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Imogen



IT ALMOST seems as tho Shakespeare made a mistake in naming the play of which Imogen is the heroine, for it is certainly about her and not about old King Cymbeline that the interest of the story centers. She is the central figure, the dominant personality in the drama and it is because of her that this play has won its present place among Shakespeare's works. "Cymbeline" is the product of his final years of sweetness, hope and strength. He has passed thru the period of doubt and distrust in men; he has ceased to look with contempt on the world in general and woman in particular and feels that altho the world may contain much that is wicked and utterly despicable, there is still a great deal which is pure, good and noble. And Imogen, most perfect of Shakespeare's women, is the result.

"Cymbeline" was written in 1623. It is not original in plot but is the result of weaving and interlacing several old stories extant at the time of its composition. Such a medley of characters and centuries has been seldom constructed. The Dutch and Spanish gentlemen meet the ancient Roman senators of the time of Augustus Caesar; the bed-chamber of Imogen is that of a damsel of the Elizabethans crowded down the ages to the time of the Druid-priests. In spite of the incongruity, it does not strike one as being incongruous. The characters are such as were found in the European courts of Shakespeare's time. There is the dull, conceited, foolish Cloten, the intriguing, ambitious Queen and the passionate, misguided King. In this play, we see the longing of Shakespeare for the country; we hear it in Imogen's oft-repeated desire for rural life and in the speech of Belarius to the two young princes. But the most important character of this drama, the bond which holds it together and makes it "a joy forever," is the personality of Imogen.

George Brandes says of her, "In Imogen, perfection is indeed attained. She is the noblest and most adorable womanly figure Shakespeare has ever drawn and at the same time the most various." She seems a combination of the best of all Shakespeare's creations. She has the perception of Portia, the love of Juliet, the natural charm of Rosalind, the purity of Hero and the nobleness of Desdemona,—a woman of all women who makes all worship her. The critics all say that the creator of this perfect woman was her lover; he admired her and sang her praise in some of his most beautiful lyrics.

Her great, almost incomprehensible love for her husband is, of course, her

greatest passion. She not only loves but has all the faith and trust in her husband, necessary to keep her mind pure and untainted by evil during all her trials. She is an enigma to the King who really cannot make out why Imogen should prefer a noble intelligent gentleman to one who, tho a dullard and fool, was yet a prospective King. Her love for Leonatus blazes out in its full light when Cymbeline continues to reproach her for her conduct. She cries out:

"He is
A man worth any woman, he overbuys me
Almost at the sum he pays."

And her utter disregard for rank, her total lack of ambition, is shown in that passionate exclamation,

"Would I were
A neatherd's daughter and my Leonatus
Our neighbor shepherd's son!"

Life with Leonatus in a shepherd's cot was sweeter than life without him in the palace of a King.

Her parting with her husband is touching, more so, perhaps because she does not give way to a wild grief but shows a sorrow and pain too deep for mere words. She can hardly let him go and when he has gone, one despairing utterance breaks from her,

"There cannot be a pinch in death
More sharp than this."

She later tells Pisanio that to catch the last glimpse of her departing husband she would

"have broke my eye-strings; cracked them,"
and laments the fact that she neither had time to bid him think of her at three set hours of the day,

"To encounter me with orisons, for then
I am in heaven for him,"

nor yet to

"Give him that parting kiss which I had set
Betwixt two charming words."

Her love is infinite; so too is her purity.

When Iachimo (Brandes calls him "little Iago") comes to her with stories of her lord's falseness, she does not readily believe him and finally, when she discovers the baseness, the perfidy of his conduct, she refuses to listen to more.

"Away! I do condemn mine ears that have
So long attended thee,"

she cries.

And not until Iachimo has convinced her that he was only testing her affection and intends by his report to make her lord

"That which he is, new o'er,"

will she listen to him.

Her just indignation when she reads Leonatus' letter to Pisanio, her noble words as she bares her breast for the death-blow, show the depths of her nature. She can be sarcastic, too, when need be and her contemptuous words to Cloten when he urges his suit after his own boorish fashion, sting even his dull mind and cause him to concoct that hideous design for revenge.

Yet Imogen is not only all these, but she is blest with housewifely instincts. We learn that she can cook well for Guiderius says, thinking she is only Fidele,

"But his neat cookery! he cuts our roots in characters.
And sauc'd our broths, as Juno had been sick
And he her dieter."

We may, perhaps, all get a different picture of Imogen but as I imagine her, she is of medium height, slenderly built and delicate of face and form. She has soft light hair, much of it perhaps, and large blue eyes thru which her love and purity look out as "through the windows of the soul." Her bearing is that of an aristocrat, for she, tho not proud and haughty, never forgets that she is the daughter of a King. Her voice, most likely, is like Cordelia's "soft and low" for Arirragus says,

"How angel-like she sings!"

She is one to compel the admiration, the love of all, and certain it is that all critics have done her homage. '08.



Oratorical Contest

THE Eleventh Annual Oratorical Contest was held at the College Friday evening, March 1st. A large audience was present to encourage the speakers and witness the selection of the representative for the state contest.

Never before in the history of our institution was there as much interest and rivalry in the Oratorical Contest as this year. The contest being limited to four representatives from each of the two literary societies, it was found necessary for one of the societies to hold a preliminary contest to select its four representatives from the nine persons desiring to enter the College contest.

Mr. Oliver Dynes was awarded first place and will represent the A. C. in the State Contest, while Mr. Richard Blume was awarded second place.

Miss Simmons of Moorhead Normal, Attorney Frame, and Rev. Beard acted as judges.

The following is the program presented:

Cornet Solo: The Prophet King - - - - - Comp.

Dr. C. S. Putnam

William of Orange - - - - - John Thysell

The Cry of the Children - - - - - Miss Bessie Rice

Our Duty as American Citizens - - - - - C. I. Gunness

American Diplomacy - - - - - Richard Blume

Contralto Solo - - - - - Selected

Miss Tena Grest

Wordsworth's Message to the Twentieth Century - - - - -

Miss Genevieve Holkesvig

The Good Great Man and his Reward - - - - - John Weaver

The New Social Consciousness - - - - - Oliver Dynes

Leopold and the Congo State - - - - - Charles Clark

Piano Duet—Sakontala - - - - - Bendel

Misses Grasse and Van Horn

Decision of Judges

Athletic Notes

A. C.—UNIVERSITY



SHORT time ago we noticed with a good deal of pleasure, articles in the Weekly Student that seemed to suggest that at last the student body of the University was beginning to break thru the veil that has been thrown about it and was getting a glimpse of the true light that pertains to the unsatisfactory Athletic relations that have existed in the past few years between that school and this. But, alas, judging from a more recent issue, the student body has again been thrust back into the gloomy realm of ignorance and once more, equivocation runs rampant and deceit prevails.

Here is the article in question: "The Fargo Forum states that there will be no A. C.—University basketball games this season. We are sorry to learn this, as we had been planning on having the state championship settled and settled right. However, if our friends at the Agricultural College do not wish to play we cannot compel them to do so and while we have frequently criticised the University management in the past for not getting games with the Farmers we feel that they have lately done their best to do so. If there are no basket ball games with the A. C. it is not because we have gotten an attack of "cold feet" nor because our management has not made an effort to arrange for games."

From all this, it seems most apparent that the writer thereof is absolutely ignorant of the fact that not an effort has been initiated by the University management to bring about a meeting of these two teams while the Agricultural College management has made four distinct efforts to bring the teams together, viz.: one by Coach Dobie, in the interim when the Faculty management at this school was changing and three times by Mr. Parrott after he assumed the management in December. Between the first two of these efforts the A. C. management proceeded to the making up of the season's schedule, which when completed, left open the dates of February 12, 13, and 22, with a possibility of shifting the 23rd.

On January 18th these dates were offered to Manager Brannon and after several exchanges of correspondence, were refused by him on the grounds that "pressure had been brought to bear" and that unless it could be arranged to have the girls' teams meet at the same time, the boys game could not be played. Inasmuch as this possibility had been previously discussed and refused by the A. C. for reasons that Prof. Brannon heartily concurred in, the matter was dropped at that time.

On February 22nd the University teams, in charge of Student-Manager Carkin and Coach Sweetland, were in Fargo to meet the teams of Fargo College, and this was one of the dates that Mr. Parrott had suggested on the 18th of January. At the Fargo College game Mr. Parrott first asked Coach Sweetland and then Manager Carkin to arrange to have the team stay over to meet the College team on the evening of the 23rd. On grounds that seemed hardly sufficient at that time, these efforts proved futile, altho Mr. Carkin and Captain Netcher seemed very anxious to have the games and finally agreed to meet the College

team on any two subsequent dates that Mr. Parrott might see fit to offer—mid-week or otherwise.

On the night of the 23rd the College team met and for the second time in the season defeated the Fargo Athletic, thus rendering unnecessary the third game of the series, arranged between these two teams and allowing the A. C. to slightly readjust its schedule. So on the 25th Mr. Parrott again got in contact with Mr. Brannon and mentioning the proposition made to him by Messrs. Carkin and Netcher, offered to play the University in Fargo on the evening of Thursday, February 28th, and to play a return game in Grand Forks on Wednesday, March 6th. Mr. Brannon promised to take this proposition up with the members of the team and to let Mr. Parrott know immediately. Twenty-four hours later no reply had come from the University and Mr. Parrott then endeavored to find Mr. Carkin only to be informed from the University that Mr. Carkin could not be found. Later, Mr. Parrott called up Mr. Brannon, who said that he had been unable to find any of the members of the team, that he had seen Coach Sweetland and had learned from him that the team was not in shape to play on the 25th.

Now why should this team be unable to play? Some of us saw it play the game in Valley City on the 21st, and others of us saw it play the Fargo College game and at neither of the games did the team have to exert itself. It surely was not crippled to such an extent that it could not recover in six days. The A. C. team played the very severe game with the Athletics on the next day and stood ready to put itself in shape for this proposed game within five days. Then why were the games denied?

As students of this College we do not feel that the students of the University understand the situation, or in all honesty no such statement would ever have been made that, "if our friends at the Agricultural College do not wish to play we cannot make them play—", nor would the University student body be satisfied with what the University management has done to bring about these games. They have done absolutely nothing.

The A. C. management has made the only propositions looking toward the arrangement of such games.

It is the prevailing opinion here that the University students are as anxious to see friendly athletic relations resumed between the two schools as are we and to this end we have taken some trouble in getting from Mr. Parrott the data used above in establishing the amount of effort that has sprung from this institution to bring this about. These bodies of students will make the business men of the future and as such will come into competition along commercial lines. Why not broaden out their views and scatter their prejudices by letting them come in contact in the friendly and sane rivalry of athletic and other contests?

To this end why not remove "the pressure" that bears?

THE next game of the championship series was with the Athletics. A very small, but enthusiastic crowd turned out to see what promised to be the best basket ball game ever pulled off in Fargo, and everybody agreed that that was just what it was when the game ended 24 to 25 in favor of the A. C. boys. Each team alternately took the lead, but never by more than three or four points, and the spectators were wild with excitement at every stage of the game. This victory will undoubtedly give the A. C. team the state championship, as the U. N. D. have "cold feet" and couldn't be driven into a game with us.

OUR young ladies' team met defeat at the hands of the Valley City High on March 2nd. Score 23 to 3.

THE games scheduled with the Valley City Normal teams at Valley City were called off on account of a severe snow storm which stopped all trains for the day of the game.

THE Boys' team went up to Valley City to play the Company at that place on March 2nd, but after 10 minutes of play, when the score was 10 to 2 in favor of the A. C., the Company boys got so rowdyish that Coach Dobie called his team off the floor. Company G haven't yet learned how to take a defeat in spite of all their experience in this line.

THE return game with Mayville Normal was played February 16th with practically the same result as before. The A. C. girls lost a hard fought game by the score of 22 to 7, and the A. C. boys retaliated by beating the would-be school masters 44 to 11. The feature of both games was the poor officiating of the Normal man, a certain Mr. Baker of Emarado.

THE first game with the Athletics was played February 2nd and resulted in a victory for the A. C. by a score of 27 to 28. The game was fast and exciting all thru, and the small crowd got their money's worth, without question. The farmers led, at the end of the first half by the score of 9 to 18, but the Athletics took a brace in the second, and nearly won out.

WE HAVE as good a basket ball team this year as we ever had; a better one in fact, but the support given us by the students is outrageous. We played at least two games that could be classed as the fastest ever seen in Fargo, and the crowd was just about the worst that ever turned out. A little more attention to advertising would help some, but we can do nothing without the patronage of the student body.

Wake up!!!

Engineering Notes

Valve gears!
 Bevel gears!
 Who are we?
 Engineers!!!



NOTICE the happy, care free, self complacent, standard-oil expression on the noble features of the Engineers lately? Seen Prof. Keene's new hat and the quiet, I-told-you-so smile that accompanies it? Just observe a few of these outward indications of prosperity and you will begin to wonder who it was that died and left a billion dollars to the department. Sixty five thousand dollars was the extent to which our generous state, thru the late session of the legislature, loosened the purse strings of the treasury for the higher education of the man that makes the wheels go round, and incidentally for the erection and equipment of an Engineering Building that will be the finest of its kind in the whole, broad Northwest. No wonder that enthusiastic followers of the monkey-wrench and oil-can stop each

other on the sidewalks to have their backs patted! No wonder that Prof. Rose habitually goes around with a tape-line in his left hand and a squinting expression in his right eye! He is merely looking over the ground with an eye to probable locations. Also Prof. Waldron, as chief of the landscape bureau, has not enjoyed an uninterrupted night's rest for three weeks.

The new Engineering building, work upon which will be commenced as soon as possible, is to be located just east of the present building of that name and about the same distance back from the sidewalk. This location will necessitate the removal of the Music Hall to a site immediately to the north of its present location and also the moving of the Armory, which is also to be remodeled, a short distance to the east. The new building will cover a ground space 80x98 and will be connected to the old building by means of a covered passageway entering the present machine shop.

The building is to be three full stories in height with the ground floor about $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet above ground level. A large entrance, flanked by huge pillars, will occupy the center of the south side and a rear entrance to correspond on the opposite side. The style of architecture will somewhat resemble that of the Library, except that everything is on a much larger scale. The roof will be on the "hip" order and a circular dome will crown the center.

The first floor will contain a large lecture room, on the plan of the Chemical auditorium, a large class room for civil engineering, an instrument room and offices in the front part. The rear part of the ground floor is to have a solid concrete floor and will contain the testing, cement, and electrical laboratories. A wide corridor runs both ways thru the center of this floor, the transverse portion communicating with the old building by means of the covered passage.

On the second floor will be located a duplicate of the large lecture room of the first floor, two offices, class rooms, and the physical laboratory and instrument room.

The third floor is given over almost entirely to the draughting department and will contain two large mechanical draughting rooms fitted with 35 individual drawing tables of modern design, a large room devoted exclusively to the making and handling of blue-prints, a studio for free-hand drawing, a museum, and last but not least, a permanent home for the N. D. A. C. L. E. in the shape of a room 24x27 with a rostrum built at one side.

The building will be fully fitted with water, sewer, light, and telephone connections and will be heated and ventilated on the pressure system by means of a large fan located on the ground floor.

The present building is to be entirely remodeled and will probably be renamed the "Mechanic Arts" building. All the more delicate instruments will be moved to the new building and the heavy machinery installed on a cement floor in the first story of the old building. This will include, of course, engine room, machine shop, forge shop, etc. The second floor is to be occupied by the lighter machinery and the wood working tools and shops.

Equipment of the new building will be of the most modern and substantial type and by the time the building is completed, there will also be established a chair of civil engineering in the department with a competent professor in charge. Taken altogether, the College will soon be able to boast of one of the finest engineering departments of any school west of Chicago and it is to be hoped will also attain a reputation, under the new conditions, for exact and conscientious work in the profession.

Science Notes



IT IS quite probable that a number of short-course students will go home before the next issue of the Spectrum, the Science Editor would like to call their attention to one way of keeping in close touch with the institution, of knowing what work is being done by the experiment station and thus obtaining some very valuable and practical information. I refer to the bulletins issued by the State Experiment Station. This Station has published seventy-five bulletins. These represent the research work carried on by the different departments of the station, and aim to solve or help to solve many of the problems which confront the farmer. For instance, Professors Shepperd and Richards have just published Bulletin No. 73 treating of the fattening of steers on barley and rejected wheat. This should be of prime interest to boys who are interested in stock raising or diversified farming. By studying this and other bulletins of a similar nature students should be able to gather some information, whether it pays, for example, to feed damaged grain or sell it in the market.

Again Professors Bolley and Prichard have published some exceptionally valuable bulletins on the rust problem. Every farmer in the state should have a copy of Bulletin No. 68 which deals with rust and possible means of control. The Bulletin on Potato Scab is also worthy of careful reading. Bulletin No. 71 "Flax Culture" is a part of Professor Bolley's report to the Government after spending a year studying Flax Culture in Europe. I will say, however, that this bulletin will be sent out only on special request.

Every boy who comes from the western part of the state should take home a copy of Dr. Van Es's bulletin on "Scabbies," as it describes the disease and gives a treatment for the same.

These are only a few of the bulletins published and do not by any means represent the extent of research work done at the station. President Worst expects to publish eight and possibly ten bulletins each year. This means a lot of hard work on the part of the station staff, but it opens a splendid opportunity to those who cannot afford to attend the Agricultural College, to gain a very practical education and to keep well posted on the scientific views and methods as applied to the agriculture of this state.

In conclusion I wish to advise each student before departing for his home to leave his name and address at the post office with the request that it be placed on the bulletin mailing list. He will then receive, free of cost, all the bulletins as they are published by the station. These he should carefully read and then preserve until he has a sufficient number to bind. The binding will cost very little and it will ensure him a permanent and one of the most practical reference libraries a farmer can possibly own.

PROFESSOR Willard's third biennial report is ready for distribution. This is probably the most extensive and complete report issued by this department. Besides the administrative report, eighteen accompanying papers treat of the different phases of Geological work that have been pursued in the state.

Prominent among these papers are: "A Description of the Tower Quadrangle," "A Description of the Geological Formations in Eastern North Da-

kota," and two very interesting papers on the water supply of different parts of the state, written by the Director of the Survey.

Some valuable information is also contained in the articles treating of the investigation of the soils of the state and written by different members of the survey parties.

Agricultural Department



THE Annual Banquet of the Agricultural Club which has always been the great culminating event of the year for that organization occurred at Pirie's Hall, Saturday evening, March 9. Over one hundred enthusiastic students attended and all announced it the best banquet yet given by the Club. The Male quartette rendered several musical selections which were much enjoyed. The toasts which were interesting and instructive were as follows:

What an Agricultural Education Means to Me—C. A. Michels.

The Opportunities of a Man With an Agricultural Training—Prof. W. B. Richards.

Our Agricultural Club—John Magill.

The Farmer and his Pleasure—Prof. C. B. Waldron.

The Saving Remnant—O. W. Dynes.

Advantages of Organization—Pres. J. H. Worst.

Toast Master—John Thysell.

THE Live Stock bill referred to in these columns last month, has passed both houses, been signed by the Governor, and is now a law.

THE Live Stock Sanitary bill providing for a Live Stock Sanitary board was successfully passed by both houses shortly before adjournment. This bill will no doubt revolutionize the sanitary conditions thruout the state. A new State Veterinarian will be appointed by the board when they meet, and Dr. Van Es will hereafter be State Bacteriologist.

THE Horticultural Society under the management of the new officers is putting out thru the press, lists of hardy and advisable plants, shrubs, and trees for this state. Good news and good work! It's now up to the state to read the lists.

ON WEDNESDAY evening, March 20th, the graduating exercises of the Farm Husbandry class will take place. The graduation address will be delivered by M. F. Greeley, editor of the Dakota Farmer. His subject is "The Landed Home." There will be four graduates from this course this year.

WHO says the Dakota farmers are not progressive? It now begins to look as tho drastic measures must be taken to check this praiseworthy spirit. Enough is enough. So the Legislature affirmed when they defeated the bill introduced by one of the more vivacious representatives of the improvement move-

ment, Mr. R. Layre, who introduced an act for the Prevention of Cruelty to Land. It was his intention to put the rotation crops under the control of the law. His idea, perhaps, is a good one; but good ideas are not always practical. And many people have ideas they cannot develop. Until thruout the country adequate provision for the enforcement of such laws can be obtained, or until Scientific men have more surely determined and decided what is suitable and under all conditions what is the best rotation, such a bill must necessarily sleep the sleep of the just.

WELL, there's nothing so interesting as a contest. Then there's plenty of interest upon the campus. There are three distinct combats still tabulated in the Agricultural Department. The Agricultural Club contest which will take place in the College chapel Saturday evening, March 16, bids fair to be most interesting. The papers are to be on Agricultural subjects and are to be judged both as to thought and composition, and as to delivery. The one securing first place will receive a silver cup, while the next successful contestant will receive a gold watch charm. This contest deserves the support of the student body and should be well attended.

The Stock Judging contest under the direction of Prof. Richards will be more interesting and more fiercely contested than ever this year. Several new prizes have been added to the already attractive list, making a total of seven prizes. Beside the gold medal awarded to the winner of first place, the silver cup awarded by Prof. Shepperd to the student coming second, and the silver cup awarded by Prof. Richards to the student having the highest standing in the first year classes, there will be two pure bred Poland China and one Chester White gilts and a silver medal donated.

Prof. W. J. Rutherford of the Manitoba Agricultural College, formerly of the Iowa Agricultural College, will judge and discuss all classes of live stock. The contest will take place Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning, the 20th and 21st. Wednesday afternoon Prof. D. A. Gaumnitz of the Minnesota Agricultural College will conduct a meat dressing demonstration. This will be of interest to the Domestic Science ladies, as he takes up the retail cuts.

The Farm Machinery Prize Essay contest is also creating a good deal of interest. Mr. Dolve has succeeded in securing better prizes this year than ever before and the students are working hard to obtain one or more of the valuable prizes enumerated below:

1. Cyphers Incubator Co. Prize—For the best essay on "The Incubator and its Value to the Farmer." Prize—A No. 3 Standard Incubator, price \$35.
2. The Hart-Parr Co. Prizes—For the best essays on "The Gasoline Traction Engine." First prize \$25. Second prize \$15. Third prize \$10.
3. Deere & Webber Co. Prizes—For the best essays on "Reasons Why the New Deere Gang is the Most Popular Plow in North Dakota." First prize \$25. Second prize \$15. Third prize \$10.
4. The Smith Manufacturing Co. Prize—For the best essay on "The Fertility of the Soil and the value of the Manure Spreader in the Application of Barnyard Manures." Prize—A No. 4 Great Western Endless Apron Manure Spreader. Price \$130.

This always has been and as long as its standards remain as high as they now are is likely always to be one of the most interesting and energetically fought contests of the school year.

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EDITORIAL

THE State Oratorical Contest will be held at Grand Forks on April 12th. The representatives from the various institutions have already been selected and from present indications the contest promises to be the best ever held in the state. Five institutions will be represented, the State Science School of Wahpeton having joined the League since the last contest. This necessitates having only one contestant from each school as otherwise the program would become entirely too long.

Much interest is taken in the new system of judging introduced this year providing for three judges on that, composition, and delivery, as against three on that and composition and three on delivery. The new system has been tried at the University and the A. C., but not with entire satisfaction and it is possible that another change may be

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proposed at the next meeting of the Board of Control.

It will be remembered that last Fall about 200 A. C. students had secured their tickets for the Special to go to Grand Forks to see the foot ball game, when the game was called off. The disappointment was great at the time, but it will now be possible to visit our friends "down the stream", and that at a more congenial season of the year.

The contest may, possibly, not prove as interesting to some as the prospective game would have been; but is not the Oratorical Contest entitled to the support of the student body as well as the athletic games? Do we not show true College spirit by lending our moral support to efforts in intellectual lines just as truly as by giving our support to athletics? Not that athletics are not entitled to our recognition, but

our so-called *College Spirit* need not necessarily be confined to them.

With Fargo College, The Science School, and the A. C. to draw from, it should be possible to secure a large delegation to visit the Forks on April 12th. The "U" people are royal entertainers and a good time can be expected. Save your money and go to the Contest.

THE Winter Term is well-nigh over and with its passing, go the great numbers of students who have come to us by the hundreds for short-course instruction. Young people from nearly every county in our own state, from nine other states, and from Canada, make up this mighty student body. Our halls and class-rooms have been crowded; the campus has been alive with this army of college-men. Soon they leave and those remaining, comparatively few in number, must again accustom themselves to the quiet routine of class and society work.

The old term is nearly done. Let us close it with honors and the fair resolutions to make the terms to come more worth while, more truly remunerative than those which have gone before. Let us resolve to get the very best out of our daily recitations, the very most out of an active college life. Not being satisfied merely with that knowledge and experience which floats our way, let us give and take of the best, and remember that only as we give of our time, our thought, and our devotion, so do we receive pleasure, knowledge, and experience from our college days.

THE debate with the representatives of Fargo College held at the Agricultural College Chapel on March 14, was not a success so far as the Agricul-

tural College was concerned. We wish to take this occasion, however, to congratulate Fargo College upon the most creditable appearance of her representatives. It is sincerely hoped that another debate may be arranged with Fargo College sometime during the coming school year.

The appearance of the Agricultural College representatives did not reflect any credit to the institution nor to her speakers. There was a conspicuous lack of systematized and energetic preparation on the part of her participants. That there is ability enough in this institution to make an even contest with our worthy opponents across the city, is scarcely doubted. But, if this is to be accomplished, there must be a much deeper and broader preparation on the part of every member of the team as well as the most systematic team work. We feel confident that in future there will be a greater feeling of responsibility on the part of the debaters representing the Agricultural College.

Intercollegiate debates are entirely to be commended. An institution as large as our own should be able to meet representatives of other colleges with equal chances of victory, not only on the Athletic field but in mental combat. In physical strength we have demonstrated our ability to succeed, and with the hearty co-operation of the Faculty why cannot our students become leaders in this field of contest?

Experience is an excellent teacher. It is only by practice that we attain to anything like perfection. Thoroughly defeated, let the future bring forth a series of victories not only creditable to those who participate in the contests but which will reflect credit to our Alma Mater. Let every one assist with every possible effort in maintaining a standard which shall make the Agricultural College the best institution of the State.

Locals

Wanted, by the basket ball girls: A second team.

Wanted—A good debate in the Freshman English class.

A large addition to the gymnasium will be built the coming summer.

Miss Louva Stephens, a former student, visited the college recently.

Whitcomb is thinking of putting out an abridged edition of Shakespeare.

Mr. Parker was laid up for a few days with a severe attack of bronchitis.

Louise Dolshey, who was one of our students last year, visited the college recently.

A bright student's definition for a salt—"That which makes things taste bad when it is left out."

Mr. Dobie (to a student who was unable to answer his question)—"Have you been to breakfast yet?"

The ever changing bulletin boards indicate that the student organizations are in a prosperous condition.

Dr. Van Ess has received a leave of absence and will spend the coming spring and summer in Europe.

Junior Prep—"The Y. W. C. A. didn't get the piano, but Pa has got the paper for the rest of his life.

A number of the students attended the play "Everyman" given by the Seniors of the Moorhead Normal.

The fantastic and ever changing bulletin board of the Pharmaceutical Association indicates that it is alive.

An uninterested Junior in Physics (looking longingly at the clock)—"Oh my! five minutes more of purgatory."

Prof. Hult thinks that some members of his class are too nervous: they shy at every formidable word they see.

There are four extra prizes offered in the stock-judging contest this year and a strong contest is expected.

Have you had your picture taken for the Junior Annual? If you haven't, it isn't the fault of the Juniors.

Turner (in Lab.)—"Now I will fix the color." Just then the bottom of the beaker fell out—and the paint was fixed.

Lost, by the Athenians: Their Society banner. The finder please leave at the Post Office and receive a liberal reward.

The Stock Judging students report an enjoyable and instructive trip to Mr. Canfield's stock farm on the 23rd of February.

The Cadets are now proud possessors of handsome new Crag rifles and are promising good records on the target range next spring.

Prof. Ladd—"What is an alcohol?"
Student—"C₂H₆O."

Prof. Ladd—"Yes, that is the kind you are familiar with."

Many of the students are hard at work on their farm mechanics essays. A great deal of interest is shown in the contest for the \$125 spreader.

The Mechanical department is making plans for the future. It is probable that their new building will crowd the music hall out of its position.

Prof. Shepperd gave an interesting address on the subject of "Crop Rotation and Use of Legumes" at a meeting of the Agricultural Club March 9th.

Mr. O. (who had been giving some young ladies their first lesson in the art of roller skating)—"If you want to hold hands with a girl just get her on roller skates."

Who is she? Mr. Parker is still pondering over this question that was asked him at the Officers' Hop—"What for do you call that girl what cooks by Francis Hall?"

Air ships are getting thicker. One of our student orators recently spoke of our commercial relation with the other world. This will probably be of concern in the future.

The Girls' Debating Club is well organized and the members are developing into such remarkable debators that they are planning to challenge the boys' Debating Club to a debate in the near future.

Dr. Beard addressed the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. at their joint meeting on the 23rd. A large crowd was present to hear the interesting talks. The two organizations are planning other like meetings in the near future.

Prof.—"What is fermentation?"

Student—"It is a chemical reaction brot about by small animals called ferments."

Prof.—"Do these animals belong to the same order as the fleas?"

The soil of the demonstration farms in the different parts of the State is being subjected to chemical analysis by Supt. E. G. Schollander. Many facts are being discovered which should be of great value in future years.

The following question has been suggested for a debate between the boys and girls' debating clubs: Resolved: that it is better for a girl to wear a green hat with a red feather than a red hat with a green feather.

Mr. Oshwald has a new watch which he prizes very highly. If you want to know how many jewels it has, don't ask, but just listen to it tick, which you will have no difficulty in doing if there are not too many wagons and streetcars running nearby.

The Y. W. C. A. girls are getting rich since they started to sell home made candy. Their first attempt netted them over \$6, and then the demand was greater than the supply.

The Y. W. C. A. held its annual election of officers at the last regular meeting. The officers for the coming year are as follows: Matilda Thompson, president; Emily May, vice-president; Tena Grest, secretary, and Pearl Schmidt, treasurer.

Prof. Bolley spent a portion of the month at Brandon, Canada, where he acted as a judge of the different kinds of grains at the Inter-Provincial Winter Fair. He also delivered an address before the Canadian Grain Growers' convention which met at the same time.

A fine collection of Indian relics have been recently given to the college by Mr. M. A. Simpson of Sargent County. Among the collection are a number of hatchets and stone hammers, and a fine specimen of the larger type of hammer has been added by Mr. Robert Dolve.

One of the most pleasing events of the term, was the military ball given by the officers of the military department. The hall was most artistically decorated in red, white and blue and the walls were decorated with military paraphernalia. The chief object of the party was to arouse interest in the department and also to illustrate its growth.

The Junior Physics class are becoming expert in the different methods of "sparking." The boys seem to be especially interested and are improving every opportunity to become proficient in this line.

Student to Charley C. in Physics—"Cheer up Charley."

Charley C.—"I should say not, for when I cheer up I get called down."

The classes in cooking recently visited some of the butcher shops down town and were given a demonstrative lesson in the different cuts of beef.

On Monday afternoon, March 18, Mrs. Hult talked to the Edith Hill Y. W. C. A. on Edinburg, Scotland. She told of the quaint costumes of the Highlanders and their habits of life and brot before the imagination of her hearers in a most vivid manner the old castles and historic places of Edinburg.

The Athenian Literary Society gave a very successful dance and social in the armory Friday evening, March 15. The hall was artistically decorated with the colors of the society, green and white, which gave a very pleasing effect. The proceeds of the dance went to the payment of the piano purchased last spring.

What Others Say:

Oshwald—I thot I was good looking until I saw my picture.

McKinstry—My Cook has left me.

Weaver—A student will never amount to anything if not called before the discipline committee a few times.

Whitcomb—I have been thinking about it ever since Otto got his glasses.

Murphy—I like to have my picture taken.

On Lincoln's birthday, Prof. Vernon P. Squires, Professor of English at the University of Nobrth Dakota, delivered an address on "Lincoln, the Man of the Hour." Mr. Squires spoke of the political situation immediately preceding and leading up to the Civil war. He said that this was the hour and the man was Lincoln. Around this topic he wove a talk that was exceedingly interesting and instructive to all present.

The Domestic Science Department gave an exhibit of its work Thursday, March 21. The classes in this department have made remarkable progress

this year as was shown by the exhibit that was made. All the different dishes prepared by the cookery classes during the Fall and Winter term were prepared by the girls and placed on exhibition. In the afternoon coffee and doughnuts were served. This is the first time that this department has ever undertaken to show to the public the work that is being done.

The debate between Fargo College and the Debating Club of our institution took place Thursday evening, the 14th. A large audience was present, Fargo College sending a large delegation. The question debated was, "Resolved: That for the government of a free people, the American presidential system is preferable to the English Cabinet system." The negative side of the question was supported by our speakers: Messrs. Willard, Oshwald and Connor, and the affirmative was upheld by Messrs. Pollock, Garret, and Steenerson of Fargo College. As is mentioned in another part of this issue the debate was won by Fargo College.

The graduating exercises for the Farm Husbandry course took place in Chapel Wednesday evening, March 20. The following students received their certificates of completion:

F. A. Donelly	A. T. Gulmon
John C. Bohnsack	H. F. Hilborn
Nels Thoreson	

The following program was presented:

Music.
 Essay: "Indian Corn"—John Bohnsack.
 President's Address and Valedictory,—Frank H. Hilborn.
 Music.
 Address: "The Landed Home"—Hon. M. F. Greely.
 Presentation of Certificates.
 Music.

Exchanges

We always turn with interest to the *High School Search-Light* from Minot. This is a new paper and is published by the Seniors. The stories are imaginative and if they are not extraordinary in any way, still they are much more readable than the average love story.

We wish to acknowledge the following new exchanges which we have received within the last few days: The Argus, (Shelton); Industrial Nvoroc, Exponent, (Aberdeen); The Adhccem, (New Brunswick); The Georgia Tatae (Atlanta).

One of the most interesting and clever exchanges this month comes from St. Paul. *The High School World*. "Herr Spielberg: Playwriter," is a type of story seldom found in College papers and is an ingenious satire on the modern play. "Fisher Folk" is another story in the *World* and is a decided improvement on the usual current story. There is a wealth of imagery and a descriptive power shown that is rare. The Central High can feel justly proud of its paper which tho lacking in heavier material is certainly well worth reading.

The Columbiad contains two stories worthy of mention, namely: "The Leap of Death," and "Cap Illiahee." We were quite relieved to find that what threatened to be a tragedy in "The Leap of Death" was happily averted. "Cap Illiahee" is good, but the conclusion rather smacks of sentimentalism. This is something that should by all means be avoided in story writing as it spoils what might otherwise be an excellent story by giving a touch of cheapness. We are sorry that the exchange column is entirely omitted.

In this practical and materialistic age when poets are scoffed at and

called idle dreamers it is good to read such an article as we find in the February number of *The Oracle* entitled "A Freshman Idea of 'In Memoriam'." In this article the writer says that the poet must always have a moral aim. That the true poet is not a photographer of what exists, but a delineator of that which ought to be. He does not exist for art's sake, but for the sake of God and humanity and that he is a man with the deeper feeling and the keener insight that sees thru the outer sham of the world the inner truth. The article shows a good deal of thot and is ably written. We do not believe that Tennyson is fully appreciated but by a comparatively small number and were therefore glad to find another admirer of this truly great poet.

The Searchlight asks: What should the Exchange Column contain? Should it be devoted to nonsense, or to helpful criticisms? Opinions differ greatly as to what should constitute this particular department. On glancing over the exchanges we find that some contain all jokes, others devote all their space to criticisms, while some give part of the columns to jokes and part to criticisms. A few there are who only acknowledge the receipt of various exchanges without any more ado. It seems to us that each exchange editor must edit his department as he thinks best. Personally we would rather read the criticisms than a bunch of jokes which are for the most part stale. In looking thru a number of exchanges we found several jokes repeated in half of them, and they were not good ones either. We know there is a great deal of work to do for the "ex" editor, if he edits his department the way it should be done. But surely it pays to expend just a little more effort on this work than merely to copy a few witty (?) sayings.