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## All Right.

The world's all right,  
With its love lines and light—  
It's sun that makes the daytime—it's stars  
that make the night;  
And it rolls so near the heaven that the  
angels are in sight:  
The world's all right—all right!  
The world's all right,  
Though a million foes may fight;  
Yet Peace unfurls her banner 'neath the  
splendid sky and bright;  
The ships are tossed of ocean, but the har-  
bor is in sight;  
The world's all right—all right!  
—*Allanta Constitution.*

## The Football Situation.

The outlook for the football players is much brighter than it was a week ago. They were about to give up practice and cancel engagements when arrangements were made whereby all could be free for practice from 4 to 6 o'clock every afternoon. One irregular four o'clock class was transferred to a morning hour and players having other classes at four were put into other sections. Then, in order that Prof. Bemies might be free at that time, Miss Ida L. Chittenden of Lansing was secured to take charge of the young women's classes in calisthenics.

When the team appeared for practice last Wednesday, a number of changes in the line-up were made. Crosby, after being out of the game for two weeks, was again in his position at right half; Curtis was taken out of his position at tackle and put in at full; Smith was moved from full to right end; and Alfsen took Curtis' position at tackle. Curtis will add considerable strength to the backs. He is good at line-bucking, fast enough to get into the interference in good shape, and a sure tackler. Smith ought to be a valuable man at end, in breaking up interference and in getting down the field under punts. Alfsen is a new man, who has weight, strength and ability to keep his feet, but lacks experience. A promising candidate for either the tackle or the guard position is W. P. Ricamore, an old player on the Virginia Agricultural College team, who joined the football squad Thursday. If by a few days of hard work the players can become accustomed to their new positions, they ought to put up a strong game with Hillsdale here next Saturday.

## Drill for Freshmen.

Drill ended last Thursday for all but freshmen and those who volunteer to officer the freshman companies. The volunteers to date are: Lieut. C. B. Lundy, First Sergt. W. J. Bailey, Sergt. J. C. Green, Corporals I. Gingrich and N. A. McCune, and privates A. O. Burdick, F. G. Carpenter, E. I. Dail, L. G. Jackson, F. D. Linkletter and L. G. Michael.

Uniforms for the freshmen came last week, and although about a third of them had to be altered, it is said that they are much more satisfactory than those sent here a year ago.

## Our Back Yard.

If a student of 1898 were to stand on the back steps of Wells Hall and look about him, he would need to rub his eyes and pinch himself to be assured that he is not dreaming. Directly in front of him he would see a new railroad bridge spanning the Red Cedar, from which long lines of converging steel stretch away to the south across fields No. 6, 8, 10 and 12 to the Grand Trunk. On his side of the river the track curves eastward past the south side of the boiler house and ends just south of the public barn—double track from the west end of the boiler house eastward. Approaching the boiler house—unchanged, except that the smoke-stack is twenty-five feet higher than last year, our student of a year ago would miss the old coal shed and the shop that used to stand south of the boiler house; the two spurs of the College railroad now occupy their site, and cars loaded with coal, building materials, or other freight are bumped back and forth there, then left to be unloaded. Extending east from the boiler house for about fifty feet is a new and larger coal shed—large enough to hold 2,500 tons of coal, a year's supply for the boilers that furnish heat and power for the College buildings and the machine shops. These things and the teams and men at work unloading cars, he would notice, and he could not help being impressed with the growth and increasing activity apparent in the college "back yard."

## The Knowledge You May Need.

The wisdom of securing a good general education before specializing, again finds demonstration. Gager C. Davis '89 spent seven years after graduation on his chosen specialty—entomology. He is now a chemist by profession. A year ago last June he engaged with the American Gold Mining Co. at Ogilby, Cal., and since that time has worked from the bottom up to the position of superintendent of the cyaniding department, with a salary, at present, somewhat better than full professors receive at M. A. C. Read what he has to say about "studies we'll never use."

"The cyanide process for gold extraction is largely a chemical one and my position is mostly due to my knowledge of chemistry. To me it has been a valuable object lesson, demonstrating the fact that a college student should not slight a single study; for he never knows when he is likely to want such information, even though he be positive, as most are, that he will never make any use of it."

## The Botanical Club.

At the meeting of the Botanical Club Tuesday night, Mr. Gunson gave an interesting talk on Dutch bulbs. The raising of bulbs of hyacinths, tulips, lilies, etc., is one of the great industries of Holland, because the soil and the climate are most favorable to their development in that country. When raised in this country the Dutch bulbs degen-

erate in two or three years and fresh stock from the Netherlands is necessary. In this industry many thousands of men, women and children are employed. Mr. Gunson also described the process of cultivation, selection of new varieties, and the preparation of the crop for the market.

W. S. Palmer read a biographical sketch of Dr. Sereno Watson, which was followed by a discussion of his work by Dr. Beal and Prof. Wheeler. The program for the next meeting was announced to consist of a talk by H. C. Skeels on "Our Native Orchids" and a paper by T. G. Phillips on Dr. George Englemann.  
G. M. B.

## Kalamazoo Had a Good Time.

As a result of the courteous treatment shown by our boys to the Kalamazoo football players, there exists between the two colleges a better feeling than ever before. Through their manager, H. C. Calhoun, the Kalamazoo players have expressed appreciation for their treatment, in a letter containing the following words: "Let me thank you again for the kindness you showed our team and myself personally. The boys have spoken again and again of the fine time we had at Lansing."

## A Senior Goes to Tuskegee.

C. A. Warren, a member of the senior class, has accepted the position of assistant in horticulture at the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute in Alabama. Three years ago he entered the mechanical course at M. A. C. but after a year's work changed to the agricultural course, because he thought there were better opportunities in the south for colored young men trained along agricultural lines. His opportunity came before graduation. Mr. Warren went to Grand Rapids last week to spend a few days at home before going south.

## Other Colleges.

Last Friday night at Kent theater the freshmen and upper class men of Chicago University gave a burlesque of university customs and regulations, known as the "Freshman Convocation."

A clever surgical operation was performed at the U. of M. hospital by Drs. Nancrede and Darling on a woman afflicted with a cancer of the jawbone. The doctors removed the affected part and will supply the lady with an artificial jawbone made from a silver plate.

Prof. A. B. Prescott of Ann Arbor is making an effort to organize a Michigan section of the American Chemical Society, to meet in connection with the Michigan Academy of Science.

There are about 1,500 volumes missing from the Library of Chicago University. A peculiar fact about the loss is that most of the books are missing from the theological department.

## The Chemical Analysis of Drinking Water.

BY DR. R. C. KEDZIE.

The following letter was lately received—a type of letters often received. The general principles involved in the reply may be an answer to many who are inclined to make similar requests:

Oct. 25, '99.

PROF. KEDZIE,

Dear Sir:—Please inform me what the cost would be to analyze water. My well water has a peculiar odor and taste.

Yours truly,

When we consider that three-fourths of the animal body is water, and that our food and drink contains a larger proportion of water, we see the importance of good water to good health. When water "tastes bad and smells bad" *it is bad*, and chemical analysis will not cure the evil. We must make the water pure by making the well pure.

Nature has placed two sentinels at the gateway of life to inspect what enters the stomach and the lungs, *taste and smell*, and thus safeguard life. If they challenge what is about to enter the body, that is enough. People are urged to use common sense; it is equally important to use our *common senses*, and heed the advice of taste and smell.

The usual open well is very liable to become foul in many ways—by filth soaking down into the well from leaking sewers or foul water slops thrown on the ground near the well, or from insects or reptiles falling into the well and rotting there. Many years ago there was an open well with a rotary pump east of College Hall, from which the drinking water for students and the boarding hall was obtained. The water began to be unpleasant at one time, then foul, and finally unendurable when short red hairs could be seen in a tumbler of the water. The well was cleaned and a *precipitate of chipmunk* explained the trouble! When the senses revolt, taste and smell protest—that is enough, for "in the mouth (and nose) of two or three witnesses shall every word be established" of condemnation and rejection. No appeal to the chemist is necessary. The well cleaner or the doctor will be in demand.

## Punts and Downs.

Hillsdale defeated Albion at football—6 to 5.

Harvard students are trying to induce Pat O'Dea, the great Wisconsin punter, to become a student at Cambridge, so that he can coach the Harvard backs.

At a mass meeting in Ann Arbor a week ago, \$1,500 was raised by subscription to put football on a sound financial basis.

The Princeton football team is this year under the direction of a committee chosen from the alumni, instead of being under the management of a head coach as formerly.

No man can count the cost of a useless life.—*Ex.*

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## Official Directory.

Y. M. C. A.—Regular meetings Sunday evenings at 7:00 and Thursday evenings at 6:30. C. H. Parker, President. D. S. Bullock, Cor. Secretary.

Y. W. C. A.—Weekly meetings for all ladies on the campus, Thursday evenings at 6:20, in Abbot Hall. Sunday meetings with the Y. M. C. A. Mable Brigham, President; Elizabeth Johns, Cor. Secretary.

KING'S DAUGHTERS—Meet alternate Wednesdays. Mrs. C. L. Weil, Leader. Mrs. M. L. Dean, Secretary.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY—Meets alternate Wednesday evenings at 6:30 P. M., in the Zoological Lecture Room. B. Barlows, President. W. K. Wonders, Secretary.

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SHAKESPEARE CLUB—Meets Wednesday evenings at 7:30. Dr. Howard Edwards, President.

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ECLECTIC SOCIETY—Meets every Saturday evening at 7:00, Fourth Floor, Williams Hall. L. L. Appleyard, President. F. Carpenter, Secretary.

FERONIAN SOCIETY—Meets every Thursday afternoon at 4:00, West Ward, Wells Hall. Harriette Robson, President. Fieta Paddock, Secretary.

HESPERIAN SOCIETY—Meets every Saturday evening at 7:00, West Ward, Wells Hall. J. R. Thompson, President. F. W. Owen, Secretary.

OLYMPIC SOCIETY—Meets every Saturday evening at 7:00, Fourth Floor, Williams Hall. J. G. Aldrich, President. S. Marsh, Secretary.

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THEMIAN SOCIETY—Meets every Friday afternoon from 5 to 6 Phi Delta Theta Rooms, East Ward, Wells Hall. Harriet O'Connor, President. Kate Nichols, Secretary.

UNION LITERARY SOCIETY—Meets every Saturday evening at 7:00, U. L. S. Hall, Paul Thayer, President. T. H. Spindlo, Secretary.

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## Two of Our Poets.

READ BEFORE THE THEMIAN LITERARY SOCIETY, OCTOBER 20, 1899.

There is always something fascinating to us about living writers and particularly if they are writers whom we claim as our own. There is realness about them which does not appeal to us in writers of more remote times. We are interested in them personally; there is even a possibility, vague, but still a possibility, that some day we may meet them face to face.

Of all the writers who today live and interest us, I think perhaps Kipling is the favorite. We hear so much of him; little newspaper paragraphs bring him to notice and

incidents of his life are common. Still we know little about his earlier days. When his spirit has joined the immortals we shall have whole books about him, but as yet, a paragraph or two is all that is vouchsafed to us. However, we know that he first saw the light of day in '65 at Bombay, which was at that time a growing and prosperous city. From his earliest years his tastes were literary and he came naturally by them, for his father was not only an art teacher and illustrator but a writer as well. His school days were passed in England and it is a satisfaction to know that he can never be quoted as one at the head of his classes. He spent most of his time reading and with little compositions of his own. The letters which he wrote back to his parents in India proved conclusively to them that he was destined for a literary career. When his school days were over he returned to India, the home of his youth, and spent some years there in journalistic work. And it was work, hard and steady work, but which gained for him much that was of value later in his career.

For a long time he was known only as a writer of prose fiction, but gradually verses attached to his stories and ascribed to no particular source, attracted attention by reason of their vitality and freshness. His poetry is not as plentiful as his prose, but what we have holds a recognized place in the literature of the present century. Among them are Barrack-room Ballads, jolly, rollicking verses; Departmental Ditties, which appeared in '91; "The Seven Seas," of '96, and many others. There is no need to speak of "The Recessional," "which is undoubtedly an addition to the literature of the nineteenth century."

Kipling is distinctively an original, a creative writer. His own experience furnishes him material. His characters are his own as is too his way of looking at a situation. Some one in speaking of Kipling said that the conventional phrase, "a promising writer," could not be applied to him, for already his promise has become performance and he has done enough to display his genius and has taken his place with the few modern writers of originality, force and superlative gift.

But we feel that Kipling has not yet come to the end of his resources, and there is more in store for us. Surely, the end is not yet.

But I must not forget that my subject is "poets" not "poet," and so let us leave Kipling, about whom much more of interest might be said, and turn our attention to another of our poets who is still living, James Whitcomb Riley, the Hoosier poet. He was born in Greenfield, Indiana, and, like all literary men, was intended by his parents for a lawyer, and like them all, soon saw that he and Blackstone were not congenial spirits. As a little diversion he ran away with a patent medicine and concert wagon, where he enjoyed beating a bass drum for a time. But as we might imagine, the enjoyment was short lived, and he next tried his hand at sign painting. But this was not much more to his mind, and he soon returned to Greenfield. Journalism was his next attempt and at last he found his forte. Success, fame, and even fortune awaited him. His first works were "The Old Swimm' Hole," which came out in '93. He is a genuine people's poet, who writes of and for the people and in their language.

We usually think of him as a dialect poet, but he has shown himself fully equal to other verse, as we can see in "The Poet of the Future," "Away," and "When She Comes Home."

He is in great demand on the platform, owing to his rare gifts as a speaker, and he once made a very successful tour with the late Bill Nye. Riley's subjects are homely ones, and those which appeal to the popular sympathy, but we may truly say that he is a genuine contributor to American letters.

## From Montana.

Prof. Westcott has taken up his work in Montana, and if we may judge from the letter that he writes President Snyder, he is pleasantly located. Mrs. Westcott is visiting in Indiana but will go to Montana in a few weeks. The letter follows:

DEAR SIR:—You will perhaps be interested to hear how I found things upon my arrival in this somewhat remote section of the country, and how I am getting on with my work. This is perhaps the most desirable part of Montana in which to live, so far as climate is concerned. Missoula is, perhaps, fifty miles west of the divide, and the influence of the warm Pacific currents already begins to be felt. It is not nearly so cold here, I am told, as it is in the eastern or middle part of the state. The altitude is about 3,000 feet. Missoula lies at the head of the Bitter Root Valley, one of the most fertile sections of the state, and on the banks of Hell-gate river, a swift flowing stream that emerges from a canon of the same name, a short distance east of town, and flows to the westward on its long journey to the Pacific. This is a great fruit growing region, especially for apples and small fruits. I never saw finer fruit and vegetables anywhere than were on exhibition here at the recent meeting of the National Irrigation Congress, which met in Missoula. Everything must be irrigated, however, for though it rains some, it is not sufficient to depend upon. The soil is very rocky, full of stones of all sizes, and yet it is surprising how fertile it is when irrigated.

The university now has two very good buildings, well equipped for work in chemistry, physics, biology, mathematics, languages, history, and mechanical engineering. My department is very well equipped, with mechanical drawing room, and wood, machine, and forge shops, and provision for a foundry in the future. The school is new, the number of students small, but I think the prospects are very bright for the future.

I see that M. A. C. is overrun with new students, and the mechanical engineering department particularly. I get THE RECORD, and am always interested in all that is going on there.

I have not had time to climb any of the near-by mountains yet, but will do so soon if the weather continues good. I started out one afternoon for the top of an innocent looking bluff known as Mount Jumbo, that lies just out of town; got about half way up, when it commenced to rain, and had to turn back.

The climbing down was worse than the climbing up, and by the time I reached the foot of that hill I was tired out.

Very respectfully,  
ARTHUR L. WESTCOTT.

## An Inspiring Young Man.

Our two Christian associations have been greatly benefited during the past week by the visit of Mr. V. S. Helm of Indiana, who for the past few years, has been traveling among colleges and universities in the interest of association work, as one of the college secretaries. He has recently been appointed as missionary to both city and college associations in Japan, for which place he will sail on the 17th of November, to remain at least seven years. Coming to us as he did, just on the eve of his departure for a foreign field, he brought a spirit of enthusiasm which left its impression upon all who heard him.

On Wednesday evening he met with the Mission Study Class and the Missionary Committees of the two associations. His talk was very interesting and instructive and there was so much to be said that the meeting was adjourned until Thursday noon. The subject discussed was "The Missionary Department and the Work of the Missionary Committees." A great interest was taken and all received a much broader view of the field of mission work, especially in relation to our missionary department.

Thursday evening the two associations met together in the Y. M. C. A. room and listened for about three-quarters of an hour to a very interesting and earnest talk. Among many other good things, he said, "Just one life is given to everybody, and the use of that life depends upon the use of each day. The great question is not where are we needed, but where are we needed the most." In closing he made a very earnest appeal for our three State institutions, the University, the Normal, and M. A. C., to rally to the support of a graduate of the U. of M. who had intended to start October 17 as a medical missionary to India, but was unable to do so for lack of funds. We are assured of the support of M. A. C. by the amount of the pledges taken at the close of the meeting.

The personal meetings with Mr. Helm were very helpful to those who took advantage of this opportunity to talk with one who will soon leave this country to spend his life among the young men of Japan.

A. H. H.

## At the College.

D. J. Crosby spent Sunday in Chicago.

"The Eastern Question" Friday evening.

Half-term class standings will be sent out this week.

Miss Mabel Morrill '03 returned to College Tuesday.

Hon. T. F. Marston spent last Tuesday at M. A. C.

Mrs. B. O. Longyear is visiting at her old home in Leslie.

Mrs. L. R. Taft has been quite ill during the past two weeks.

Misses Irma Thompson and Anna Chandler are on the sick list.

The Union Literary Society gave a dancing party Saturday evening.

F. W. Owen '02 received a visit from his father on Monday of last week.

Dr. Edwards attended a meeting of Michigan teachers of elocution, in Adrian Friday.

The first senior oration was given in chapel last Wednesday morning by A. G. Bodourian.

Mrs. P. F. Hammell of Lansing, entertained five of our faculty ladies at a euchre party one day last week.

The sophomores, juniors and seniors have organized football teams and games are arranged to determine class supremacy.

Prof. J. D. Tower spent several days of last week in taking weights of experimental crops raised by farmers in various parts of the State.

The freshmen, after holding three class meetings last week, succeeded in adopting a constitution. They will elect officers and adopt a yell and colors this week.

A. G. St. John, a graduate of the U. of M. and now a civil engineer at Schenectady, N. Y., arrived at the College Wednesday to visit his sister, Mrs. A. C. Bird.

T. G. Phillips and Miss Camilla Phillips received last week a visit from their mother, Mrs. Anthony Kern of Bay City, and their brother, O. C. Phillips of Detroit.

C. H. Greathouse, representing the division of publications, department of agriculture, Washington, D. C., made an inspection of our library last Wednesday evening.

Miss Helen F. Barnes, state secretary of the Y. W. C. A. spent Tuesday at the College and in the evening conducted a meeting for young women in Abbott Hall parlors.

William Anderson, an uncle of G. M. Odum '00, called at M. A. C. Tuesday. He is one of those compelled to leave the Transvaal by the war between the English and the Boers.

Do not miss Prof. Angell's lecture in the armory next Friday evening. He discusses the Turkish-Armenian troubles from the observer's point of view and in a manner that is highly entertaining.

Last Friday evening B. O. Longyear attended a meeting of the Detroit Mycological Club and gave an address on general classification of fleshy fungi and the work that is being done at the College in the study of these plants.

Mrs. J. L. K. Haner and Misses Belle Crowe, Elizabeth Johns, Maud Briley, Elsie Morrison, Alice Hadley, Mabel Brigham, Myrtle DeWitt and Edith Smith, went to Kalamazoo Friday to attend the state convention of the Y. W. C. A.

Prof. C. E. Marshall spent Tuesday and Wednesday of last week in Bangor working on some experiments with the crown gall of the peach. On Thursday and Friday he attended a conference of health officers in Grand Rapids. This meeting was addressed by Prof. C. D. Smith, who spoke on "City Milk Supply."

**New Books in the Library.**

Following is a list of the books that have been added to the library since July 1:

- Alexander.—Introduction to the poetry of Robert Browning.
- Campbell.—Easiest way in house-keeping.
- Churchill.—Richard Carvel.
- Ford.—Janice Meredith.
- Gill.—Handbook of oil analysis.
- Gibbs.—Lighting by acetylene.

- Hassall.—Balance of power.
- Houstan & Kennelly.—Interpretation of mathematical formulae.
- Houstan & Kennelly.—Electricity made easy.
- Johnson.—Europe in the XVth century.
- McSchane.—The locomotive up to date.
- Methods for the analysis of ores, pig iron and steel.
- Novy.—Laboratory work in bacteriology.
- Novy.—Laboratory work in physiology chemistry.
- Ogden.—Sewer design.
- Oman.—The Dark Ages.
- Page.—Red Rock.
- Stephens.—Revolutionary Europe.
- Sloane.—Liquid air.
- Schuster & Lees.—Intermediate course in practical physics.
- Smith.—Synopsis of English and American Literature.
- Story.—Building of the British Empire. 2 Vols.
- Tolstoi.—What is art?
- Threlfall.—Laboratory arts.
- Tout.—The Empire and the Pa-pacy.
- Wells.—Laboratory guide in qualitative chemical analysis.
- White.—Outline of the philosophy of English Literature.
- White.—Sketch of the philosophy of American Literature.
- Whitman.—Austria.
- Winthrop.—Diet in illness and convalescence.
- Westcott.—David Harum.
- Wakeman.—Europe—1598-1715.

**DURING THE CEREMONY.**

She—The groom looks very solemn, but the bride's father seems very happy.  
 He—Yes; it is more blessed to give than to receive.—*Cornell Widow.*

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News from Graduates and Former Students.

E. D. Bailey with '99m, Richmond, called at the College Tuesday.

Dr. H. F. Palmer '93 moves from Brooklyn, Jackson county, to Detroit.

O. R. Austin with '98 has entered the medical course at the U. of M. this year. His address is 525 Elm St., Ann Arbor.

M. F. Loomis with '94 gives up his position with the U. S. weather bureau, to accept a position with the Olds company as designer and draftsman.

Joseph B. Cotton '86 is attorney for the Duluth, Missaba and Northern Railway Co., and for the Lake Superior Consolidated Iron mines; also vice president of the Bessemer Steamship Co.

Orrin C. Dunham '86, dealer in lumber and general merchandise at McBain, called at the College October 21. To him is due the credit for sending three students here this year—one a niece, Miss Mable C. English.

Thorn Smith '95 has been put in entire charge of the chemical work of the experiment station at Moscow, Idaho. He has an article in the September Journal of the American Chemical Society on a "New Method for Determining Arsenic in Paris Green."

Saturday next, at the first meeting of the Wayne county teachers' association, in Belleville, the president's address will be given by William Lightbody '89, principal of Higgins' school, Woodmere. Henry Colquit with '95, St. Clair Heights, is a member of the executive committee of the association.

At a meeting held in Detroit last week, of the stockholders in the defunct Preferred Bankers' Life Assurance Association, Frank E. Robson '78, president, reported a plan for closing up the affairs of the association, which was so satisfactory to those who had come to criticize that by a vote of 630 to 1 it was adopted.

Commr. Crawford ['91] of Macomb county issues a neat roster of the class of '99 in the graded rural schools. The pamphlet bears the names of the teachers and eighth grade pupils of the county. The cover has a fine portrait of Dewey. The colors are red, white and blue; the motto: "Good luck will help a man over the ditch if he jumps hard."—Moderator.

George W. Park ['86] has returned from a sojourn at Hot Springs, greatly benefited by his outing. It is understood Mr. Park will soon commence the erection of a handsome new greenhouse and very completely equipped seed warehouse and plant on his farm one-half mile from Fannettsburg, at an estimated cost of \$20,000. When completed Mr. Park will then remove his entire plant from Libonia to the new locality.—Florists' Exchange.

Rutherford P. Hayes with '78, son of ex-President, called at the College Friday afternoon. It was the first time he had been on the campus in 23 years and he noted many changes. He is now a resident of Chicago, a book dealer, and, as he says, "a library crank." His visit to Michigan was for the purpose of attending the meeting of

librarians at Ypsilanti. Mr. Hayes was one of the promoters of the traveling library system in Ohio.

C. S. Walton who entered this College in 1881 from Bay City, now prefixes Major to his name. After leaving M. A. C. he graduated from West Point and later studied Spanish law at Madrid, Spain. Recently he has been acting as counsel to Gen. Ludlow in Cuba, and has published his own translation of "The Spanish Civil Code," which is a compilation of the laws in force until recently in Spain, Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines. A copy of the work has been sent to the College.

C. H. Robison '95, writes to have the RECORD sent him at Sitka, Alaska. "I have been here in Alaska about six months, having been sent here by the government to assist in forming and operating an experiment station. I find the work very pleasant and agreeable. Until coming here, I had supposed that nothing in the line of agriculture could be carried on in Alaska, but I have found that many of the grains and hardy varieties of vegetables grow exceedingly well here."

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