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ERNEST H. BAYNES

Novel and Most Interesting Lecture
on Animal Life.

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Mr. Baynes Tells of Personal Experiences
with Wild Animals.

We used to think we could see things about as well as anybody and that when we went to the woods what we didn't see wasn't worth looking at anyhow. And no doubt that is true, considering what we go to see, or be with. However that is, since a real lover of nature and a man who not only studies, but also understands natural objects has told us of a few things which has come under his observation, we are compelled to think that those who "have eyes and see not, ears and hear not" are not entirely extinct as yet.

The rapid removal of forests in this section of the country has left little or no place as shelter for game consequently we know almost as much about wild animals, exclusive of college students, as we do about the latest methods of courtship on Uranus. But there is hope for us. Spring is almost at hand.

The lecture did not include many varieties of game but was confined to such species as the black bear, the Virginia deer, fox, racoon, skunk and several kinds of birds. The views, which were made from photographs taken either by Mrs. Baynes or himself, were remarkably clear and instructive, and showed what may be done with a camera as well in the line of nature study. Our college photographers who find nothing more than brick walls and concrete pavements as subjects might take a lesson from Mr. Baynes.

Had any person, other than the lecturer, told us what could be done in the way of domesticating bear, fox and even skunks we might gently have told him to quit drinking but we could not disbelieve when records of the events were shown as photographed. It certainly does seem incredible, even now, that a wild bird would pick at a crust which the lecturer held in his lips, but the picture proved the point. Remarkable as it all seemed, no doubt any one of us could accomplish some of the things which

BASKET BALL TEAM 1909-1910



Top row from left to right: Chapel, Phillips, Coach Carrithers, Cook Hooper. Seated: Fraker, Captian Koepfgen, Campbell.

Mr. Baynes has if only we kept our eyes and hearts open to nature and spent more time out of doors.

BASE BALL HAPPENINGS

Never before has the weather man been so good to Alma base-ball candidates as during the last week.

The tiresome "caged up" feeling of the gymnasium and batting cage was dispelled Friday afternoon when the nine appeared on Davis field for their first out door practice.

The cage and the gym floor had served their purpose, however, and the nine were hitting and fielding as if they had been on the diamond for a month. In fact both old and new men seem to be taking to the hitting game as real ball players should. A squad of 25 men have been working hard and diligently for the past three weeks indoors and now that out door work has become possible added interest is being taken.

After the hitting and fielding practice Friday afternoon two teams were paired off, one headed by Capt. Sandy and the other by Ollie Hole and a three inning game was played. Duncanson threw for the one and showed that he had lost none of his cleverness and that his control was of the best. "Ocky Graham did the receiving for him and from the way he handled the mit it looks as if nothing would be lacking around the home plate in the fielding department.

Brilmre, the Milford south fan

occupied the mound for the other team and gave a good account of himself while there. Montieth, a fellow freshman caught for him and made it very evident that the choice of catcher was no ways near settled.

Both sides hit well for the first time out of doors, but they had no reason not to for the pitchers used only straight ones. The two teams lined up again Saturday afternoon with Burke and Hole pitching and played a 6 inning game. The work of the infield men was of the best variety while scores of the men showed that they could be counted on when it came to running the bases.

When Saturday night came a tired lot of ball players was to be found, but not one hint of soreness about the arms was to be found, which shows the benefit of the indoor work.

Another week of such weather will put the men in fine condition for the hard work following the spring recess.

ALUMNI NOTES.

Mrs. A. B. Krentel of Berlin, Ontario, has been visiting her mother in Alma for several days and has gone to Boyne City to visit her sister, Miss Mary Pringle. Mrs. Krentel was enrolled in the class of '04 as Miss Clara Pringle.

Maude Wyman, Kg '09, has resumed her school duties at Utica after two months absence. During the holidays, Miss Wyman underwent a serious operation in St. Joseph Sanitarium, Mt. Clemens.

ALPHA THETA ENTERTAINS

With a seeming utter disregard for the "long green" the Alpha Theta girls again demonstrated that entertaining is another accomplishment in which they are "way up." To begin with they met the Zeta Sigma aggregation at the porticle and conducted them "way up" through the at other times forbidden paths and winding staircases to the society room. The proximity to St. Patricks day naturally suggested the scheme of entertainment, decoration and all for the proverbial Emerald Isle hue was put in effect from the green and gold shamrock pennants on the wall to the green cherries in the punch. Some one suggested how appropos everything was—a green bunch being provided with a green reception—which was most uncharitable, but of course only passed as a joke (it wasn't Fleety this time.)

The apparent greenness soon wore off however and by the time Campbell had gotten off a couple of good ones and Moxie had followed suit (see Life vol. 26, p 102) everything was running nicely. The genial mistress of ceremonies cleverly took things in hand and soon had a number of bashful youths with their vision some what obscured grawing about the room in search of the Blarney Stone, which they were supposed to kiss. After a few frantic scrambles and embarrassing errors the fellows seemed to "locate the baste" and then the smacking was prodigious, Duncanson waxing so enthusiastic that he carried the stone away with him,—to the delight of the company. Then came other Irish stunts, Irish story telling contests—some even coming provided with poetry—and an array of witty performances that would have done credit to "that man Pat" himself. In the meantime a delicious flavored punch was being distributed in large quantities from a fountain of plenty in one corner of the room, and the secretary has it on record that—the editor blue penciled the name—consumed no less than fifteen glasses.

Just before the refreshments were served (they deserve a separate paragraph) the prize was brought forward for the one who had kissed the Blarney Stone. "Would the gentlemen who think they deserved the prize kindly step forward." The gentlemen were

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The most promising material among the new men are the weight throwers, Misenaar, Edger-ton and Anderson the three big men are working steadily with the three weight events and from appearances they will be heard from in a different manner before the season is over.

Hard training will begin as soon as the vacation is over with and there will be no more breaks in the schedule.

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Rah Rah Rah Rah Rah sir
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(and so does her pa-pa sir.)

II We love to see our Prexy eat
The whiskers from his chinsky
We love the jokes that A. P. cracks
They'd make a coffin grinsky?
Rah Rah Rah
Rah Rah Rah Rah,
Rah Rah Rah Rah Rah sir
The co-ed leads a merry life
(and so does her pa-pa sir.)

III And theres that big museum with
The specemens galore sir
Not that we love the out side less
We love the inside more sir.
Rah Rah Rah
Rah Rah Rah Rah
Rah Rah Rah Rah Rah sir
The co-ed leads a merry life
(and so does her pa-pa sir.)

IV We loath those daring scoundrels who
Decoyed our college bellsky
We hope when Pink detects them he'll
Reprove the villians wellsky.
Rah Rah Rah
Rah Rah Rah Rah
Rah Rah Rah Rah Rah sir
The co-ed leads a merry life
(and so does her pa-pa sir.)

P. S. I am an Illumnus of Alma college commercial school '09. I could have written 3 (three) more verses if I wanted to. Here's one which I forgot be sure and put it in after No 11 (two.)

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FROEBEL NOTES

Perhaps the best and most interesting meeting of the year was held Monday night when the lantern slides was used in connection with the papers.

The statue of Hermes, by Prapiteles was the first one studied; then the Niobe and Children; Venus de Melo, and Apollo Belvedere which is the most universally known and most popular of the ancient statues. Both papers and slides were interesting as well as instructive.

BIBLE CLASS STUNT PARTY

Were you at the Bible class stunt party Saturday night? No? Well you certainly missed it. They had some of the best take-offs you ever heard. First was a scene in Gray's pie shop. "Cherry, blackberry, apple pumpkin, cream and chocolate" and "Did you know that I used to go to college in the East? yep, and one night my chum and me drove twelve miles to see a girl and when we got there, guess what had happened! Our horse was dead! Yep, we drove a dead horse twelve miles."

How about the new drawing teacher. And to think that after all our practising of "Annie Laurie", our classical music, our poetry and our songs, it should be no "nasty man who invade the sacredness of our home," but a mild, middle-aged maiden. Oh shucks! Which did Elsie read first anyway?

There was a German-American picnic too, and they had a bottle and the young lady had her voice calumined at Vaseline College.

And all those who didn't get theirs in any of the other stunts most certinly did in the charming little cantata given by Florence Hood's class. It was a blinger, all right.

A description of Japnese weddings together with a few personal experiences made Miss Nikajima's contribution most interesting.

The meeting closed with a brief talk by Miss Landis on the value of Mission Study classes of which there to be four this year, and after all this satisfizing of the spirit, appeared some satisfaction for the physical woman. We didn't go to bed till after ten either.

Y. M. C. A.

Last Sunday Mr Hurst led our afternoon meeting and, as he always does, told us a number of things which every college man ought to know. The subject of his talk was "Environment," and in the address he clearly showed by a number of examples how a life may be unfolded and developed for something useful, or stunted by our environment, and the companions we choose. while in college. Circumstances can become so strong either for good or evil that we cannot resist them. So it is for ns to choose

the very best environment and associates and also do whatever lies within our power to make the environment of our fellow students what it should be.

CLASSICAL CLUB

Last Saturday evening the Club met at Wright Hall and carried ont a program consisting of essays and readings descriptive of Grecian and Roman slavery. Will Ewing read an essay while Miss Waring and Prof Ewing read from histories and Greek plays, which showed how universal slavery was; also its causes, results and the social stand-of the slave.

IN MEMORIAM

There is a young fellow named Moxie,
Whose notions may seem fine and foxy,
But his latest "idee,"
Is just this, you see,
We'll now read all letters by Proxy.

The Dean never did approe of spooning, but she can't stop it now that the silverware is on a vacation.

Mr. Bagley has left school but fully expects to be with us again next fall.

A Harder Job.

The tributes to the popularity of Mr. Hammond's son pleased the father, who was the oldest summer resident of Shrubville. They pleased him the more because they came from natives of the soil, whose good opinion could not be forced in any way.

"He's a real good boy, that boy o' yours," said Capt. Hollis Towne, and Capt. Lothrop James added his word of approval.

"I like the cut of his jib," he announced, with decision, "and I like his ways; he ain't too forth-putting, nor yet he ain't too stand-offish.

"Thing of it is you and his ma haven't tried to have him 'brought up,' same as most of the summer folks do with their children; he's just been 'raised' like we were, and that's why he gets on with everybody in this town, sir!"—Youth's Companion.

Snakes of East Africa.

For one thing, East Africa must have credit; snakes are not numerous, as they are in the south, at least I never have seen many. There are pythons, but they do not appear to be dangerous. I shall never forget how, down in South Africa during the war, I once awoke and found a black mwamba in bed with me.

This snake is absolutely deadly. It frightened me so that after the whole thing was over I went out and was sick. Fortunately I was quite ignorant of the fact that it was under the blankets with me and rolled out unconcernedly. Had I known it was there, in all probability it would have struck me.—Forest and Stream.

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not slow in doing so and they must have numbered fifteen. "Very good," from the lady in charge. "Now perhaps the best way to decide is for each one to do a stunt" --groans from the immortal fifteen, they slunk away like whipped curs. "After you, I beg of you, you take the prize." "Oh no, I could'nt think of it, my dear Alphonso, it is for you I am sure." But the lady was insistant and nothing remained but to stunt and stunt they did and the program varied from a fifteen minute tableau by Fleety to a ten second oration by Thompson. And then came--oh yes Fleety got the prize.

And then came the refreshments. And it was'nt till all were seated, that the beauty of the decorations were fully appreciated. Golden shamrock harps with a green back ground made into a flag effect. Alpha Theta and Zeta Sigma pennants and green devices of all kind to fill in the nooks and crannies--altogether an unique and artistic scheme. But why digress? The refreshments were served and for the while some even refused to be civil so busy were they preparing the way for seconds. Tutti Fruti brick cream with an assortment of cakes that would require the combined skill of a Mrs. Murphy, Bitner, and Miss Albertson to reproduce. And seconds there were and generous ones at that.

There were games, stunts, marches, Irish melodies, Irishisms, what nots. The eleventh hour came all too soon and back to the world of fact we were forced to descend, stopping first however to unite in a rousing locomotive in honor of our hostesses. Come again--thanks.

GOD'S GIFTS

BY JULIA B. CADY

God gives us joy that we may give,
He gives us love that we may share;
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ALUMNI NOTES

H. H. Soule '03, who is rapidly extending his work as a contractor and builder is erecting a summer cottage at Pine Lake near Pontiac. A few days ago "Hank" and A. J. Helmer of the same class, who is now principal of the Pontiac high school held a two hour session reviewing events at Alma from 1899 to 1903. We do not know the subjects of their conversation, but we have a feeling that the doings of several old worthies were brought up during that short visit and that some of the names mentioned were: "Old Timby" now the chemist in Jopein, Mo., "Lutie" Bagley the banker of Morris, Oklahma; "Hug" Ronald, the Rev. of Plymouth; Wallace Webber the automobilist of Detroit; and a few others of the halcyon days. Maybe they spent a few moments in consideration of "Turning on the Bulls eye or Amos, the guardian of the Chapel;" or "How we helped Simon find his sign;" or "charter membership in that society to which all freshmen are welcomed." Anyhow their conversation ran along these or similar limes. 'Tis ever thus when Alma classmates meet.

Elton Brock '02, who spent several weeks of the fall in Alma, returned to his timberlands in Mexico in January. He was accompanied by a party of eastern capitalists who are considering with Mr. Brock the project of lumbering in that district. Mr. Brock's plan is to erect a large saw mill and manufacture and market his own lumber.

Miss Theresa Kirby is pursuing a course in music in the Detroit conservatory. Miss Kirby is living at the family home on St. Johns avenue.

Rev. George A. Hill has been called to the Drexel Park Presbyterian church of Chicago and has resigned his work in Minot, North Dakota.

Pearl Decker who was a freshman with the class of '07, has recently moved to St. Charles where he is employed as pharmacist in the leading drug store.

Friday night, March 11, Koepfgen '11 went to Harbor Springs to referee a game of basket ball between "Harbor" and Mancelona high schools. There was some misunderstanding and consequently dissatisfaction, but the outcome seems to have been pleasing all around. We clipped the following article from the Mancelona News:

Kefgen, the captain of the Alma College basket ball team, refereed the game with the utmost satisfaction for both sides. His decisions were final and it did no one any good to question them. The crowd had no effect upon his judgement nor did arguments Had Harbor made the final basket in the same way he would have been just as staunch in standing by his opinion.

Campbell--The nearest I ever came to being a farmer was when I grew a turnip on my trousers.
Keopfgen--Oh! no, yoh came nearer than that when you got a cabbage on your shoulders.

What,s this we hear about the museum being open on the first and third Saturdays of every month? Can such'a thing really be true?

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