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Meeting of the State Board.

The September meeting of the State Board of Agriculture was held at the Ste. Claire Hotel, Detroit, the 25th and 26th inst., with all the members present except the governor. The following are extracts from President Snyder's report to the Board:

"Owing to our changed method of registering and classifying students this work has passed off much more quickly and with less friction than heretofore. In a very short time all the classes were organized and the work was in progress. Everything gives promise for a most successful year.

"It seems to me that it would be wise for the Board to settle on some policy with reference to at least the next two years, and in order that the question may come before you, I recommend that if our income will warrant it, and I believe it will, we next year, in addition to our new heating system, erect a bath house and bacteriological laboratory, and that during the following year we plan to construct an engineering building and physical laboratory, either as one building or separately, and that those interested be requested to take the matter of plans, etc., into consideration."

The request of Prof. Atkins, that he be allowed to purchase a storage battery for his department at a cost of \$95.00 was granted, same to take effect whenever the balance in the apportionment for his department shall warrant said expenditure.

On recommendation of President Snyder and Prof. Smith a course in beet sugar production similar to that given one year ago was authorized, same to begin Feb. 1, 1902.

Building restrictions for the two remaining unsold building lots on the Delta were fixed at \$1,400, with no electric light privilege. The prices on said lots were advanced to \$160 for No. 9 and \$150 for No. 10, and that clause which heretofore has limited the sale of these lots to College employees was stricken out.

The request of the school district to occupy the Y. M. C. A. rooms for school purposes for the two immediate months was granted provided the permission of the Y. M. C. A. be secured.

President Snyder and Prof. Holdsworth were authorized to purchase 30 drawing tables at the lowest prices obtainable.

The fixing of the date of the Round-up Institute was left to President Snyder and Prof. Smith with power.

On recommendation of the faculty the degree of Bachelor of Science was conferred on Clare W. Havens.

President Snyder was authorized to set aside a room in College Hall as an office for the secretary of the faculty.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the board proceed to the erection of a bacteriological laboratory at a cost not to exceed \$20,000, and that the committee on Buildings and College Property be instructed to secure

plans and specifications for the same.

Resolved, That the committee on Buildings and College Property be instructed to secure preliminary plans for the buildings for the mechanical department, physical laboratory and book stack.

The apportionment of funds for the Upper Peninsula and South Haven Experiment Stations for the current fiscal year was fixed at \$3,000 and \$2,000 respectively, same to be paid from the one-tenth mill tax appropriation.

The Secretary reported the purchase of the boiler in the temporary boiler house from the Lansing Boiler and Engine Works at a cost of \$1,135. Also that it had been decided by the elevator companies making estimates upon same, after thorough examination of existing conditions, that the present power supply, either electric or hydraulic, was inadequate to successfully operate passenger and freight elevators in the Women's Building, and that said companies strongly urge that the proposition be abandoned until after the installation of the new power plant.

The apportionment for the farm department for the current six months was increased \$2,900.

The purchase of special live stock from the \$3,000 fund previously provided was referred to the farm committee with power.

The sum of \$42,000 from the balance in the land grant interest fund on June 30, 1901, was set aside as a special building fund and for other extraordinary purposes.

The board adjourned to meet Oct. 22, at Bay City for the purpose of investigating the beet sugar industry in that locality. A. C. B.

Lansing High School 16. M. A. C. Reserves 11.

The College Reserves played the first game of their season's schedule against the Lansing High School at the fair grounds Saturday afternoon.

The Reserves won the toss-up and chose the south goal, kicking off to the Lansing five-yard line where on the first down the high school boys developed a run around their left end for 105 yards and a touchdown. No goal was kicked.

Again kicking off, the College boys downed the ball on their opponent's five-yard line, but were unable to prevent them from carrying the ball, by repeated end runs and occasional line bucks, across the field for a second touchdown. Once more the High School failed to kick goal.

The last of the scoring for the high school was by a 70-yard run added to a combination of around-the-end plays and line plunges. The trick at kicking goal was successfully turned this time and the score stood Lansing H. S. 16, M. A. C. Reserves 0.

After receiving the ball on their 10-yard line the town boys advanced to their 20-yard line, where for the first time the Reserves held them for downs and taking the ball, by a few line and end bucks crossed the high school line for a touch down. The resulting goal was kicked.

The College team was advancing rapidly when time for the first half was called; the score then standing Lansing H. S. 16 M. A. C. Reserves 6.

In the second half the College boys maintained their good work, keeping the ball until within two minutes of the end of the game. By consistent play they worked their way from their own 15-yard line, across the field for a second touch-down without once losing the ball. The attempt at goal was a failure.

On the resulting kick-off the Reserves received the ball within their own ten-yard line and by fierce and rapid work, rushed it across the field to within 12 yards of a third touch down when with less than two minutes to play, they lost the ball on downs. Once more the High School boys demonstrated their ability in running ends and in three plays had carried the ball to the center of the field when time was called. Final score: Lansing H. S. 16, M. A. C. Reserves 11.

In general the High School team was lighter and faster of foot than ours and necessarily end runs characterized their play. Both teams showed lack of experience in the game, as would naturally be expected since this was the first game of the season for either team; but this lack was more particularly evident in the work of the Reserves during the earlier part of the contest. With them more practice is especially needed in tackling and in signal work.

But by no means should the team be discouraged; for, for their opportunities, the boys played a splendid up-hill game and with ordinary luck should have won handily.

A Good Starter.

The M. A. C. football team lined up against the Alma College team, Saturday afternoon, at Alma in the first regular practice game of the season. It was a hard game from start to finish and gave both teams most excellent practice. The score, which was 6 to 5 in favor of the home team, signifies but little, as it was generally conceded by those who saw the game that M. A. C. played much the better football and that it was only by hard luck that our boys lost the game. Three costly blunders on our part, turned the tables from a complete shut-out to the result mentioned above. Alma's only touchdown was made in the beginning of the first half, as a result of fumble number one. The other fumbles were made with the ball on Alma's five-yard line and on both occasions was it promptly regained on downs; the time of play was insufficient to secure the touch-downs so rightfully ours. Our team repeatedly held Alma for downs and several times the only way she could gain anything was by punting. On the other hand M. A. C. never once lost the ball on downs, and continually made gains anywhere from three to ten yards.

One of the most noticeable features of the game was the difference in the physical condition of the men of the two teams; Alma, with a

goodly number of their old players back and with two full weeks of hard practice, one week being before college work began, stood the game much better than did M. A. C.

Our team has had little actual practice, their work having been almost entirely of the preliminary order—falling on the ball, catching punts and learning signals. The style of playing is entirely different from that heretofore known at M. A. C. and progress has been necessarily slow.

Our line showed comparatively good weight and was greatly strengthened by the presence of Captain Case who is now at his old place as left guard. Ricamore, Kratz, and Peters did especially good work, while Brainerd and Childs as backs never failed to make their gains, both circling the ends at will. The interference was exceptionally good. Coach Denman expressed himself well pleased with the work of the team and said that the result was most satisfactory and encouraging. The game in brief:—

First half—Alma kicked off to M. A. C. 20-yard line; M. A. C. rushed ball back to Alma's 50-yard line; Alma secured the ball on fumble and scored a touch down; Broch-kicked goal. M. A. C. now kicked off; Alma advanced to center of field; M. A. C. won ball on downs and pushed it to 10-yard line; lost to Alma on fumble and again regained it on downs and scored a touch down. Childs failed to kick goal. First half ended with ball in M. A. C.'s possession in middle of field.

Second half—M. A. C. kicked to Alma's 20-yard line; Alma rushed back to M. A. C.'s 40-yard line and was then forced to punt; Taylor received on our 3-yard line; M. A. C. rushed back to within 4 yards of Alma's goal; lost ball on fumble, regained it again on punt at 20 yards; with 15 seconds of play M. A. C. advanced ball 10 yards; when game was called.

The line-up.

ALMA.	POSITION.	M. A. C.
Hartness.	Left end.	Crosby.
McKee.	Left tackle.	Peters.
Blecher.	Left guard.	Case.
Fell.	Center.	Shedd.
Shank.	Right guard.	Ricamore.
Shiner.	Right tackle.	Kratz.
Bangs.	Right end.	Rork.
Broch.	Quarter.	Blanchard.
Fuller.	Left half.	Brainerd.
McEwen.	Right half.	Childs.
Long.	Full back.	Taylor.

Touchdowns—Shiner, Taylor.

Goal—Broch.

Time of halves—20 minutes.

Official Timer—Wells, Ewing.

H. E. V.

The Faculty Reception.

The students and faculty turned out in force Friday evening for the faculty reception in the armory. The president and members of the faculty received from eight to ten and a large number shook hands with the president and the teachers during that time.

Bowls of pineapple punch in different parts of the room gave relief to the thirsty.

The reception committee made every effort to have each one in attendance feel at home and in this respect met with a large degree of success.

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[The following note from Mr. Allen is greatly appreciated not only by the RECORD but by all those who knew him and came under his influence. The College has suffered a tangible loss in the removal of Mr. Allen. He is a man of positive and far-reaching influence, and will prove a blessing to the community in which he lives. We have not previously had an opportunity to express our feeling of obligation to Mr. Allen, and write these few words with a full sense of their inadequacy. May happiness and success attend him in his new field of labor.—ED.]

TOLEDO, OHIO, Sept. 23, 1901.

THE M. A. C. RECORD:

I cannot get along without the RECORD. It seems strange here in Ohio not to be able to run out to the College and see the fellows and speculate on the chances for the next football game or whether it will pay to go to Chapel the next morning! But send me the RECORD! A hearty Godspeed to the faculty, the institution, and "the fellows."

Sincerely your friend,

ERNEST BOURNER ALLEN.

It is much to be desired that all the College population should take THE RECORD in order that we may have some means of communication, if for no other reason. It is especially desirable that all students should subscribe for it, and to that end the College has offered inducements that would make it, one would think, something no student could afford to do without. Whenever a student sends in a fifty-cent subscription for THE RECORD he gets two copies for one year, one of which goes to himself while the other goes to his home. Surely, without reference to the copy that the student himself gets, it is worth to the home-folks fifty cents a year to have, from the College where the son or daughter is, and where the thoughts of the mother and father must often turn, a weekly message detailing the happenings of the week, giving an insight into the daily life, showing the general trend of thought at the College, and perhaps containing recognition of work

that the dear one so far away has done. We believe that if our students would for a moment think of what the paper would mean for those home folks, there is not one but would promptly subscribe for it.

Concerning the value of the copy that goes to the student himself we shall be more reticent, and yet there are several things that we may assert with positiveness. In so large a body as ours, we cannot afford to depend on bulletin boards as a means of communication. There is constantly something in the way of information or advice that should go to every member of the College population and that every such member would desire to know. This purpose THE RECORD is well adapted to serve, if only all will subscribe for it. It may not be out of place, too, to make the assertion that its columns frequently contain communications that would have been welcomed by any newspaper and are of high intrinsic value. They always deal with matters of direct interest to the student body, and constitute a part of the College work and life which one could ill afford to be without. That these articles have possessed high and permanent value is established by the testimony, written and oral, of men whose opinion the College most highly respects. We recall a recent letter in which the statement is made that the writer intended to read before his school certain articles by Drs. Kedzie and Beal.

So far as the editorial work is concerned the writer has put into it the very best of which he is capable. That the term "Sunday School Talk" has been applied as a term of reproach to much that he has said, he has no doubt; but if he has any regrets on that score it is that he could not make ten-fold stronger whatever of counsel or warning he may have written.

Still another use that THE RECORD may serve to the student is that of a reference-file. Preserved week after week THE RECORD becomes what its name implies—a permanent record of all that has happened at the College. We feel sure that no student can carry away from the College any one thing that in after years will be a source of greater pleasure and profit to him than a bound volume of THE RECORD published during his career as a student.

Finally THE RECORD is intended as a channel through which the student may appeal to the College public and the little world of subscribers outside on any matter of interest to himself and them. We solicit and welcome student communications, and, in the limited space at our command, always give the preference to student matter, other things being equal.

We commend to the careful and earnest attention of the student body the claims of THE RECORD on their loyalty and support. No matter how we may differ in opinion on matters of conduct and management, there is surely much that we can still gain from each other.

HOWARD EDWARDS.

Y. M. C. A.

The Thursday evening prayer service was fairly well attended.

Every Y. M. C. A. member, social as well as active, is earnestly requested to be in attendance at the regular Thursday evening prayer service. All are cordially invited.

The Sunday morning service conducted by Rev. J. R. Andrews, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lansing, was well attended. Among the many valuable exhortations which he gave, one to students of nature is of special value. He said: "Those who study nature should not forget nature's God."

Sunday evening the union meeting of the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. was held in the chapel.

Mr. Van Vanken, of Grand Rapids, addressed the associations on the subject of Bible study.

He gave two reasons why the average christian does not love to study the Bible as well as other books. First, we take too much time for other things and too little time for Bible study. Second, our spiritual lives are not deep enough. He further said: When we study the Bible we should always remember that it was given in love, to us, by the One who loves us best.

The First Baptist church of Lansing will give a reception to the students of M. A. C. Friday evening, Oct. 4th. All are cordially invited to attend, especially the new men.

Let every M. A. C. man and woman join some one of the Bible study classes and the moral standing of our College will be pushed higher.

H. J. N. H.

Natural History Society.

On Wednesday evening, at the first meeting of the Natural History Society for this year, Prof. W. B. Barrows spoke on "Limestone Caves in Northern Michigan," which were visited this summer by himself and Dr. Lane, the State Geologist.

The caves referred to are on land owned by the Hon. Chase Osborne, State Commissioner of Railroads, and are across a swamp about three miles from Lewis Station, Marquette county. They are simple holes in the ground worn by small streams which started in the swamp, and every one of the caves visited had its small stream. In going through these caves it was necessary to wade nearly all of the time, and the water was sometimes as cold as 51° F. The roof was generally only two or three feet above the head, but the cave sometimes widened out on each side 40 or 50 feet. This wide portion, however, was usually only a few feet high and appeared as a shelf to the deeper part where the stream runs at present.

One very wide-mouthed cave was visited in which the stream had become choked, and had thus formed a small lake, which made farther progress in the cave impossible. The greater part of the caves is below the level of the water in the surrounding swamp, and all showed evidences of having recently been entirely flooded. The rock is almost pure carbonate of lime, and is probably a coming to the surface of the Niagara limestone. These are the only limestone caves known in Michigan.

D. S. B.

About Campus.

Those of the seniors who are studying animal husbandry, attended the State fair last week.

Mrs. G. C. Champ, of Logan, Utah, spent a week on the campus, the guest of Mrs. U. P. Hedrick.

Instructor Severance of the Agricultural department was visited by his brother during last week.

Mrs. Dr. T. W. Smith and daughter Norma, guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Edwards, started on Tuesday last for their home in Virginia, via. Buffalo.

Miss Alice Gunn left Saturday afternoon for Minneapolis, where she has accepted a position as housekeeper and diet teacher in the Northwestern Hospital.

The Try and Trust Circle of the King's Daughters will meet with Mrs. Thos. Gunson on Wednesday, Oct. 2. Officers will be elected and a good attendance is desired.

Mr. G. E. Emmett, until recently a teacher in the Oregon Agricultural College, spent Sunday with former associates in that College of whom there are now three at M. A. C.

Two applications in one week for horticulturists is a pretty good record. Besides the one mentioned elsewhere, the Utah Agricultural College wants an M. A. C. man to take the place of C. P. Close, '94, who goes to Delaware.

The Botanical Club held its first meeting this year on Tuesday evening in the Botany building. Prof. Wheeler gave a brief talk descriptive of the Buffalo Botanic Garden which he investigated during the summer vacation.

Mr. J. E. Schaefer, until recently an assistant in the horticultural department of the Briar Cliff Manor School of Agriculture, has entered as a special student in horticulture. Mr. Schaefer says he owes his being here largely to the efforts of Mr. M. G. Kains, '94, who has charge of the horticulture in the school mentioned.

The two new green houses and the propagating house are nearly finished. When completed, and taken with the houses we already have, the facilities at M. A. C. for teaching floriculture will probably be unsurpassed in this country. The work of putting up the houses has been done entirely by special students in floriculture under the direction of Mr. Gunson.

The following are the class officers for juniors and sophomores: Sophomores—Pres., W. F. Miller; Vice Pres., Miss H. Bach; Sec., Prost, Jacob H.; Treas., Light, Miss Rubie; Athletic Manager, Taber, Melbert W. Juniors—Pres., R. L. Yates; Vice Pres., Edna Smith; Sec., Frank Phillips; Treas., Roy Tower; Auditor, L. F. Childs; Track Manager, O. D. Dales.

The State Fair.

The State Fair, held at Pontiac last week, was a success, both as an exposition and in financial results.

During the summer the executive board had felt some anxiety lest the proximity of the Pan-American Exposition should attract so many Michigan people and prevent their attendance at the State fair. Apparently that great attraction had no effect on the attendance—and the number of visitors seemed to be limited only by the ability of the railroads and electric cars to provide transportation—as it is reported that several thousand people in Detroit and along the lines of the various roads were unable to secure transportation to the fair.

The total of paid admissions including children was 47,215—admissions to grand stand 12,467; total receipts from gate admissions and grand

stand \$30,287.90. This amount of gate receipts has never been equalled nor exceeded but once; that of the fair of 1878 held at Detroit—when President Hayes visited the fair, which attracted many people from the city.

The exhibition this year in all departments was excellent, with the exception of horses. In this division the quality was good but the numbers few. The cattle division was large and of fine quality; the sheep and swine divisions were the largest ever shown and of excellent quality. The horticultural division was well filled, the larger part coming from the west side of the State. The main building was completely filled, and more room could have been used. The dairy exhibit was good, and showed an appreciation of the liberal premiums offered in this division.

M. A. C. took a prominent part in the fair. The College exhibit was consolidated this year, and all departments were shown together. The departments represented were the horticultural, the South Haven fruit station, the U. P. station, the farm, botanical and mechanical. Eight sections in the main building of 12 by 16 feet each, or 1536 square feet not including main passage way, were occupied, and with the exception of that at Detroit in 1894 it was the best exhibit the College has made at the State fair.

College men also took prominent parts. M. L. Dean responded to a call to take charge of the fruit and flower department in the absence of the superintendent and fulfilled the trust in a very creditable manner. Prof. Taft and S. H. Fulton judged fruit and flowers. E. R. Bennett assisted Mr. Dean. Prof. Ferguson judged the long and middle wooled breeds of sheep to the entire satisfaction of the superintendent.

I am informed that Prof. Jeffery and the agricultural seniors visited the fair, but I did not see them, and am unable to say what impression they made upon the fair, or the fair upon them.

Officers elect for 1902 are: M. P. Andersen, Midland, president; Stephen Baldwin, Detroit, vice-president; I. H. Butterfield, Agricultural College, secretary; C. W. Young, Paw Paw, treasurer. Members of Executive Committee, E. Howland, Pontiac; Frank Maynard, Jackson; W. W. Collier, Detroit; George H. German, Franklin; F. E. Skeels, Harriette; H. H. Hinds, Stanton; Byron E. Hall, Port Huron; D. Horton, Fenton; H. R. Dewey, Grand Blanc; John Marshall, Cass City. These, with ten other members who hold over, constitute the managing board. I. H. B.

Outlines of Roman History.

The author of a new Roman history necessarily seldom has original facts or episodes to present. Novelty of selection among his facts, novelty in interpreting them and in the manner of their presentation are the respect wherein his work may differ from those which have preceded it. Dr. Marcy's text has the same arrangement of chapters and periods common to histories of the Roman people prepared for high school and college students. It seems to present also much the same sort of facts and occurrences in such text-books. A lively, graphic literary style, however, is a distinctive merit contribu-

ted by the author. The book introduces us to the "Land and the People". Of the people the three political periods of their development are properly entitled the periods of the "Roman Kingdom" the "Roman Republic" and "Roman Empire". An unusual exhibition from a Roman history are the "Gifts of Rome to Civilization" including the church, language, political organization and law. An abundance of illustrations are given—many new ones not customarily found in text books of this sort. A particularly commendable feature of the work is the profusion of maps furnished. Not stopping to comment on the claim of the preface that "there are maps to show the location of every place mentioned in the text" we particularly praise the fine series of "progressive maps" which show the growth of the Roman domain from the beginning of the republic to the overthrow of the empire by the Germans. The book has 300 pages of reading matter, is adequately indexed, has references to specific portions of larger works at the end of each chapter and has a classified list of books upon Roman history and of special topics in Roman history.

Outlines of Roman history by William C. Marcy Ph. D. published by American Book Co.

W. O. H.

Mr. L. C. Brooks, '92, until recently employed in the government navy yard at Newport News, has now taken a position with the Brown Hoisting & Conveyance Co. of Cleveland, Ohio.

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We have just received a good assortment of Gymnasium Shoes, Cloth Tops, Rubber Soles, which we bought especially for our M. A. C. Customers. Quality is excellent and prices very low.

The M. A. C. Shoe Store. **G. D. Woodbury,** Hollister Block
Lansing, Mich.

News from Graduates.

H. T. Thomas, '01, visited the College on Sunday.

Thomas Archibald, of the class of '04, died Tuesday at his home in Alden, of typhoid fever.

Mr. John D. Nies, '94, M. A. C., has taken a position in electrical engineering with the Lewis Institute, Chicago.

Francis E. West has taken charge of the chemical department of Alma College. Mr. West writes that Alma has a new women's building larger than ours.

E. D. Gagnier, '99, is now with the Northern Engineering Works, Detroit, Mich. Engaged by the same company are E. R. Russel, '99, and E. R. Pierce, '90-'92.

Mr. Harold W. Force with '98, at present with Loveland & Force, wholesale produce merchants, Lowell, Mich., visited the College recently.

Mr. R. A. Whitney, '01, spent several days of last week at the College. Since graduating, Mr. Whitney has been in the employ of the Carpenter dairy farm at Menominee, Mich.

W. J. Meyers, '90m, writes that he is now located in the offices of Masterton and Holt at 310-100 Washington street, Chicago. He cordially invites any of his M. A. C. friends to call upon him while they may be in the city, and has good wishes for THE RECORD and the College.

Mr. Hugh Baker, '01, who expected to become assistant horticulturist in the North Dakota Agricultural College, has decided, instead, to accept a place in the National Bureau of Forestry. The Dakota people are asking for another man from M. A. C. to take his place.

M. P. Cummings, '85-'88m, is now a trained nurse in Warrenton, Va. He will spend the coming winter in Florida in charge of a patient who has been ordered to that climate by the physicians. He remembers the College very kindly and had many questions to ask concerning College people.

The following is from the *Chicago Drover's Journal*, referring to Mr. C. P. Reynolds, M. A. C.

The *Drover's Journal* takes pleasure in announcing that it has added to its editorial staff Mr. C. P. Reynolds, of Owosso, Mich., whose name is familiar to the reading public through his articles in the columns of the *Drover's Journal*, *Breeders' Gazette*, *Ohio Farmer*, *Rural New Yorker*, *Michigan Farmer*, *American Agriculturist*, *National Stockman and Farmer*, and other well-known publications during the past few years. Mr. Reynolds is a thoroughly practical farmer and stockman, having the thorough experience gained on the farm as well as the benefit of a course at the Michigan Agricultural College. He is a trenchant and practical writer, whose articles are of benefit to the feeder, the breeder and the farmer. The *Drover's Journal* spares no pains or expense to secure the best writers and now has an editorial staff far exceeding in numbers and strength that of any other daily live stock and farm paper published.

On the Island at the Lake.

When the hay is safely gathered
And the grain is in the stack,—
When the hurrying time is over
And the work is getting slack,—
Then we join with friends and neighbors,
Bringing chicken pie and cake,
And we have a little picnic
On the island at the lake.

When the days are getting shorter,
Ere the seeding time has come
And the puffing traction engine
Makes the busy thresher hum,
When it's time to go a fishing
Or a little outing take
Then we have our little picnic
On the island at the lake.

Then we harness up the horses
And we hitch em to the rig,—
And we tumble in the babies
All the little folks and big,—
All the good things and the fixings
And it's then the road we take,
Gaily going to the picnic
On the island at the lake.

We go trotting down the highway
And go walking through the lot,
Now we're holding up the horses
For we've reached the favored spot,—
And we spread our rustic tables,—
Of our good things to partake,
When we have our little picnic
On the island at the lake.

We are chatting with our neighbors,—
We are eating with our friends,—
We are rambling with our sweethearts
To the island's very ends,—
We are swinging in our hammocks,—
We are boating on the lake,—
At our jolly harvest picnic
On the island at the lake.

We are thankful for the blessings
That have crowned our earthly lot,
For the love that never failed us,
Whether crops should fail or not,—
For the old friends gathered round us
And the new ones that we make
At our pleasant little picnic
On the island at the lake.

We are thankful for the dear friends,
For the loved ones who are gone,—
Who have met with us so often
And will meet us later on,—
Yet it may be they are with us,—
May their gentle spirits make
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