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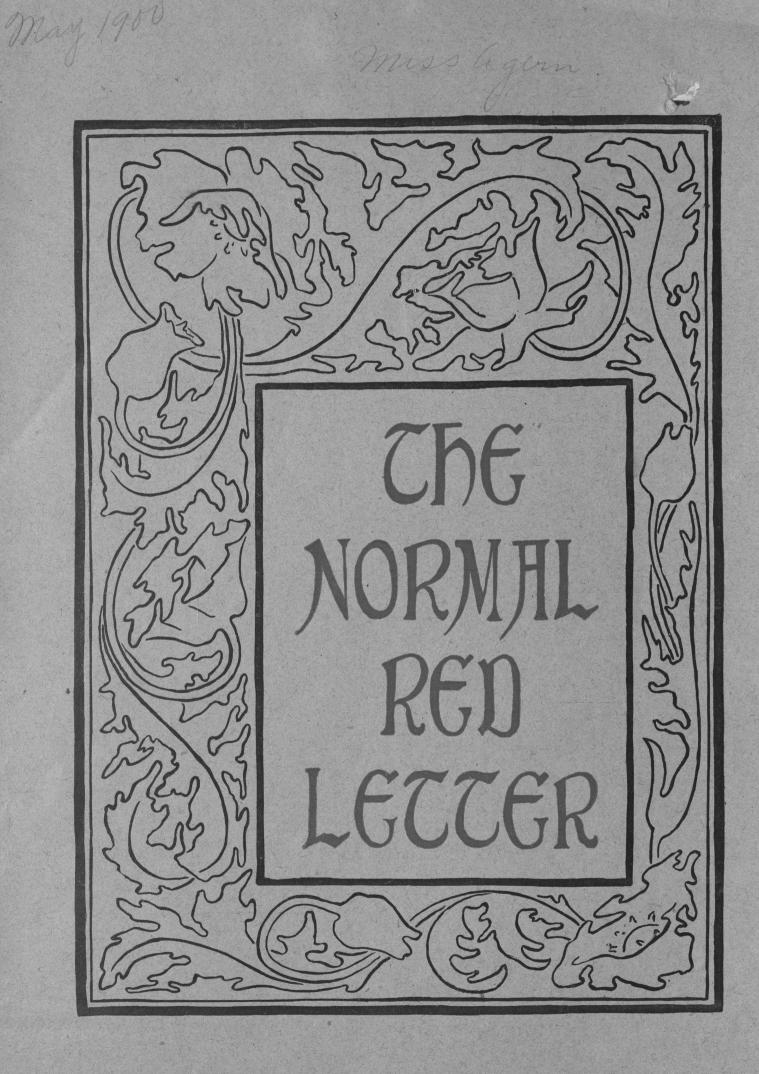
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Northwestern Minnesota Educational Association.

APRIL 6 AND 7.

Teacher" was presented by Miss Charlotte A. Bradley of Ada. About three hundred persons were present at the opening The style of the paper, together with its delivery, made it session of the Northwestern Minnesota Educational associa- thoroughly enjoyable to the audience. Miss Bradley considered tion, Friday afternoon, April 6. This was undoubtedly better the elements of growth within the mind and discussed very attended than any of the previous meetings of the association, ably some of the sources of mental improvement-the training showing that the teachers of the northwest are anxious to school, county association, educational papers and books, progress along educational lines and to seize the opportunity reading circle, good newspapers, and schools of correspondence. of improving themselves in their profession. "The means of self-improvement lie within the reach of all. Let us gather knowledge, never resting until a perfect mind ADDRESS OF WELCOME. is the result."

Everyone became thoroughly at home when Mr. F. H. Mr. C. W. G. Hyde, in his discussion on the paper, Peterson, president of the board of education of Moorhead, elaborated upon the work of the summer school; chiefly, its in his genial, hospitable manner, welcomed the visitors to the purpose city. Mr. Peterson said he was glad to welcome to Moorhead "The success of the summer school depends upon the the most influential representatives of the educational circles attitude of county superintendent and instructors. It should of the northwest. He spoke of what these people have done be mainly for teaching subject matter. The work should be for the children, how the children have been taught to love, intensive rather than extensive. The time to stop is when -respect, and admire them, and how great is the importance of interest has been aroused and there is a feeling among students this bond between teacher and child, inasmuch as the child and instructors that satisfactory work has been done. Generally speaking, four weeks is the limit. The summer school of today is the citizen of tomorrow. He hoped the work should be organized for the benefit of rural teachers. City of the assembly would result in great good in Moorhead and elsewhere, by placing before the minds of all higher ideals of teachers may attend but it is not advisable unless they enter teaching. To many Moorhead is an old home because of actively into the spirit of the work. student life. He welcomed them and urged them to renew Attendance should be compulsory, except by an excuse from the county superintendent. Unfortunately, those who also mentioned the rapid growth of the Normal school, the need the knowledge most are those who most often wish to increase in the number o. students showing that it is a great be excused. Courses of study should not be advocated. The center of learning. "The next twenty-five years will show summer school presents only a desultory form of work for the teacher; the Normal school is the place in which to obtain world than the last twenty-five years have seen. What will training. It is important, however, since it is the best desultory

their former associations and friendships. Mr. Peterson a larger growth and a greater development in the educational. the next twenty-five years give to this school?" means of improvement. There should not be a uniform course of study for the entire state, not even for the county, since the PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS. conditions are so different in different places. This matter President S. A. Challman, of Detroit, laid great stress should be left to the discretion of county superintendents. upon the importance of accurate knowledge in teaching. Summer schools should have no reference whatever to exam-He showed the advancement in the education of the state, inations that will follow. There should not be many evening pointing out the fallacy of the old saying that the teacher lectures. One or two during the course is sufficient. One knows no more than the law allows. good feature of the summer school is a round table once or "Our knowledge should be truth and nothing but the twice a week. Here all are privileged to assemble to discuss truth in all details of our work. Truth will not be inculcated improved methods and relate experiences. An institute differs where knowledge is wanting. Knowledge must be a living greatly from the summer school. It is a sort of revival reality with the teacher in order that she may guide the meeting, as it were. Teachers are started off on new lines child." of thought. It should not last longer than a week at the Mr. Challman showed several ways in which knowing most. The best institutes in the state continue but two and the truth helps the child. It inspires him to act from higher one-half days. Teachers are then full of inspiration when they leave. The subjects treated should be theory and practice, motives; it helps him to throttle his animal nature; it arouses his conscience, thus enabling him to distinguish between psychology, and the common school branches. Attendance right and wrong; lastly, it encourages prompt action and lays should be compulsory for rural and city teachers. The reading the foundation for after life. circle is good. Its membership should be voluntary. Some Mr. Challman strengthened the statement that the aim interested person should outline the work and all questions of all our work should be to accomplish effective results, should be purposeful. The reading circle column ought to since we are to build up the character of those to whom will be introduced into the educational papers of the state."

some time be entrusted the future destinies of our land.

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NO. 3.

MEANS OF IMPROVEMENT

An interesting paper on "Means of Improvement to the

In closing, Mr. Hyde remarked briefly on self-education.

He said, "Every person who has helped the world to move they are the product of man's reason. Words stand more in self-made men. Among our best teachers there are many who background. Man is conscious of words; tones and actions have not had the advantages of High school, Normal school, or are spontaneous. Words are objective; tones and actions are University training. Every member of this Northwestern subjective. Words represent objects of thought; tones and Minnesota Educational association should strive to make the actions reveal mind processes. Words show the relation of best of himself. "Be self-made men and women."

ADVANCED READING.

The paper by Miss Margaret Ford of Detroit on advanced reading was personal and practical. Miss Ford spoke from her experience in the eighth and high school grades. She has found that there is a lack of time spent on reading in the upper grades. Here many difficulties are met with which must be overcome. In the eighth grade interest begins to fail. Pupils become self-conscious and are ashamed to show their emotion. Their standard of excellence is speed and behind this there can be little thought. Hence, the remedy must be found in reviving interest.

A few practical suggestions were given: Let the reading material be interesting. Give pupils tasks that necessitate thinking. Let lessons be definite. Lead children to understand the significance of figures of speech, comparisons and contrasts, shows whether a man's whole nature co-ordinates with the punctuation, and grouping.

Edith A. Scott of the Moorhead Normal school. The facts realization and feeling. Vocal expression furnishes the art of presented by Miss Scott were gathered exclusively from observation. She has found that Miss Ford's pupils are but type pupils. The question which confronts us is how to meet the obstacles of the adolescent period. It is at this stage that the pupil forms his ideal and it is here that his taste for literature grows most rapidly. Children enjoy biography. Here is an opportunity to introduce the lives of Franklin, Lincoln, and other great men. This cannot but instil in them habits of thrift, industry, and power. Children should be taught to love poetry. They cannot learn to appreciate it by themselves, but must be carefully guided and directed by the teacher to see its power and beauty.

rather than to theorize and speculate. The first thing to do is to show how to read a lesson. It is well for the teacher to go over the lesson with the pupils. Thought grouping is expression. a very important point because it brings out expression. There is a lack of drill in vocal culture. Good enunciation is necessary. The bashful boy should not be exposed to the criticism and ridicule of his associates. He should receive personal attention and private encouragement on the part of the teacher. Two books which will be of great help to any teacher are Professor Clarke's "How to Teach Reading in the Public Schools" and "Reading-How to Teach It," by Miss Arnold of Minneapolis.

DRAWING IN RURAL SCHOOLS

Miss Fuith Marsh, of the Department of Drawing in the Moorhead Normal school, gave a very complete and systematic outline of the work in drawing, as it should be pursued in village and rural schools. A general synopsis of the work for each grade was given with the purpose of each successive stage in its development. "Drawing is not taught as an end in itself but for cultivating the habit of observation and of accuracy through the senses. It gives skill of hand and the inestimable."

EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS.

Mr. E. A. Nelson of Hallock spoke briefly of educational to which every teacher should have definite knowledge.

LITERARY INTERPRETATION.

was "Literary Interpretation." He said that man has three suggestions from them. As to the pupils, they should be languages-words, tones, and actions. Words manifest reason; made to feel that the school is a place for work and that

materially is a self-made man. The doctor and the lawyer are the foreground of actions; tones and actions furnish a strong ideas: tones and actions show the relation of idea to personality. Words can be acquired and are conventional. Verbal expression can be recorded and constitutes what is known as literature: tones and actions are personal and transitory.

Literature of knowledge is the verbal expression of fact. Literature of power is verbal expression clothed in emotion. The interpretation and appreciation of literature depends upon the voice and expression of man. If literature is to be appreciated we must arouse within us the purposes of the author. Vocal expression is an interpretative art. Even in silent reading the reader must conceive thought as rendered by the voice. Vocal expression furnishes an opportunity of studying the emotions, and is considered by most critics as the best way of developing the imagination. It is the means of creating the thought of the author. It is a test, not only of our understanding of a poem, but of our assimilation of its nature. It great works of literature. General and comprehensive views The discussion on Miss Ford's paper was lead by Miss are necessary but they are preliminary. There must be intense accomplishing this. The rendering of a passage from Shakespeare causes one to feel it. Scientific methods could not be used to teach literature, as they would cover only certain aspects of it. Unless we see for ourselves and not through the eyes of others, we cannot appreciate a great work of literature. All teachers of reading and literature realize the need of artistic method in its study. Speech is the only natural expression. Therefore, a teacher of reading and literature must be a master of some form of expression. Memory and imagination must go along with the reasoning faculties. Imagination is not a wild departure from truth. Truth is its life and soil. Poetry and science are not antagon-It is best to speak in a practical way from experience istic. Neither is imagination antagonistic to reason.

Readings from Shakespeare, Milton, Wordsworth, and Shelley were given to illustrate the different phases of vocal

The musical features of the evening were an instrumental selection by Miss Bertha Darrow and a vocal solo by Mr. L. A. Huntoon.

SATURDAY A M.

The two programs of Saturday were condensed into one to enable those who desired to hear Captain Sigsbee at Fargo.

PROFITABLE WORK IN ARITHMETIC.

The program was introduced by Miss Miller of the Moorhead schools. Miss Miller is an experienced teacher and presented many valuable suggestions as to how the work in arithmetic can be made profitable. The importance of arithmetic was dwelt upon; also its functions and fundamental processes. Miss Miller laid stress upon the fact that the various processes in arithmetic are objective; that all material is drawn from environment and it develops the power to see quantitative relations.

Supt. C. W. Mickens of Moorhead and Supt. W. L. Shoeability to see beauty in nature. Its educational value is maker of St. Cloud briefly discussed a few points suggested by the paper.

THE VILLAGE PRINCIPAL.

The relation of the village principal to his school was systems, and discussed a number of important points in regard discussed by J. H. Lewis of Hawley. The first point taken up was the relation of the principal to the teachers and pupils of his school. If the principal wishes the co-operation of his teachers he must show them that he has confidence in The subject of President Weld's lecture Friday evening their ability. Let him always be ready to profit by helpful

they are responsible to their teacher. They should be made require the personal attention of every progressive teacher. to feel that the principal upholds the teacher in everything.

held such a position to realize the obstacles which a village principal has to overcome.

SCHOOL INCENTIVES

The subject of school incentives was ably handled by Mr. C. A. Ballard of the Normal school

"There are two kinds of school incentives; the first consists of devices and methods that are for the best end of education; the second is made up of temporary stimuli and has detrimental results. In order that school work may accomplish good results there must be plan and definite purpose. The child must be taught to want to gain knowledge for what it will do for him in the future; he should desire an education that he may be beneficial to society. These are worthy motives. Where temporary stimuli are used the means become the end. The most common form of the second class is the markhigher the mark the greater the satisfaction and vice versa. making the means the end. In most students there is an honest incentives which are highest, purest, and best."

What the first year in school ought to do for the child is a question worthy of careful consideration and that Miss ing system; there is a tendency to work for marks only. The Hanson is deeply interested in the matter was evident from her paper on the subject. The first thing the child must learn Figures are cold facts and are definite in meanings. This on entering school is to sit still. This should be done by system places a premium on untruthfulness and deceit. There keeping him busy rather than by arbitrary commands. He are modifications of the marking system in which approximate should be taught the virtue of obedience. This should be credit is given. In all cases, however, there is danger of brought about without his attention being called to it. He should also be taught habits of politeness and cleanliness desire to excel. If this does not become rivarly the motive and individual rights of ownership. But his first impressions is good. Therefore the teacher should make use of those should not be those of irksome work. He can learn to read readily matter suitable for his age. If he does not learn Mr. C. G. Hankey agreed with Mr. Ballard's views and to read here, he will never learn to read at all. The love of corroborated his statements. Prizes should be those that animals, birds, and flowers can be taught from observation. develop manhood and womanhood, elevate character and cause In telling his observations the child's expression is developed. pupils to look for higher ideals. As far as number work is concerned there are no certain GEOGRAPHY limits. Enough geography should be given to teach the child to reason, enough astronomy to cause him to appreciate the Geography is a subject which, as Miss Dowling said, grandeur of the Solar system. Short history stories can be is literally as big as all outdoors. Its general aim is to aid used to teach facts relating to great men. Music is indispensthe child to do original work, see cause and effect, and put him able. The first year should establish a love of literature. in close sympathy and immediate relationship with his environment. It takes one out of himself and puts him in contact Burns's mother's cradle songs made him a poet. The first year should form the foundation from which the child can reach with mother earth. The old text-book definition that geogthe highest level.

raphy is a description of the earth has become obsolete; A number of valuable points were added by Miss Lamwe now go below the surface; we include the air we breathe; phere of the Moorhead schools. we study the earth as a home of man; we learn of his Pupils should look for approval from schoolmates as well dependence on animal and plant life. In the lower grades as from the teacher. Citizenship is taught by children learning a large part of the work should be prophetic. In the upper to appreciate the rights of their fellows. Children should be grades the work is carried along three main lines, original praised, not flattered. A few words of honest commendation of servation, field work, and text-book work. In all the grades will always encourage and inspire. Children must learn the there should be a close correlation of history and geography. power of concentration. Without this nothing can be done. Mr. C. W. Porter of Frazee gave a lengthy discussion. Miss Lamphere enlarged upon the value of reading, singing, He compared geography to a corner-stone in the foundation and poem work of natural sciences. The conception of the earth as a sphere Miss Sheldon's arguments were along the same line as is good to begin with. The use of technical terms should be those above. She emphasized the fact that though the child avcided in early work. The text-book may be compared to cannot do many things, what he does must be done well. the text of a sermon. There may be harm in getting material from too many sources but if the teacher has a well defined AN IDEAL RURAL SCHOOL. plan there is little danger. Physical and political geography Superintendent Torson of Clay county described the should be studied together. The value of map moulding, conditions existing in an ideal rural school. He urged the

pictures and curios is inestimable

NEGLECTED FACTORS OF EDUCATION

Some of the neglected factors of education were pointed a good dictionary, globe, maps, pictures, and a library of careout by Superintendent Mickens. The doors of educational fully chosen books. There should be co-operation between institutions stand open alike to all who will but make an teachers and patrons in striving to improve the rural schools attempt to enter. There are four great recognized factors of the state in civilization-home, church, state, and society and a fifth, The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: the school, may be added. The work of the school is President: Superintendent Angus, of Warren. correlated with all. The school has developed along certain Vice president: Supt. C. W. Mickens, of Moorhead. lines. Education fails to secure all its high ends, first, by Secretary: Mr. H. M. Stanford, Moorhead Normal. a lack of environment. Our unsuitable surroundings and Treasurer: Mrs. C. W. McCauley, of McCauleyville. unsanitary conditions demand urgent attention. The second State Superintendent J. H. Lewis of Minnesota and State Superintendent Halland of North Dakota made interneglected factor is the child himself. Child study is necessary. Eye and ear defects and nervousness on the part of children esting remarks, and the meeting adjourned.

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Our courses of study are not practical. Three courses of Mr. Lewis gave a suggestive plan of work to be carried study might be suggested; the first, one leading to higher out in a village school. It is difficult for one who has never educative study; the second, a system of manual training; the third, a business course. There is danger of developing a fine intellect but a blunted conscience. These are what will count in the realities of life. There is a failure in schools to furnish ample opportunities for sense training. A kindergarten with a graduated system of sense training is a moral necessity in every school. There is a failure to gain the hearty co-operation of parents and children. There are many cases where there is a lack of feeling among teachers to prepare themselves for better work. But there are signs of progress. We look forward to a time when education will be the prime factor of the civilized influences of the world.

Miss Bray favored the association with a solo.

THE FIRST YEAR IN SCHOOL.

necessity of a well equipped, cheerful, and attractive school house, a correct arrangement of seats, the best text-books,

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Official Reports.

The question of finance seems to be a very difficult problem just at present for the Athletic Association to solve. At the annual meeting of the association, when the reports of the president, secretary, treasurer, and manager were called for, it was found that all these inconvenient and bunglesome offices had been consolidated into one, and that the association would be delayed, or rather entertained, with but one report. To the astonishment of everyone, this strongly centralized, consolidated, economical, and all important official department, through the proper officers of course, gave out as its report on finance that the association was twenty-three dollars in debt. Such questions as "Who to?" "What for?" "By what authority," etc., were quickly disposed of by touching and eloquent appeals to the dignity, honor and integrity of the members of the association, with the result that the association assumed the debts. About one hundred fifty dollars were spent last fall on athletics and the association comes out twenty-three dollars in debt. The problem is to pay the debts and raise enough money to run the base ball team successfully. The Literary Society, having some money to spare, kindly consented to give all but five dollars to the Association. The faculty and the boys have all contributed quite freely, and the finance committee seems to be confident of success. This not only speaks well for the athletic board of control, but it also shows that the association knows how to profit by past experiences, and that it means to work upon a sound and reliable basis in the future. This is as it should be, and every student in the school should take a personal interest in this work.

* Juniors and Seniors.

At the beginning of the present school year, no one would have dreamed of the remarkable manifestations of class spirit. which have been shown during the past month. Never before in the history of the school have the Senior and Junior classes been so large, and never has class spirit been so strong. This probably follows naturally from the old adage, "The more the merrier." The first marked indications of the rivalry, add a young woman's fancy) lightly turns to thoughts of"

appeared immediately after the organization of the Junior class, when the purple and lavender were so conspicuous; but, although at the time this attracted a great deal of attention, the green and white, long before chosen as the favorite colors of the Seniors, held their own. It is hardly necessary to mention the enthusiastic class meetings, the loyalty of each member to his own class, and the interest manifested by outsiders in the doings of both Seniors and Juniors.

Right here let us mention that the Juniors, though comparatively young in years and few in numbers, are to be admired for the amount of work they can do, and their wonderful ability to keep secrets. Many minds have been puzzled as to the meaning of the whispered consultations, the unfinished suggestive sentences heard now and then, and the quantities of purple and lavender silk seen in strange and secluded places. Shall we soon forget the strife over the flags? How the hearts of the Seniors beat with pride, when, one day, they beheld their colors flying from the flag pole. Not so, the Juniors, who took hasty steps to remove it. In its place, at daybreak, appeared a black-something, strangely suggestive of mourning. Now the battle was on. Again the Senior flag appeared, and again it was torn down, after which a much worn and dilapidated emblem, labeled "Juniors," was raised, which, all concerned seemed willing to leave in peace. Through the mind's eye we can see how, in future years, these opposing forces will meet, like the blue and the gray, upon the field of battle, and shake hands in firm and undying friendship.

* * * The Model Schools.

The model schools are essentially for the purpose of giving students in their Senior year some work in practical teaching. It would be hard to estimate the true worth of the work, and we can only point out a few of the ways in which practice teaching may be of permanent value to us. We all know the "force of habit," and can easily see how important it is to form correct habits at first in the work that we have chosen. In the model schools, mistakes in the method and manner of presenting subject-matter are corrected, and good points are commended-in short, good habits of teaching are formed. The value of thorough preparation and of having a definite plan of work are learned. This is valuable, not only in school work, but in every phase of life. Self-confidence is gained. The school rooms are scenes of life. There is always someone coming in, and the teacher who has been "frightened to death," when she has had visitors, finds after a time, that she can go on with her lesson in perfect peace, even though the room is full of people.

There are few things so helpful in broadening character as coming into contact with other people-getting into sympathy with lives and ways different from our own. There is ample opportunity for this in the model schools. We observe, and see the teacher from many different points of view. Everyone has faults, as too, everyone has some strong point, and no matter how poor a lesson may seem, something good can always be said about it, and something can be learned from it.

The practice teachers become familiar with some of the best books to use in each grade, as well as apparatus, games and exercises, so valuable, especially, in primary grades.

It is always good and elevating to know people who are superior to ourselves. In knowing and working with our critic teachers, students must, both by effort and unconsciously, develop ideals and aspirations; and become broadened and strengthened in character.

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Keep in Mind.

"In the spring a young man's faney (and well might we which was destined to assume such majestic proportions -tennis, wheeling, and, in short, all outdoor sports,

How hard it is to restrain that spirit within that leads to those active outdoor enjoyments, and doubly hard it is to arouse our languid minds and concentrate our thoughts upon long, difficult lessons. However, let us make a determined effort to improve the flying moments, for " not e'en pleasure to excess is good," and remember that but a few weeks remain before we shall be at liberty to roam at will.

The importance of exercise and recreation in connection with regular work should not be belittled, but, while we are out of doors for enjoyment and exercise, can we not even then be improving ourselves along other lines? Let us be awake and watchful and endeavor to be in touch with all the beauties of nature, with everything waking and growing so eagerly about us, and we will doubtless find that Bryant speaks truly when he says:

> "To him who in the love of nature holds Communion with her visible forms, she speaks A various language; for his gayer hours She has a voice of gladness, and a smile And eloquence of beauty, and she glides Into his darker musings, with a mild And healing sympathy, that steals away Their sharpness, ere he is aware."

* * * What's the matter with Pitcher Berg? Five "strike outs," one "put out," five "assists," and only six safe hits, to twenty-ATHLETICS. nine of the opposing pitcher, is Twirler Berg's record in the The Athletic association held its annual meeting Saturday, second game of the league series. The game in which all March 31. The question of an efficient management of athletic this happened was played Monday, April 23, against the affairs was finally solved by adopting a new constitution, which Ministers from Fargo college, a gentlemanly aggregation of makes various changes, both as to officers and their powers. young fellows. Our men were out in full spirit, and went Regular annual and monthly meetings are provided for, but after the college men with the same determination that won the executive business is transacted by a board of control. or by such officers as said board may appoint. The President, the foot ball game from the weighty farmers last fall. It was vice president, and secretary of the association, three other evident from the very start that the Ministers were no match students, two members of the faculty, and one alumnus confor our men. Lindboe started the ball rolling with a lusty stitute the athletic board of control. The following are the two-bagger. Wold followed with another of the same kind, officers and members of the board: Otto Bergh, president; and, before one had time to say "amen," the first baseman D. J. Gainey, vice president; Martin Gullickson, secretary; Clyde Gray, Julius Skaug, James Billsboro, Mr. Stanford, had crossed the home plate. Pitcher Kinne did not like the way Berg gripped the bat, so he graciously gave him a base. Mr. Huey, Wesley C. McDowell. Other officers, which have Clauson followed with a single, sacrificing to Berg, who was been chosen, are Edward Parkhill, manager; Henry Mackall, caught on second. Clauson was given a free pass, so was terasurer; Joseph Henn, custodian. Malloy. Wagner, however, found the ball for two bases, The board has taken hold of things in a way that should scoring Clauson and Henn. An error and a free pass scored make every student feel proud of the Athletic association. Malloy and Wagner. Ambs and Lindboe were struck out.

It authorized the manager to enter into a baseball league This ended the scoring for this inning. with the base ball teams of the Fargo Y. M. C. A., the N. D. It was now the Ministers' turn, and Cleveland, the agile Agricultural college, and the Fargo college. These four catcher, was the first victim, and he sent a hot grounder to teams are to play a series of games, in the Y. M. C. A. base Malloy, who fielded it beautifully to Lindboe, and the Minister ball park in Fargo, during the remainder of the school year. went to the bench Brown was next but Wagner was equal Our base ball team is doing excellent work under the able to the occasion. By a phenomenal one-hand catch, and a direction of the captain, Otto Bergh, and we hope to see the swift and accurate throw to first base, Wagner stopped his fruit of this in a great number of "games won." Let every man. Briggs made a safe hit, but Beaton, the next man, was player get down to hard and persistent practice, and the rest unable to find the ball. Thus the Ministers were treated in of the students turn out in large numbers to see the games the second, fifth, seventh, eighth, and ninth innings. and cheer our boys on, and we are sure of success.

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Messrs. Huey, Stanford, and John Clausen have been appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements for the opening of the foot ball season in the fall. There will be no lack of material for a strong team, and with proper training we will have no trouble in pushing the pigskin across the goal line.

Some interest is also shown by a few of the young ladies in tennis. This is encouraging to those who are interested in school athletics, and it is to be hoped that the ladies will take a much more active part in such work. There seems to be a lack of support and enthusiasm on the part of many of the students, especially among the ladies, in what the base ball team is doing. This should not be so, as the team is deserving of hearty support and great encouragement from every student in the school,

BASE BALL.

NORMAL SCHOOL VERSUS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

The base ball season opened in earnest Saturday, April 21, when our team was pitted against the strong men of the Agricultural college. This was the first game of the season, and one of a series which is to be played by the "Big Four"the Fargo and Moorhead league. Our team was far below normal condition, but, in as much as the game was scheduled, it was not practicable to call it off. The game was non-interesting from the start. In the eighth inning Pitcher Bergh was injured and compelled to retire. Short-stop Wagner took Bergh's place, and the "Farmers" soon convinced him that he was not up in the pitching business. Ten men crossed the plate in this inning. Mackall took Henn's place, and Henn assumed the duties of short-stop. The appended score tells the remainder of the sad, sad tale:

SCORE BY INNINGS.

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NORMAL SCHOOL VERSUS FARGO COLLEGE.

During these innings many brilliant plays were made. Berg's pitching was superb, and his support was fine. Malloy, Wagner, Ambs and Henn played elegant ball. Clausen's base running was a feature of the game. Wold makes an excellent back stop, and Lindboe is sure at first base. Gullickson made a fine debut in right field, putting two men out.

In the third inning, we were limited to one, while in the fourth, sixth, and seventh innings the college men treated us in Chicago fashion by brilliant plays and good pitching. Orchard, Simmons, F. Shepard, Kinne, and Cleveland carried off the honors for the college team.

SCORE BY INNINGS.

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Rhetorical Exercises.

The evening of March 30, was devoted to Walter Scott and Robert Burns. Miss Smith gave a few introductory remarks, telling of how Scott was born in an ornamented garden land, near Edinburgh, into a family distinguished for culture, of how he lived amid old-fashioned characters and became familiar with quaint stories and songs and martial music. The first sound he heard was the music of the bag piper. The martial side of his nature is reflected in the war songs of the Edinburgh dragoons and the audience felt this all the more strongly as the selection was delivered by Mr. James Fay.

A Lullaby to a Young Chief, and Wandering Willie, which pictures a youth, who on his return from an adventurous career is welcomed home by his betrothed were well rendered by Miss Myrtle Henry.

The interest manifested by Scott in the stirring was between the English and French and Scott's devotion to his country are illustrated in The Dragoons, read by Miss Hazel Robison.

Miss Mary Mackin then recited the most popular of Scott's lyrics, Jack O'Hazel Dean and the Jubilee Song, Carl, Now the King Is Coming . The audience was then entertained by Miss Smith's reading of Burns's well known poems "A Man's a Man for A' That," "The Banks O'Doon," and "John Anderson, My Jo, John."

Mr. Porritt's pianolo selections added much to the charm of the program. * * *

The Literary Society.

Though the work of the Literary Society has been somewhat handicapped lately by the infrequency of its meetings, of Moorhead. There will also be a debate. The members the program of Friday evening, April 20, was one of the are justly proud and well satisfied with the work they have most interesting and helpful that has been presented during the school year.

The inaugural address of Syvert Kjelsness, the new president, showed what a literary society should do for every Valley. school, and what it has done for our school. Not only has it given us higher literary standards and developed the power to discuss public questions of the day, but it has been a valuable opportunity for self-improvement, and for acquiring a broad education. In closing, Mr. Kjelsness thanked his friends for the confidence shown him by his election to the presidency, and hoped the society would prosper during his term of office

by Bessie Van Houten in a very pleasing and attractive manner.

Mr. E. B. Huey, of the faculty, delivered a very pleasing address, in which he gave the members of the society many strong suggestions and helpful criticism in regard to their work as students. Mr. Huey said that the results accomplished in school depend upon the way in which students make use of their talent. For the most part, they do not put themselves in right relations with their environments. There are four ways, especially, in which Normal students fail. First, they think of the Normal school as the main source of education. They do not think of it as the place in which to learn how to obtain an education, and that it is merely a help and an inspiration to attain this end. They must, therefore, not consider the school course the end of life's purpose. Second, Normal students fail to have high ideals. When they graduate they feel that they have reached the height of ambition. They have not formed high ideals which it is their purpose to realize. Emerson said rightly, "Hitch your wagon to a star." Everyone should make it his fundamental principle to do all he can to make the world move along. Third, students do not have school, the following subjects being discussed in the order faith. There is a withering of the faith-side of the soul; a given: Physics, chemistry, physiography, zoology, botany, and lack of faith in self.' This element in character should be more fully developed. Fourth, there is a failure to live in

ments, and surround themselves with great expectations and ideal companions. What the average Normal student needs, then, is a broader view of education, higher ideals, faith, and the most helpful environment. "You have brains, are industrious and teachable-three essentials. You can secure them if you wish; they are within your reach."

"A far-away Melody," by Mary E. Wilkins, was well read by Cecelia Busness and enjoyed by all.

Myrtle Henry recited "Brother Ire's Singing" in a lively, enthusiastic manner, which did not fail to express the sentiment of the story.

An instrumental selection, by Agnes Lewis, closed the program. Miss Lewis's music is always appreciated by her fellow-students.

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The Forum Debating Section.

The last meetings of the Forum debating section have been interesting as well as instructive, the meeting of March 24 especially so, and was well attended even by the lady students. The most interesting part of the meeting was the debate on the question: "Resolved, that the United States shall favor England in the Boer war."

The debaters were: Martin Gullickson and Leonard Eriksson, on the affirmative; and Leslie Fugua and Christian Wold, on the negative. The debaters had studied the question thoroughly and handled it skillfully. A paper on Dreyfus was given by Otto Bergh. The last two meetings have been given to discussions on Reed's Rules of Order, and Parliamentary Practice. The next and last meeting is looked forward to with interest by the members of the section. An address, on City Government, will be given by Lawyer Peterson done this year, and now gladly lay aside the essayist's pen and orator's manual to join the boys in base ball, and to get more time to enjoy the pleasant May evenings of the Red River

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A Conference of Science Teachers.

A conference of the science teachers of the state was held in Minneapolis, Friday, and Saturday, April 13 and 14. Mr. C. A. Ballard of the Normal faculty was elected secretary of the conference. The various sciences which should be taught in the secondary schools of the state were discussed. A vocal solo, "There, Little Girl, Don't Cry," was given The following points were taken up: First, what sciences should be taught in the High schools; second, the time to be devoted to each science; third, the time that any student should be allowed for the study of sciences; fourth, the best methods of presenting the subjects.

Many of the prominent science teachers of the state took part in the discussion. The views of the conference as a whole are embodied in the following motions which were carried with slight opposition: First, that botany, zoology, physics, and chemistry should be taught in the High school. The opinion prevailed that they should be given in the order mentioned. If time and equipment permit, however, other sciences may be added to the curriculum; second, that at least one year's time should be devoted to each science taught in the High school; third, that there should be an open list of sciences from which the student, upon the advice of the teacher, may choose; fourth, that no student should be allowed to devote more than one-third, nor less than one-sixth of his time to the study of the sciences.

The remaining time of the session was devoted to a discussion of the best methods of teaching science in the High 1 hysiology.

At the close of the session a committee of five was helpful environments. Students must seek the best environ- appointed for each of the foregoing subjects; each committee

is to prepare a syllabus of the subject assigned to it. These committees are to report at the next meeting of the M. E. A., as teachers for the ensuing year. which is to meet in St. Paul during the holidays.

The committe on organization met and an organization, Fergus Falls, for two or three days. the Minnesota Botanical Society, was effected, the members of the committee becoming fellows of the same. The society Several of the young ladies at Wheeler Hall spent a day at the Agricultural college in Fargo. will have two classes of members. In the first place anyone who so desires may become a member. The second class is Miss Sanna Albergh will spend the remainder of the that of fellows. This class consists of members elected by term with her sister, Miss Anna Albergh. a board of directors. The literary work of this society will Elizabeth Du Rocher has secured a position as a teacher be done by the fellows. The object of the society is partly at her home, Oak Park, a suburb of Stillwater. scientific and partly social. There will be publications from Mrs. Weld, Mrs. Ballard and her mother, Mrs. Bell, of time to time of matter suitable for nature study work in Fergus Falls, visited school Monday, April 16. the schools of the state. In connection with the meetings Mrs. Bell of Fergus Falls visited her daughter, Mrs. there may be once in a while a banquet, an excursion, or C. A. Ballard, one week during the past month. perhaps a picnic. There will be no dues to pay in this society. Two meetings will be held each year, one in connec-Miss Holden of the Columbia School of Oratory, Chicago, tion with the M. E. A., and one in connection with the will assist Miss Smith in preparing for the commencement University Summer school. A meeting will be held at exercises. commencement time at the University at which the committee Mr. Will Sten, a graduate from the West Superior on constitution will report. The committee consists of the Normal, and Mr. Landblom, a former student, visited classes following: Prof. Conway MacMillan, of the State university; March 30. Prof. Chaney, of Carlton college; Prof. Holzinger, of the On Tuesday, April 17, a test was given the class in Winona Normal school; Miss G. Gills, of Faribault; Mr. E. Physics on the subject of light. They are now studying F. Smith, of St. Paul, and Mr. C. A. Ballard, of this school. electricity.

The society will undoubtedly have a large membership and become and important instrument in disseminating botanical knowledge. * * *

ALUMNI AND EXCHANGES.

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Many readers of the Red Letter may wonder why the On April 2 the graduating class listened to a paper on Alumni and Exchange columns have been omitted in this is-The Aims and Tendencies of Modern Education, read by sue. Of course these items are essential parts of a school Miss Senn, professor of Household Economics at the Agripaper, and could space have been found they would have been inserted here This brief notice must suffice for this issue, cultural college in Fargo. with a guarantee that they will not be slighted in the next. It behooves the members of the psychology class to have The Alumni will no doubt be pleased to hear that "Titchener well in mind," "To know what Titchener has to seventy-five new members will be added to that august body, say upon the matter," and "To give Titchener's opinion," if on June 1. The class of '00 will certainly be a valuable addition they value their own success. to that veteran force of teachers, for even the Juniors admit Miss Schaefer, editor of School Education, spent a that the Seniors have a few good qualities. If this rate of week here visiting schools, in the interest of that paper. Miss increase continues, these gentle wielders of the rod will be a Schaefer has long been connected with this journal and is mighty factor in the mist dispelling struggle, by the close of well worthy of the position she now occupies. the coming century.

LOCAL

Ask the Prep. class why we have no rain. Rose Liedl, who has been ill for over a week, is in school again

Marguerite Vannett went home for a visit of four or five days

Miss Katheryn O'Laughlin entered school during the past month.

class Insecta.

Superintendent Smith of the Fargo schools visited the school. April 9.

home. Pelican Rapids.

Embertson, for a few days.

Esther Cole, who was called to her home because of ill health, has returned to school.

Henrietta Shifflet spent Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22, visiting in Fertile, Minn.

"When is an aim not to be criticised?" "When Miss Critic aims at a tennis ball."

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Edna Mickleson spent a couple of days visiting at her Mr. John Embertson visited with his sister, Matilda

Many of the graduates have already secured positions

Matilda Wessberg, made a flying trip to her home in

Christine C Coetzinger, of the class of '95, was a visitor at the Normal during the week of the meeting of the Northwestern Teachers' association.

Miss Sella Mehus and Miss Ida Tisdel, teachers in the Wheaton schools spent a few days with Louise Tisdel. While here they visited classes in the Fargo and Moorhead schools.

Several members of the Alumni association were seen here April 6 and 7. Those present were: Ethel Qually, class '99; Joseph Marion, class of '98; Jessie Neil, class of '99; Christine Goetzinger, class of '95; John Wold, class of '96.

Among those who came up to attend the Northwestern Educational association were the following: Mr. George B. Aiton, state inspector of High schools; C. W. G. Hyde, of Minneapolis, and A. W. Rankin, state inspector of graded schools, of Minneapolis.

Miss Grace Carlson, a member of the class of '97, died on March 28, at Grand Forks, where she was teaching in The Zoology class has just finished the study of the the public schools. Miss Carlson was an earnest student and successful in all her school work. Her many excellent qualities gained for her friends, wherever she went.

> We desire to call the attention of our readers to the neat and attractive advertisements that are found on the front and back pages of this magazine. This generous support given us by the business men of Moorhead should be recognized by the students, and wherever possible we should patronize these advertisers.

> W. D. Cramer, who taught in the Department of Natural Science here last year, has been appointed to the very responsible position as head of the Department of Natural Science in the Michigan State Normal college, at Ypsilanti, acting in place of the present head of that institution, who has gone to Europe for advanced study.

of the editorial board at their home Friday evening, March are learning and what a lot of good it will be to you when 30. The members of the board were given an opportunity to you leave your school life. Ten years hence perhaps, you display their artistic ability, and the prizes were awarded to will not remember one thing you have learned-you have Mr. Ballard and Amanda Norgard. Mr. Weld read one of Gilbert Parker's mining stories, which added much to the know things. Do not live for the sake of a minute. Knowlenjoyment of the evening

The class in Philosophy of Education has just finished Ethics and has now begun the work in Philosophy of Education proper. The ultimate ground of moral obligation aroused considerable thought and discussion. The work to be accomplished during the remainder of the term has been outlined. The accomplishment of this necessitates reading extracts from and becoming familiar with such great educators as Spencer. Froebel, Pestalozzi, Comenius, Barnett, and Hanus.

The following members of the graduating class have secured positions for the ensuing year: Edith Atkinson will teach at Barnesville; Jennie Barlow, East Grand Forks; Marie Chilton, Detroit; Pearl Dixon, North St. Paul; Elizabeth Du Rocher, Oak Park; Edna Mickleson, Canby; Anna O'Brien, Detroit; Roberta Stuart, Wahpeton; Emma Thompson, East Grand Forks; Millicent Thompson, Fergus Falls; and Christine Williamson, Hillsboro, N. D. A number of others have been recommended, and are now awaiting the election.

Supt. C. W. Mickens of the Moorhead schools addressed the students of the Normal school Wednesday morning, April 18. He said that every department of life demands education. Specialization is a good thing in many ways. It is well to be able to do one thing, and do it well. President McKinley ir addressing some boys at his home in Canton, said "you should strive to do some one thing, which you can do better than anyone else; the world is looking for such men." And so each one of us should make it our aim to become master of at least one thing. Few of us realize, or appreciate the value of time. We have but a very few short years of our life left. As an illustration, let us say, the average man lives to be about seventy years of age. He spends the first twenty, or twenty-five years in preparation, the last ten are given up to rest, etc., and only about thirty are given to activity, and so it behooves us to be up and doing. While one of the essentials of life and education is economy in time, vet there is something else one should seek, and that is the development of one's character. "Character is the only coin worth having, it will always pass." A noble and good character is the first essential of a good man.

Rev. J. H. Rood and wife, of the Congregational church, Moorhead, visited school Monday, April 23. Mr. Rood spoke briefly on what we need as students and scholars. He said, that if we are going to be students and scholars we need capacity. The teacher cannot give brains to her pupils. We should begin our education early. Someone has said if you want to be a smart man or woman begin by educating your great grandmother. Yes, our education begins thousands and thousands of years before we are born. We should make the best possible use of the gray matter, which has been given us. Even a small brain can do a great deal. We are here to get command of that potential power, which God has given us. Apply yourselves diligently, come to school for business, to study, and to think. Use what capacity you have, for whatever it may be and stick to it. You have often heard it said that a man who digs ditches, or who is merely a common laborer, does not need an education. This conception of the value of education is too low even to be mentioned. Whatever a man, or a woman, is going to do, the better education he has, the better fitted is he to accomplish that task

Rev. Wm. Horton and wife, of the Episcopal church, were visitors at the Normal Monday, April 23. Mr. Horton, speaking to the school, said that it seemed very natural to be standing on a platform before a school like this, and the efforts of C. A. Ballard of the Faculty of this Normal School.

President and Mrs. F. A. Weld entertained the members first thought is what a lot of you there are-what a lot you been told not to learn to know things, but to learn how to edge, like time, is slipping through our minds. We have grown from infancy, and can not remember very many things we have learned. I doubt if we can give an account of what we learned during ten days of our last year's life. Yet they have made their impress upon our minds, and we are different persons than we would have been without that learning. So with knowledge, some things seem so perfectly useless, yet some day you will want that knowledge, and even though you may have forgotten it, it will sooner or later come to light again. Somewhere in your brain cells it is stored away for future use.

* * * The Conflagration at Wheeler Hall.

(BY A WHEELER HALL GIRL.)

It behooves me now, while the incidents are still fresh in my mind, to put in writing my reminiscences of the Wheeler Hall fire, which occurred the night of April 19, 1900. Everyone was studying quietly, when, "all at once and nothing first, just like bubbles, when they burst," a great commotion arose and, on looking out of the south windows, it was found that our sixty-dollar wood pile was enveloped in flames. The afore mentioned wood pile being very near the hall that we were in great danger was perceived at a glance. What to save-that was the question. Rings, thimbles, work-boxes, and minor articles were gathered up, as well as dresses, hats, coats, and shoes. "Take your pocketbook." "Got your watch?" "Oh, my pictures, will they all be burned?" "I will save my zoology note-book." "Oh! my beloved Titchener." "Will they never come?" Such were the remarks heard through the halls The above 'they' referred to were the fire company, who were not slow in arriving. With the fire company came a number whose 'satiable curtiosity' would not allow them to remain away: Many of these, however, went away sadly disappointed, for, in a short time, the fire was well under control. During the day the janitor had been burning the lawn. Though we appreciate his efforts toward cleanliness, we lament the calamity which so nearly laid Wheeler Hall in ashes.

* * * A Valuable Collection.

In the summer of 1890 two prominent scientists, Frank S. Bournes and Deane C. Worcester, both of the University of Michigan, were sent by the Minnesota Academy of Natural Sciences to the Philippine Islands with instructions to make an extensive and critical examination of the fauna of that region. The expenses of the enterprise were borne by Mr. Lewis F. Menage of Minneapolis, and the expedition was known as the Menage Scientific Expedition. During about two years and a half, seventeen of the principal islands of the group were explored. Many species new to science were discovered and much light thrown on the subjects of geographical distribution and specific variation.

The material collected by the expedition became the property of the Minnesota Academy of Natural Sciences, and mu:'1 of it has been prepared for exhibition and placed in the academy's' rooms in the public library building of Minneapolis

There is much duplicate material in the store-rooms of the. academy, and the Moorhead Normal school has had the good fortune to secure some of this material for exhibition in its museum. This collection consists principally of a series of typical corals. The consignment will arrive in a few days, and as soon as possible will be cleansed and prepared for exhibition and displayed in the museum.

This very valuable collection was secured through the



