

## GIVES 50-ACRE TRACT TO HELP LOCAL SCHOOLS

Mrs. Kleinstuck Deeds Area  
to State School Board  
for Scientific Uses.

By the generosity of Mrs. Caroline Kleinstuck, the state board of education has just been put into control of a tract of land of about fifty acres, a portion of the estate of her husband, the late Carl G. Kleinstuck. The tract contains the land on which he carried on his well known investigations of peat as a fuel.

According to the terms of the gift, the property is to be devoted to botanical and geological purposes—a sort of a huge outdoor laboratory, where experimental work can be carried on under natural conditions. On account of its diversified character, the property lends itself admirably to the study of both aquatic and upland forms. Both Prof. W. E. Praeger and the late Dr. Leroy H. Harvey, who were well acquainted with the plot, have frequently pointed out its great possibilities from a scientific standpoint.

The tract is very diversified as to topography and vegetable growth. Part of it, lying as it does in a valley, is low and marshy and contains a considerable pond. Through this low ground runs a stream, fed by a living spring. On the east the land is high and wooded and to the south is higher also but containing less timber.

While the property is deeded to the state board of education, which gives Western Normal a peculiar and intimate relationship to it, it is Mrs. Kleinstuck's desire that all the educational interests of the city, Kalamazoo college, the public schools and other institutions of learning have the opportunity to avail themselves of its advantages.

The dedication of such a large tract of land so accessible and so admirably adapted to the purposes proposed is a very noteworthy event. Few communities will be so adequately equipped for the study of outdoor life on such a large scale. Lying for the most part right within the city limits, it brings nature in her wild state right to our own doors. Western Normal in particular, and all the educational institutions of the community, are greatly indebted to Mrs. Kleinstuck for this magnificent gift, so finely conceived and so generously carried out.