

Student Life in 1856—A Diary

A Half-Pound of Molasses Candy Occasioned an Eventful Evening. Daniel Satterthwaite, '59, Tells his Story Vividly

THANKS to the zeal and loyalty of one of their number, a fairly complete collection of the biographies of the members of the Class of 1859, University of Michigan, is in existence, available to the historian. It was compiled in 1917 by the late William James Beal, then secretary of the class.

More intimate glimpses of the college experiences of students of that day, and especially of the private life and domestic arrangements of a little group of four chums, may be obtained from a diary kept by one of the four throughout the year 1856, covering portions of their freshman and sophomore years. These four, closely associated throughout their course and graduating together in 1859, were: Dr. W. J. Beal, botanist and writer, for many years Professor at Michigan Agricultural College; Judge Claudius B. Grant, Regent of the University and Justice of the Supreme Court of Michigan; Professor Elisha Jones, for many years teacher of Latin in Michigan University; and Daniel Satterthwaite, teacher of mathematics and astronomy at Union Springs and Canandaigua, N. Y., author of the Diary.

Says Dr. Beal in his book, "The Class of '59":

In 1859 there were three buildings for classes and four dwellings on the 40-acre Campus, with the astronomical observatory on the hill to the northeast. The two isolated stuckoed buildings in their naked simplicity were ample for all the classes in the Department of Literature, Science, and the Arts, including rooms for library, museum, and chapel.

We were taught by about twelve professors and six instructors. The Department of Medicine occupied the third building on the eastern portion of the Campus. In 1859 the University contained 287 literary and 143 medical students; total, 430 students. In our day we all spoke at Junior Exhibition and at Commencement.

AS AN indication of the simple life of students in 1855-59, Beal, Grant, Jones, and Satterthwaite, during much of their course, rented a large room in the third story, over a shoe store, in the west part of the block containing the Cook House (now Allenel), and boarded themselves. During the winter of his senior year Beal taught district school for a dollar a day and boarded around. On returning to classes he put on some style by hiring his board, inspiring Jones to write this:

Beal, Beal, how big he does feel,
Just because he can hire his board,
While poor 'Lish and Dan get along as they can
And live as their means will afford.

According to Dr. Beal's book, the last reunion of the Class of '59, its fifty-eighth anniversary, was held in June, 1917. It was attended by five of the then surviving eleven members, including Beal and Grant, Jones having died in 1888, and Satterthwaite in 1910.

To complete the history, Grant died in 1921, and Beal in 1924. But one of the class remains today, Dr. John Parker Stoddard, of Muskegon, keenly alive, genial and gracious, a responsive friend and delightful correspondent, now in his ninety-fourth year.

With this much of explanatory introduction, the following excerpts from the diary of Daniel Satterthwaite may be of interest through reminiscence to the older alumni, and through contrast of surrounding conditions to students of more modern date:



JOHN PARKER STODDARD
*Only Living Graduate of His Class
and Incidentally Michigan's Oldest
Alumnus in Point of Graduation*

Extracts from a Journal kept by Daniel Satterthwaite in 1856, while a student at Ann Arbor, and living near Tecumseh when at home:

3rd Day, 1st Month, 1856.

Left home this day to commence my 2nd term in college. First rate sleighing. Came out with A. Richard and Patterson and E. Jones. Had a fine time; found our room locked, but soon found the boy and obtained entrance. One other chum, C. B. Grant, soon came and built a fire for us; after which, as the wood was almost gone, he went down and bought a load, and we sawed for evening and morning. Spent the evening in talking, laughing, etc. It seems quite nice to get back once more.

Jan. 9th.

Colder than ever. I have heard from three thermometers, and they stood, 21, 22, and 23 below zero; but as cold as it is we do not experience any inconvenience from the cold. Had a Johnny cake for supper to-night, and it was good, too, E. Jones maker. Latin and Greek seem to become easier every day, and more interesting.

Jan. 11th.

This evening attended the meeting of the Alpha Nu. D. C. Brooks read his inaugural address, which was good. Jas. P. Jones read an essay, and also E. Jones, both of which were good. Had just an interesting discussion.

Jan. 12th.

This afternoon James Beal and I sawed a cord of wood for the tailor who lives below us. The exercise did me good and I would be glad if I could enjoy some such every day. Grant, I suppose, is now enjoying the pleasures of a secret society session. [Editor's note: Grant and Jones joined the D. K. E.'s; and some time later Beal and Satterthwaite joined the newly-organized Zeta Psi's.]

Jan. 13th.

Had company a few minutes this evening, James P. Jones, Truesdel, Chandler, and Lamborn. The old boot [Editor's note:

Shoemaker's sign, probably] is favoring us with its music this evening, by which we know that the wind is blowing without. Jim says put down what poets Jim and Lish are, running opposition.

Jan. 16th.

This morning James and myself went up to the Observatory to see the new telescope.

Jan. 17th.

Sawed some wood after prayers this morning. Grant and I went down to the mill today to get a new supply of meal. I got twenty pounds, which I hope will last me some time.

Jan. 19th.

J. P. Jones called on us this evening, and we had a pleasant little visit. Francis Power also called on us. Two senior calls is quite a rarity for freshmen.

Jan. 21st.

Living the way we do I don't know but what we will become isolated almost from society.

Jan. 23rd.

The student's life is truly not one of indolence and ease, but one of close confinement, and almost constant study; still there are many bright spots in his pathway.

Jan. 26th.

This evening Grant bought some cider and we had quite a time drinking. Rather a bad sign for freshmen, but hope it may not prove very bad.

Jan. 28th.

Tried my luck at baking today; succeeded admirably, but did not let it bake long enough. Think by practicing a little I will soon be an adept at it.

Jan. 29th.

And this is college life, I suppose, though I can scarcely believe that I am in anything more than a common school. Poor Grant is afflicted with the itch, and is now doctoring for it. J. P. Jones called on us this evening, also Davis, Taylor, Lamborn, and Chandler.

Jan. 30th.

Grant is now telling some of the scenes of his earlier days, of the whippings he has had, and punishments he passed through at school, which are really interesting. Jim says "O, Grant, quit, that's enough!" So he has quit, and so will I for tonight.

Feb. 5th.

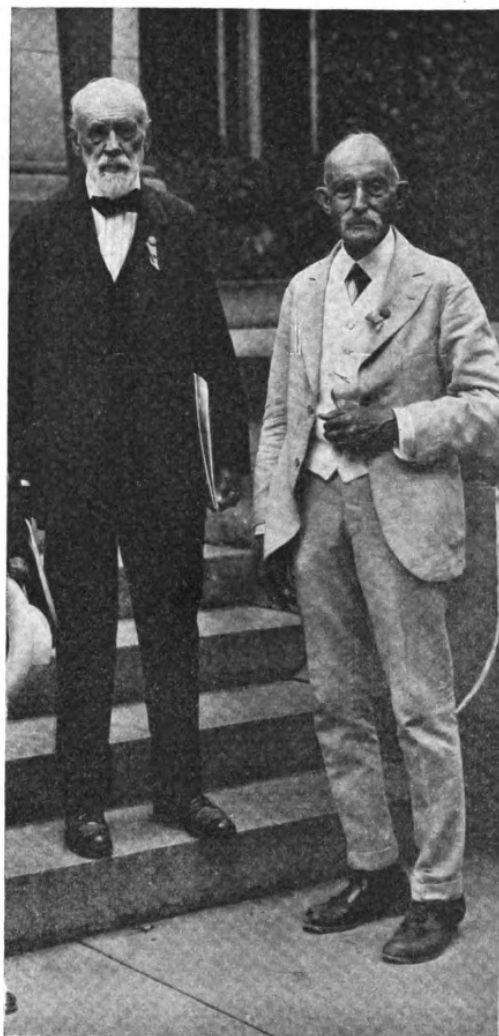
James P. Jones also made us a visit this evening, and a very interesting time, but did not advance much in my lessons.

Feb. 6th.

James P. Jones called on us again this evening to talk about going down to the Valley next seventh day.

Feb. 9th (Seventh Day).

Started for home at twenty minutes before eight, in company with J. P. Jones, E. Jones, J. Beal, M. A. O. Packard, and H. J. Dennis and Cushing. Found first rate sleighing, and as we had a pretty lively team, we were not long going there, but little over three hours. [Editor's note: To Tecumseh.] Went down to Asa's in the evening, found other friends and relatives there, and returned home about 12.



TWO OF THE AUTHOR'S ROOMMATES

Claudius B. Grant and William J. Beal as They Appeared at the Sixtieth Reunion of Their Class

atives there, and returned home about 12.

Feb. 10th (First Day).

Found J. P. Jones, Otis Beal, J. W. Cook, and W. J. Beal at our house this morning. Went to meeting, after which had a very pleasant visit with my friends and relations, till about four, when I bade adieu to them and started again for Ann Arbor, where we arrived just as the clock struck nine, after having a very pleasant ride.

Feb. 12th.

It is almost Valentine's Day, and the boys have been out and bought a couple for a dollar. One of them is really beautiful.

Feb. 13th.

Still very cold, the thermometer 19 below zero at eleven o'clock.

Feb. 15th.

Spent the evening at the Alpha Nu, but was obliged to stand most of the time on account of there being so many there. The room was filled to such an extent that some feared the floor would give way. The question was on Spiritualism, and I was glad that it was lost.

Feb. 18th.

The fore part of the evening listened to a lecture delivered by J. P. Jones. Subject: Liberia and Colonization. It was good. Since then have been studying.

Feb. 20th.

This evening James and I bought one-half bushel of crackers, and I bought Gibbon's "Rome," quite an addition to my library.

Feb. 23rd (Seventh Day).

Spent most of the day reading, though James and I sawed some over an hour.

Feb. 27th.

The same routine of duties have been performed by me today, and nothing of importance occurred until evening, when about nine o'clock as I was sitting here by the table with the rest of my honorable chums someone knocked at the door and to my great surprise James P. Jones and Nehemiah Sutton [Editor's note: A brother-in-law] entered. Mollie [Editor's note: A sister] soon came and we spent the remainder of the evening very pleasantly together.

Mar. 2nd (First Day).

This evening I got out my cards, and each of my chums wrote a verse on one. I intend to preserve them as relics of by-gone days.

Mar. 4th.

This evening the Freshman Class met in our room for the purpose of making some arrangements for having a supper and a poem and oration to be delivered before the class the day we pass from freshmen to sophomores. After a considerable discussion the result of the ballot was Davis to be the Poet, and Wells chosen for Orator. Suppose we will have a good time.

Mar. 7th.

This evening was rather a remarkable time among the mem-

bers of our lodge, as Beal, Grant, and myself made our first speeches, the two former in Alpha Nu, the latter in the Adelpic Union.

Mar. 8th.

James and myself finished our job of sawing wood this forenoon, which makes about 16 cords which we have sawn this term. Pretty well for freshmen. Jim just said "Dan, when thee gets ready to make the bed, I'll pile in." So I quit and made it immediately, but he is sitting here yet.

Mar. 9th. (First Day.)

Towards evening took a long walk over the hills and through the valleys,—some places almost filled with snow, and we had fine times rolling and tumbling.

Mar. 11th.

Wonderful to tell, the Catalogues are out, and for sale. I

bought three. They are done up pretty nicely. Three hundred and ninety students in the University. Seventy-one Freshmen. Prof. Tappan reminded us last evening that examination was approaching, and thought it would be well for us to examine ourselves and see where we stood, and if there were any black sheep among us, they had better beware, for the hour of trial is coming.

Mar. 12th.

This evening Grant and James went to a concert. E. and I staid at home, and in order to come up with them I bought half a pound of molasses candy which we had a fine time eating. I begin to conclude that we have pretty nice times here boarding ourselves and working our way up the hill of Science; for he who would climb must surely work and persevere though many difficulties may surround him.

Kiyo Sue Inui, '06, Tells of Alumni in Tokyo

Enthusiastic Meetings Honoring their Prominent Members are Held by Michigan Alumni in Japan

INTERNATIONALISM is the keynote of the activities of Kiyo Sue Inui, '06, '06-'07, since his graduation from the University. He has always been interested in the League of Nations Association of Japan and since his return to that country has taken charge of its foreign affairs, besides teaching at Waseda and Tokyo Universities. His courses were "International Commercial Policies" and "Migration."

In 1925 he was in China as a member of the Japanese delegation to the special Customs Conference in Peking. Later, in 1927, he took his family to Geneva and was representative for Japan at the World Economic Conference, the General Assembly and Council meetings of the International Federation of the League of Nations Societies at Berlin, the Council meeting of the Alliance for World Peace at Konstanz, Germany, the World Population Conference and the International Labor Conference. Also, one of his conference activities was the Disarmament Conference at Washington, D. C.

Because of his interest in international affairs, Mr. Inui has given up most of his teaching work and maintains only a class in International Economic Policies at one of the universities and a class in Oratory at the other.

Kiyo Sue was prominent as a debater while still in school. He won the oratorical prize for the best public speaker and later represented Michigan in the N. O. L. contest, and won. Then, under the auspices of the Lake Mohawk American Peace Society, he went East and



SUI KIYO INUI WITH HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER

gave his own oration on World Peace, which was well received, and he later visited England and several other countries, giving the same peace talk, whereupon, according to his own story, the war broke out in Serbia and Austria and he was forced to return to Japan. He has always claimed to be partly responsible for the World War because of his peace oration.

Mr. Inui's wife is a graduate of Leland Stanford University and is also interested in international affairs,

having represented the Women's Labor Society of Japan at the same Labor Conference in Geneva which her husband attended in 1927.

Apparently Michigan alumni in Japan have been unusually successful, for Mr. Inui writes of an alumni group meeting honoring the Hon. G. Kasuga (Gizo Hashimoto, '90), one of the most outstanding and beloved statesmen in the country, who has recently been decorated with extremely high honors. Mr. Edwin Neville, '07, '09, was also present at the banquet and was honored because of his recent appointment to the Counsellorship of the American Embassy. He is now Charge d'Affaires. A third noteworthy graduate was present in the person of Mr. Hanji Soma (Hanji Shimotome, M.S. '03), who is president of a great sugar company in Tokyo with interests in Formosa and the South Seas, and who has recently been decorated by the Emperor.

There is an active alumni group among the Michigan graduates in Tokyo; about thirty meet monthly to keep up the club of "Ann Arborites" in Japan.