

Up to the present time insuperable difficulties have prevented the prosecution of any extensive series of experiments. A portion of the farm has now been brought into a condition which warrants us in commencing experimental operations with assurance of success; and it is hoped ere long to make this one of the most attractive features of the College. An accurate and detailed account of the results of the experiments, modes of culture, and practical operations of the farm will be kept and published from time to time, so that the farmers of the State may derive benefit from the results of investigations conducted at the Institution.

Kitchen garden.

Several acres are devoted to the raising of vegetables for the table of the Boarding Hall. Not only the necessary articles are cultivated, but the rare culinary plants are represented. All the processes of this branch of horticulture are amply illustrated here, and it is intended that this shall be one of the prominent features of the Institution.

Philosophical and Mathematical apparatus.

The College possesses a set of apparatus for illustrating the principles of Mechanics, Heat, Electricity, Galvanism, &c.; also a Leveling Instrument, Surveyor's Compass, Chain, and other instruments for Mensuration, Topographical Surveying and Drawing.

Museum.

The Museum contains a valuable collection of the *Mammals, Birds, Reptiles, Fishes, Mollusks, Insects, and Crustaceans* of Michigan, together with numerous specimens of foreign species, serving to illustrate very fully each branch of the animal kingdom. A suit of *anatomical* preparations for the purpose of illustrating the comparative structure of domestic animals, has been secured, to which additions will be made, so as fully to elucidate this department of study and lay the foundation for the successful prosecution of the study of Veterinary Medicine. The Cabinet of Minerals, though not large, contains many rare specimens, and is sufficient for the purposes of illustration. Frequent additions are made to it, and it will doubtless become one of the most valuable in the State. The College is entitled to a complete suit of specimens from the Geological Survey of the State.

Herbarium.

The Herbarium is one of the largest in the West. It contains about 20,000 specimens, from all parts of the world. It is especially rich in the rare American plants. The specimens collected on the various government expeditions are numerous, and it is believed that in the Grasses, the family so important to the agriculturist, it is not exceeded by any collection in the country. Connected with the Herbarium is a collection of woods, fruits, vegetable products, and morphological specimens, which, it is hoped, will be the nucleus of a valuable cabinet.

Library and Reading Room.

The Library contains about twelve hundred volumes. The College receives regularly a large proportion of the Agricultural and Horticultural papers and periodicals, as well as

many of the other daily and weekly papers of the country. The Library and Reading Room are open to students daily.

Literary Societies.

The Students have organized two Literary Societies in the Institution: the Cincinnatus Lyceum, and the Sons of Demeter. The exercises in the Societies consist principally of discussions, essays and lectures.

TERMS AND VACATIONS.

The College term opens on the last Wednesday of February, and continues until the last Wednesday of November, of each year. The examinations and other exercises of the College are so arranged as to allow students, who desire to teach for four months, during the winter, the privilege of being absent the first and the last two weeks of the term. Students who teach only three months will not be allowed to be absent during the progress of the term.

Commencement.

Commencement exercises of the graduating class take place on Wednesday, two weeks previous to the last Wednesday of November, in each year. There is a public examination of all the classes every half year.

Degrees.

The Degree of Bachelor of Science is conferred upon Students who complete the Full College Course and sustain all the half yearly examinations in the same.

The Degree of Master of Science is conferred upon Graduates of three years standing, who give evidence of having been engaged during that period in scientific studies.

Discipline.

Students are required to board in the College boarding Hall, and to observe strictly all the rules and regulations in force in the same. They are not allowed to absent themselves from the College grounds without permission. They are expected to abstain from all immoral practices, and from every thing which is inconsistent with their relations to the Institution. Strict decorum, earnest fidelity in their studies, prompt attendance upon all chapel exercises, recitations, lectures and field operations are uniformly required. None are excused from the daily manual labor, nor from other duties, except from physical disability. Students who fail in punctual attendance upon these exercises, and those whose influence upon others is considered deleterious, will be reprimanded, suspended, or expelled, at the discretion of the Faculty.

Attendance.

Students are required to be present on the first day of the term, unless excused to be absent on account of sickness, or for actual service as teachers. They are also expected to remain during the entire College year, and none are excused from attendance except from urgent necessity. Students who wish to terminate their connection with the College, or who desire leave of absence for a definite period of time, will receive such dismissal or leave of absence if application be made for the same before the opening of the College year. The closing of the term does not close their relations with the Institution. If, however, such