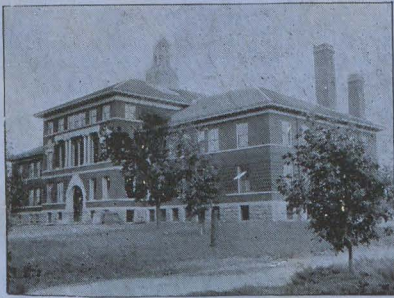
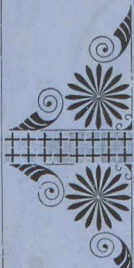


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Christian Sociology.

What is society? Someone tells me that society is a number of persons associated. Someone tells me that society is companionship. Why do people unite themselves in societies? It is because they have at heart a common interest. It is because they recognize the fact that in unity there is strength and that with this united strength they can more completely realize the desired end. People band themselves together in political societies in order to provide for the general welfare and promote the common interests of such a society. Such a motive gives rise to governments and nations. Some people band themselves together for religious purposes. Such an incentive was the direct cause which resulted in the Separatists, the Puritans, the Huguenots, the Methodists, and the Lutherans.

The social condition of a people depends chiefly upon its environments. The topography of a country, its climate, its location

regarding communication with other countries, have a great influence upon a people socially. The natural resources of a country have inestimable influence upon the growth of its society, because they furnish man the first occupation, and consequently furnish material for his mind to ponder over. As a result he acquires habits of thinking which pass down to his posterity, and it sometimes requires years to undo these firmly rooted habits of thinking. Natural resources may hinder or promote the social development of a people. Do not understand me to say that a land rich in resources is necessarily a land favorable to the growth of society, for an over abundance of easily obtainable resources is in the end a hindrance.

The Egyptians had a civilization thrust upon them. They could not avoid social development. Old Father Nile irrigated their fields and fertilized their soil. The regularity of its overflow and the necessity of land division

led to a mathematical, an astronomical, and an artistic development which was unavoidable. Consequently they reached a high state of civilization, when the human race was still in its childhood, but man develops himself by exercising his faculties,—“We learn to do by doing,” and the necessities of life in Egypt were too easily obtained to provide man with unlimited occupation. Consequently the civilization of Egypt reached its premature climax and stopped its development, while the less productive nations on the north, drawing out the powers of their inhabitants, developed a social state far in advance of that reached by the Egyptians.

National resources may stimulate at first but when they exist in overabundance, they dissipate the energies of a people. The higher a people get socially the more are their wants. These higher desires inspire man to greater effort and as a result comes a more complete development. The exercise of his powers is the only thing which will produce the thing or state desired.

The American Indian, roaming the primeval plains and forests of our country, found in wood and field, stream and air, all that his heart desired. He was satisfied with his pipe, his wigwam, and his slaving squaw, and did not wish to alter his condition. But when our forefathers, those

firm-minded Puritans, stepped from the Mayflower and planted their resolute feet on old Plymouth Rock, they spied in peering pines, churches in which they could worship their God unmolested, they saw in those pines comfortable homes and mighty ships sailing commercial seas. They had come from a land where life was strife, where man was obliged to master his environment instead of being its passive slave, and in so doing they had developed a desire for a higher living and had strengthened will and sinew to realize that desire. Consequently they overcame opposing environs in this land, and in so doing developed a civilization that had sympathy enough, and was cosmopolitan enough, to say to the guilty South, “The negro, my brother, shall be free,” and had the stamina and power to free him; developed a civilization which could say to the haughty Don, “Be done with your brutality. The day of slavery is over.”

Thus it is as man goes onward up the ladder of social development. The more wants gratified the greater are his desires to obtain more, and each round reached brings a new desire to realize a higher state of living. With this desire as an impetus he struggles onward to accomplish that end, only to reach a position from which he sees rising before him in the midst of

his cherished ideals a higher and a still more high beyond, which, when he has reached it, reveals a greater beyond and at last his hopes and fears reach out after the infinite and try to grasp immortality, and from this has sprung the unavoidable belief of man in the immortality of the soul.

Occupation is the key to development. The muscles if unexercised become soft and flabby, but if they are exercised they become firm and useful. So it is with the mind; if it is exercised it becomes powerful and is capable of exploits, but if it is not exercised it becomes as the unexercised muscles, useless.

The boy in the geometry class toiling at his theorem is clearing away the mists which after continued effort on his part, separate forever and leave clear and distinct against his mental horizon the solution of the problem. The will grows strong by use, the reasoning faculties likewise. Man's emotional delicacy too, becomes more sympathetic by the repeated use of his feelings. A thought cherished long is sure to lead to aroused feeling and thus to volition. Each volition is wearing deeper and deeper the grooves of habit. It behooves us then, if our characters are what they should be (for character is habit), to keep our thoughts pure and wholesome. We all know without good char-

acter we can have no good society.

Here in River Falls you are surrounded by every elevating influence which God permits his people to enjoy. Health, wealth, schools, and, most of all, churches are yours. I say "most of all," for I believe that the Christian church has done more for the development of humanity than any other one thing.

The art of Greece and the law of Rome may go on forever, but when Rome was at her highest and nearest her downfall, there was born across the Mediterranean, a babe who, pure and apparently weak, was soon to go forth and with the omnipotence and the omniscience of a Deity which he was, originate an impulse which was to radiate in all directions and influence the most remote corners of the earth, and like the river which flowed from the visionary city it grows wider and deeper as it flows.

That influence turned pagan Europe into a Christian civilization which today is unexcelled—yes, unparalleled—by any pagan civilization of the Orient or the islands of the sea. That influence still burns in Saxon hearts and makes our nation what it is and all it hopes to be.

What would there be to a society void of the principle set forth by our Savior, Jesus Christ, "Love thy neighbor as thyself"? What higher ideal

could man cherish than that? If every man would love his neighbor as himself there would be no need of governments, no need of wars. All would be peace.

Robert Ingersoll was a moral man, an intelligent man, higher socially, no doubt, than any of us, but he failed to recognize the influence that made him such. He failed to appreciate the purity and earnestness of his forefathers, who provided him with the weapon which he so skillfully used to deprive others of that which had made him what he was.

Normalites, take a Christian's standpoint. Let your ideal be this same Christ. You, with the combined intelligence from various regions of this grand state of ours, should form a society almost unapproachable. Why keep this development all to yourselves? You are surrounded here in River Falls by young people who are anxious to be one of you, who are jealous of your talents and your standard of living. Do not turn to them a cold shoulder. Reach out with the arms of your influence and take them in. This can be done in many ways. Get them interested in your ideals. Stoop to their level, but do not degrade yourselves. Stoop, and rising carry them with you.

Once under your influence you can present to their minds thoughts which will make them

what they have made you, and always remember the saying of the philosopher and deity of Galilee, "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

C. W. RAND, '99.

The Modern Clytemnestra.

The Clytemnestra of Greece, after killing her own husband, claimed she did it to revenge the murder and sacrifice of her daughters, but we know that the deep-laid plot grew out of the desire to hide her own shortcomings while Agamemnon was in the Trojan wars, and to satisfy a venomous feeling of jealousy on account of previous favors shown Cassandra.

In considering the modern beauty under these circumstances we would think of her as retaliating in a less harmful way, probably doing just enough flirting during her husband's absence to have caused the dear one much chagrin and wounded pride when some friend in a very nice way told him about it on his return,—providing that Agamemnon was the modern husband.

The modern Clytemnestra, instead of receiving her husband with the pomp and gusto Agamemnon received,—instead of showering upon him the honors of a king, would have immediately enveloped him in an atmosphere that smacked of the frigid zone, and when asked, "Why welcome me thus?" would give a scornful

look and a sarcastic answer that would rankle in his soul for hours and in process of time with many wiles and changing moods not only ruin him financially, but also ruin his reputation. If after all it did not end in a divorce, the home would be an unhappy place and life miserable. In comparison these acts seem mild, but we know that murder is seldom resorted to, and when it is the person is called a degenerate, or one who is lower than his kind, which was not considered so during the Grecian times.

The question is before us now: "Which is better, the modern or the ancient method?" Clytemnestra murdered Agamemnon to cover her own guilt and to satiate her feeling of jealousy which resulted in her own death. Both were irretrievably lost without the chance of reform or sorrow for their deeds, thus leaving to the world a demoralizing influence, while the modern way would have less evil influence upon the world and both persons would have a chance to live a nobler life, for we all know as long as there is life there is hope of better things.

It has taken us over two thousand years to pass from the age of heart piercing to the milder form of soul piercing, that method of lifting people to a higher level by a look of scorn, and by repulsing them, drawing ourselves away as though a touch would pollute us. It will take

more than that time to reach the still higher level of brotherly love that will peacefully and tactfully help the fallen one to gain his former manhood. Then we will have reached the time when the degenerate will be the one to use these present methods of revenge and ways of righting wrong.

After the strain and worry of the examinations, about eighty of the students met in the gymnasium, Friday evening, Nov. 10, to enjoy the social given by the N. L. S. One of the interesting features of the evening was the representing of different books, written by prominent authors. Much ingenuity was shown by several of the students in forming puzzling representations. Some of the best ones were: "The Choir Invisible," "The Lamplighter," "Descent of Man," "Inferno," "A Study in Scarlet."

Through the columns of the BADGER we wish to express our thanks to the teachers for the aid given us in perfecting the reception given the visitors from the Superior Normal. And especially do we thank Mrs. Truesdell for her very efficient management. The success of that, our first attempt at receiving guests from abroad was due largely to the unstinted aid of the faculty.

Signed,

Girls of the School.

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EDITORIAL.

Time has passed so rapidly with the busy students, that our first quarter-post is reached almost before we are aware of it. With the close of the term come the examinations. These written tests help us to discover our strength or weakness, often without the aid of marks. The examination in general history was in the form of twenty-minute talks by the members of the

class. The faculty are doing all in their power to make each student master of himself. The happy looks on the faces tell of success and attest to the good, faithful work done during the term almost as well as the long lists of high standings. The zest with which all entered into the enjoyment of the sociable given by the Literary Society showed how glad we were of a short respite from school work. The past month has been full of good things, some of which will receive special notice elsewhere. The reception given the students by the faculty was a pleasant surprise. The fact that it was a surprise added to its enjoyment

We wish to make the BADGER interesting to all its readers. We cannot do this without *your* help. There are many choice bits of humor as well as items of news that will be lost unless *you* report them. "Blessed is he who helps to make things go." Come and share in the blessing.

□ Supt. Ingli, of Pierce County, visited school the first of the month. In his talk to the students he said, that by a recent act of the legislature, he could now accept Normal standings in granting a second grade certificate.

Visitors for the month:—Rev. Bewick, Miss Eunice Pratt, Miss Holden, Miss Nellie Miller, Mrs. Adrian, Mrs. Finch, Edwin I. Scott.



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NORMAL ATHLETIC CLUB.

The Superior Normal football team met the River Falls Normal team on the campus, Nov. 4th. The Superior team had a decided advantage in weight which was utilized to the fullest extent. Securing the ball on a fumble early in the game, and well down towards the River Falls goal, Superior used heavy line plays with telling effect, scoring the first touchdown in four and one-half minutes. The home team then rallied and the score remained unchanged until the end of the first half. In the last half, the playing was excellent on both sides, but "Superior" weight prevailed, the final score being 12 to 0.

Immediately after the game, the members of both teams were given a spread by the young ladies of the school. The visitors were welcomed by Miss Gethell. Pres. McNiel, of Superior, and Pres. Brier, of River Falls, made short addresses. The school as a body then accompanied the victorious team to the depot amid waving colors and volleys of college yells.

On Saturday, Nov. 11th, the Normal team went to Hudson,

defeating the Hudson high school team with a score of 87 to 0. The members of the Hudson team are, no doubt, particularly impressed with the necessity for anti-monopoly legislation, especially in the fall stock of touchdowns, the team having thus far been unable to obtain even a sample of that very desirable article. This is certainly far from exhilarating but by indomitable pluck and unremitting perseverance, and by playing good, clean football, the team has earned an enviable reputation. Stick to it, boys. We wish you better success next year.

Normal Literary Society.

The Normal Literary Society, during the past term, under the management of its able president Mr. Ed. Mooney, seems to have caught the spirit of the times and has entered upon an era of unusual prosperity. The membership consists of over forty energetic students, who have joined the society for the worthy purpose of developing their literary and forensic powers by actively participating in the exercises. We hope that many more of our students will avail themselves of this invaluable

opportunity and that before the end of next term the membership will have reached the one hundred mark.

The programs, during the past term, have been especially interesting and instructive, and if the attendance of visitors continues to increase it will be necessary to secure a larger room in which to hold the meetings. The most attractive feature of the programs has been the debates in which both the boys and the girls participated. We have heard it said that "girls cannot debate," but the falsity of this assertion was demonstrated by four lady members of the society, to whom is accredited the honor of having given the best prepared and best presented debate of the season.

Y. W. C. A.

Dec. 5: Union meeting with Y. M. C. A.

Eleanor Burnett—Walking in the Light: John I, 1-7.

Dec. 12: Pearl Scott—Geneva Meeting.

Dec. 19: Grace Kellogg—Faith and Works: James II.

Y. M. C. A.

Dec. 5: Union Meeting with Y. W. C. A.

Dec. 13: G. Mattson—Honoring Father and Mother.

Dec. 20: Glen Folsom—The Breadth of God's Love.

EXCHANGES.

We notice with great pleasure a remarkable improvement in The Kodak this year. We wish The Kodak and all our Exchanges grand success.

We are glad to read the name of our old colleague, William Ruediger, as a popular member of the faculty at Eau Claire. Here's a shake, "Prof."

A preacher who lost his notes apologized thus: "Brethren, I have lost my notes and will have to depend on the Lord this morning, but I will preach again tonight and come better prepared."—Ex.

Problem: (name the branch) If a man stands on a mountain three miles high, when the thermometer registers 0 Cent., and the barometer stands at 760 c. c., what is the population of London, and what is the past perfect participle of the verb *to be*?—Ex.

Son—"Say, pa, who are the women of the hour?"

Father—"Those who say they will be ready in a second, my son."—Ex.

Papa: "I wonder why it is that when we drop a slice of bread it usually falls with the buttered side down!" His little boy: "I guess it's for the same reason that when we fall in winter we wonder why ice freezes with the slippery side up."—Ex.

"Did you ever meet a woman whose voice thrilled you with unspeakable emotion?"

"Yes, that's the way my mother used to get me up in the morning."—Ex.

"Persons who stammer," said the pseudoscientific boarder, "do so because they think faster than they talk."

"Is that the reason," asked the savage bachelor, "that we so seldom meet a woman who stammers?"—Ex.

A junior's reason for studying on Sunday.—"If a man is justified in helping the ass out of the pit on the Sabbath Day, how much more justified would the ass be in helping himself out.—Ex.

Ye Exch. Ed. lamed himself quite seriously one night last week while running across the Normal campus. He skinned his right shin by stumbling over the score put up on those grounds by the Superior football team.

ALUMNI.

Alumni material for the December BADGER should be in the hands of Mr. Wentz by November 30th.

A very important precedent was established this fall by the Normal Athletic Association, —namely that of an annual game of football with the Alumni. We all appreciate the value of keep-

ing in touch with the institution. It is of value to the Alumni to do so and it is likewise of value to the institution. By means of an annual game the Alumni will be enabled to keep up this touch, and this not only in a figurative sense. Some rivalry will, no doubt, arise; but this is entirely of the wholesome kind of rivalry. The old "stars" will try to show the younger fellows that they are "tin" athletes and not of the stuff the Normal used to have; while the Normals will strive to relegate the Alumni to the list of "has beens." It is important that as many Alumni as possible attend the game, even if they do not themselves don the padded clothes.

The subsequent career of some of the alumni who took part in the contest this fall is noteworthy. W. F. Lusk, the gritty full-back, whose punts are intermediate in style between those of O'Dea and those of Hirschberger, has trained his Hammond aggregation to such a height of efficiency that the Normal team itself could not stand their onslaughts. Charley Purves, who has defended the red and white at quarter-back in many a hard-fought battle, went up to Clear Lake and out of material so exceedingly raw that they had never before seen an oval pigskin or heard the word "gridiron" has in the short time of two months developed a team which

has attained a more than local fame. Robert ApRoberts, the big guard of '96-'97, determined to organize a football team himself down at Wilson and was shrewdly speculating on conquering any number of worlds. But there were insurmountable difficulties in the way, not the least of which was the fact that most of his students of suitable size for football were girls. Add to this the fact that Rob couldn't find a space of ground sufficiently cleared of stumps to admit of a gain of the required five yards for a "first down," and his inaction is pardonable.

G. A. Rogers and W. A. Clark, class of '97, are pursuing university work this year. They have both entered the philosophical course and have recovered sufficiently from their initiation to be in condition, at this writing, for solid work. Mr. Rogers has been suffering from a sprained shoulder, received at the hands of a 7-foot ditch in which he landed, while narrowly making his escape from a closely pursuing army of sophomore hazers. Mr. Clark was anxious to witness the "inner workings" of a University Literary Society, and with this object in view, he went to a particular society the first Friday night. Unfortunately (for him) the society is composed largely of "Sophs"—a species of animals that haunt the secret chambers of the Freshmen. Whether it

was because of his mild and bewildered look, we do not presume to say, but at all events, he was "spotted" as a Freshy and only succeeded in maintaining the dignity of a Junior and breathing the pure air of liberty by virtue of his extraordinary speed. His room-mate maintains that Mr. Clark had hallucinations every night for two weeks following, in which the "Sophs" were the central figures with Lake Mendota in dangerous proximity.

G. W. Swartz and S. Saby, class of '98, are back at the university doing business at the old stand.

Mrs. Mamie E. Swartz, El. class '98, is doing University work. She is a member of the University Choral Union and has received an invitation from the management of the School of Music to join the Ladies' Glee Club, a university organization with a limited number of members.

LOCAL.

Miss Arnquist has re-entered school.

Miss Mae Terry is teaching near Plum City.

Ed. Mooney spent a few days at home a short time since.

The Oratorical Society held its first meeting the evening of the 10th. These meetings will be held regularly every two weeks.

Lyman Weld calls often during the noon hour.

Vera Melgord recently visited her home in Baldwin.

Miss Herma Smith is teaching in the Rohel District, near Hudson.

Miss Ida Peterson's mother and sister gave us a friendly call recently.

Mr. Oliver Needham has returned to finish the course with our senior class.

Mrs. Wm. Foley and daughter Edna, of Salem, visited Miss Agnes Foley, Nov. 2nd.

Eleanor Burnett and Lillian Prince went to St. Paul to spend the vacation between terms.

Mr. Congdon, supervisor of music in the schools of Chicago, recently paid the school a visit.

Miss Laura Peckham has been ill the past week. Miss Mattie Lusk presided over her department much of the time during her absence.

Mr. Hodge has been spending a two weeks vacation from teaching, in "brushing up." We regret that he is not to remain longer with us.

Miss Sarah Deans, El. '98, is home from Gilman town, Wis., where she has been teaching. The schoolhouse burned Wednesday, Nov. 1st. We knew Miss Deans was somewhat homesick,

but did not think it was so serious a case.

Seldom do we have an opportunity of enjoying so rare a treat as the lecture-recital recently given by Edward Baxter Perry. Prof. Perry is an exceptional artist, and the descriptions which he gave in connection with the selections made them doubly entertaining as well as instructive. This renowned pianist became blind at the age of two, which makes his playing seem all the more marvellous. No one could fail to appreciate and enjoy the music of the masters when so wonderfully interpreted, and we hope we may again hear this artist whose soul is filled with music.

The lecture course which the faculty and citizens have been arranging for will begin Dec. 6th with a lecture by Gen. J. B. Gordon. Gen. Gordon is one of the very few survivors of the prominent leaders of the war of '31-'65; in his lecture, "Last Days of the Confederacy," he tells of things with which he is personally acquainted, he having been with Lee during the dark closing days of the C. S. A.

The course will be continued by Geo. Kennan, the famous traveller, and Rev. McIntyre, the renowned pulpit orator, of Chicago. The fourth and last, which will be either a lecture or a concert, is not yet decided upon.



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