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BIG COTTONWOOD RAVINE.

A BIT OF LOCAL DESCRIPTION.

Big Cottonwood Ravine is one of the many picturesque deep ravines that intercept the high bluff bordering Lake Michigan in this locality. It is situated about one mile south of Lake Forest, extending from the Northwestern R.R. track to the lake. At its origin near the R.R. it is merely a narrow ditch which one can easily step over, or jump across, but as it proceeds toward the lake, it gradually and constantly widens and deepens until at its mouth it is fifty or more feet deep. Its course is very winding, and it has many branches. The sides everywhere are steeply inclined.

In a rocky bed at the bottom of the ravine flows a small stream which has its source in the numerous wet, springy places that are found along the sloping sides. This little stream barely exists in the dry summer season, and in the autumn it becomes nearly filled with leaves, yet a few minnows manage to live in it and in the summer time may be seen sporting in the deeper pools along its course.

The sides of the ravine are heavily wooded, as well as the adjacent land on either side. Many are the fallen and decaying trunks lying around everywhere. In some places several are piled together where they have fallen across one another; others are leaning with their tops in the branches of standing trees; and yet others lie across the ravine near the bottom, with one end resting on one side, the other on the other side, thus forming natural bridges. The smoothness of the upper surface of some of these indicate that they are used as such by the inhabitants of the adjoining woods.

A person down in the ravine can not see very far in any direction, when the trees are in leaf, on account of its winding course and the tangles produced by the fallen trees and underbrush. Even the view upwards is obstructed, for the branches of the trees on either side mingle overhead. From the wild appearance given by these features, one can easily imagine that he is in some far-off region unexplored by man, and the next idea may be the possibility of meeting some wild beast of the woods, especially as he sees under the roots of a large oak near by, the opening of a burrow of considerable size. But he need not fear. The burrow is only the home of a woodchuck, or that unmentionable black-and-white nocturnal animal, which some dog has been trying to dig out. Several other burrows may be seen at different places on the sloping sides of the ravine, entering the ground beneath, or among the roots at the lower side of some large tree, thus insuring better security for the occupant.

To any one interested in nature, this is always an interesting place to visit. It is especially so to the botanist during the spring and summer. Many plants and shrubs are found here that are peculiar to such places and are found in no other. The trees are mostly the same species that are found growing in the woods of the vicinity. Some of the more abundant species are: the red, scarlet, and white oaks, sugar maple, wild cherry, white ash, hickory, linden, poplar, hornbeam, ironwood, and red cedar.

Not more than half a mile up the ravine, from its mouth, stands a gigantic cottonwood tree and it is from this that the ravine receives its name. This venerable tree grows from a small level area near the bottom of the ravine, and rears its lofty top to the height of 80 feet or more. It forks at the height of 20 feet, and it is about 10 feet higher to the first branches. The branches are large and few in number, so that the tree has not a dense or spreading top. It is a favorite haunt for squirrels, for in the forks of the large upper boughs they are secure from the hunter's gun, as I ascertained one day to my complete satisfaction, or rather dissatisfaction. It is so high to the leaves that their size and form can not be distinguished by one standing on the ground beneath. From the size of its trunk and the appearance of its bark, this must be a very old tree. The old, dead bark is in longitudinal ridges, with crevices between, three or four inches deep. There are three other smaller trees of this kind not far from this one; its children, as it were.

As we near the lake, the paper, or canoe birch becomes abundant on the sides of the ravine. Their straight, white trunks appear like ghosts of a former generation of trees. Of the shrubs composing the underbrush, witch-hazel, that shrub which has the peculiar characteristic of blossoming in the fall, after shedding its leaves, is the chief constituent. Fresh yellow blossoms may be found on it even later than the middle of November. Another shrub, the oleaster, goes to the other extreme and blossoms before its leaves appear in the spring. Mingled with these are several specimens of dog-wood; one, the red osier, is conspicuous by the redness of its straight new shoots. The wild sarsaparilla vine is found growing here also, and climbing over and among many of the old logs is the poison-ivy vine, which must be carefully avoided by those who are liable to be affected by it.

Many kinds of flowers beautify this ravine during the spring and summer. First to appear in the spring are the hepaticas, soon followed by the bloodroot, belfwort, wood beony, mitre-wort, rue, white trillium, and many others, keeping up the succession throughout the season. In early summer this is an excellent place to gather the large, sweet-scented yellow lady's-slipper.
The south side of the ravine, being shaded from the sun's rays, is damp, and many kinds of moss cover the ground, forming in places a velvety green carpet. Ferns also abound, the delicate maidenhairs, numerous varieties of wood ferns, and the large brakes. In some of the wet, springy places are large patches of the evergreen horsetail, or scouring-rushes. Their straight green stalks are about two feet tall, and stand erect, and about as close together as they can grow. Also in the ground in similar places are delicate green liverworts.

With all this profusion and variety of vegetable life, animal life is not lacking here. In summer, many kinds of songbirds enliven and relieve the solitude of this wild place. The warblers build their penisile nests in the drooping shrubbery; the water thrush may be seen flitting amongst the overhanging roots along the brink of the stream; the wood thrush may be seen here also, though one is more likely to hear its rich melody than to see the bird itself, for it is rather shy. Running up and down the tree-trunks and along the branches in search of insects in the crevices of the bark, is seen the lively little nuthatch, and on a dead limb in the top of an adjacent tree, a woodpecker is industriously hammering away, intent on securing a delicious fat worm for his dinner. The noisy crows make their presence known where they are gathering for a feast around a carcass that someone has thrown into the ravine. Grey and fox squirrels nest in the trees overhead, and the sprightly little ground squirrel may be seen frisking about among the old logs.

In conclusion: Here one may see nature in her natural state; here the beauties, wildness and grandeur of nature are combined; and this and similar ravines form one of the chief characteristics of this bluff region of Lake Michigan.


THE ILLINOIS STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION
AT SPRINGFIELD, DEC. 27, 28 AND 29.

The committee appointed at Galesburg to secure a union meeting of the colleges and secondary schools of the State, for which Principal Smith of the Academy was chairman, was successful at the State Teachers' Association, held in Springfield during the holidays, in securing one union session of the different sections representing these interests.

At this session there was presented by a committee of the Secondary schools a uniform course of study for the high schools of the State; and by a committee of the college section minimum requirements for admission to college. These requirements were discussed in the joint session by representatives of both sections, and after conference between the two committees a modification of the two reports was adopted by the separate sections, requiring three years of preparation in the Secondary schools. This three years course requires the arithmetic and U. S. history work to be completed in the grammar school, and makes some concessions to the high schools with the hope of bringing them up within a year or two to a four years' course of preparation.

This Galesburg committee also secured a joint meeting of the college, principals and High School sections for next year. This is considered an important step in advance, the aim being to secure a greater sympathy and mutual helpfulness between the colleges and secondary schools of the State.

At the Thursday afternoon session of the college section President Coulter read a paper upon "College Administration" which awakened great interest and led to fruitful discussion. He was asked to publish it in some such magazine as the Forum, but has not yet decided to do so.

This meeting of the association was an exceptionally good one and the college section had one of the most fully attended and most interesting sessions in its history. It is hoped that more of the Lake Forest faculty may be able to attend another year. Representatives were present from Illinois, Knox, Schuylkill and Wheaton Colleges, and Blackburn, Chicago and Lake Forest Universities.

BIOLOGICAL CLUB.

The interest in the meetings of the Biological Club is keeping pace with the growing excellence of the programs. A plan was recently introduced to hold supplementary meetings subject to the call of the program committee, the first of which occurred Thursday, January 11th. Professor Locy favored the club with a review of his recent paper before the American Morphological Society on the "Origin of the Pineal Gland in the Shark." As a result of this investigation, Prof. Locy is able to give to science a discovery that will clear up much of the vagueness in reference to that organ. He has found accessory depressions similar in origin and structure to those giving rise to the true eyes and lying just back of them in the neural furrow. Two of these optic vesicles give rise to their point of contact on the median line of the brain to a single protuberance which develops into the pineal gland. This explains away the seeming contradiction between this impaired optic gland and the paired character of all other organs of special sense. The common origin of the true eyes with the pineal gland, its prominence with the lower vertebrates and its gradual deterioration in man and the higher animals calls up the startling suggestion that the vertebrates have proceeded from multiple-eyed ancestral forms.

Dr. Coulter set forth some recently evolved theories on homologies in the cactus family. He dwelt upon the difficulty experienced in drawing any safe generic distinctions, owing to intergrading forms. Tubercle grooves and relative position of the flower to the spines were shown to be very important as illustrated by Mamillaria, Anhalorium and Echinocactus. A clear understanding of these relations goes far toward clearing up the heretofore doubtful position of the Anhalorium.
ATHLETICS.

Now is the time when work should begin on base-ball and track athletics. Light work should be commenced in the gymnasium in order to get the men seasoned for the outdoor work which will begin next term. We have a hand-ball court in the gymnasium, and all the base-ball candidates should be required to use it. This develops the muscles, cultivates quickness and hardens the hands. It is a game which is played by all professional ball-players during the winter months. Then later in the term practice should begin with a regular baseball and kept up until spring. Lake Forest has never had a very high reputation for base ball, and she should begin the work of building up one. There is some good material in the school, which ought to develop into good team.

In track athletics Lake Forest has done scarcely anything, leaving out Mr. Rossiter's good work. There is a field day every spring, but only a few train for it, and these few without any assistance from a coach. The result is that a list of records are made which is a disgrace to have published in the papers. If the men who intend to take part on field day will begin work now, the result will be very much different. For the runners there is a track in the gymnasium. This, of course, is not long enough to permit sprinting, but for the distance run it is all right. There is plenty of apparatus for jumping and hurdles, and this should be practiced steadily until field day.

A hand-ball court was put into the gymnasium during the holidays. It of course interferes some with the other exercises, but the chief trouble is that after five o'clock no one can use it these nights, because it is so dark. A great many fellows have recitations until four o'clock. Then the Academy classes come for three-quarters of an hour. If the large chandeliers could be lighted, it would do away with this trouble. But if they are not, the court cannot be used enough to make it worth the trouble of building.

Evanston at a recent meeting appointed a committee to confer with Lake Forest and Chicago in regard to an indoor athletic meet at Tattersals', in Chicago. This would be an excellent thing, and should be warmly supported by Lake Forest. Not only would it create interest in this line of athletics, but it would get the men in training for next spring. In connection with the above it might be well to ask if anything has been done about organizing the three-cornered league. This is a matter which should not be given up without making a great effort to bring about the league.

A Hare-and-Hounds club is being organized in College and Academy. Runs will be made once or twice a week until the spring term, when there will be a series of runs for prizes given by the athletic association.

TOWN TOPICS.

Mr. Butler is recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Durand and Miss Durand will leave for California Wednesday, Jan. 17th, to remain until spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Durand, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley V. Martin and Miss Bertha Hands, are in Pasadena, California.

In the absence of Mayor Durand, it will be necessary for the aldermen to elect a temporary chairman to attend to the interests of the city.

The iron bridge over the Seminary ravine will, in all probability, be finished by January 30. At this writing most of the iron girders and frame-work are already in position.

The Art Institute meets this evening at the home of Mr. Albert Cobb. Prof. Stuart will read a paper on the Latin Drama. There will afterwards be represented a portion of Plautus' comedy, "The Captives." This last part of the program will be carried out by Messrs. J. M. Coulter, Jr., Andrew Jackson and David Fales, Jr., who have been preparing under the supervision of Prof. Stuart.

Last Friday afternoon and evening Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith held their wedding reception. Miss Stone, Miss Hofer, Miss Torrey and Miss Grace Stanley, were among those who assisted in receiving and serving refreshments. The house was decorated with greens and flowers. Prof. and Mrs. Smith will also be at home Fridays in February.

Commander C. S. Gifford, of the English navy, was made a commander of the Bath in the distribution by the Ministry of New Year's honors. Mrs. Gifford was formerly well known in Lake Forest as Miss Effie Neef—Mr. Taber now occupies the old Neef home—and she will be remembered by many of the alumni, as it was through her agency that the bell was secured which now hangs in the College belfry.

Among the notices of our Christmas issue we are pleased to quote the following from our valued exchange, the College Rambler:

"The Christmas number of The University Stentor is most artistically gotten up. Besides a full page photogravure of the foot-ball team, it contains several half tone illustrations. The literary department, which is as well taken care of, contains two able articles on "How to Read" and "The Denominational College."

"A Sem Spread" is the title of a humorous piece which is illustrated with some comic wood cuts. Altogether it is a production which would do credit to any college in the country."
your mind to put forth its best energy. Permit no interruption while you are engaged in study. Don’t be baffled. Train yourself to succeed not to fail. If you cannot surmount obstacles in one way, try another. Exert that strength will which is a pre-requisite of success in any undertaking.

It is always interesting to get a wise critic’s idea as to what are the best books. In the December Century a hitherto unpublished essay by James Russell Lowell names five whom he considered the indispensable authors. They are, first, Homer, who has used types so universal and cosmopolitan that they are equally true in all languages. "Nowhere," says Lowell, "is the purely natural man presented to us so nobly and sincerely as in the Iliad and Odyssey. Not far below these is the ‘Divinia Commedia’ of Dante, in which the history of the spiritual man is sketched with equal command of material and grandeur of outline. ‘Don Quixote’ stands upon the same level, and receives the same universal appreciation. Here we have the spiritual and natural man set before us in humorous contrast. In the knight and his squire Cervantes has typified the two opposing poles of our dual nature—the imagination and the understanding as they appear in contradiction. ‘Faust’ gives us the natural history of the human intellect, Mephistopheles being merely the projected impersonation of that skepticism which is the invariable result of a purely intellectual culture. These four books are the only ones in which universal facts of human nature and experience are ideally represented. They can, therefore, never be displaced. Further, these books are not national but human, and record certain phases of man’s nature, certain stages of his moral progress. They are gospels in the lay bible of the race. It will remain for the future poet to write the epic of the complete man, as it remains for the future world to afford the example of his entire and harmonious development."

It is noticeable that Lowell places Shakespeare below these four, although he admits that his works mark the very highest level of human genius. But they represent no special epoch in the history of the individual mind, for the man of Shakespeare is always the man of actual life as he is acted upon by the worlds of sense and of spirit under certain definite conditions. But with the other four there is universal and perennial application to our consciousness.
COLLEGE LOCALS.

Query. "Can anyone tell me what in the world a habitable table is?"

H. C. C., '97.

Mr. F. C. Sharon, '93, of St. Louis, visited friends in Lake Forest Sunday.

Prof. Eager now wheels around his diminutive (?) proportions on a bicycle.

Mr. Sherman Bouton, of Champaign, '91, spent Sunday with Mr. F. A. Hayner.

The Senior Club will meet on Thursday evening, Jan. 18th, in the Athenæum Hall.

Mr. Vincent, who last year graduated from the Academy, has entered the Freshman class.

Prof. Stanley has an article on popular amusements in the "Open Letters" of the January Century.

Mr. J. Sutton, '91, spent Saturday and Sunday with old friends, reviewing old jokes and associations.

Mr. Geo. C. Rice has left school and is now engaged in the real estate business with Warncke & Owen, Chicago.

The athletic entertainment is a fixture for Friday evening, Feb. 19th. It promises to be the event of the term.

Among those who failed to return after the holiday vacation are Miss Brown, A. B. Burdick and W. T. Torrence.

Messrs. Dearlove and Longcor have left the classic shables, the former going to Florida and the latter to Belvidere.

The students of Prof. Smith's classes enjoyed attending the reception given by Prof. and Mrs. Smith last Friday afternoon.

Prof. Eager is now ready to coach all Ferry Hall representatives who expect to compete in the Pullman road race next spring.

Vaccination is all the rage just now and will explain the apparent paralysis of the left arms with which so many seem to be afflicted.

Miss Taylor, outside Sem.'s door—Sem. busy writing inside. A rap is heard—Sem., still writing, says, "O! that's a tailor-made rap."

The skating on the slough during last week was very fair; the disagreeable feature is the long time needed to go so far out in the country.

Mr. Betten, who entered school here with '93, but was obliged on account of poor health to stop school, has returned and is taking work with '96.

The matter for the catalogues is in the hands of the printer, and it is expected that they will be ready shortly after the beginning of the second semester.

Quite a number of L. F. students attended the Yale Glee Club concert. A new element was very noticeable at the concert this year, namely, the presence of a large and noisy body of Chicago University students.

There will be a meeting of the Base Ball team of '93, Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 11:15 A.M., in Prof. Dawson's room, for the purpose of electing a captain for the season of '94.

Harry Goodman, Mgr. B. B. C.

Every fellow with a proper regard for his health should join the "hare-and-hound" club which is being formed. An eastern writer says of "hare and hounds" that is one of the luxuries in athletics, while on the cinder track we have the drudgery.

The University Glee Club met for two rehearsals last week under the leadership of Mr. Uline. A Lake Forest College Male Quartette has been formed, consisting of E. B. Uline, first tenor; W. S. Bray, second tenor; A. P. Bourns, first bass; W. F. Curry, second bass.

Mr. Sopho, Moore, was formerly the proud possessor of a cane, but last Saturday evening, at Ferry Hall, while putting the Doctor's intelligent canine through his tricks, the dog suddenly imbed the stairs with the cane in his mouth. The dog came back, but not the cane.

On Friday, the last of a series of debates was rendered in Prof. Jack's Rhetoric Class. These debates are an innovation in the English work, and for the most part have been decidedly interesting. The range of subjects has touched upon most of the live topics of the day.

The fellows who found home attractions so powerful as make them several days late in their return to school, received dainty favors in the shape of neatly engraved cards, inviting them at their earliest convenience to an audience with the "committee," to explain their absence.

At the regular election, the last meeting of last term, the Athenæan Society chose the following officers: A. O. Jackson, Pres.; C. O. Parish, V. Pres.; W. C. Halbert, Sec.; W. B. Smith, Treasurer; Harry Goodman, Critic; H. G. Timberlake, Sgt.-at-Arms. A new constitution was also adopted.

Prof. Halsey's class in Social Economics have begun and are planning work in a practical study of this subject. The students intend to do some "slumming," and also to study the different forms of charitable enterprises. Another new departure are reviews of the best current magazine articles on the subject given by different students appointed by the Professor.
The time for the annual Academy contest is approaching and great interest is being aroused in college with regard to the outcome. It has always been customary to have the alumni of the winning society at the banquet, and it is barely possible that this may account for the great interest in the contest manifested by the College fellows.

The officers of the Zeta Epsilon Society for the ensuing term are: President, H. W. Harris; Vice Pres., E. A. Drake; Secretary, T. W. F. Curry; Treasurer, D. L. Jones; Critic, H. Thom, and Sergeant-at-arms, F. Moriotte. The first meeting of the term was held on Friday evening, Jan. 12th. The inaugural address of Pres. Harris was a credit to himself and society.

On Tuesday, Jan. 21, the L. F. U. Board of Trustees held a very well attended meeting. The interest of the meeting centered on a scheme for the development of that part of the University which is in Lake Forest, and particularly for the college proper. The scheme is being printed for distribution among the trustees and friends of the University.

Several fellows have taken involuntary baths of late in Farwell Pond, and in the case of some of the younger boys it is surprising that there have been no serious results. On Thursday a little son of Mr. Platt went through the ice in water over his head. Mr. Bird and Mr. Hunt happened to be near at the time and managed to get the little fellow safe to shore, but got thoroughly soaked themselves.

Two excellent "chapel talks" were given last week. The first was on Tuesday morning, by Prof. Thomas, on the "Neo-Christian Movement in France." He spoke of the new moral drift in French fiction, and the fact that the younger men and the thinkers of the nation were turning to morality and religion. On Friday morning Prof. Bridgman told the students about the American School for Classic Studies at Athens. This school receives its financial support from twenty colleges in this country, and is a source of inspiration and benefit to scholars who visit it.

The faculty have at last finished the new schedule of requirements for admission, the principle of which schedule may be stated as follows: The requirements for admission shall be twelve units or credits, which shall mean that the applicant has taken at least three studies each year during a four year's course of preparation. The units are to be divided among the studies in this manner: Two years of English above grammar, one year of history, two years of mathematics above arithmetic, four years of languages other than English, which languages can be in number not greater than two, one year of some laboratory science and two years of study in some one or not more than two of the above named subjects in addition, thus making the twelve required credits or units.

The Sunday papers of Jan. 7 had long accounts of the actions of the students from one of the classes in our Dental Department. It seems the fellows, following the eastern custom, took possession of one of the theaters and made "Rome howl" until they were induced by the presence of a squad of police to desist.

Friday evening, December 15th, the Aletheian Society elected the following officers: Pres., Miss Eudora Smith; Vice-Pres., Miss McKee; Rec. Sec., Miss McClanahan; Cor. Sec., Miss Phelps; Treas., Miss Gibson; Critic, Miss Skinner. The members of the program committee are Misses McKee, Keener and McLean.

All the Aletheians spent the vacation "at home," except Miss McClanahan, who visited with her sister in the city.

The Aletheian Society met as usual Friday evening, Jan. 5th. The principal business was the inauguration of officers, which was followed by an impromptu literary program. After adjournment the members scattered to re-assemble by classes in various rooms where "feasts" were in order until the next small hours.

We regret to announce that Miss Brown will not return to L. F. U. We shall miss her faithful work as a member of the Aletheian.

The happiest event of the new year among the C. G.'s has been the delightful afternoon reception extended them by Miss Helen M. Searles, Thursday, Jan. 11th. We were invited "to meet Mrs. Bridgman" and truly our most sincere thanks are due Miss Searles not only for her charming entertainment and manner as our hostess, but for the kind thought which prompted her to arrange for us the opportunity to meet such a delightful woman as Mrs. Bridgman proved herself to be. Every girl has expressed herself as intending to go and see Mrs. Bridgman and the babies right away and there is some danger of her being taken by storm. We very seldom meet the wives of the faculty, but judging from the few we have met, we are free to vote them at least as charming as the faculty, and we wish again to thank Miss Searles for adding Mrs. Bridgman to our list of acquaintances among the wives of the faculty.

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Z. E. FOURTEENTH ANNIVERSARY.

The fourteenth birthday of the Zeta Epsilon Society occurred on Sunday, January 14th, and in commemoration of this fact anniversary exercises were held in its hall last Friday evening. There was a goodly gathering of alumni and friends, though the attendance of the latter was necessarily limited by the size of the hall. After the opening remarks of the President, Rev. Paul D. Bergan, ’80, first president of the society, spoke of “Early Zeta Epsilon.” He told of the meager beginnings of the organization and aroused a spirit of love for those who had gone before. “The Place of the Literary Society in College Life,” by W. H. Matthews, ’92, was more particularly an address showing the place of Zeta Epsilon in L. F. College, which he said was decidedly first. “The Alumni; their Relation to the Society,” by G. W. Wright, ’92, was a most excellent address, showing very clearly that the relation of the alumni to the society was an exceedingly close and dear one.

The College Male Quartette then rendered some good music, followed by H. Thom with “Callings from the Minutes,” and a sketch by F. A. Hayner entitled “Schoolmates.”

The regular program closed with more music by the Quartette. Impromptu speeches from all the alumni entertained the audience for nearly another hour. The key note of the evening was struck by A. G. Welch when he said that Zeta Epsilon stood for reliability and loyalty.

After a short recess and the departure of friends, a short business meeting was held and then all adjourned to the “Z. E. Eating House,” where an oyster supper was served. Then the “boys” (old and young) made the room ring with good old college songs. The spirit of fraternity and fellowship aroused by the reunion will not be forgotten in many a day.


COMMUNICATION.

The Christmas Stentor made some suggestions for the celebration of Wafhington’s birthday. One of “eye locals” would like to crystallize and add thereto in this way. Let there be a prominent speaker secured to address the students, faculty and town in the morning on some subject suitable to the occasion.

Now, further, we have seven literary societies in the University here in Lake Forest besides the University Club, which, of course, is too dignified a body to go by that name, but which, for convenience sake, we will say, makes number eight. We would suggest that each one of these societies appoint a delegate who shall be subject to the call of the delegate from the University Club as chairman of a committee so formed for the purpose of getting up and executing a literary program on the evening of Washington’s birthday. On such program one and only one from each society shall appear, which one shall be chosen by the committee. The time is short, about five weeks. Consequently, if anything is to be done, action should be taken at once that it may be well done.

W. B. Hunt, ’94.

FERRY HALL.

The new Ferry Hall yells:—Ouch!! My vaccination!!

Mr. and Mrs. Harris spent Saturday with their daughter, Satie.

Miss Olive Cost was the guest of Mrs. Dillon Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Richardson’s brother and cousin, Mr. Aborn, visited her Saturday.

Mr. Hesse, brother of Mrs. Seeley, spent Saturday and Sunday with her.

Miss Mabel Palmer and Miss Fanny Somerville are now acting as reporters for The Stentor.

We are sorry to note, so early in the term, that Miss Norton has experienced a very serious illness.

We are pleased to welcome Miss Richardson among us, and trust that she will enjoy Ferry Hall life.

Miss Maude Baker, who was a student in Ferry Hall two years ago, was the guest of Miss Goodwin Saturday.

Florence Pride and Francis Marder celebrated their —th birthdays Thursday evening by an elaborate six o’clock tea.

The first prayer-meeting of this year was made doubly interesting by the pleasing remarks of Dr. McClure and Mr. Holt.

The engagement of Miss May Stowell to Mr. Cooper, of Chicago, has been announced. Her many friends extend congratulations.

Miss Welton made a farewell visit to her parents last week before they left for the South, where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

It has been suggested that we renew the German evening, which proved so beneficial and entertaining under the supervision of Miss Searles.

The school desire to extend a vote of thanks, through The Stentor, to Anna Blair, for the delicious coconut pie which we had last Thursday.

Miss Sizer has succeeded Miss Conger as teacher of Calisthenics. We trust the gymnasium work may be as successful in the future as it has been in the past.

One day last week it was reported that there was very fine skating down on the slough. Did Doctor S. give the young ladies permission to go? “Well, yes, in the usual way.”

From among the many inmates of Ferry Hall, only two received invitations to the 14th anniversary of the organization of the Zeta Epsilon society. “A word to the wise is sufficient.”

The following young ladies will not return this term—Misses Watson, Utley, Palzow and Barnes. Their smiling faces and merry laughs are greatly missed in the respective corridors.
News was received last Tuesday of the engagement of Miss Florence Phelps, graduate of '91, to Mr. William Woodward, of Independence, Iowa, at which place she is now teaching. The Stentor extends congratulations.

At their first regular meeting this year, the members of the Kappa Phi elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing term: President, Jean Stewart; vice-president, Mabel Palmer; secretary, Jessie De Lashmutt; critic, Zana Miller.

The Logic class met Tuesday for their first lesson, and in answer to Dr. Smith's question, "what is Logic?", one of the young ladies replied, after much thinking, "Logic is the science of ethics," and then turned to the class as much as to say, "at what are you laughing?"

The following symbol, \( \text{H}_2\text{M}_2\text{BRL} \), expresses a new compound formed by some of the energetic students of the College. The first one who sends in a correct analysis of this symbol, together with one dollar, will receive The Stentor for the remainder of the year.

Wisdom comes with age. Some of the Seniors are fast learning to take a "tumble themselves," especially, when in attempting to clear the ravine at the jump, in order that they may be on time to College recitations. For further particulars "just ask of the girl at the Scm." Room 15.

The girls feel greatly indebted to the College young men for two excellent serenades. In the last one quality exceeded quantity and we deeply regret that our stock of fruit and flowers was so diminished that we were unable to show our appreciation by a liberal distribution of the same. Let the good work continue.

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**LAKE FOREST ACADEMY.**

H. O. Morris has returned to school here.

Remarks of admiration for the Christmas Stentor have hardly yet died away.

The German table in the dormitory is no more. Abandonment is the cause of its death.

Since Christmas the academic ranks have been swelled by the entrance of seven new students.

Alas! Mr. Hayner was not back on time, but equally alas! he was here a little later, and—"say, can you bend your elbows yet?"

At a meeting of the Base-ball team held before the close of last year Mr. W. A. Reinhart was elected to the captaincy of the team for the spring season.

Mr. Gates, as all know, has returned from his European trip, but does not intend to take up his study here, as was once before written in these columns. The genial gentleman will go to St. Louis.

Although there is no snow upon the ground, yet singing loads of young ladies frequently pass the buildings and are, no doubt, delighted to hear the sympathetic inmates "join in the refrain."

It might be rightly suggested that others be invited to the General History class, which Prof. Burnap is making so intensely interesting. His attractive talks are instructive, and his questions are on vital points.

The Tri Kappa society will hold its preliminary contest in declamation to-morrow. This is the first of the series of preliminary contests, which will be one of the regular features in the Academy until the contest in the spring.

We were all delighted to hear that Bogue was to return on time. "Variety is the spice of life," we mused, but later, existence was drained of its spicy flavor—Bogue was sick. Oh, well-a-day! The expected is sometimes so expected.

Owing to a misunderstanding as to the date upon which the Christmas number of The Stentor would appear, the Academy news were lacking in that issue. Together with the editor we sincerely hope that accidents will happen no more.

At its meeting last Wednesday, the Gamma Sigma society elected officers for this term. All but the treasurer were re-elected. Those who hold office this term are: R. G. McKinnic, President; Clifford P. Hall, Vice-President; W. S. Kline, Secretary; L. H. Gilliland, Treasurer.

Prim. Smith at chapel recently remarked on the advantages this term contained for study. "Where there's a will, there's a way," seems to be proved by many of those about us, and while many are undoubtedly able to gain the point aimed at quicker than we, we should appreciate that every effort toward a good result imparts a new degree of power. Slow development by its nature may have all the elements of irresistible sureness.

Tri Kappa inaugurated her new officers elected for the ensuing term last Wednesday. The inauguration was, as all society proceedings will henceforth he, conducted according to the new constitution, just drafted and accepted last term. As has been stated here, a new office of Recording Secretary has been created with the birth of the constitution, together with which the list of officers is as follows: Pres., Andrew Cooke; Vice Pres., Mr. Strops; Recording Sec., N. Hewitt; Business Sec., A. A. Cobb; Treasurer, Wm. Jaeger.

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First student, rushing frantically down stairs: "Come on, something's the trouble down there."

Second student, composedly: "No there isn't, that's the glee club practicing."—Ex.
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