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GRACES BEFORE MEAT.
BY BURNS.

Some ha'c meat and canna eat,
And some would eat that want it;
But we ha'c meat and we can eat,
Sae let the Lord be thankit.

O Thou, who kindly dost provide
For every creature's want,
We bless Thee, God of Nature wide,
For all Thy goodness lent!

O Thou, in whom we live and move,
Who mad'st the sea and shore,
Thy goodness constantly we prove,
And grateful would adore!

REv. THEODORE NELSON, LL. D.

Dr. Theodore Nelson, president of Kalamazoo College, was born in Madison, Lenawee county, Michigan, February 11, 1841.

When he was in his 14th year, his father moved into Gratiot county, then a dense wilderness. His early advantages for obtaining an education were necessarily very inadequate, but these slender opportunities were well improved. In his 17th year, he taught one term in a district school at $2.50 per week. From this time until the breaking out of the Rebellion, he either taught or attended school, almost continuously. Twice he walked from Ithaca to Hillsdale and back again, while a student at Hillsdale College.

He was a student in that college when Sumpter fell, and joined a company of college students who offered their services to the governor; but, through the influence of President Fairfield, were rejected. Shortly after, he returned home, proposing to enlist with his brother Wilbur in Capt. Ely's company; but was dissuaded by the importunities of his mother and other relatives. However, in July, 1862, he enlisted in the company that was raised in Gratiot county by Capt. Lafayette Church. At the organization of the command, he was appointed Orderly Sergeant. April 15, 1863, he was commissioned as Second Lieutenant of the company. In May, 1864, he was made First Lieutenant, and soon after Captain. For several months he was acting Adjutant of the 26th Michigan Infantry. As an officer, he always had the confidence of his superiors, and the warm affections of the men who served under him. He acquitted himself honorably in several hard fought battles, notably at Mine Run, North Anna, Petersburg, Deep Bottom, Charles City Road, Reams' Station, and in all the battles of the campaign which resulted in the surrender of Lee.

Returning home at the close of the war, Mr. Nelson had purposed to study law, having strong natural leanings toward that profession. But a great domestic affliction brought him to reconsider his plans, and to devote himself to the Christian ministry. Before he was a voter, he had made several speeches in the Presidential Canvas of 1860. He had made a great number of war speeches, also, and had occasionally addressed congregations on religious topics.
Jan. 1st, 1866, he entered the Freshman class of Kalamazoo College, where he remained till the close of the year. In the fall of 1866, he was elected Register of Deeds for Gratiot county, an office he held for two terms, declining a re-election to a third term. Meanwhile he pursued his studies under the private instruction of J. Wilson Caldwell, who had been his teacher at Kalamazoo. At the expiration of his second term of office, he spent two years in Michigan University. Kalamazoo College tendered him the bachelor's degree, and at the commencement in June, 1872, he delivered his graduating oration.

In the spring of that same year he was regularly settled as pastor of the Baptist churches in Ithaca, St. Louis and Alma, having his residence at the former place. Literally his parish embraced nearly the whole of Gratiot county, and the demand upon him for funeral and other special occasions was very great. In October, 1875, he was called to the pastorate of the First Baptist church in East Saginaw, where he remained until March 1, 1882. The history of this pastorate is in many respects very remarkable. The church to which he was called was a weak, struggling society, heavily encumbered with debt. Under his ministry the congregation grew to be one of the largest and most influential in the city or state.

Leading men of all religious opinions were deeply interested in sustaining it. Scholars, professional and business men, before indifferent to church going, became regular attendants. The feeling became very general in the city, and was more and more cherished to the end, that his ministry belonged to the whole community rather than to any one church or society.

By the generosity of wealthy friends in East Saginaw he was sent to Europe in 1878, making the tour of Scotland, England, France and Italy. Discouraged by continued ill health, he presented his resignation in the spring of 1882. Efforts were made to have him recall it, and, instead, take a year's leave of absence, and then return to his old field. Feeling that recovery was uncertain, he declined to do this. Again he was given the means for making the second tour to Europe, one man in East Saginaw, not a member of this congregation, contributing $500. In the summer and autumn of 1882, he visited Ireland, Scotland, England, Belgium, Germany and France.

Returning from abroad, he resided in St. Louis one year, but in November, 1883, President Brooks, of Kalamazoo College, having been granted a year's leave of absence, the trustees made unanimous choice of Mr. Nelson as acting President for the college year. He filled this responsible office with credit to himself, and won the favor and good will of every student and friend of the college.

That same year he was elected to the chair of English Literature in the State Normal School at Ypsilanti. In February, 1885, he was appointed by Gov. Alger, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, which office he held for two years, declining a re-election. While Superintendent of Public Instruction he was largely instrumental in the founding of Alma College, and filled for a time the chair of English Language and Literature in that college. In January, 1886, he returned to Saginaw, West Side, as pastor of the Michigan Ave. Baptist church. Again, in 1888, he was recalled to the Jefferson Ave. church, East Side, of which he had been pastor nearly nine years; but in deference to the unanimous wishes of the church he was then serving, he declined the call. Jan. 30, 1891, he was elected President of Kalamazoo College.

The subject of this sketch received the honorary degree of Master of Arts from the University of Michigan in 1884; and in 1885 the University of Chicago conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws.

THE USE OF SLANG.

The primary meaning of the word slang is, "a fetter worn by convicts, which was so called from being slang on their legs by a string to keep it from slipping to the ground."

The meaning of the word fits the case well. Those who are bound by the fetter of slang are held in a kind of bondage, from which they find it very hard to free themselves. So from this meaning of the word we may draw an argument against its use, and if there were no other, this consideration ought to have weight with all who prize true liberty. Fully as forcible an argument is furnished by the common meaning of the word, "vile and ribald language, the cant of sharpers or of the vulgar." Although one may not always employ the word, or even think of it in its worst sense, yet surely the practice of using words of this sort is not indicative of good breeding.

The use of slang is a blemish in the individual who uses it, and also tends to degrade the language
Many expressions which originally had no such meaning have been turned into slang phrases, and thus have robbed the language of some degree of refinement. The importance of using good language is very great. The refinement and culture of a person are shown in the way in which he expresses his thoughts.

A frequent use of slang makes one appear common and unrefined, even though he may be well educated, and move in good society. Truly cultured and polished people cannot help condemning the habit whether ill or in others.

One serious effect of the use of slang is the influence it exerts upon those around us. If we associate much with people who are in the habit of using such language, how quickly, almost without realizing it, do we come to imitate them, and so we in turn influence others. By hearing a child talk one may know something of the influences by which he is surrounded. What a difference we find between the talk of children, who are allowed to run in the streets as they please, without reference to their playmates, and children who are accustomed to hear good language at home. For the sake of our influence upon others, we should be careful in our choice of language. But we may ask if there is any advantage in using slang, or any justification for it. Some one may claim that it enlivens conversation, and adds spice to it. Well, perhaps it does to some extent, but at the same time it lowers rather than elevates its general tone.

The necessity of being careful in our use of language is perhaps the greater when we consider the power of habit. If it were possible to use slang only when and where we choose, the case would be entirely different. But a person who allows himself to indulge in it will soon find that the habit is fixed upon him. He who at first uses it occasionally may some time suffer great mortification, for before he is aware of it, his occasional use will have grown to an established habit, and this habit, when he is off his guard, and in the presence of refined people whose good opinion he would very much regret to lose, may suddenly betray him. Some persons have so long been bound by the habit of using slang that they have ceased to be troubled by a sense of its impropriety, although once they would have been greatly shocked to hear the same expressions which they themselves now use.

Let us, then, employ the power of habit on the right side. However strong it may be in the use of expressions which are not in accordance with good taste, yet it is equally strong in helping us always to choose refined language. Surely it should be the aim of every one among all his other accomplishments, to acquire the habit of using language pure and undefiled.

A. M. B.

REWARDS OF AMBITION.

As cardinal Wolsey falls, Shakespeare puts into his mouth these words: "Mark but my fall and that, that ruined me. Cromwell, I charge thee fling away ambition. By that sin fell the angels, how can man, then, the image of his Maker, hope to win by it?"

What a startling enunciation! What! eradicate from the heart of man all that prompts him to energetic action? Certainly, if he acts only from selfish motives. "Love thyself last," says Wolsey, "and let all the ends thou aims't at, be thy country's, thy God's, and truth's."

A young officer commands at the siege of Toulon. He places the artillery to such advantage that the town is obliged to surrender. An overmastering ambition rises in his heart to become the greatest military leader the world had ever known. His victories and rapid promotion almost dazzle the eye. He scatters a Parisian mob, is commander of the French forces in Italy, becomes the hero of Marengo, Lodi, and Austerlitz. First Consul of France he must be emperor; even the imperial title cannot satisfy his insatiable ambition, all Europe must be his throne and Infant America his footstool. Like an impetuous river, rushing on toward the ocean, sweeping away or o'erleaping every obstruction of man as if they were but toys in its path. Thus Napoleon rushed on with his victorious army; sweeping everything before his unparalleled genius, until his own tactics were turned upon him and he was at last conquered at Waterloo.

And what were the results of his selfish ambition? A desolate and defeated empire, a name written in blood, an exile on a solitary island of the sea, and the greatest military skill the world has ever known wasted for want of proper motive.

Behold another picture. The scene is on our own shores, at a time when the new earth does but stubbornly give forth of its richness; and yet at a time when the people are heavily burdened by taxes to pay the debts of another country. The spirit of humanity rebels, and the cry for justice-
comes from the home, the desk, and the rostrum. The cry is heard, a leader appears, and the genius and patriotism of Washington bring the struggle for freedom to a successful end.

The opportunities offered to Washington for usurping the power and becoming king were equal to those offered Napoleon. Behold the difference; the one spurned the offer, the other courted it. The aspirations of the one were for country, the aspirations of the other for self.

There is a plateau in life. On one hand a mountain rises high above it. And we are almost bewildered as we trace the many circuitous paths, by which men have struggled to the top. These are they whose ambition it has been to honor their country, their God, and truth. On the other side there is an abyss. We are equally amazed as we behold the devious ways by which men descend. Some go headlong to the bottom in a single night; some are stayed by the hand of remorse; some rise only to fall still lower; while each awaits the reward of his own selfishness.

You and I are among the ascending or descending ones. We are climbing up to heights of truth and greatness, or slipping down into the deep darkness. We cannot do both. Our genius, our ability, our intellect cannot ascend the mountain of life, while our corrupted morality is dragging us into the abyss of death. Lord Byron tried it, Aaron Burr tried it, Edgar Poe tried it, many a man has tried it, and each has met the same inevitable end.

We may not say that a failure in life is a result of its conditions and surroundings, but rather with Dryden we should say:

"Honor and shame from no condition rise; Act well your part, there all the honor lies."

And may our

"Life be so gentle, and the elements
So mixed in us that Nature may stand up
And say to all the world, This is a man."

A. F. White

Exchanges.

Penn College (In.) has a new theological department.

The Ohio Wesleyan University has received recently over $50,000 in gifts.—Ex.

The Beloit College maintains an employment bureau through which students desiring employment can find suitable work.—Ex.

Several of our exchanges remark the increased prominence given to athletics in the College papers this year. Foot-ball seems to have the lead.

The Notre Dame Scholastic is publishing an interesting series of essays on Contemporary American Poets.

Recent issues of The Young Men's Era are full, as usual, with good things for Y. M. C. A. workers. Do you take it?

One of the best College Journals that has reached our table is the Napa Classic. It is characterized throughout by loyalty to the Alma Mater, and should be patronized by all friends of that College.

If any of our readers doubt the ability of women in the journalistic field, just let them take a look at the pages of the Rockford Seminary Magazine or the Athenaeum Collegiate Magazine. They are two of the brightest, neatest and newsmier papers that we have received.

By the time you have reached this department, indulgent reader, you will have become fully acquainted with the aims of The Index. So it will be enough for us to say that we intend to make this corner as attractive as possible. Although a stranger to all exchanges, we come as a friend, and if our criticisms at any time should be too severe, please lay it to our lack of judgment rather than to any ill will.

Three fourths of the National Colleges founded in the last twenty years, are south of the Mason and Dixon line.—Ex.

Baptist educational institutions are the most heavily endowed of any religious denomination, having about twelve million dollars in colleges and universities.—Ex.

Of all the boons that Christ and his religion have bestowed upon human society, the greatest is the emancipation of woman from that slavery which robbed her of her womanhood and rendered her an object of scorn and contempt.

THE FORCE OF HABIT.

The Editors Wife—"John, dear, I'm going to let you see my new dress. I assure you it is a perfect poem."

The Editor (absently)—"Put it in the waste-basket, my love."—Pittsburg Bulletin.
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Editorials.

Here is your Index again, fresh and bright as of yore. But look out for a brighter Christmas number.

Some time ago, for reasons not now necessary to state, the managers of The Index suspended the publication of their paper. But no truly progressive American College can afford to be without a literary representative and ready means of communication between itself and its alumni and friends. Kalamazoo College has begun a new period of existence, and this new life is so indicative of continued and steady growth that the resurrection of the college journal is practically a necessity. Our students were eager to assist in establishing a paper, and the faculty willingly gave their consent. The business men of Kalamazoo are manifesting a commendable degree of liberality and appreciation of a good thing by their willingness to advertise in our columns. Our subscription list is fast increasing; and we start out confidently expecting the hearty support of all our friends.

No other one thing perhaps serves so many useful purposes in a college as the college paper, if properly conducted. It is a bond uniting the alumnus to his alma mater, a repository of the student's best literary productions, a storehouse of wit and wisdom, and the college's best advertisement. It is the thermometer of the college which it represents; it indicates the culture and literary standard of the institution. It should represent the whole college, and be the tool of no clique. Its aim should be to interest students, faculty, and alumni, and furnish its readers with the freshest and best obtainable. This, we conceive, is the true and legitimate sphere of the college paper. The paper that maintains such a standard is worthy of the support of every friend of the institution. The Index will be conducted according to this principle. No disparaging remark or criticism against the faculty will be allowed in our columns, and no student will be made the butt of ridicule. Of course we must have some jokes and our jokes editor will be on the alert to find them; but all wit and humor will be pleasingly tempered, and, though personal sometimes perhaps, will never be directed against the character or personal peculiarities of anyone. All copy will be reviewed by the editor in-chief, and he alone will be responsible for whatever appears in our columns. With this brief statement of our policy, we cordially invite the hearty cooperation of all, students, faculty, and alumni; and we promise in return to spare no effort to keep The Index in the foremost ranks of college journalism.

The outlook for Kalamazoo College is indeed bright, and demonstrates the adage that every cloud has a silver lining. It was evident at the opening of this term that the Baptists of Michigan were interested in the welfare of the college and that they were willing to put their shoulder to the wheel and push. The term opened with an attendance of less than one hundred, but each week our ranks have been augmented and the enrollment is now nearing the 150 stake. The freshman, sophomore, and senior classes are well represented, the enrollment of the latter class alone being ten. Some of the good ladies of Kalamazoo and other parts of the state are interesting themselves in helping some of the young men of the college to furnish their rooms in the dormitory. The young people's society of a certain church in the eastern part of Michigan have taken on themselves to furnish throughout a suite of rooms in the dormitory for one of their worthy members who is a student with us. These are examples of true devotedness to Christian education, and will, we trust, be incentives to other societies and churches to do likewise. All such kind deeds are gratefully appreciated by our
students, and The Index can confidently assure its readers that all like gifts will be properly used. In some future number we shall attempt to show how churches and societies can materially aid the students and the college by gifts similar to those we have mentioned.

A word to you, students. It is a rule fixed by custom that students patronize in their trade those merchants who advertise in the college paper. This, in a certain sense, is doing as we wish to be done by; and, other things being equal, this is a perfectly legitimate rule to follow in the newspaper world. The merchants of Kalamazoo, as already noticed, are liberally giving us their ads, and will you now in turn give them your trade?

Locals.

Pins, Turner, pins.
“My first pair of pants,”
What’s become of the college yell?
Who was looking after the Book of Sampson?
Magill tells the best bear story of anyone in College.
The chorus class under Miss Stevens is improving rapidly.
’Tis said the Hilarity Club’s existence was short and sweet.
We must find out how many chapters there are in Jude.
The College has two Shakespeare Clubs. Both are doing good work.
Every student should make an effort to attend the Monday evening prayer meetings.
Thirty-five room in the Dormitory and about forty take meals at the Ladies’ Hall.
All the kickers are in the foot ball team, but some of them are not very good at it.
Ought not those students who go to Church every day begin to mend their ways?
For boys that are jolly the Dorm never lacks. But jolliest of all are its three jolly Macs.
Mr. Williams says hickory-nuts may be all right to eat but they don’t make a mattress any softer.
The Sherwood society would like to know all about “The Irresistibility of Hereditary Transmission.”

New students arriving every week speaks well for Kalamazoo College and its present management.

The Professor of mathematics has gathered more hickory-nuts than anyone else connected with the College.

One of the Philos spoke about “gathering himself around the family fire.” Ask Blanchard how it’s done.

Kalamazoo has five students who regularly supply pulpits on Sunday. And most of them are pastors of churches.

The Sunday P. M. song service is much enjoyed by those who wish to become more familiar with the new song book.

The Trigonometry class has finished Plain Trigonometry and are now wrestling with propositions and problems in Spherical.

We have one student from far away Washington. If Seattle has any more students like this one, we would be glad to welcome them.

The local editor has moved his sanctum into the dormitory where he may be interviewed at any time on matters of local interest.

Some of the students have organized a Young Peoples’ society in the Second Baptist Church. Good reports from that quarter.

The Greek Testament class under Prof. Axtell is doing valuable work. They began with the Gospel of John and meet once a week.

One young man has undergone the initiation into the Eurodelphian society and now is forbidden full membership. He won’t get caught again.

Some of the students went skating during the first spell of cold weather and Shelven found out how large a hole he could make in the water.

Many of the college young men participate in the meetings held at the jail every Sunday morning. The meetings seem to be doing much good.

Several young mustaches have recently come to light, but the cold weather seems to check their growth somewhat. Wait till it gets warmer, boys.

One of the Dormitory students who rooms in the north hall, after accompanying a young lady to her home one evening not long since was overheard singing in his deepest tones, “O happy day that fixed my choice.” It looks as if he has made his decision rather hastily.
Our editor-in-chief has had experience with college newspapers before. He was editor-in-chief of the Anchor, at Hope College, for seven months last year. We're in luck.

Prof. Putnam delivered an address on "The Young Man Christian" before the students of Hope College, Sunday, Nov. 15. He reports a very interesting meeting.

Some of the best meetings that are held by the students are experienced when a few of the students come together and turn the gathering into a prayer meeting. It shows the right spirit.

The male quartette is getting up its reputation. It recently had an invitation to sing in the First M. E. church of Kalamazoo, but fortunately (for the audience) it could not be accepted.

The second year presps seem to be the only class that is doing business at the old stand. They have class officers and class colors. But why is it that some of them don't show their colors?

The week of prayer for Y. M. C. A.'s was held one week later by our College than by other associations. The meetings on a whole were well attended and a deep interest manifested, although there were no conversions.

The work of improving the grounds is now restricted to the ministerial students. The boys are busy falling trees so as to have wood enough to saw all winter. There has been between two and three hundred dollars paid to students for this work already.

One of the students certainly has found out the difference between a baseball and a base bowl, for he has had both in his month. Although the ball did not produce a bowl it left a lump nearly as large as the ball but not large enough to cover up the jolly smile or appease the mighty appetite.

The Bible Training Class is now a prosperous one indeed. There were twelve members present at a recent meeting and more have made known a desire to join. They are doing the best kind of work and every young man who possibly can find time would be amply repaid in spending some of his time in this way.

A letter received by Y. M. C. A. See'y, Davis from the Michigan Secretarial Correspondence Circle gives many interesting items regarding the week of prayer and other notes of general interest from the various Associations of the State. Many conversions were reported and quite a sum of money collected for International work.

A barrel of apples found its way to the Dormitory. It brought with it unexcelled popularity to one young man whose company was sought constantly by the other fellows. The trigonometry students sought his aid, the quartette met in his room (often) and one fellow was so anxious to see him (?) that he climbed through the transom window. There's nothing like popularity.

**Personals.**

Miss Stevens went to Englewood to spend Thanksgiving.

H. A. Miller visited at Cassopolis during Thanksgiving vacation.

Judin & McDougall took in the sights at Richland on the 26th.

Rev. I. Horton, of Climax, was a recent caller on the students.

Miss Mary Hopkins was entertained at Paw Paw, Thanksgiving.

Mrs. R. W. Putnam spent Thanksgiving with her husband at the Dormitory.

Jackson was attracted to Plainwell Thanksgiving and Cushing went to Bellevue.

E. B. Taft ate a turkey at Paw Paw on Thanksgiving and called on his girl.

Rev. E. M. Stephenson, of the South Haven church, has been over to see us.

Rev. H. F. Cochrane, of Bloomingdale, has called at the College twice during the term.

H. M. Clarke, State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was with our Association the evening of Nov. 16.

C. J. Kurtz attended the silver wedding of his parents at his home near Flint, during Thanksgiving vacation.

Rev. C. W. Barber, pastor of the Battle Creek Baptist Church, took part in our Chapel service one morning recently.

Editor-in-chief Flanagan got away with a good sized turkey at Allegan. He denies that he went to see his best girl.

W. G. Smith and sister Rittie, of Howell, both former students of Kalamazoo College, have been shaking the hands of their friends recently. Mr. Smith is now a student at M. A. C., but during the long vacation, will take short-hand in Kalamazoo.
Rev. Jackson, D. D., of Grand Rapids, recently made the students’ hearts to rejoice by his presence at several recitations.

Geo. Newberry says chicken is good enough for him on Thanksgiving. He perpetrated the foul deed at Orangeville.

K. M. Putnam, son of our genial Professor of mathematics, visited with his father from the 16th to the 18th of November.

Rev. H. A. Rose, of Dewagiea, a warm friend of the College, paid us a visit on his return from the Saginaw Convention.

E. A. Balch, a former graduate of Kalamazoo College, was in the city the 14th. Mr. Balch is principal of the Owosso High School.

A. H. Bailey, A. J. Nelson and Otis Scripter, second year preps, were entertained by Paw Paw friends during the Thanksgiving recess.

Dr. Jamison, of Detroit, Secretary of the Home Mission Board, was a visitor at the Chapel recently and gave the students a few words of good advice.

J. Stanley Collins, a former student of Kalamazoo College, and now a Sunday-school missionary on the northern peninsula, visited the College shortly after the Saginaw convention.

Mr. G. M. Hudson, our fellow student, who was unfortunately taken away from his studies by serious sickness has so far recovered that he was in Kalamazoo recently, but will not be able to begin studying until next term. The Index hopes he may return with plenty of strength for his work.

Rev. E. H. Conrad, late pastor of Dexter Baptist church, and a former student of Kalamazoo College, has returned to Kalamazoo to pursue his studies and complete his course. There is more of him than when he was here before, since he brings a wife to enter College with him. We are glad to welcome him back.

J. Campbell White, traveling Sec’y of the Students’ Volunteer Movement, held a couple of meetings recently with the students here, and revived the Mission Band, which had intended giving a program on the evening of Nov. 25. For various reasons it was postponed until the evening of Dec. 2d. A fine program was prepared.

A “CHIP” OF THE OLD BLOCK.

I love to flirt with college boys,
Because they are so nice,
And, when they kiss me once, I know
They’re going to kiss me twice.

And then they have such soft, nice hands,
They don’t seem hard and rough
Where’er they find my own soft hand
All hidden in my muff.

Now, father says that that’s all right,
And so I’m sure it is;
You ought to see the photographs
Of some old girls of his.

But mother, when she hears of it,
Just lectures me—while pa,
He takes my side and slyly says
I learned it all from ma. —Selected.

—The Delphic Drake Union.

Translation.—Felices animas, quibus hae cognoscere primis, inque domos superscandere, cura suit.

“O lively cats, to whom it was a care to know these things, and to climb to the tops of the houses.”—Ex.

Tommy Jones—“Say, mister, I want to get a pair of gloves.”
Furnisher—“Kid gloves?”
Tommy—“Naw! naw! gloves for a grown pussin.”—The Owl.

GUILPLESS WILLIE.

Willie—“Papa, is it swearing to talk about old socks being darned?”
Papa—“No, my son. Why?”
Willie—“Cause I wish Johnny would keep his darned old socks out of my drawer.”—Ex.

The societies are starting out with interest and good programs. More than ever before are new students left to decide which society they will join. The work each is doing. While the restaurant keeper and the livery stable man may not make so much money out of it as other ways for “working” members for society, it is the best way, and new students should appreciate what they are being saved from when they are not constantly urged to join, or promise to join, some society. If one’s nature compels him to “work” students, he should do so “under the open sky, in noble, honorable battle.”—Ex.
Michigan

Derives its name from two Chippewa words, \textit{Mitehina}, great, and \textit{Lagiegan}, Lake, and signifies the country of the great lakes.

First explored by missionaries and fur traders from Canada early in the 16th century.

First permanent settlement made at Sault de Ste. Marie, 1668, under the direction of Jacques Marquette.

Detroit founded by La Motte Cadillac, July 20th, 1701.

France surrendered Michigan to the British, Sept. 8th, 1760.

Continued under British rule until after the revolution.

July 1st, 1796, formally passed into the possession of the U. S.

At the same time became a part of the Northwest territory.

Made a separate territory, July 11, 1805.

First constitution adopted, 1835.

Admitted into the Union, Jan. 26, 1835.

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WOODS IN WINTER.

BY LONGFELLOW.

When winter winds are piercing chill,
And through the hawthorn blows the gale
With solemn feet I tread the hill,
That overflows the lonely vale.

O'er the bare upland, and away
Through the long reach of desert woods,
The embracing sunbeams chastely play,
And gladden these deep solitudes.

Where, from their frozen urns, mute springs
Pour out the river's gradual tide,
Shrilly the skater's iron rings,
And voices fill the woodland side.

But still wild music is abroad,
Pale, desert woods! within your crowd;
And gathering winds, in hoarse accord,
Amid the vocal reeds pipe loud.

Chill airs and wintry winds! my ear
Has grown familiar with your song;
I hear it in the opening year,—
I listen, and it cheers me long.

A CHRISTMAS IN THE NORTH.

"Are you going home for vacation, Frank?"
The speaker was one of two students, who closed
his algebra with a sigh of relief, saying: "Well,
I've got those problems," and then added the above
query. Receiving no answer, he looked up to see
his room-mate, tilted back in the rocker, with his
heels on the stove, and gazing thoughtfully at the
firelight through the open stove door.

"Wake up, Frank!" he continued. "A penny for
your thoughts."

"You are very liberal in your offers," replied
Frank as he slowly aroused from the reverie into
which he had fallen. "I was thinking of a Christ-
mas incident, that happened five years ago."

"I am just aching to hear it," said the first
speaker. "You have time enough to tell it before
bedtime."

"Well, here goes. You know that before I came
to college I was a fur-trader, about one hundred
miles north of Lake Superior, in the Hudson Bay
region. There were three of us (brothers) in part-
nership, and excepting the hardships, a jolly life
we led.

"Our trading post was about twenty-five miles
north of—, a small town on the Canadian
Pacific Railway.

"We, my eldest brother, a Frenchman, Morcerreau,
and myself, had been on a long trip north after fur.
We had two dog-trains, to draw supplies and camp-
ing outfit, and to bring back our furs. The snow at
that time was five feet deep on the level, and as we
had no guide, our progress was necessarily slow.
We had been away about twenty days, travelling
from one Indian's wigwam to another, trading
notions and money for furs, and collecting in the
fall advance."

"What do you mean by the 'fall advance?'"

"Every fall, fur-traders are accustomed to give
reliable hunters goods and supplies to be paid for
in fur.

"But to resume. We had been fairly successful
and were returning home to spend Christmas, when
we discovered that our provisions were running
short. My brother said we would return by Shag-
ui-osh Sa-gui-gan (English Lake) as Matchi-gi-
she-go (Bad spirit) is camped there, and he will
give us game to replenish our stock of provisions.
This Indian had worked for us off and on, and was
generous and hospitable."

"A generous Indian, did you say?"

"Well, I should say so! I've seen his squaw take
a white fish, the only fish in the net, and give it to
me when I was hungry."
“His wigwam was almost two ordinary days tramp from our trading post. In the north you do not count by miles but by days. We reached the wigwam about nine o'clock Christmas morning, and instantly there was a tremendous uproar, as the Indian dogs, three of them, ran out barking with might and main. Our six joining in the chorus. Dogs when harnessed are crosser than usual and will fight on sight. After we had quieted the racket, we entered the wigwam, and were greeted with bad news. Matchi-gi-sho-go had cut his knee with an axe and could not walk a step; and the rabbits being scarce in that locality, they had nothing in the wigwam to eat. The wistful hungry look upon the faces of the children was very convincing.

“My brother said: We are only a big day from home and we can get in late to-night; we’ll have an early dinner and start, giving the balance of our provisions to the Indians. Handing the flour bag and pork to the squaw, he told her to cook it all. When ready, we ate a hurried meal, and set out, telling them that we would send them food next day.

“To break a road for the dogs, as it was snowing heavily, Morcereau took the lead, my brother following. I brought up the rear with the dog-trains.

“About noon the wind rose. How it did drift! I could hardly see the lead dog, and our snowshoes sank into the soft snow at every step.

“Snowshoeing is such hard work that one generally eats four times a day, even in the short days of the northern winter. About four o’clock we were getting ravenous, and I noticed that the dogs were lagging too. Poor brutes! I was sorry for them, they had been on short rations for over a week, and the night before had nothing.

“About five o’clock it was too dark to see our way, there being over a foot of soft snow on the trail.

“Will suggested that we stop, have a drink of strong tea, and wait for the moon to rise.

“The storm had ceased and it now became piercingly cold. You could hear the trees cracking in every direction, resembling the firing in a shambles, only louder.

“As we did not want to make a regular camp, we cut eight or ten lengths of green spruce trees and laid them side by side, to build our fire upon, otherwise as the snow was so deep our fire would burn to the ground and be of no use to us. Getting water from the lake near by, we put the tea-pail on the fire, then spread some balsam boughs upon the snow and tried to rest.

“We were almost famished and naturally our conversation turned to home, and its companion theme, Christmas dinner.

“The tea revived us, and we tried to make light of our predicament, the Frenchman telling Will that he must have great confidence in our walking powers, to give away our provisions and start out for home with nothing. I remarked that I had found tightening the belt a good way to ease hunger on an ordinary snowshoe tramp, but it is not a success as a Christmas diet.

“The dogs had curled up on the snow, and gone to sleep, but we dared not do that, as we would wake up tired and too stiff to be able to walk.

“We tried singing to pass away the time, but it was a miserable failure.

“Presently the moon rose and we prepared to start; Will and Morcereau, as before, took the lead, the drifting snow having made heavy work for the poor dogs.

“About an hour of this work and my pet dog, a large powerful fellow, staggered and fell. The nerve dog had pulled without showing the least sign of being tired until he dropped. That was five years ago, and I still feel a regret, mingled with admiration for old Dandy.

“I unharnessed him, rubbed him briskly to bring back the warmth, but as I had nothing to give him to eat, it was of no use, cold and hunger were too much for him. I dug a hole in the snow, using my snowshoe as a shovel, and lined it with balsam branches. Then I put the dog into it, intending to send Arthur for him the next day. Let me add in parenthesis that: Dandy was dead when Arthur arrived on the scene.

“We called a council of war. Fearing to lose other dogs, we unharnessed, and left the toboggans and outfit to be picked up in the morning. Each took a light pack of furs and started on the remaining ten miles of our weary tramp, the loose dogs following us as steadily as cart horses.

“We were so tired and weak that we could not snowshoe fast enough to keep warm, and Morcereau froze his foot, and I am sorry to say, that it was two months before his foot got over the effects of the freezing. Although a small man, he was a fast walker and had great powers of endurance.

“When Morcereau’s foot gave out I took the lead, and as we passed the familiar objects telling us of the nearness of home, our spirits rose, although the snowshoes felt like heavy weights to each foot.
Occasionally one of us would shout, “Merry Christmas, boys! who would not be the strongest dog, the fair young woman of Geo. Eliot’s fiction possesses not only beauty, but a superior intellect and the possibilities of a noble and helpful womanhood. Her longing is to devote her powers to the accomplishment of some great purpose and to find the opportunity for realizing her ideal. Each of her heroines possesses a marked individuality of her own; each is a different type, the only characteristic common to all being the superior mental endowments and the high aims which belong to them.

Maggie Tulliver of the “Mill on the Floss,” thirsts for education and longs for greater love and sympathy than she receives from the cold heart of her brother John. The circumstances of her fortune deny her mind the instruction which it craves; her heart the love; and her impulsive nature, which lacks the firm power of will to direct its course, the support it wants.

Moral integrity and untold devotion to filial duty chiefly characterize Romola, who with her firmness and reserve is the very opposite of Maggie. Rather than accomplish any end for herself, the sole desire of her life is to assist her father in his mental needs. Something hard and cold in Romola’s nature deprives her of the most attractive charm and she withdraws herself too much from our sympathy, personating as she does a positive moral force. Her dignity and nobility of purpose are clearly portrayed as we behold the conflict arising from the “faithful allegiance to filial duty on the part of Romola and the flagrant disregard of filial duty on the part of her husband.”

Dorothea, of “Middle March,” perhaps the finest, and most noble female character in all fiction, is English in temperament and has received at home and abroad an extended and varied culture, the typical boarding-school education of her class. It proves itself inadequate when she tries to apply it to the conduct of her own life. A good mind and a warm heart, elevated thoughts and delicate feelings render her noble, sweet and gracious. Philanthropic, having an ample fortune and abundant leisure, her wish is to undertake some charitable work, which shall be of permanent benefit to those beneath her.

The young woman in the last novel, “Daniel Deronda,” differ from all these. Possessed of artistic gifts, graceful beauty and keen wit, being vivacious and brave, if opportunities favored, Guendolen might become a good and successful actress. But with a fondness for the ease and elegance of private life she prefers success in her social world. With the pride and prejudice of her friends and
herself, we find her, only in extraordinary circumstances, when duty to those dependant upon her calls, looking to the stage for a career and seeking to employ her native gifts, brought face to face as she is with the problem of her life.

The middle-aged women depicted for us by Geo. Eliot are clever and keen. The author spares no touch, which may serve to throw her leading figures into bolder relief.

The secondary characters of her later novels are usually the young men who furnish the essentials of the plots. She presents to us scarcely a young man who can in every way command our esteem. Those superior qualities which she grants to the young women, she denies to the other sex, which lacks strength of will and firmness of principle. It is the young man who brings about the anxiety and disaster of the story.

Several of the later heroines have constant companions, sisters or cousins, ordinary persons with dull intellects and selfish hearts, who act as foils. These various characters supply the influence needed to evolve the heroine's career.

Thus, by means of her weak and superficial men and her subordinate female characters, possessing no great amount of intelligence and generosity, Geo. Eliot avails herself of the heightening effect of contrast and makes her noble heroines demand the interest and esteem of all readers.

Nearly all the varied characters, which she has called into being, have an individual presence and vital force, which show that the portrayal of character is her crowning excellence. D. D. W.

GOOD ENGLISH AND HOW ATTAINED.

Let us start with the supposition that choice English is one of the things for which all scholars and students, young or old, are seeking to be able to use and appreciate.

Beginning with the primary grades and extending through the colleges and universities, the branch above all others that receives the most universal and constant attention is the one which includes correct and pleasing style of expressing thought, and also in connection with it the ability to enjoy and appreciate the same in others.

This choice of correct words and expression includes many little details which are not at first realized.

The child who persists in confusing tenses, cases, number, degree and the like, does not comprehend why its discouraged mother and teacher insist that it must be said some other way. Gradually, as the child becomes older, this matter becomes clearer, but he doesn’t quite understand why some words are suggested on the margin of his compositions and language papers as being more appropriate than those he has used. When he comes to study Rhetoric and Literature he sometimes fails to see all the meaning included in the use of certain words and phrases, but as he advances it becomes plainer.

In this, as in all other branches, there is always something yet unread and perfection is seldom if ever reached. So we see that to become able to speak the English language well is a long, and gradual task, and were we conscious of the fact that we are always at it, it would be a tiresome task. Indeed, it becomes interesting to the average student to be on the lookout for some new meaning or word that is certain to come to the notice of a careful observer.

In spite of all the advantages and helps that those who are enabled to attend schools and colleges may have, there are constantly things which will tend to lower our standard of good English. There are always arising new words and expressions that are adopted and used by nearly every one with whom we come in contact, and sometimes before we are aware of it we are using them as well, forgetting to look into the correctness of the meaning, other than it is a common expression used by common consent to give vent to certain feelings without suit the words and their proper meaning to the idea expressed.

An old English writer gives us a good rule to follow in this matter:

"In words as fashions the same rule will hold,
Alike fantastic if too new or old.
Be not the first by whom the new is tried,
Nor yet the last to lay the old aside."

Another thing similar to be avoided is the unnecessary use of words. The great masterpiece of literature is designated as such because of its conciseness of thought and expression.

A large vocabulary is indispensable, but a good sized vocabulary to express a single thought is out of taste in the best sense of our subject. School girls are proverbially called "gushing," and are accused of using as many long and high sounding words as they can in a single sentence. Let us beware if we are desirous of speaking choice English, and again profit by another quotation from Pope’s essay on criticism.

"Words are like leaves and where they most abound,

Much fruit of sense beneath is rarely found."

One good way to keep from misusing our native tongue is to carefully watch and study the conver-
sation and language of those whom we know to be
good authority in the matter. We are influenced
more for good or ill in this, by contact with others,
than we realize.

We must also learn to cultivate all tendencies in
the right direction and to cultivate independence
of thought and not be easily controlled by habit.

Perhaps the best way to learn to appreciate good
and pure expression is by reading. Not much, but
well. Not a little of everything, but much of the
best. If it be fiction, do not read it entirely for
the story, but for the style; if history, do not read
it for the facts alone, but for the method of narrat-
ing them as well. In comparing authors consider
carefully the purpose and truthfulness to nature.

Much reading of fiction does not tend to elevate
our standard of expressing thought.
The most useful thing in this line is not simply
to read the works of the standard writers but to
study them.

All who have studied literature with a good
instructor will never cease to feel grateful for the
careful class study of the best authors. That same
careful study kept up a little every year will be
just as beneficial. Ruskin gives in his "Sesame
and Lilies" the following illustration and figure,
bringing out how we should study authors and
their writings. He says, when you come to a good
book you must ask yourself, "Am I inclined to
work as an Australian miner would? Are my
pick-axes and shovels in good order and am I in
good trim myself, my sleeves well up to the elbow,
and my breath good and my temper? And keep-
ing the figure a little longer, even at cost of tires-
omeness, for it is a thoroughly useful one, the
metal you are in search of being the author's mind
or meaning, his words are as the rock which you
have to crush and smelt in order to get at it, and
your pick-axes are your own care, wit and learning,
your smelting furnace is your own thoughtful soul.
Do not hope to get at any good author's meaning
without those tools and that fire."

Another good suggestion from Ruskin is this:
"You must get into the habit of looking intensely
at words and assuring yourself of their meaning."

In fact, a more helpful author in this subject than
John Ruskin would be hard to find.

Some one pleads, this manner of reading takes
too much time. Take the time it requires to read
an ordinary book of fiction and spend it in a care-
ful study of one of the best essays and it will bring
you infinitely more practical help.

But all of these helps are as nothing, without
patience care and self control. These are useful in
their way, but nothing is so practical as carefulness's

JENNIE MACOMBER.
Dear reader, The Index wishes you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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Our November number seems to have given general satisfaction, judging from the compliments received. We are very thankful for the many kind words of appreciation received from our friends, and can assure each that every word of approval and sentiment of appreciation is a great encouragement to us. The paths of editors, even editors of college papers, are not strewed with flowers, and therefore a kind word of encouragement or a practical suggestion is always gratefully received.

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As a large proportion of our readers are students who listen to the delivery of all the chapel essays and orations, we shall publish but a few of the very choicest of these productions, perhaps one in each issue. Our aim is to have everything published as fresh as possible for all. Several articles on interesting subjects are being prepared and will soon be published. We hope to arrange for a series of short biographical sketches of persons prominently connected with the college.

In general the chapel essays and orations during the term have been on interesting subjects and have been well rendered. If, however, it is not out of place, we desire to offer a few suggestions as to subjects of essays and delivery of orations. Suggestion first is, that essayists would find it more to their advantage to deal with some of the practical questions of the day than to depend too much on history and biography for their subjects. Originality of thought and expression should be one of the primary objects of students in their literary productions. And this, it seems to us, can not so readily be attained in the biographical essay as in other forms of composition requiring more strictly original thought. Suggestion second is, that the orators attend a little more to the manner of delivery. Good delivery depends primarily on the substance of the oration and the preparation of the speaker. A spirited oration inspires the orator and thorough preparation removes all obstacles in the way of inspiration, and leaves the speaker free to devote his whole attention to the manner of delivery. Thorough preparation requires time. Webster tells us that some of his most effective and oratorical arguments in debate were the product of time and study. Much less, then, can the average student properly write and commit an oration of any merit in less than a week. More than a week is needed alone for committing and rehearsal. No student should forget that the sum total of an oration includes delivery, and that tameness, or a less spirited and oratorical delivery than is consonant with the substance of the oration, is a serious defect and detracts much from the true merit of the production.

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Locals.

"Just as I am."

"The two dudes."

"A hopeless case."

"The Little Beauty."

"The Black Beauty."

White is a good weather profit. Try him and see.

A number of new students are expected next term.

At a recent jail meeting, several prisoners asked for prayers.
Miss Emma Chesney leaves Friday afternoon for her home in Bay City.

Miss Minnie Newell will spend the vacation at her home in Richland.

Miss Florence Ludington will spend the vacation at her home in Portage.

Miss Cora Putney expects to spend her vacation at her home in Centreville.

Miss Jennie Macomber spends a portion of the vacation visiting in Greenville.

Miss Bertha Pixly may spend a part of the vacation at her home near Flint.

The second year Latin class will use Harper and Tolman’s "Caesar’s Gallic Wars."

A. H. Perry has a class in vocal music at Plainwell, whither he goes every Thursday.

Miss Jessie DeYoe expects to go to Richland, Friday, to spend the holiday vacation.

The amateur photographer shot his camera at the male quartette recently. Nobody hurt.

The Misses Sarah and Mary Dowd and Mr. Willard Dowd spend the holidays in Hartford.

The Greek boys had their regular allowance of Greek to digest during Prof. Axtell’s absence.

"I sing arms," said Vergil. Wonder if he also taught bullets to whistle and shells to hum?

The College choir has been assisting the choir of the First Baptist Church on Sunday evenings of late.

Notice to the snow-ball fiend—Window lights 50 cents each, sore head and lame arm thrown in free of charge.

Miss Maggie Chesney, a graduate of this college in the class of ‘89, is teaching in the public schools in Bay City.

Don’t be caught using that rude expression "You’re not in it." Just simply say "You’re not considered." It’s more elegant.

Mr. Walter D. Smith, a former student in this college, has recently been admitted to the bar and has opened a law office in Detroit.


Students will find it one of the best investments they ever made if they will send the Index to their friends as a Christmas present.

If you notice that Rogers is a little more Hale and hearty than usual, simply attribute it to the work he has been doing on the grounds.

One of the students, quite given to singing (when there is nobody around,) says he is Prometheus up to singing to his best girl when he goes home Christmas.

Miss Mary Phelps, a former student in college, and at present studying music with Prof. Morse in this city, was summoned home last Thursday by the sudden illness of her mother.

Mr. Scripter has moved from the fourth floor to the second and is now a member of the firm of Nelson & Scripter, leaving the two “little men” to enjoy the comforts of life together.

J. B. Fox, Thanksgiving box; Fox, he treats; Everybody eats; Keep it mum, Fun, yum, yum.

The missionary meeting held in the chapel, Dec. 9th, was well attended by the students. Rev. C. S. Lester of Benton Harbor, addressed the meeting on the subject “Is a life devoted to foreign missionary work wasted?” Rev. J. S. Boyden also spoke. Dr. Nelson presided.

Jackson and Cushing were "apply repaid" for one night’s excursion, although many dangers beset their path before they succeeded in landing their booty safe within the confines of the dormitory. They treated the local editor and he pronounced the fruit first class (of course.)

M. A. Graybiel and J. E. Kinsey are now nicely settled in the most elegantly furnished room in the dormitory. The furnishing was done by the First Baptist Church of Port Huron, Mich., of which Mr. Graybiel is a member. This shows not only great respect for the student who now occupies the room, but a loyalty to Kalamazoo College that is pleasant to see.

On the evening following Thanksgiving the three rhetorical societies held a very pleasant union meeting. The Sherwoods had previously invited the Euros and Philos to meet in their hall where a fine program was carried out. Space will not allow a mention of the entire program, but every member was loudly applauded by an appreciative audience. Every one found out "Who Built the Ark" and were informed in regard to the craftsmanship of "Lightning Rod Dispenser." May many more such meetings occur.
Students should not forget to talk **INDEX** to their friends while spending their vacation. Speak a good word for the paper and ask for a subscription. Students can do more to increase the circulation of the paper in the next two weeks than one subscription editor can in a whole year. Lend a hand and make the **INDEX** your paper.

The morning after the union society meeting in the Euro hall, a young lady student was asked if she had a good time. The reply was something like this: “I should say I did. It’s likely to be the turning point in my life.” It might be remarked right here that a young man had the pleasure of her company home that evening.

Several gallant Knights got left the evening of the Eurodelphian entertainment, but Knight Smith, more gallant than the others, left his lady at the hall and braved the moonlight alone. You see, he asked the fair one if she had company, and understanding her to say she had, he buckled on his armour and departed. The young lady waited long in suspense, till (a.) Fox came along going her way. Moral—Smith, pull the cotton from your ears.

The Shakespeare clubs are enthusiastic in their work under the able leadership of Miss Bertha Joslyn. The first organized of the clubs consists of the Misses Fisher, Nelson, Taylor, Rooney and Messrs. Magill, Perry, Sinclair, White and Jackson. They have read and discussed “Macbeth”, and are studying at present, “Midsummer Night’s Dream.” The members of the other club are the Misses Chesney, Sprague, McElroy and Messrs. Graybiel, Hall, Oldfield and McWilliams. They are studying “Macbeth”.

The union meeting of the three societies held in the Eurodelphian hall, Dec. 11th, was a success in every feature and furnished a very pleasant evening for the students. Some very noted characters were in attendance, such as “Peck’s Bad Boy,” “Oliver Twist,” “Jack and Jill,” “Little Jack Horner,” and many others will be noticed at the head of the local column. The Euro Quartette made its first appearance and covered it with glory. Mr. Perry sang a beautiful bass solo and the male quartette was on hand with a couple of its beautiful selections, one of which was gotten up for the occasion by the quartette rhymsters. Other features too numerous to mention made the occasion a delightful one indeed.

**Personals.**

Santa Claus will visit Scripter at Rives.

Fox has (a) “look on (his) understanding.”

Miss Joslyn now has rooms at the Ladies’ Hall.

E. H. Conrad occupies the Baptist pulpit at Otsego.

Miss Joslyn will spend the vacation in Port Huron.

Miss Church and Miss Joslyn have both been on the sick list.

Newberry goes to Detroit to receive his Christmas presents.

Mr. E. H. Conrad is quite ill with pneumonia at the Ladies’ Hall.

Olimax is where Sinclair will partake of the Christmas pie.

Judin and McDougall are “in it”—in somebody’s stove pipe hat.

Miss Wood goes to her home at Rives for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Nelson will watch the old year out and the new year in at Ithaca.

Miss Brooks will spend a part of her vacation in a visit to Grand Rapids.

Mae Dougall will take West Bay City by storm during the holidays.

Miss Dickenson will spend her vacation with friends in Nashville.

E. B. Tait will make Tekonsha his headquarters during the holidays.

Prof. Axtell was absent from college a few days on account of sickness.

George Newberry has been practicing to a Prairievile audience of late.

The editor-in-chief will hang up his stocking at Allegan on Christmas.

H. A. Miller sat down too accidentally on some ice and went through.

Prof. Axtell occupied the Big Rapids Baptist pulpit Sunday, December 6th.

Mr. Fox was taken with the grippe and went home before the term closed.

Mr. Milham of Galesburg, a former student here, was a guest recently of D. T. Magill.
C. W. Turner has a job of upholstering to do at the Asylum.

S. J. Hall will spend Christmas with his parents, and others at Mt. Clemens.

Rev. McDonald of Rollin, Mich., was a chapel visitor one morning recently.

Rev. E. M. Stevenson, of South Haven, was the guest of Mr. Wheeler recently.

The local editor will fill the vacant chair at his home in St. Louis during the holidays.

Prof. Putnam will strike up a new acquaintance with his family at Ypsilanti during vacation.

Miss Fisher will have her Christmas turkey served up to her at Tecumseh, her home.

A. H. Perry will renew acquaintance with relatives and friends in Detroit during the vacation.

Rev. C. S. Lester of Benton Harbor promises The Index an article for the February number.

E. L. Reed has commenced "looking backward." He was president of the Sherwood society, but he's their janitor now.

Miss Dickenson gave the students who board at the Ladies' Hall an oyster supper not long since. No one refused to eat.

Miss Helen Church, our instructor in French, recently enjoyed a visit from her brother, C. N. Church, who is a sophomore in the University.

MaeDougall, one of the "little men," is a practical photographer. He's thinking of taking his own picture some day.

ELECTION RETURNS.

The regular election of society officers occurred Friday evening, December 11th, and the returns are all in.

The Eurodelphians have adopted a very stringent form of the Australian system of voting, by which all male citizens are disqualified from voting and are made ineligible to office in the society. Woman suffrage prevails and all members and officers are pronounced supporters of the doctrine.

Following are the officers chosen:

President, Miss Emma Chesney; Vice President, Miss Mamie Hopkins; Recording Secretary, Miss Nellie Nelson; Treasurer, Miss Alice Brooks; Librarian, Miss Mary Dowd; Chaplain, Miss Ellen Fisher.

The Philolexians chose the following standard bearers: President, E. H. Conrad; Vice President, H. H. Howard; Recording Secretary, F. B. Sinclair; Corresponding Secretary, R. D. Fuller; Treasurer, F. I. Blanchard; Librarian, H. A. Aldwardt; Janitor, Wm. Shelven.

Election with the Sherwoods was somewhat lively and quite closely contested. Officers chosen were: President, W. C. Oldfield; Vice President, J. E. Smith; Recording Secretary, G. V. Pixley; Corresponding Secretary, S. J. Hall; Treasurer, A. F. White; Chaplain, A. H. Bailey; Janitor, L. E. Reed.

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