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Lincoln

"THE GREATEST LEADER OF MEN THAT EVER LIVED"

A REMARKABLE LECTURE

Rev. S. Parkes Cadmon Thrills Normal Audience with His Splendid Lecture on Lincoln.

Those who awaited with pleasurable anticipation the second appearance of Rev. S. Parkes Cadmon in Normal Hall were fully rewarded as they listened to his entertaining lecture on Abraham Lincoln last Thursday evening.

The personality of the lecturer, his simple, direct but convincing delivery and kindly humor put the audience at once into close sympathy with him and kept their undivided attention throughout the evening. His lecture in its fresh treatment of the subject so well known to the American public showed an amazing breadth of knowledge and a deep insight into human nature.

He opened his lecture with the statement that Lincoln was too near to men to be fully appreciated,—like a painting, he should be viewed from a distance. Lincoln and Washington he regarded as twin stars in the blue sky of American democracy. Many would object to the statement that Lincoln and Washington were on equal planes—they would say that Lincoln was of the common people while Washington was an aristocrat. Mr. Cadmon, however, holds that there is no difference since America has no aristocrats, except one who came over from Europe recently and married one of our New York heiresses. American aristocracy is made by BRAINS, the BIBLE, and the BATH-TUB. "Genius comes from the earth—is pushed up by the mass of people underneath and is known by its results. It is not something plastered on but something which grows from the inside."

From his father, Lincoln inherited health, a valuable asset since you will always need your liver though you may be able to dispense with your Latin. His mother is a great example of the mothers of America and of the world. She was versed in the homely duties of pioneer life, of home making and its cares, and though unable to ride a bicycle could rock a cradle. And in fulfilling her duties she little dreamed that she was rocking a future president of the United States.

Having portrayed the disadvantages with which Lincoln began his career, Mr. Cadmon showed how the man, the genius, walked steadily onward to his duty. The platform of the party by which he was nominated was so crooked that a nail driven into it would come out a screw. Yet that did not swerve Lincoln from the right. "His conscience was his guide. It was not a gimlet boring holes in his neighbors' doors to find out their business, but a great auger that opened the way for a mighty stream of righteousness that was to bless humanity in ages yet to be." In short he painted in the most wonderful colors the career of this most wonderful man from his birth in poverty and obscurity, to the hour when the haughty Stanton stood above his martyred remains, and said in trembling tones, "There lies the greatest leader of men that the world has ever seen."

Indeed it is doubtful if a more eloquent voice has yet been raised to do honor to Democracy's greatest democrat than that of the Rev. Samuel Parkes Cadmon.

Strength in Advancing Age.

To Hugo the years that bend and weaken and wrinkle the genius of the master seem but to bring fresh strength and energy and beauty. He ages like the lions. His brow, seamed with august furrows, rises under a mane larger, thicker, more bristling and more disheveled than ever before. His yellow eyes are like suns within caverns; when he roars the other animals are silent. Or, changing the comparison, one might liken him to an oak that dominates the forest; its enormous wrinkled trunk bursting into leaf, its branches mighty as trees. Its deep-reaching roots drink of the sap of the heart of the earth, its head almost touches heaven. In its vast foliage the stars shine at night, the birds sing at dawn. It braves the sun, the tempest, the wind, the thunder and the rain. The very scars of the thunderbolt have added to its beauty something formidable and superb.—Gautier's "Portrait of Victor Hugo."

OCEANA-MASON COUNTY CLUB.

A charming six-course, progressive dinner party was given by the members of the Oceana-Mason County Club March 17th. The St. Patrick color scheme was harmoniously carried out in the delicacies of the menu as well as in the decorations of the dining halls. The favors were white roses and smilax, the place cards, characteristic suggestions of the shamrock.

Anna Felt presided as toast-mistress. The following members responded: Helen Cranley, "The Irishman's Day"; Nina Dikeman, "Recollections of a Senior"; Augusta Hanson, "The Anticipations of a Junior"; and Lena Larime, "Our Members." A fine musical program was rendered and a delightful time reported by everyone.

LOCALS.

Superintendent Fuller, of Newberry, was a training school visitor during the early part of the week, in quest of teachers.

Miss Wilson entertained her student teachers with a thimble party at her home on Cross street Saturday afternoon.

Marie Hooper, of Jackson, is the guest of Lulu Reed and has been visiting the training school.

Mr. Buck and Mr. Palmer, of St. Johns were at the training school last week in search of teachers for next year.

Miss Davis entertained her student teachers with a St. Patrick's party at the training school Friday afternoon.

Mr. Dewey has been taking pictures of the different rooms of the training school.

Miss Margaret I. Miller, of the training school faculty, spent the week-end in Jackson, the guest of friends.

Miss Olive Davis will spend the vacation at Buffalo, New York.

An unusually large number of students have been absent from class work on account of illness.

All of the teachers of one of the ward schools of Ann Arbor visited the training school one day last week.

A number of the boys are planning to walk to their homes during the vacation.

Carleton Runciman has accepted the position of superintendent of the Millington schools and will assume his new duties next week.

Professor Lyman is again able to meet with his classes after being absent on account of illness.

The student teachers of the third grade treated their critic, Miss McCrickett, to a surprise at her home on Huron street Wednesday evening.

A very pretty party was given by the Arm of Honor fraternity at the Masonic Temple Saturday evening.

The election of officers for the spring quarter in the Arm of Honor fraternity was held Tuesday evening at the home of Professor D'Ooge after which a dainty banquet was served. Guy Durgan acted as toast-master of the evening.

The student teachers of the eighth grade entertained the pupils and critic, Miss Burnett at an informal party at Starkweather Tuesday afternoon.

An enthusiastic mass meeting was held by the men of the college in Normal Hall Tuesday evening to work up enthusiasm for the minstrels.

A St. Patrick's party was given by the senior girls of the Kindergarten department in honor of the Juniors of that department in the Kindergarten room of the training school Friday evening. Green was the prevailing color in the decorations and the same color scheme was carried throughout the entertainment. The lights were shaded with green and green paper shamrocks festooned the center of the room. Miss Blakeney, having found the most green snakes was awarded the prize. After a potato race and several kindergarten games, refreshments of lettuce-sandwiches and coffee were served. All had a most enjoyable evening.

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HER LAST CHANCE TO MAKE GOOD

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The University of Michigan will be represented in the first world's fair of hygiene at Dresden in May.

Ohio legislature passes a bill providing for compulsory teaching of agriculture in high and common schools.

Alabama has dropped to the bottom of the list of states in support of public schools.

Amherst has established a special class for immigrants.

Wisconsin University has an arrangement by which all students have the privilege of medical advice, calls, and medicine, at the rate of one dollar per semester.

A meeting of Michigan Superintendents and boards of education will be held at Lansing, April 20-21.

Thirty-five Michigan teachers attended the N. E. A. meeting recently held in Mobile, Alabama.

Columbia claims an enrollment this year of 7,411; Chicago, 5,883; Michigan, 5,339; Harvard, 5,329; Pennsylvania, 5,187; Cornell, 5,160.

The Constitution the people of Arizona are now adopting provides for initiative, referendum, and recall.

COMING—SOME PARTY.

As a fitting climax to the very successful social year of the Arm of Honor fraternity, there will be its grand annual party given at the gymnasium May 12. This party promises to eclipse even those sumptuous parties of former years, and will be by far the grandest and most brilliant party held in Ypsilanti this year. Alumni will be here from all over this section of the country. Finzel's full orchestra, of Detroit, will furnish the music.

John Myron has accepted the position of superintendent of schools at Marlette for next year.

LOST—Monday afternoon on Ellis street, part of a gold belt buckle with amethyst setting. Finder please return to Miss Foster, 318 Ellis street and receive reward.

WHEN IS A MAN AT HIS BEST?

Line is Being Pushed Further Back and He Who is Past Fifty Need Not Be Ashamed of It.

When is a man best intellectually and physically? The answer was thus stated by a witty physician: "Most men are no good at their best." There is no rule for the extraordinary man. That Cato learned Greek at eighty affords no criterion. There is no measure for Napoleons; Lincoln defies the rules, and no school or method of instruction—not even by correspondence—will certainly teach the full measure of the patriotism that characterized Washington.

When is the average man at his best? That depends a good deal upon what is required of him. A prize fighter is old at thirty; most counselors-at-law are youthful at fifty, and for the ordinary pursuits every man is entitled to his "guess," and there shall be no decision. But it is certain that the dead line is being pushed further and further back upon age. Men are learning how to live; the comforts of life are more easily attainable; science intervenes in man's behalf, and the man who has passed fifty need not be ashamed of his years, because he may see for himself that there is a place for him by simply regarding the men long past that age who are actually carrying on the world's work.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

ST. PATRICK'S PARTY.

Miss Foster and Miss Gilpin were hostesses at a St. Patrick's party given in honor of the music student teachers at the residence of Miss Foster, 318 Ellis street, Saturday afternoon. The designing and making of Irish hats caused much merriment, Elsa Jennings winning the trophy for the best "creation." Daffodils were given as favors. A camera porch picture was taken of the group. The program of Irish music was enjoyed by all. A three course luncheon was served.

The guests were: Hazel Bird, Greta Forte, Arvilla Dunham, Cecil Pratt, Genevieve Ackerman, Mary Broadwell, Pearl Palmer, Ruby Smith, Mabel Potter, Florence Hauser, Helen Richmond, Martha Striker, Anna Lau, Lulu Griswold, Faye Daggett, Edith Nelson, Mildred Coe, Elsa Jennings, Mabel Buck, Alma Vought, Hildegard Smith, Lela Titmarsh, Gertrude Gilbert.

DEBATING CLUBS.

LINCOLN.

A debate of unusual interest took place in the Lincoln Club last Saturday morning when the final debate of the year was held. Myron, Ward, and Lockwood won the places for the debate against the Websters. Mr. Parkins, Mr. Eldred, and Mr. Ed. Steimle acted as judges. In this array of debaters the Lincolns can feel sure of landing places on the team that meets M. A. C.

WEBSTER.

A special meeting of the Webster Club was held in room 51 at seven o'clock on Wednesday evening for the final club debate. The program was as follows:

Chairman, Clumpner.
Debate, the M. A. C. question.
Contestants—Smith, Fisk, Johnson, Blanchard, and Wigle.
Judges—Professors Lathers, Everett, and Magers.

PORTIA.

The Portia Club enjoyed a very pleasant evening at the home of Ella Roberts, 606 Congress street, last Thursday evening.

The following positions have been accepted for the coming year: Samuel Savage, superintendent at Eaton Rapids, Grace Hauser, music and drawing at Lake City; Myrtle Buck, Latin and English at Lake City; Greta Forte, music and drawing at Ithaca.

Professor J. S. Lathers and Professor S. D. Magers acted as judges at the oratorical contest in University Hall, Ann Arbor, Friday evening.

Last Saturday Ethel Taylor, of the Training School Office, walked to Stony Creek where she was met by Hazel Hartwell who had walked from her home in Milan. The two then proceeded to Milan where they spent Sunday.

The proceeds of the Indoor Meet this year were about \$230. The expenses of the judges, printing, allowance made each class for badges, colors, etc., will amount to \$75.00 to \$100.00. The balance is kept in the bank to be drawn upon for improvements in the gymnasium, on approval of President Jones. Eventually an itemized account will be printed in the Normals News.

FANNIE CHEEVER BURTON.

Agricultural Education

A BRANCH OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING THAT IS MAKING RAPID PROGRESS

Prof. W. H. French, M. A. C.

The rapidity with which the subject of Vocational Education has forced itself upon our people has brought about many educational problems. It is becoming more and more evident that these problems should not be solved too rapidly. It is perfectly proper that our system of education should be in a constant transitional stage, but we must be careful that we don't pass too rapidly from one problem to another. Among all of the vocational subjects, probably none can be introduced into our schools with less expense and at the same time a larger educational return, than agriculture. It is true that the subject matter of general agriculture is very extensive and therefore the chief thing to consider is what portions shall be taught in the public schools and especially in the high schools. We have gone far enough to answer some of the questions.

It is reasonably certain that at least four general phases of agricultural knowledge can be included in a high school course. These are Plant Life, Animal Life, Soil Physics, and Business Management. Second, it is reasonably well settled that in order to secure proper results the subject must be taught by one who has received special training. Third, the purely educational value derived from a study of the science of agriculture is as great as that to be derived from the study of other sciences. Fourth, the practical effects of the study are noticeable both in the school and in the actual life of the student on the farm. We are discovering also that to study agriculture purely from the economic standpoint does not commercialize education. With these points fairly well settled, we are in position to analyze the subject of agriculture from the college standpoint and to determine in some measure how much of the several agricultural specialties can be presented in a four year high school course. The course of work outlined for the Michigan high schools is proving satisfactory in the main points and it remains to work out suitable details and practicum to be presented.

So far as we can learn the attitude of the people towards this innovation is favorable.

The public school brings educational privileges close to the people and the presenting of agriculture in the public school brings this vital, cultural, and economic subject to their door. This year in Michigan, agricultural education is within reach of at least 1,000 young men through the eleven high schools which are presenting the subject and about 500 of this number are actually pursuing the subject. As agriculture is introduced as an elective we think this a good showing for the general interest in the work. The Agricultural College will hereafter accept work in secondary agriculture among its entrance credits and thus the subject becomes recognized in the regular course of educational training.

During the winter arrangements have been made with each of the high schools presenting agriculture for special extension work on Saturdays so that the farmers and the young men can meet together for discussion and observation. From six to eight such meetings have been held and the attendance has averaged about 50, thus an additional 500 men residing near the high schools in the several communities have been directly interested, not only in agricultural education, but in the regular work of the public school. At one of these meetings recently a stock judging contest was held. The farmers brought in various kinds of cattle and the boys and farmers proceeded to pass judgment upon them. A representative of the college was present as referee. Such meetings certainly constitute a valuable object lesson. In one of the high schools eight or ten of the farmers have been regular attendants at the live stock classes during a period of ten weeks, and special work with the Babcock tester and other dairy apparatus have been given them. We speak of these merely to show some of the possibilities of secondary agricultural education.

—Moderator Topics.

Jessie Nourse has been absent from classes on account of illness.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 23

IMPROVING OUR ENGLISH.

From a Student's Point of View
By Ida M. Raine

That there is a great need of improvement in the use of English by the students of this institution cannot be disputed. To be convinced of this, it is necessary only to listen to the conversation of groups of students or to assist in correcting written compositions handed in by them.

There are, however, means of improvement within the grasp of all. Our library contains the works of the best authors, and by the careful reading of these productions, the student is introduced into cultured society where only the best English is spoken. Then, if he reads not for the story or for information alone, but for style and diction as well, he has discovered one means of improving his own composition.

There are no better aids to the young writers than the dictionary and books of synonyms. He should never be satisfied until he knows the exact meaning of an unfamiliar word. The study of the shades of meanings becomes fascinating, and the knowledge gained results in a richer and fuller vocabulary. The practice, too, of referring to the dictionary soon becomes an established habit that will lead to an immediate improvement in the use of language.

In all conversation or written composition the student should aim to express his thoughts exactly. A word that does not fit the idea should never be used. Searching for the correct expression affords fine mental exercise, therefore, the time thus employed is never lost. The secret of Lincoln's mastery of English was due to the fact that he aimed to express every new idea in the best possible way, and his success proves the worth of the method employed.

Then, one may study the English of instructors, lecturers, and other educated people. Through their influence an ideal may be established. The constant endeavor to reach perfection in expression soon becomes habitual, and, although failures are sure to occur, still marked improvement is an incentive to further efforts.

Perhaps no better means of careful composition could be suggested than that afforded by letter writing. Here we have a form of conversation with the advantage of time to consider correct expression. A correspondence carefully carried on should result in a more skillful use of our language.

To have one's companions on the watch for errors keeps one alert, and if the plan is carried on for some time, will surely prove advantageous.

Teachers should emphasize the need of improvement and should suggest practical methods of bringing it about. Every recitation should be the means of teaching correct expression. A grammatical error should never go uncorrected.

Beyond a doubt, conditions would be improved if every student was obliged to take a course in composition. Let such a course, then, be made obligatory.

By means of these things on the part of students and instructors, marked improvement both immediate and lasting, would be seen in the conversation and written composition of the students of the Normal College.

For a Spottier Town.

The Kansas City chief of police has issued a rather drastic order as follows: "As of the Twentieth Century Magazine: 'Arrest on view any person throwing paper or other rubbish on the streets or in vacant lots; any person excavating without a permit; any person tacking or sticking cards or posters on sidewalks, fence poles or in other public places; any person scattering handbills or circulars on sidewalks, streets, porches, yards or private premises or distributing them to passersby; all teamsters who allow dirt or rubbish to fall from their wagons. Patrolmen are also instructed to notify all owners or agents of vacant property on their beats that weeds must be cut at once and all rubbish removed; to notify owners of blighting property where earth has washed down on to the street or sidewalk to remove the same immediately; cause the immediate removal of manure piles which may be in the alleys'"

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RARE FORMS OF MARINE LIFE

Beaked Whales and West Indian Echinoids Are Described in the Bulletins of the National Museum.

The United States National museum has issued two bulletins in the quarto series.

Of these the first, Bulletin 73 is "An account of the beaked whales of the family Ziphiidae in the collection of the United States National museum, with remarks on some specimens in other American museums," by Dr. Frederick W. True, head curator of the department of biology in the United States National museum.

The beaked whales are among the rarest cetaceans and of the three genera only specimens representing about 100 individuals are known. The three genera in the family Ziphiidae are Mesoplodon, Ziphius and Berardius, and to the discussions of these with their individual species Doctor True has devoted his attention.

The second of these bulletins, No. 74, is "On Some West Indian Echinoids," by the well known authority, Theodore Mortenson of the Zoological museum of Copenhagen, Denmark.

Of special interest in this bulletin is the list of North American and West Indian Echinoids, which he has carefully compiled from the specimens obtained by the Blake and the Albatross. The bulletin is beautifully illustrated by 16 full-page plates of these interesting forms of marine life.

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KEEPING THE WINDOWS OPEN

Citizen Followed the Doctor's Advice in Winter and the Plumber Paid Over the Percentage.

One upon a time a citizen complained to a physician that he was troubled with a feeling of lassitude on arising in the morning, and after half an hour spent in deep reflection the healer of men replied:

"Although it is winter, I think you suffer from the want of fresh air in the house. Go home and open your cellar windows and let the ozone sweep through the house at its wild pleasure."

"But the thermometer stands below zero," protested the citizen.

"So do you. Let her stand. Leave the windows open all night. That lassitude will be gone when you get up in the morning."

The citizen did as directed, and at six o'clock next morning the cook was borne from earth away by the explosion of the kitchen range. Four busted water pipes also went into the cascade business with unqualified success, and two children were overhauled to find that their toes were frostbitten. Five days later, when the plumber had presented his bill and received the long green, he entered the office of the physician and said:

"Twenty per cent. of \$90 is \$18, and here is the same. If you will only advise the old chap next door to leave all his windows open some night to cure his asthma it will mean at least \$40 to me and \$8 for you."

Moral—In helping other people we most always help ourselves.

SHE HAD LOST NEW HUSBAND

Many Languages Tried on Frantic Woman Before the Cause of Her Trouble Was Explained.

She wailed, gesticulated, declaimed. Every language that got off sixteen north-bound subway trains at Thirty-third street station was tried on her. But nobody could make out more than was obvious to all from the start, that the woman was frantically excited and had lost something on the line.

Into both tunnels she pointed. She was about thirty years old and good looking. People thought the poor creature must have mislaid her baby somewhere along the track. Several wanted to go to search. But she pointed mostly into the tunnel through which she had not traveled. None could solve the mystery.

For nearly an hour she went through all the regular signs of intense distress, and caused a block among the passengers at the station. The crowd extended into the street and gave rise to rumors that there had been a terrible accident. Still no one could understand her, and she would not understand any sort of persuasion to take her departure.

Policemen Hughes got off the seventeenth train and took her to the East Thirty-fifth street police station. There the twelfth person sent for tried Polish and learned that the woman was Katherina Gorud, recently arrived, and still more recently married, and lived somewhere on a hill in Spuyten Duyvil, but she did not know where.

She had been shopping with her husband in Fourteenth street, and in the rush at six o'clock the crowd on the subway had carried her into a local train and her husband into an express. The police gave her coffee and cakes and sent out to find her husband.—New York World.

Her Pleasant Displeasure.

A woman's dress is uncomfortable if it is stylish, and if it is not stylish she is miserable.—Nashville American.

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DOINGS IN AND CONCERNING THE NORMAL COLLEGE BRIEFLY STATED

Professor Laird was in charge of the Kent county teachers' institute held at Grand Rapids March 18.

H. B. McAllister of Bancroft, has been visiting college friends during the past week.

The Phi Delta Pi fraternity enjoyed a feed at the home of Don Harrington on Summit street Monday evening.

Professor H. C. Lott conducted the Livingston county institute at Howell March 17.

Miss Gallup, of the high school faculty was called to her home in Fithring last Wednesday by the serious illness of her father and sister.

Miss Margaret Wise was one of the conductors in charge of the Mackinac county teachers' institute held at St. Ignace, March 20-24.

The lecture to have been given by Senator Robert M. LaFollete on the Normal Lecture Course Wednesday evening was again postponed on account of the Senator's ill health.

Richard Keeler and wife, of the 1905 graduating class, are now living in Ann Arbor where the former is pursuing a course at the University.

The Upper Peninsula club gave an informal dancing party at Rowima last Friday evening.

The Arm of Honor fraternity enjoyed a feed at the home of Professor Moore Tuesday evening.

Ethel Thompson entertained her mother from Jackson over Sunday.

Mrs. Burton and Miss Leorals spent Saturday in Detroit.

Miss Etile Sherzer of Franklin, Ohio, is visiting at the home of her brother, Prof. W. H. Sherzer.

Miss Norton, of the mathematics department, entertained her cousin, Mrs. Meade, last week.

Hazel Forte spent Saturday in Detroit.

Florence Babbitt spent the weekend at her home in Detroit.

Florence Hayes entertained the student teachers of the third grade at her rooms Wednesday afternoon. Each guest dressed to represent a favorite book. Daily refreshments were served.

Miss Oda Kittridge was a guest at the Alpha Sigma Tau house during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Elliott were Detroit visitors Friday.

Clara Ledwidge entertained her father from Anderson Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Edna Wiley Wildt, of Centerville, Mich. is visiting friends in the city.

He Bore It Grinning.

Captain Kendall, the capturer of Ortpsen, was talking to the smoking room of the Montrose about the horrors of seasickness.

"Some men bear it well, though," he said. "I took a Liverpoolian to Canada last month and the poor fellow did have a time! Sick from the first day to the last!

"But he bore it well, and when we reached Falber Point he said to me:

"Captain, I think I'll go straight back with you."

"Why," said I, "I thought you were going to make an extensive tour?"

"No, I think I'll go back now," he said, gulping as a nasty swell lifted our boat. "I see by your rate that you carry 'returned empties' at half fare."

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