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T. G. Phillips, of the Eclectic Society.  
Miss Grace Lundy, of the Feronian Society.  
G. C. Humphrey, of the Hesperian Society.  
Geo. E. Kansom, of the Olympic Society.  
D. D. Porter, of the Phi Delta Society.  
Miss Clara Dean, of the Themian Society.  
H. E. Young, of the Union Literary Society.  
George Severance, of the Y. M. C. A.

Communications and other matter pertaining  
to the contents of the RECORD should be sent to  
Howard Edwards, Editor of the RECORD.

Word comes from Virginia that  
Norman stood the journey remark-  
ably well, and is somewhat better;  
that Mrs. Edwards and the children  
are in better health; and that Dr.  
Edwards expects to be back the first  
of this week.

A word as to our baseball team.  
Up to this writing it has not won  
a game this season. While this  
fact is to be regretted it is not a  
matter for which the team should  
be reproached. The players have  
worked against heavy odds and hard  
luck. In the face of repeated de-  
feats they have stuck manfully to  
their duty, and played each game  
better than the last. A spirit of this  
kind is highly to be commended. It  
shows true sportsmanship. The  
College body—faculty and student  
alike—owe the team a duty, un-  
questioning loyalty and support.  
Whether victorious or defeated the  
team is ours and represents on the  
field of inter-collegiate sport the  
traditions of M. A. C. The players  
have our confidence, and we believe  
they are doing their best. V. E. B.

"I know a bank where\* the wild time  
blows  
Where oxslips and the nodding violet  
grows,  
Quite over-cannoped with luscious wood-  
bine,  
With sweet muske roses and with Eglan-  
tine;  
There sleeps Tytania sometime of the  
night,  
Lul'd in these flowers, with dances and de-  
light."

Problem: To find on our campus  
suggestions of the quiet, dreamy,  
natural beauty described in the pas-  
sage quoted, and to enlarge their  
influence.

Spring is upon us and its influence  
may already be recognized in some  
of the work of some of the classes.  
We cannot well help being in-  
fluenced by the changes of the  
season, but just as in these days we  
safeguard our bodies against the in-  
sidious approach of disease and are  
on our guard against the too ready

\* Amended by most editors to read whereon.

yielding to the treacherous warmth  
of the "yonge sonne" that has "in  
the Ram his halfe course yronne,"  
so in our mental life, while enjoying  
the balmy air when it comes, and  
filling our hearts with the glory  
and the wonder of nature's yearly  
miracle of resurrection, we should  
not allow these things of sense en-  
tirely to usurp control of our mental  
life. The daily tasks of school life,  
as of life in the outer world, are the  
ballast that keeps our spirit-bark on  
an upright keel and enables it to  
respond readily to the helm of  
reason. They cannot safely be  
tossed overboard in some sudden  
mutiny of the crew.

What a world of energy and en-  
thusiasm for school work, ex-super-  
intendent H. R. Pattengill seems to  
be possessed of. The editorial  
columns of the *Moderator* are filled  
with pithy sentences that arouse one  
like the sharp prick of a spur.

The most perplexing of geniuses  
is Rudyard Kipling. He fills one  
with despair at the curious mixture  
he furnishes of good, indifferent, and  
bad. Nothing could be finer than the  
broad, well-filled picture of the  
strange, dreamy and yet teeming  
life of India to be found in his cur-  
rent story of "Kim." The most  
determined realist could not hope to  
surpass the realism of Kipling in  
such characters as those of the lama  
and the horse trader, Mahbub Ali.  
But the victorious career of the most  
renowned hero of romance pales in  
unreality before the supernatural  
wisdom, the uncanny shrewdness,  
the abnormally brilliant wit, and  
finished knowledge of the world of  
the twelve-year-old child who gives  
name to the story. Kim never  
makes a mistake. He never fails to  
see through all of the subterfuges  
of that thousand-year-old world of  
subterfuge. He is able to instruct  
the horse-trader in shrewdness; the  
wrinkled old lama is a child in wis-  
dom beside him; and (what seems  
most to delight Mr. Kipling) he  
can and does on occasion outdo man,  
woman and child in indecency, pro-  
fanity and abuse. A hero after Mr.  
Kipling's own heart seems "Kim."  
H. EDWARDS.

## An Evening with Tennyson.

The Themian Society is to be  
congratulated upon its production of  
Tennyson's "Guinevere," Friday  
evening, May 10, in the Armory.  
A stage was erected in the west end,  
and was set and lighted so as to ap-  
pear quite like the dark convent  
room it was supposed to represent.  
Miss Avery read the poem while  
the characters interpreted their  
parts in pantomime. Miss Katherine  
Slaght as the fallen but repent-  
ant queen, and Miss Clara Dean as  
the novice were especially good.  
The parts seemed to have a vital,  
real meaning to them. In King  
Arthur, Miss Kyes had a most un-  
grateful part, and one very difficult  
to make real. It has never seemed  
to me that Tennyson's Arthur is a  
man. He is too cold, too ideal, too  
altogether godlike to be human.

The novice's song, "Late, Late,  
So Late!" was sung by a quartet  
with piano and violin accompani-  
ment. Miss Gladys Hadley sang  
"Crossing the Bar" during the  
queen's meditation after the exit of  
the novice.

The entrance of the nuns after  
the departure of the king served as

an excuse for the introduction of a  
drill or march which was beautifully  
executed, and made a charming pic-  
ture. Miss Nolan as the abbess led  
the exercise.

Credit for the success of the en-  
tertainment is due Miss Blunt and  
Miss Avery who assisted in planning  
and rehearsing it. V. E. B.

## Inter-Class Field Day.

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vault and all the wrestling, will come  
off later, when the final results and  
the winners of the cup will be  
announced. L. H. T.

A comparison between the last  
two local field days with that of this  
year is shown below.

Only thirteen events were run off  
last year, and ten corresponding  
events, besides others, were pulled  
off last Saturday. The comparison  
can only be made, therefore, with  
the coincident events of three years.

	1899.	1900.	1901.
100 yards.....	Russell—11	Woydenoyor—11 2/5	Schultz—10 3/5
200 yards.....	"—20 3/5	Schultz—25 1/5	Schultz—22 2/5
400 yards.....	Curtis—58	Dinkel—57	Schultz—53 2/5
800 yards.....	Kilgar—2 20 1/5	Dunford—2 18	Dunford—2 13 2/5
1 mile.....	Tower—5 51 1/5	Dinkel—5 48 1/5	Phillips—5 10 4/5
Walk.....	Parks—8 12 3/5	Stewart—9 3 2/5	Carrier—8 55 1/5
Standing broad jump.....	Woydenoyor—9 6/5	Brewer—9 10 2/5	Schultz—10 1/5
Running broad jump.....	Russell—21	Schultz—18 3/4	Schultz—19 10
Top, skip and jump.....	Woydenoyor—11 0/5	Schultz—14 1/5	Schultz—10 1/5
Shot.....	Carpenter—11 7/5	Woydenoyor—31 9/5	Schultz—36 1/5

Two intercollegiate records were  
broken, the quarter-mile bike and  
the shot put. Three other events  
are to be contested this week and  
will undoubtedly result in at least  
one more broken record. C. O. B.

## Farm Department Notes.

Professor Mumford has just re-  
ceived an invitation from Secretary  
F. D. Coburn to address the 31st  
annual meeting of the Kansas State  
Board of Agriculture to be held at  
Topeka, Kansas, Jan. 9 and 10,  
1902.

Prof. Mumford started for a trip  
through the southern part of the  
State to see about the purchasing of  
cattle.

The authorities of the Missouri  
State University have appointed  
Professor F. B. Mumford, now in  
Switzerland, the official representa-  
tive of the Missouri State University  
at the four hundred fiftieth anni-  
versary (9th Jubilee) of the Uni-  
versity of Glasgow, June 12, 13 and  
14, 1901.

Professor Mumford writes that he  
will go to the land of oats and  
"auld lang syne" with due pomp  
and ceremony and try to carry the  
banner of the Missouri State Uni-  
versity well to the front.

G. F. R.

## The President's Reception to the Seniors.

On Friday evening May 10, the  
President and Mrs. Snyder enter-  
tained the Senior class at an "S"  
supper. About forty of the class  
were present, the first occasion on  
which all were assembled, since the  
Junior Hop.

The guests were seated at small  
tables arranged in the parlor and  
dining room and served with a  
unique and bountiful repast. In the  
"Supper Schedule" all the names  
of the dainty viands were spelled  
with an "S," in a most ingenious  
manner, from the "slimly sliced  
sandwiches, stylishly shaped," to  
the "steaming, satisfying stimulant."

Later, toasts were responded to  
by four members of the class, and  
two selections of music were given.  
The "Senior Sons" and "Senior  
Sisters," brought home vividly to  
the members of the class, how long,  
and yet really how short and event-  
ful has been their sojourn at Col-  
lege, and how few weeks now inter-  
vene before the end, and lastly, how  
there will be but one more occasion  
when the class will meet together.

Closing with a "Short Story"  
and a "Spicy Story" from the  
others, the party broke up, after  
three more enjoyable hours under  
the hospitable roof of Mr. and Mrs.  
Snyder, the more enjoyable because  
of the pleasant relations the Presi-  
dent has ever held with the mem-  
bers of the class, and because of the  
utmost esteem and respect with  
which he is regarded by all.

N. A. McCUNE.

## A Comparison of the Panama and Nicaraguan Canals.

[Paper read before the M. A. C. Debating  
Club May 9, 1901, as preliminary to the  
discussion of the question—Resolved,  
That the United States should own, con-  
struct and manage the Nicaraguan Canal.]

To compare these two canals in  
detail would require the expenditure  
of a vast amount of time and labor.  
In preparing this paper I have con-  
fined myself to a comparison of the  
more prominent and important fea-  
tures of the canals and their advan-  
tages and disadvantages to com-  
merce.

Probably the first thing to com-  
pare in the two canals would be  
their dimensions:

1. The Panama canal as projected  
is 46 miles long. The breadth at  
the bottom is 72 to 78 feet; at the  
surface of the water, 92 to 164 feet.  
The curves on the canal are to have  
a minimum of 6,500 feet. The  
length of the Nicaraguan, on the  
other hand, is 174 miles. The rest  
of the dimensions are practically the  
same as for the Panama canal.

2. Excavations. The materials to  
be excavated from the Panama canal,  
are, for the first few miles, alluvium  
and fine silt, but for the rest of the  
way, solid rock. The total amount  
to be excavated, as estimated, is  
156,000,000 yards. The excavations  
from the Nicaraguan canal consist  
mostly of rock, and the total amount  
is probably three times as great as is  
estimated for the Panama canal.

3. Locks. In the course of the  
Nicaraguan canal there are to be  
constructed eight locks at separate  
locations with intermediate ponds.  
These locks require each vessel to  
make eight separate maneuvers of  
slowing down and moving in, thus  
taking many chances of accidents.  
At Panama six locks are grouped in



two emplacements. Only two entrance movements are required of a vessel in making a transit of the canal. It is self-evident that this is an easier and quicker route for vessels than is the one at Nicaragua.

4. Terminal Dams. The construction of these two canals is peculiar in the respect that both are dependent upon the feasibility of constructing rock fill terminal dams of large size.

5. Water Supply. At Nicaragua there is no question as to an ample water supply. The trouble now is that the excess of water flows in floods, and there is difficulty in keeping it within such limits as to prevent the inundation of property on the lake front. At Panama the summit level is much more restricted. On this summit level a large reservoir would have to be constructed in order that water could be supplied to the locks to replace the amount lost by evaporation and leakage.

6. Channels. As before stated the Panama route is 46 miles in length against 174 for the Nicaraguan. Of these distances 29 miles at Panama and 49 miles at Nicaragua are in excavated channels, requiring slow speed and careful navigation of vessels. In addition careful navigation will be required through 83 miles of slack water in the San Juan river and the dredged lake channel at Nicaragua, and through 17 miles of a dredged lake at Panama.

7. Time required for transit of canals. At Nicaragua 49 miles of the route would have to be traversed at 5 miles per hour, requiring 9.8 hours; 83 miles at 7 miles, or 11.85 hours; 42 miles at 15 miles, or 2.8 hours; 8 lockages requiring 45 minutes each, or 6 hours, making a total of 174 miles in 30.45 hours. At Panama the time required for ships to pass through the canal would be much less. There are 29 miles of the route which would have to be traversed at 5 miles per hour, requiring 5.8 hours; 17 miles at 7 miles, 2.43 hours; and 6 lockages, each requiring 45 minutes, or 4.5 hours, making a total distance of 46 miles in 11.73 hours. These statistics show a difference of time required for transit of steam vessels of 19 hours in favor of Panama.

8. The Comparative Cost. According to the latest estimate the cost of the Nicaraguan canal will be \$133,472,892, while the Panama canal is estimated to cost about \$69,000,000, leaving a difference in favor of latter canal of more than \$64,000,000.

In a summary of comparisons the Panama route is far in the lead as to the number of advantages. At Panama the transit is quicker, the maintenance and operations probably much cheaper, difficulties in construction less, and finally its cost will be only about half that of the Nicaraguan canal.

Panama has harbors, wharves, machine shops, an inter-oceanic railway, and organized transportation by land and sea. All these will have to be created at Nicaragua in order to commence work properly. The Panama route is cleared from end to end, worked over, and there are dredges, rails, locomotives, cars and hospitals on the ground, much of these in good condition and available for immediate use. At Nicaragua there is nothing but virgin forests and an abundance of rain.

GEO. C. MORBECK.

### Mechanical Department Notes.

On Friday, May 11, the senior class conducted a boiler-trial at the College boiler-house.

The foundation for the seven-by-ten Lansing Iron & Engine Works engine, to be installed in the laboratory, is nearly completed.

The department has received a copy of the *University of Tennessee Record* containing an interesting article on the welding of copper by Professor J. R. McColl '90m.

The department has received from E. F. Houghton & Company a pamphlet of interest, dealing with the care of belts. Houghton & Company will send copies of this pamphlet upon application.

Radford and Hayes now have the machine for testing friction of packings in operation, and are engaged in making a series of tests on packings contributed by various manufacturers.

Pawling & Harnischfeger, recently sent the department a catalogue illustrating electric traveling cranes made by said concern. The catalogue is a work of much merit both in design and execution.

Through the kindness of H. D. Bullen of Lansing, the inventor, the department has been presented with an instrument to be used in connecting indicator cords to a moving pin. The instrument should, undoubtedly, prove useful in attaching a cord running a reducing wheel to a pin in an engine crosshead.

The attention of mechanical students is called to the fact that there are in the reading room five journals and in the librarian's office three journals relating to mechanics and allied sciences.

The *American Engineering, Railway Journal, Engineering News, Engineering, The Electrician*, all weekly, and the *Engineering Magazine*, monthly, will be

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### Old Students.

Allen C. Redding, '83, writes to Secretary Bird from Tybo, Nev., under date of May 1, as follows: "I am now metallurgist for a big Silver-Lead mine at this place. We are only 105 miles from the railroad but that does not appear to count for much in this region. This is a great state, and only requires water to make it a garden. As it is the only productions are Indians, sage brush and horned 'Toads.'"

We clip the following item about Dale A. Smith, '88a, from the Portland, Mich., *Review*, of May 14: "Dale A. Smith, somewhat reduced in flesh, but otherwise the same old 'Dick,' arrived in Portland Saturday night. He is just back from the Philippines and is full of stories of army life. Dale has spent three years in the service, re-enlisting at the close of the war with Spain for two years. Except for the fact that his regiment was withdrawn—and its members discharged he would have remained in the service until June, his two years being up at that time. During his travels Dale has met people from all quarters of the earth and none have interested him more than those who were from South Africa. He has asked innumerable questions and is thoroughly convinced that there will be an opening there for young men, equal to none on the globe, as soon as the war with England is ended. He expects to go there himself, but is through with army life for good."

President Snyder received a letter from Charles Johnson, '99, from Woodbine, N. J., under date of May 5. Among other things, Mr. Johnson says:

"The many friends we left at M. A. C. will, I know, be pleased to learn of the change we have recently made. After some little correspondence with the authorities of the Baron De Hirsch Agricultural School I was invited to accept a position in the horticultural department of that institution. The salary is a substantial increase over that I received at Shawnee. While the contract calls for me to commence on the 15th inst., Dr. Bogen, the principal, is anxious that I commence as soon as possible, and next Wednesday has been decided upon for that purpose. Thus far everything points toward a pleasant and profitable engagement."

"The institution, as you know, is Jewish and so is the town of Woodbine. The factories in the place are running full blast today. The town has a population of 1,500, graded streets, electric lights, two railroads, factories and the school; also two public schools. A good Baptist church furnishes religious training for the Gentiles of the place. At the school there are only three Jewish instructors. \* \* \*

"It really seems as though one must leave a place to appreciate it. Had I been asked when I left college, 'Do you know Dr. Edwards?' I would certainly have answered, yes; yet I never knew him as I feel I know him through the columns of the RECORD. Send the RECORD to Woodbine, we need it. No other paper can take its place. \* \* \*

"Since coming into the East I have met graduates from several Agricultural Colleges including Amherst, Mass., all of whom look up to Michigan. I had no idea that M. A. C. held such a position in the

world of scientific agriculture. The school has one graduate from Amherst on the teaching force."

Married—May 14th at Chesaning, Miss Grace Wagner to R. Manning Agnew, 99m. Mr. and Mrs. Agnew will be home after June 1st at Canonsburg, Penn.

### Y. M. C. A.

The union meeting next Sunday evening will be led by Mr. Ferguson.

An Association building fund of more than \$7,000 was raised in less than a week recently at the University of Oregon.

The Association has subscribed for *The Intercollegian*, *Association Men*, and the *Rams Horn*. We are indebted to Prof. Weil for a subscription so the *Christian Herald*. These papers will be found on the Library Reading Room tables. Watch the Y. M. C. A. column in THE RECORD for references to articles in these papers.

### About the Campus.

Mrs. Frank Jay Cobbs visited Miss Gaylord, Monday and Tuesday.

The Feronians entertained the ladies of the faculty, Thursday afternoon from 4 to 6.

Mrs. Chace Newman has returned from a week's visit at her old home in Portland.

Miss Grace Townsend, ex'02, visited friends at the Women's Building last week.

Miss Florence Beebe was visited by her brother and sister from Jackson on Sunday, May 12.

Miss Ethel Littell, of Orion, has been visiting her brother, L. B. Littell, during the past week.

The Olympic Society gave a ten o'clock dancing party last Saturday evening.

Senator Murfin took tea at the Women's Building, Tuesday evening, as the guest of Miss Keller and Miss Gaylord.

Miss Lockwood, State Secretary of the Y. W. C. A. spent Sunday at the Women's Building, and conducted the union evening meeting in the chapel.

Mr. Newman started Monday on a two weeks' tour of inspection of schools, colleges, and drafting offices in the interest of the drawing department.

Prof. and Mrs. Wheeler were away two days last week attending the funeral of the latter's brother, Mr. F. A. Holdbrook for over fifty years a resident of Hubbardston, Mich.

The Feronian Society entertained Saturday evening in honor of Miss Gaylord, in their new society rooms. A literary and musical program was followed by dancing. This was the first affair of the kind held in the rooms, and the furnishings and decorations were greatly admired.

The Union Literary Society gave its term party in its Chapter House, Saturday, May 11. The floral decorations, while simple, were most effective. Bunches of lilacs were fastened on the curtains of each window, and potted plants and palms were banked on the piano and in the corners. Bristol furnished the music.

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