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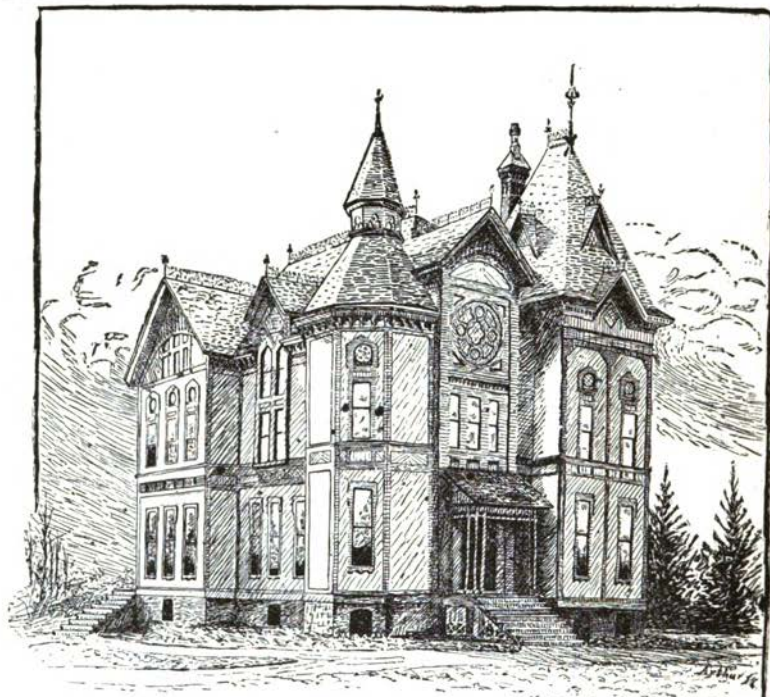
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MAY, 1886.

NOTICE.—All exchange notices, questions, etc., to be promptly inserted, must be sent in by the first of the months previous to the date of issue. For June issue copy must reach us by May 1st; for July, copy must reach us by June 1st. We hope hereafter to issue the Magazine promptly on time, and to do this all matter must be placed in the hands of the printer by the 1st of the previous month.

may be pardoned for calling the attention of our readers in general to the superior batonical advantages enjoyed by the Michigan Agricultural College. This is a Public Institution, and the oldest College of this class in the United States, having been opened for the admission of students in the year 1857, almost thirty years ago. From the time the college was founded the science of Botany has received special attention, and improvements in this line have been added from time to time until to-day the botanical department has facilities and advantages that cannot be enjoyed at any other American institution of learning. The botanical laboratory, the most imposing edifice of the kind in this country, is shown in the engraving herewith presented, the engraving having been kind-



BOTANICAL LABORATORY OF THE MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

WHERE TO GET A BATONICAL EDUCATION.

We are sometimes asked the question, "Where can I get a good education in Botany and kindred sciences?" As the answer may also be of interest to many who have not made such inquiry, we

ly loaned us for insertion in the Magazine. The upper part of the building contains the museum, in which may be found hundreds of botanical curiosities, polished specimens of native wood, dried specimens of grasses and other plants, and a host of minor things interesting to

the students of botany. In the lower part of the building is the lecture room, containing compound microscopes and other facilities for the practical study of structural and physiological botany. Here also are stored thousands of dried specimens of flowers and plants, all correctly labeled and systematically arranged.

Besides the museum and herbarium, there is an arboretum in which are grown many native vines, shrubs and trees; a greenhouse full of exotic plants; and a Botanic garden, containing hundreds of herbaceous plants, all arranged in their natural orders, and plainly labeled. The greenhouse and garden are both near the Laboratory. The walk shown to the left of the building passes into the Botanic Garden just a few feet beyond the steps, and the greenhouse is just beyond the garden.

A College might, however, have all the facilities that money could afford, and yet be inefficient in imparting practical instruction. A great deal depends upon the competency of the Professors. But the Directors of the Michigan Agricultural College have been peculiarly successful in obtaining competent Professors. The Professor of Botany is Dr. W. J. Beal, who has earned a world-wide reputation as an efficient instructor, as well as a practical botanist. The two lower windows beyond the front entrance (see engraving) are in the Professor's study, and here you may see light almost every night till the clock strikes ten—often later. Enter, and you may find the Doctor deeply absorbed in some scientific investigation—before him a table on which are botanical specimens, microscopes, and great volumes of botanical literature. He is not too busy, however, to give you a cordial greeting and make you feel at home.

The point in which Dr. Beal excels as an instructor is that of leading his students to observe and think for themselves. He believes in studying nature, rather than books, and his efforts are always directed towards developing the mind of the student by inducing habits of careful observation. The pocket microscope is a constant companion of every student studying elementary or systematic botany, while the compound microscope is considered indispensable in

physiological botany, and the study of Cryptogams.

Those who have sons to educate should acquaint themselves with the merits of this institution. A new college year will begin in August, and those who wish to enter can do so at that time. We presume the President of the College, Hon. Edwin Willits, would be glad to furnish further information to interested persons. He can be addressed at Agricultural College, Michigan.

DOUBLE NUMBER.—We have, at considerable expense, enlarged this number of the Magazine. If our friends continue to send new subscribers and encourage us as they have done in the past few months, we think the day is not far distant when every number of the Magazine will contain thirty-two pages. We issue this double number to show our thousands of subscribers that we appreciate their encouraging words, their promptly renewed subscriptions, and the many new names, which, by their kind efforts, we have been enabled to place upon our list for the ensuing year.

A TREASURY.—Mr. Park:—I am very much pleased with your Magazine, which I have been getting for the past year. It is really a treasury of useful hints to the amateur florist, and I look forward to its monthly visit with great pleasure. When I am through reading the numbers I put them away for future reference.

Geo. Gunn.

Ganos, Manitoba, Apr. 1, 1886.

A GREAT HELP.—Mr. Park: I must have the Magazine another year. It has helped me a great deal, both indoors and out, and I do not wish to be without it. Besides, my seeds from you last year did so well I wish for more. I also send you the name of one new subscriber. I wish I could send more, but, later, I will send others, if possible.

Mrs. Crawford.

Plymouth Co., Mass., March 23, 1886.

LONG LIFE TO MAGAZINE.—Mr. Park: Your Magazine for March has just been received. I thought the time very long. I never saw a paper that I take so much interest in as I do in it. Long life to the Magazine and the Floral Band.

Schuyler Co., N. Y. Mrs. Wasson.