunger of M. A. C.		
Timekeepers { Soules, Alma		
{ Morgan, M. A. C.		
Baskets — Cooper, 1; Haftenkamp, 8, Robinson, 1. Baskets from foul—Cooper, 2		

On Thursday evening, March 6, Mrs. E. M. Kedzie gave a handsome and elaborate dinner in honor of Prof. and Mrs. Towar. The function was unique in the matter of service in that each guest assisted in the serving of the various courses. Each guest, on arrival, was given a copy of the menu and some poetical quotation suggesting the part of the course which he was expected to serve. For instance: to Prof. Barrows came

"But man is a carnivorous production
And must have meat, at least one meal a day;
He cannot live like woodcocks upon suction,
But like the shark and tiger must have prey."—Byron.

Accordingly, the professor carved the "prey," which took the form of a monster turkey. After dinner, compass whist was played for a couple of hours. The top score east and west was made by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bird, and that north and south by Mrs. Appleyard and Prof. Vedder.

Miss Morrison went Monday to Ann Arbor to take a position as dietitian in the homeopathic hospital of the university.

Miss Alice Cimmer, seeing on the desk of the superintendent an M. A. C. calendar, remarked to the stenographer that those were the faces of the best people in Michigan. Her friends here greatly appreciate her loyalty and esteem.

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The societies will soon be engaged in the selection of orators for the contest of next year. It may not be considered intrusive, since we are all concerned in the final result, to offer just now a few observations on the subject of speakers and speaking. It is a matter of course—a principle which, we believe, has been in late years almost universally acted upon—that the society owes it to the College public to select its best man, regardless of friendship or rank in the society itself. Perhaps it is not so generally acknowledged that, as close association frequently warps the judgment, it might be well sometimes to consult well-informed outsiders, at least as a basis for further investigation, in the choice of the best man. May we hope that this remark will be charitably judged as made in the interest of the common good, and not from any desire to meddle or intrude on domain where we have no claim nor any desire to assert a claim? The choice made by a society, we are well aware, while to an outsider not appearing wise, may be dictated by good and sufficient reasons. The best man may not be available, or the outsider may be mistaken in his judgment as to who is the best man. As, however, the opinion of the outsider compels to nothing and prejudices nothing, it would seem not unwise to have whatever help it may be able to give.

After the choice of a speaker is made, it remains for him to choose a subject on which to speak. On this matter of subject we have some quite positive convictions. It is unfortunate that the tendency in our state contests, governed, of course, by the kind of matter that has won in most cases, is toward subjects that lend themselves readily to exaggeration, frothy declamation, and verbal pyrotechnics. To be specific, the subjects almost uniformly chosen of late in these contests have been eulogies of great characters or historical events of a dramatic nature, affording large scope for elaborate description and dramatic attitudinizing. It is the choice of the musical virtuoso or vocalist who desires, not

to appeal to the appreciation of beauty in his hearer, but to excite wonder and admiration by unexampled vocal gymnastics or by astounding instrumental prestidigitation. It leads to an exhibition of just a little higher order than that of the Japanese juggler of the circus, or the negro clog-dancer of the minstrel show.

It does worse things still to both performer and audience. The eulogist at the very start puts himself in an uncritical attitude of mind. He spurs his imagination to strange and uncouth vaults. He has chosen his subject for the purpose of display and display he must have at any cost. Earth, air, and sky are laboriously explored for striking imagery. All regard for proportion is lost sight of and truth itself is forgotten in the one effort to say something large and startling. Not only so, but nothing in the realm of thought and sentiment is sacred from the "vaulting ambition that o'erleaps itself." It has gone so far that an elaborate parallel between the hero and God himself, extending even to the sufferings and death of the Savior of mankind, has not merely passed unrebuked, but has been crowned with the laurel of victory.

Our oratory thus becomes, like the mediæval rhetoric, a mere seeking after meretricious effect, and loses all serious value and dignity. The colleges, which should stand for truth and solidity of thought, clearness, directness, and energy of expression, and dignity and naturalness of bearing, thus become schools where the ideal is that of the lecture platform contortionist, where the clothing of thought has become the end of thought, where fantastic ideas and insincere emotion are deliberately propagated. We not only break all the commandments ourselves but we teach others to do so. What shall be the place of orators of this kind in the realm of actual life to which they will soon come?

When the representative of the society, therefore, has been chosen, let him sit down and ask himself, not "What can I win on?" not "How can I best display the range and power of my fancy?" but "Where in all the great battle of the living present between right and wrong, between evil and good, can I strike my best blow, puny indeed in actual effect, but struck with all the will to do and dare that the doughtiest veteran of them all can feel? What am I for and what am I against? What do I know and what will my opportunities enable me to find out? This comes to me only, out of five or six hundred, and comes to me only once in a life-time; What shall I do with it? My words will fall on attentive ears and delicately responsive hearts; what message shall those words bear? Here is a great responsibility as well as a great privilege, and even considering only myself and not others, the attitude I take at to myself so important a juncture must reflect itself in all my future life." It is said that in every life there is material for one good novel. Surely in every earnest life there must be some one thing that one would be glad to shout out to a whole assembled world if that world would only hear. Surely there must be some phase of testimony for right or protest against wrong about which one thinks strongly and feels genuinely. Let that phase

Book Buying Association.

At a special meeting of the board of directors of the M. A. C. Co-operative Book Buying Association, the manager was re-elected and other important business discussed and transacted. The following report of the business transacted during the past year was made and accepted:

WINTER TERM ENDING MARCH 29, 1901.

	DR. FOOT-ING.	CR. FOOT-ING.	LOSSES.	GAINS.	RE-SOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Co-op. Book Buying Ass'n.....		\$1,361 48				
Freight.....	\$63 11		\$63 11			
Expense.....	138 13		88 13		\$50 00	
Merchandise.....	3,002 41	2,123 98		\$257 62	1,136 05	
Cash.....	2,127 26	2,076 06			51 20	
A. C. Bird.....	1,522 14	1,291 53			230 61	
	\$6,853 05	\$6,853 05	\$151 24	\$257 62	\$1,467 86	
Co-op. Book Buying Ass'n			106 38			
Net Gain.....			\$257 62	\$257 62		
Co-op. Book Buying Ass'n						
Net Credit.....		\$1,361 48				
Co-op. Book Buying Ass'n						
Net Gain.....		106 38				
Co-op. Book Buying Ass'n						
Present Worth.....						\$1,467 86
					\$1,467 86	\$1,467 86

SPRING TERM ENDING JUNE 19, 1901.

	DR. FOOT-ING.	CR. FOOT-ING.	LOSSES.	GAINS.	RE-SOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Co-op. Book Buying Ass'n.....		\$1,470 11				
Freight.....	\$21 13		\$21 13			
Expense.....	119 51		69 51		\$50 00	
Merchandise.....	1,386 38	1,173 51		\$121 65	994 52	
Cash.....	1,155 10	1,155 10				
A. C. Bird.....	1,245 37	761 33			484 04	
Ginn & Co.....	219 02	187 36			32 56	
	\$4,747 41	\$4,747 41	\$90 64	\$121 65	\$1,501 12	
Co-op. Book Buying Ass'n						
Net Gain.....			31 01			
Co-op. Book Buying Ass'n			\$121 65	\$121 65		
Co-op. Book Buying Ass'n						
Net Credit.....		\$1,470 11				
Co-op. Book Buying Ass'n						
Net Gain.....		31 01				
Co-op. Book Buying Ass'n						
Present Worth.....						\$1,501 12
					\$1,501 12	\$1,501 12

FALL TERM ENDING DEC. 20, 1901.

	DR. FOOT-ING.	CR. FOOT-ING.	LOSSES.	GAINS.	RE-SOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Co-op. Book Buying Ass'n.....		\$1,642 12				
Freight.....	\$69 38		\$69 38			
Expense.....	145 45		95 45		\$50 00	
Merchandise.....	3,323 28	2,194 02		\$248 65	1,383 91	
Cash.....	2,325 13	2,215 70			109 43	
A. C. Bird.....	2,369 04	2,177 44			191 60	
A. C. McClurg & Co.....	384 16	393 16			\$9 00	
	\$8,622 44	\$8,622 44	\$164 83	\$248 65	\$1,734 94	\$9 00
Co-op. Book Buying Ass'n						
Net Gain.....			83 82			
Co-op. Book Buying Ass'n			\$248 65	\$248 65		
Co-op. Book Buying Ass'n						
Net Credit.....		\$1,642 12				
Co-op. Book Buying Ass'n						
Net Gain.....		83 82				
Co-op. Book Buying Ass'n						
Present Worth.....						\$1,725 94
					\$1,734 94	\$1,734 94

Merchandise bought, \$5,285.07.
Merchandise sold, \$5,491.51.
Merchandise on hand, \$1,383.91.
Cash on hand, \$191.60.

H. RAY KINGSLEY,
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point to your subject, and then throw into the effort all that is in you.

"And will I win by such a mode of action?" Undoubtedly, yes; not possibly a medal, but invaluable self-confidence, a good conscience, and the hearty respect of those who hear you. The rest matters little.
HOWARD EDWARDS.

TO THE EDITOR:

Lewis R. Fisk was acting president from 1860 to 1863. He was a man of pleasant address, genial and generally liked by the students. His position was a hard one as is always the case with a man who is a pro tem.

In 1863 he left the College and afterwards took up work at Albion College, a Methodist institution, where he spent many years. His connection with M. A. C. never impressed itself upon the College, largely because of his uncertain tenure therein.

Nevertheless the students of his time always held him in due respect and as a member of the faculty, he was a factor in the early life of the College.

Manly Miles:—A dry goods box lay at North Lansing depot, marked "M. Miles." An Irishman reading

the address innocently remarked "I wonder how many miles that is."

Dr. Miles was professor of zoology and physiology. His lectures were interesting and he impressed the students with his earnestness. He seemed intensely interested in his subject. He was sociable and enjoyed talking with the students in his classes.

Darwin's writings on the origin of species were comparatively new in those days and were much discussed pro and con in the doctor's classes. The doctor had seemingly mastered the subject as far as then known and his talks were original and keen in their scientific analysis. Darwin's theories were not popular with the press or the public, which made Doctor Miles' talks more valuable to the students, because his mind ran along lines of scientific research.

Rotation of labor became a fad with the faculty and students, and especially the latter, in 1864. To milk the cows was a duty which before then rotated principally among the classes below the seniors. The faculty was importuned by the students to put the seniors into the mill of rotation. The edict went forth and the seniors were doomed

to milk cows two weeks. They, however, put their own interpretation upon the labor rules of the College and concluded Sunday was a day of rest, so the cows were not milked as usual. Late on the Sunday morning a procession of cows followed by Dr. Miles was seen coming up the lane. The cows were finally milked, but not by the seniors. The doctor never forgave them; as a consequence their social relations were not as cordial after the event as they might have been.

While Dr. Miles may not have always been practical as a farmer, he certainly was an earnest scientist. In natural history he seemed to be inspired with a love of nature and to his classes he imparted the spirit of his enthusiasm, which made his work all the more valuable to the students. The writer does not recall meeting the doctor since leaving College, yet the impressions above described are vivid in the memory of one of his pupils.

S. M. MILLARD, 1864.

Notes Gathered Here and There.

Dr. T. W. Proseus, of Rochester, N. Y., has been visiting his sister, Mrs. J. D. Towar.

Prof. Taft attended the horticultural meeting at Frankfort last week, and also visited the station at South Haven.

Secretary and Mrs. A. C. Bird entertained Prof. and Mrs. Towar and members of Prof. Towar's class, on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Geo. A. Bunting, of Hamburg, N. Y., and Mrs. W. G. Osborn, of Grand Rapids, are visiting their sister, Mrs. M. L. Dean.

C. V. Hibbard, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Northwestern University, who is visiting the college associations in the interest of student volunteer movement, was at the College March 9.

Chapel services Sunday morning were conducted by Rev. Hoover, of Okemos. The text selected was from 2 Cor. 6:1. "Neglect not the gift that is in thee." The services were well attended.

Thursday evening prayer meeting was led by E. A. Seelye. Theme: Humility. Christ said, "Unless a man humble himself and become as a little child, he can in no wise enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

The union meeting of the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. Sunday evening was led by Mr. C. C. Wood, of Lansing. Theme, "Choosing our life work." Mr. Wood argued that wherever our lot in life may be cast or whatever our calling, it is not only the wisest thing, but our duty "to do all to the glory of God," and that life is the greatest success which is hid with Christ in God.

"In the midst of life we are in death." On Friday morning last the College bell failed to ring out the hours, and students and teachers went silently to the classes, while the remains of Miss Margaret Talmadge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Talmadge, who conduct Club A in Williams Hall, were being borne to their last resting-place. Our deepest sympathy is with the parents.

The papers have all contained notes concerning the disappearance of Leon Morse, from the College.

Young Morse is the son of game-warden Morse, of Portland. He entered the College last fall. It was discovered recently that young Morse was boarding outside the College grounds and was not attending any classes. His father was notified and telegraphed that he would be here the next day. The young man immediately disappeared, and, so far as we have learned, has not since been heard from. The parents of the boy are greatly distressed, and they have the sincere sympathy of all the College community.

On Saturday last work was commenced on Number 6, Faculty Row, the residence of the professor of English Literature. It will be remembered that more than a year ago this house took fire and was drenched with water. It has remained deserted ever since. It is the intention of the Board to raise the story-and-a-half part to two stories and to carry up the one-story wing to the same height as the main part. The interior plan of the lower floor will be materially modified and the second floor will of course be largely new; and according to Architect Bowd's plans the old affair will be converted into a thoroughly modern dwelling. The roofing was removed on Saturday and the chimneys were taken down to the first floor, leaving the walls ready to be run up to the required height. Although put in place some forty years ago many of the timbers are still perfectly sound. The immediate purpose is to get the house covered in again from the weather before the present fine season for outdoor work shall end.

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Old Students.

H. T. Thomas, '01m, visited the College March 8.

Howard Severance, with '01, now teaching at East Jordan, Mich., is planning to re-enter M. A. C. next session.

We regret to announce that C. N. Jones, with '03, who was recently taken home affected in mind, does not seem to be improving.

Geo. D. White visited over Sunday with M. A. C. friends, returning to his position in Milwaukee Monday afternoon.

The marriage of F. L. Woodworth, '98a, and Miss Gertrude Lowe, with '01, is announced to take place on Wednesday, March 12, in Jackson. We wish both great happiness.

Abraham Knechtel, '00, forester for the State of New York, has an article entitled "Methods of Estimating Timber," in a recent number of *Rod and Gun*, a Montreal, Canada publication.

We were glad to welcome last week Miss Mary Knaggs, '01w, who called at the College on her way to the Woodworth-Lowe wedding. Miss Knaggs said many kind things about her Alma Mater.

John R. Thompson, '00m, is now with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company, at West Milwaukee, Wis. Mr. Thompson is employed in the motive power department. His address is 3,020 Mt. Vernon Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

M. L. Ireland, '01m, under date of March 3, writes that he received, the day before, notification of his appointment to the position of mechanical draughtsman in the office of the Chief of Ordnance, U. S. Army, at Washington, D. C. As he requests immediate change of the address of his RECORD we take it that the appointment takes effect at once.

The library has received from the author, E. Dwight Sanderson, a handsome book, *Insects Injurious to Staple Crops*, published by John Wiley & Sons. The author, while disclaiming an original contribution to science, has gathered his material from a wide-range and has brought together in convenient form information invaluable to the student and the farmer. We heartily congratulate him on his venture.

W. R. Goodwin, in renewing his subscription to the RECORD says: "I am still with the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Co. Am just completing a year's work on the construction of a new branch from Nelson to Peoria, 85 miles. I am occupying the position of foreman of water supply in the engineering department. At present am installing 20 H. P. Otto gasoline engines, and Lidgetwood hoisting machines in coal chutes, for purpose of elevating coal." Mr. Goodwin's address is Peoria, Ill., Care of C. F. Dike, Res. Engineer, Chicago & Northwestern R. R.

W. J. Meyers, '90m, whose address is 1103, No. 134 Monroe St., Chicago, writes us: "Please say through THE RECORD that at the annual banquet of the Chicago M. A. C. Association last Saturday night it was decided to institute a Saturday lunch for such members as wish to lunch together once a week. The committee appointed to select a place have selected the Cafe Lakota,

in the basement of the Tacoma Building, N. E. corner of Madison and La Salle Sts. The time is 1:15 p. m. to 2 p. m. every Saturday. Drop around and see the old boys when you're in town on Saturday afternoon. We are to have tables specially reserved in the northwest wing of the restaurant."

The *Chicago Live Stock World* of March 4, in an editorial on the reorganization of the Illinois Farmers' Institutes has a high compliment to C. P. Reynolds, with '02. The article reads in part: Complaint has been made, and not unreasonably, that the young men of the State have not taken proper interest in institute work; and on this account the *Live Stock World* is glad to see the first congressional district represented by that rising young agricultural editor C. P. Reynolds. True, the first congressional district is noted more for arboriculture than cereal or stock raising, comprising within its limits the great South Park system of Chicago; but Mr. Reynolds, of the Michigan Agricultural College, is constantly in touch with agrarian interests and in a position to accelerate the movement.

The following clipping from the *San Francisco Chronicle* of Feb. 28, will be of interest to our older men. Senator Preston is a classmate of ex-President Oscar Clute, Prof. A. J. Cook, Mr. Frank Hodgman and Mr. C. A. Jewell, the five forming the class of '62.

"Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Gardner announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Alice Merrill Gardner to Dr. Meyers Albert Preston. The wedding will take place early in June. Miss Gardner is a charming young girl, just out of school, and willingly sets aside all the pleasure of a formal debut and the attendant festivities for a fireside of her own. The Gardner family lived in Sacramento until three years ago. Dr. Preston, although a graduate physician, having taken his degree at Cooper College, is at present with the Woolworth-Crocker Bank. He is a son of E. M. Preston, a banker of Nevada City, whose work as State Senator has given him fame. He introduced and worked for the bill which made the reform school at Ione a possibility. In acknowledgment of this work and continued interest the institution was named for Senator Preston."

Professor W. O. Hedrick is down with the mumps.

Bronson Barlow, with '00, visited friends on the campus last week.

Professors Taft, U. P. Hedrick and Gunson were absent much of the week attending a meeting of the State Horticultural Society of which Mr. Gunson is a director.

On account of the illness of two of the contestants, in the debate of the evening, no meeting of the Debating Club was held last Thursday, and the debate, which is for the purpose of selecting the club team to meet the final society team, was put off until next Thursday.

The illness of Mr. Bullock, of the Columbian-Hesperian team, caused the postponement of the final debate between this team and the Feronian-Union Literary team, which was to take place on Saturday. It will take place this (Tuesday) evening at 7:30 in the chapel.

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