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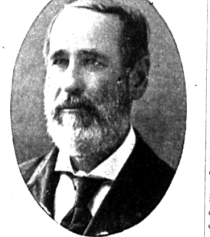
GUESTS OF BOTANIST

30 Detroit Teachers and Students Visit Samuel Alexander's 200-Acre Estate.

From Detroit News Tribune. BIRMINGHAM, Mich., May 23.--"Oh, Mr. Alexander, may I have this fern?" A vivacious young lassie of the Gibson type, standing on the bank of a small Oakland county stream, held aloft an elegant specimen of the orler filices, at the botanist would say, and anxiously waited an answer. Of course it could be only "yes," for the prize was already in the young woman's possession. And so it was that Samuel Alexander, dendrologist and student of nature in general, came to lose one of the finest representatives of his flourishing family of ferns, which grow in abundance on his magnificent estate, one mile north of Birmingham.

The young woman was one of a party of 30 teachers and students who shook the dust of Detroit from their feet today and accepted an invitation extended by Mr. Alexander to make a tour of his interesting grounds. The more enthusiastic of the party were accompanied closely by a hen party. Prof. Sping of the Normal Training school, being the only man to accompany the ladies from Detroit. At the farm, however, they were joined by Mr. Alexander, Principal J. B. Field of the Birmingham high school, and a newspaper man. The party inspected everything of interest from a muskrat hole to a rare collection of oriental poppies. The more enthusiastic ones grew real covetous when they looked upon the latter and found it difficult to curb a desire to stuff their botanical boxes to the limit with samples of the exclusive flower. Mr. Alexander was in the element and took a keen delight in showing the visitors the wonderful things that are scattered over 200 acres of fertile soil.

A SNEEZY PARTY. In this age and country men resent unwarranted interference with their private concerns, and even as such matters as concern the public at large it is best to leave them some degree of liberty. The best way to teach--unless one has a recognized school--is by example. Neatness, like charity, begins at home and the herd first there is often large. Doubtless all of our fellow workers are not perfect, and it is possible that the village itself could be improved in two or three respects, but we should advance it by the most judicious talk on any matter progress instead of advancing it by criticism. It is suggested that every discontented person has in his own power an effective remedy--the vote.



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A COMMUNICATION

A Maple Avenue Resident Scores a Point and Someone Gets a Calling.

To the Editors: I was sorry to see the attack upon West Maple avenue which appeared in a recent issue of the ECENTRIC. I know that the attack did not emanate from me, or express the views of the editors, and it seems to me that the writer's name or initials should have been printed with the communication. It is one afflicted with chronic discontent, he (or she) should be courageous enough to assume the responsibility for ill-natured feelings. Readers of the ECENTRIC have a right to know whether what they read is the responsible utterance of the manager, or is the opinion of some person not connected with the paper.

But it is more important that the western part of Maple avenue is a beautiful thoroughfare lined with fine trees and well-trimmed lawns. Perhaps some of the lawns are not at all times cared for as well as they might be--and I care to say that among the offenders in this regard is the reputed author of criticism--but nearly all of the few exceptions are temporary and accidental. As for the papers loose in the street I don't believe there are ten from Saginaw street to the waterworks. On the other hand, the same person is the chief ornament of our beautiful village.

Even if the peevish remarks about the avenue were true, change for the better could not be worked in the manner attempted. In this age and country men resent unwarranted interference with their private concerns, and even as such matters as concern the public at large it is best to leave them some degree of liberty. The best way to teach--unless one has a recognized school--is by example. Neatness, like charity, begins at home and the herd first there is often large. Doubtless all of our fellow workers are not perfect, and it is possible that the village itself could be improved in two or three respects, but we should advance it by the most judicious talk on any matter progress instead of advancing it by criticism. It is suggested that every discontented person has in his own power an effective remedy--the vote.

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SOUTH LAKE LINDEN, Mich., May 30, 1903. FRIEND GHO. H. -- Yours of 28th inst. at hand and with same mail came your ECENTRIC and I see I am behind a few months so I enclose a \$2. William which kindly divide as follows: \$1.00 per letter to E. H. Wooster, of Illinois, is guilty of the following article which he clipped from an Illinois paper and as Masons are very numerous in this vicinity, we print it to show why. A little girl tells what she knows about King Solomon in the following essay: King Solomon was a man who lived over so long ago and in the country in which he governed he was the whole thing. King Solomon built Solomon's temple and was father of all the Masons. He had 700 wives and 350 lady friends and that is why there is so many Masons in the world.

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