

## The Football Season.

In reviewing the football season just ended many things come to the surface which show the need of a radical change in the Department of Physical Culture. To make a success in any line of athletics, spirit, money and time, are needed in no small amounts. At the beginning of the present collegiate year all three were conspicuously absent and everything was at a standstill. To a call for candidates for the football team the first day, less than a dozen men put in an appearance. In a college containing five hundred men this was a most deplorable showing. Spirit is absolutely necessary, and if a college spends hundreds of dollars and gives hours of time and yet spirit is lacking, its athletics are bound to be a failure. The winning teams are always from those institutions where every student lends his aid and helps the team, be it with money, time, or actual presence in one of the different teams.

Nobody will deny that college spirit at M. A. C. was dead, or so completely buried that only a spark could be seen which no amount of fanning seemed to have power enough to put into a flame. Money was so scarce that with difficulty a large enough sum could be obtained to secure two footballs, while new suits, shoes and the general paraphernalia necessary for the game were simply beyond the means of the management. Time for practice was limited to the hour, from four to five, and when the men were dressed, it was half-past four, thus leaving a half hour for actual work on the field before the military drill commenced. During the earlier weeks of the term this latter difficulty of having to give up the field was overcome by using an open space north of Abbot Hall, but as the season progressed, darkness gradually cut that scant time to five o'clock. Inasmuch as all the hard important games occur near the end of the season, during the month of November, instead of requiring less time for practice, a team needs far more. Almost all the football teams of the country require and have at least two hours a day for practice while the M. A. C. team hardly ever had more than three-quarters of an hour throughout the entire season.

The lack of college spirit showed itself most clearly in the fact that even after the team had won its first three championship games by a score of seventy-five points to its opponents, none, a second eleven could not be obtained for days at a time, and during the last three weeks when the team had made sure of the finals a scrub was out but four times. No team can play any kind of football against strong opponents without having hard practice daily against a good second eleven. The football teams of the M. I. A. A. are strong on the offensive but lamentably weak on the defensive. It is of no advantage at all for a team to be able to rush the ball against strong opponents unless when opponents have the ball in their possession that team be able to

stop them. To make a strong defensive team a powerful scrub is absolutely necessary.

To prove that the teams are not supported, we learn from the treasurer's book that of the some 800 students in college only 448 belong to the athletic association and 94 of this number have not paid their fees. The membership fee was 50 cents on joining and 50 cents a term afterward which small fee admits to all games played during the term. To remedy the lack of funds this fee was changed to \$1.00 a term. Of this system what is the result? Students who do not join the association reap the same benefits as those who do, for they see all the games without paying a cent and also take part in the events themselves. Students are unwilling to pay for something which they can get for nothing.

To overcome these difficulties is an easy matter, for in the case of the lack of spirit on the part of the student body, it has already been demonstrated what can be done, as was shown at the time of the first Albion game when 240 students "heeled" the team to Albion, and when the band turned out at the second Albion game and also on Thanksgiving day. The spirit at these three games was all that could be desired and did much towards the success achieved.

In the case of the lack of money the remedy here, too, is very simple, for compelling every student in the College to pay 75 cents or \$1 a term on the regular term bill for the support of athletics would supply the necessary funds, and the tax imposed would scarcely be felt by a single student. Very few, if any, of the students in College would object to such a method, the success of which has been abundantly proved in a great many colleges. There is no inclosed field and thus little or no opportunity to make money from games and if the student body will not pay 50 cents a term of their own will to support a team, it seems almost certain that they will never subscribe enough money to build a field across the river where they know they will have to pay to see the games. The College unquestionably needs the field and if ever it is obtained it seems that the money must come from some source other than the student body.

As for the lack of time, this can be remedied only by a change of hours so that darkness and the military drill may not interfere. If the Department of Physical Culture is to be made a feature of the college, money and time must be allowed in order to properly develop the teams. In base ball particularly, much time is needed, but under the present arrangement with the diamond as the drill ground, a scant half hour will be the allotted time.

During the season the team suffered several reverses, the first being the loss of the star half-back, Brainard, who left college after the first Kalamazoo game in order to accept a position in a New Jersey school; then Cooper, who gave indications of becoming a fine back, was injured and compelled to quit,

then in rapid succession came the loss of Capt. Case who had filled the place of left guard in a most creditable way, and finally Crosby, the best end in the M. I. A. A. To fill these men's positions with green players took considerable time, and only in the last game did they reach the standard required. Taking everything into consideration the season has been a successful one, and to the men who "stuck it out to the finish," all the credit is due.

Not including the second Hillsdale game, which ended in a row and was protested, the team played nine games, won three, tied two, lost four; scored 120 points and was scored against 94 points.

In the M. I. A. A. are to be found several first-class football players, of which the following would make a powerful all-Michigan team:

Crosby, L. E., M. A. C.  
Peters, L. T., M. A. C.  
Barry, L. G., Albion.  
Shedd, C., M. A. C.  
Steckle, R. G., Olivet.  
Tienien, R. T., Kalamazoo.  
Morgan, R. E., Olivet.  
Ellis, Q., Olivet.  
Wolf, L. H., Hillsdale.  
Childs, R. H., M. A. C.  
Maddock, F., Albion.

In this line-up Steckle is moved from tackle to guard and Maddock to full and Childs would do the kicking. Such a team would make an eleven of which any institution might well be proud. G. E. D.

## Women and Horticulture.

Many occupations formerly deemed unsuited for women have, in the last few years, been entered upon by them with zeal and success, and they are considering still others. At a recent meeting of the National Council of Women in Hamilton, Ontario, the subject "Agriculture as a Profession for Women" was carefully discussed; and a paper on "An Agricultural College in Kent," seems to show that women have not only begun to consider themselves adapted to agricultural work, but have, by actual and sustained trial, demonstrated pronounced aptitude for such work. From this paper, through the courtesy of Miss Crowe, we make brief extracts.

Miss Wilkinson, one of the directors of the Swanley Agricultural College is first described. With difficulty she attained entrance to the classes in landscape gardening at the Crystal Palace, but finished the course, and received personal recognition from the Prince of Wales for the beauty of her design in the laying out of Vaulxhall Park. This drew practice, and she is now gardener for the Metropolitan Public Garden Association, she has a large clientele as consulting landscape gardener, and her house is filled with private pupils at \$1,000 a year each.

The Swanley College is about fifteen miles from London, and has about 43 acres of land devoted to gardening. The buildings include a roomy, old-fashioned country-house where are found a library, workshops, a laboratory, etc., twenty-four glass houses, and a mushroom house, 100 feet long. The

students here are both men and women, from 16 years of age upward—35 women and 20 men. They attend lectures two hours a day and spend the rest of the time from 6:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. in practical work in the houses and gardens. The period of study necessary to take the college diploma is two years.

Graduates from this school, the paper goes on to state, do not lack for positions. "Trained lady gardeners are in frequent request at the present time. The owners of grape-tries and ferneries are beginning to realize that they cannot do better than place plants in charge of women who have studied horticulture. Average strength is needed for this work, but, given this, the outdoor life is found to be health-giving and exhilarating. Mrs. Heron-Maxwell, a splendid specimen of young womanhood, told me that on her father's estate in Scotland, if a drain had to be dug and one of the men began at one end and she at the other, invariably she arrived at the middle first."

The paper, in summing up colleges of agriculture that admit women to the full course, mentions the "College of Agriculture in Minneapolis," but says nothing, curiously enough, of our own college. Among those mentioned in England are the "Lady Warwick Hostel" in Reading, and the "Technical School" at Dunmow, also founded by the Countess of Warwick on one of her large estates in Essex. In this last the students "are trained in scientific, agricultural, and horticultural work *pari passu* with the usual studies."

The paper concludes with a list of prominent places filled by lady horticulturists—three are employed at Kew Gardens in London—and asserts that the demand is in excess of the supply. H. E.

## Feronian Minuet.

At last the Feronian girls have conceded to the many requests to repeat their minuet, and have arranged to give it next Friday evening at the Armory. Some new figures have been introduced, so it will not be exactly as it was last year, and after the old-fashioned dance, the modern dance will be indulged in until eleven o'clock. In order to make the evening as long as possible, it has been planned to commence at seven o'clock, and an admission will be charged to help the girls pay for their new piano. Come, everybody, you will surely have a good time; those who were there last year will assure you of that. At seven o'clock next Friday, in the Armory; admission 25c. A car will leave the depot at 11:16 for those who go down town.

G. M. L.

A cordial invitation is extended to all members of the College community to attend a "Christmas Tea" Saturday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock in the Women's Building. Admission fee of ten cents will be charged, the proceeds to go to the College hospital.



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The hazing spirit creates a denser  
haze in the college atmosphere than  
any other kind of fog. Scatter it—  
with gunpowder, if necessary.

Mr. Chamberlin, the mechanical  
junior ill with the typhoid fever at  
the College hospital, was thought  
to be very low on Saturday but at  
this writing he is much better.

The only thing about Elbert  
Hubbard's lecture which the audi-  
ence seemed to regret was that it was  
not longer. Like Booker T.  
Washington he spoke from the  
fullness of the work that he is  
doing. His eloquence is the elo-  
quence of a life, and seems to lack  
art because it is so genuine and real  
—merely a phase or part of a  
rounded and complete whole.

It is not, I judge, to be presumed  
that teachers as a class are less stal-  
wart in their adherence to high  
moral principles, that they are more  
timid, more pliant, weak-kneed, and  
subservient than are, as a class,  
lawyers, business men or even pol-  
iticians; and yet they are often so  
reproached, and it must be confessed,  
too, that their actions individual and  
collective too often give warrant to  
such reproach. To the writer of  
this, such a regrettable action is that  
taken recently by the association of  
Agricultural College and experi-  
ment station workers in memorializ-  
ing congress against any reduction  
of the tariff on Cuban sugar.

The debate between the Normal  
College and ourselves will take place  
April 25, 1902, at M. A. C. The  
question is, "Resolved, that the  
policy of our government should be  
to retain the Philippines as a perma-  
nent part of the territory of the  
United States," and we will defend  
the negative. All books and peri-  
odicals bearing on the question will  
be placed in the rear alcove of the  
library and it is requested that they  
may be used in the library and then  
left, so that others can get at them.  
Eight of the College societies and  
the debating club have entered into  
an agreement for preliminary de-  
bates to select the team to represent

the College. The eight societies  
have paired off for the first set of  
delegates. The four winning teams  
in this set will again pair off for  
a second set of debates, to take  
place two weeks later than the first  
set. Two weeks later still, the two  
winning teams will have a final de-  
bate, the winning team of which  
will debate with a team chosen from  
the debating club, and the three  
winners in this last will represent  
the College. In every debate in  
this schedule, the judges are not  
only to determine the winning side,  
but are also to grade the debaters  
individually in the order of relative  
merit, and the individuals obtaining  
first, second, and third rank, irre-  
spective of position on the affirma-  
tive or negative side, will constitute  
the winning team for the next  
debate. It will be seen that, out of  
the twenty-seven entries, the three  
best individual debaters will thus be  
chosen. The English department  
will make every effort to provide all  
possible references and authorities,  
buying such as are not now in the  
library; and we shall esteem it a  
special favor, if anyone will men-  
tion references that might be of ser-  
vice. A complete bibliography will  
be posted in the library.

HOWARD EDWARDS.

### Natural History Society.

The Natural History Society  
gave up the meeting last Wednes-  
day evening to four of our common  
birds. The birds considered were the  
meadow lark, bobolink, blue jay,  
and house wren. Four members  
each took up one of these birds and  
gave somewhat fully their geographi-  
cal distribution, nesting habits, food,  
and economic importance. Some  
quite interesting observations were  
also made concerning these birds.

An albino woodchuck which the  
zoological department obtained from  
Grand Ledge was exhibited.

The following officers were  
elected for the winter term: Pres.,  
T. J. Phillips; Vice Pres., E. A.  
Seelye; Secy-treas., F. M. Morris-  
son; members of Board of Direc-  
tors, D. S. Bullock, W. R. Wright.

D. S. B.

### Botanical Club.

Last Tuesday evening the Botani-  
cal club elected the following  
officers for the winter term. Presi-  
dent, Matt Crosby; Vice President,  
R. L. Clark; Secretary, A. B.  
Rogers.

Dr. Beal gave an interesting talk  
on *Anastatica hieuncun*, or Resur-  
rection Plant. This plant is a  
native of Palestine and is often called  
the Rose of Jericho. Owing to the  
manner in which it scatters its seeds  
it is classed as a tumble weed.

J. G. M.

Downs—"I'm a very suspicious  
man."

Olive—"Very suspicious?"

Downs—"Yes; every time I meet  
with a golden opportunity I put  
acid on it to see if it is plated."

### The Debating Club.

Thursday evening, the debating  
club held its regular weekly meet-  
ing. The question for debate was  
a very live one to M. A. C. friends;  
it was: *Resolved*, that a prepara-  
tory year should be added to the  
agricultural course and that the

requirements for the four-year  
course be correspondingly raised.  
Smith and Elmer upheld the affirma-  
tive; Rudolph and Hesse, the  
negative. The negative won. The  
affirmative debated extemporane-  
ously and made a very creditable  
showing.

Officers for the winter term were  
elected as follows: Wermuth,  
president; Smith, vice president;  
Taylor, secretary and treasurer;  
Rudolph, Prof. W. O. Hedrick, A.  
C. Miller, respectively first, second,  
and third members of the program  
committee.

### Prohibition Club.

Mr. Virgil G. Henshaw, national  
vice-president of the Inter-collegiate  
Prohibition Association, spoke be-  
fore the prohibition club Friday  
evening. He reviewed somewhat  
fully the prohibition sentiment in  
many of the states, as expressed in  
votes on constitutional amendments;  
and by statistics proved quite con-  
clusively that there is enough probi-  
hibition sentiment to carry that issue  
in a majority of the states of the  
union, if only the people would unite  
and work together.

He then took up the different  
methods of union to fight the saloon.  
The methods mentioned were: by  
work in the primaries on the non-  
partisan plan of union; massing of  
prohibition forces in one of the old  
parties; and the third-party plan.  
He discussed somewhat fully all of  
these methods giving the advant-  
ages and disadvantages of each.  
He said: "A silent platform is a  
whisky platform. A silent man is  
a whisky man." His final con-  
clusion was that the third-party plan  
is the only really practical method  
of uniting the prohibition forces to  
do effective work against the saloon.

Mr. Henshaw is an entertaining  
and forceful speaker and has an  
abundance of statistics at his tongue's  
end. He will convince you whether  
you will or not.

D. S. B.

### Elbert Hubbard's Lecture.

Elbert Hubbard gave his lecture,  
"Roycroft Ideals" before an appre-  
ciative audience, in the armory, Fri-  
day evening. It is safe to say that  
all were entertained and to those  
who have been in somewhat close  
touch with his work, the lecture was  
a fulfillment of expectations.

At the Roycroft shop, as the  
lecturer explained, the aim is to do  
things well. The ideals constantly  
kept in mind are: that "art is the  
expression of man's joy in his work,"  
"beauty is power," that "the greatest  
enemy one has is one's self" and that  
"the only devil in the universe is  
fear."

The books made in the Roycroft  
shop at East Aurora, N. Y., are  
books that, for the most part, have  
been made by the boys and girls  
who are natives of East Aurora.  
These workers have had no special  
artistic training, nevertheless a single  
copy of some of the books sells for  
one hundred and fifty dollars, and  
without wide advertising. The ex-  
planation for this seeming anomaly  
lies in the fact that these artist  
workers have been allowed the lib-  
erty to develop naturally the artistic  
sense which each of them, as well  
as every other human being, pos-  
sesses. We all are born with the  
artistic sense but the majority of us  
have the artistic sense "scared out of  
us by the disadvantages of civiliza-

tion." At the Roycroft shop, time is  
taken to do things well. The effort  
is made to have a few beautiful  
things rather than many cheap  
things.

Book-making is the main concern  
of the Roycroft workers. Book-  
making as carried out by them is a  
revival of the old Venetian art; for,  
centuries ago the monks in Venice  
reached the high tide of book-bind-  
ing. The Roycrofters do not at-  
tempt to be original. He who  
attempts to be original is apt to  
attempt a "preposterous thing."

The institution at East Aurora  
which Elbert Hubbard has put in  
operation is a realization of many  
of the industrial ideas put  
forth by John Ruskin and William  
Morris, and the institution has for  
its inspiration the ideals of those  
two great English thinkers and  
reformers.

As a lecturer, Hubbard is, per-  
haps, studiously rambling. He is  
full of anecdote without, however,  
becoming tiresome. He keeps in  
sympathetic touch with his audi-  
ence. He disobeys seemingly the  
conventional rules for public speak-  
ing, but is always effective. He  
carries out in his every-day life the  
best ideas that are given us by mod-  
ern psychology, which fact is illus-  
trated in one aspect by his statement  
that music is a necessary part of  
one's common workaday life and  
that music had been introduced in-  
to the working life of the Roycroft  
shop. Hubbard left as a final word  
the thought that we grow by giv-  
ing expression to our impressions  
and that the greatest good one can  
do for one's self is to do something  
for somebody. Hubbard dares say  
with no hesitating speech what he  
thinks and believes—rather an un-  
common type of individual, perhaps.  
If he again comes to M. A. C., we  
predict for him appreciative and en-  
thusiastic listeners.

P. H. S.

### Results at Chicago.

Much still remains doubtful about  
the results in the exhibit and the  
student stock-judging contest in  
Chicago. We give hurried sum-  
mary of results as far as known.  
In team work as a whole in the  
stock-judging contest M. A. C. won  
fourth place, Iowa coming first, On-  
tario second, Illinois third. In indi-  
vidual work, L. S. Bird, special, won  
twenty-five dollars in judging Here-  
ford cattle, L. Carrier won fifteen  
dollars on judging Angus cattle, and  
W. J. Geib won three dollars on  
judging Shropshire sheep. Our  
team fell only a few points be-  
low that of Illinois, and stood ahead  
of Minnesota and Wisconsin. When  
we recall the comparatively small  
amount of time that our team could  
spend in visiting neighboring herds,  
and in coaching for the contest, our  
showing is remarkably good. *The Live-stock Journal* states that we  
won a total of 53 dollars. If this is  
true, there are ten dollars yet to be  
accounted for.

A list of prizes won by the stock  
exhibited is not just yet obtainable.  
The following telegram from Prof.  
Ferguson is inspiring and may mean  
much. "On steer carcasses, first on  
two year-olds, second on yearlings.  
Grand champion of show. We  
have beat the world. Hurrah for  
Michigan!" This, of course, will  
be understood to refer to prizes in  
the dressed carcass show, and is  
taken to mean that we have made a  
world's record on the two-year-old  
class.



**Y. M. C. A.**

Thursday evening prayer meeting was led by A. C. Miller. Theme: How to use the Bible.

Chapel exercises Sunday morning were conducted by Dr. Snyder. Rev. J. R. Andrews, of Lansing, was to have conducted the services but owing to a delay of the street car, could not reach the College in time. Dr. Snyder talked on the subject of Heredity and Environment. The service was very interesting and suggestive.

The union meeting of the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. was led by Miss Gilchrist. The subject chosen was, "The christian's duty." The meeting was very well attended and a success in every respect.

A movement was inaugurated by which every christian may prove his love to Christ. This movement will not be explained here, but a committee to be appointed by the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. will kindly explain the plan to any who were not present at the evening meeting. All will be given an opportunity to help in a noble act of kindness.

H. N. H.

It takes two to smile successfully.—Hubbard.

**State Board Meeting.**

The State Board of Agriculture met at the College board rooms Wednesday evening, December 4. All members present except Mr. Watkins and the governor.

One hundred and fifty dollars was appropriated for a dryer for the laundry in the women's building.

Certain changes in electives in the mechanical courses which had been previously recommended by the faculty were adopted by the board.

The resignation of L. H. Van Wormer as assistant chemist of the experiment station to take effect December 9, 1901, was accepted. Mr. Van Wormer resigns to take a position in the State Dairy and Food Department at a greatly increased salary.

Three thousand acres of unsold college lands in the east half of township 27 north, range 2 east, county of Oscoda, were by resolution withheld from sale indefinitely for the purpose of using said tract in connection with the new course in forestry to be established at the College.

The secretary was authorized to take up the matter of College Salt Spring lands located in the townships of Lansing, Meridian, Dewitt and Bath, with a view toward furnishing a complete record of the present condition of said lands.

The Commissioner of the State Land Office was authorized to place on sale at the annual sales of December 17th all unsold College lands in the county of Iosco at prices submitted by the Board.

The regular six months' apportionment of funds to the different departments was authorized.

**Winter Depredations in the Orchard.**

In cold winters, when green stuff is scarce, young trees are likely to suffer from the depredations of mice and of rabbits. In new countries, trees are especially exposed to these pests. The injury usually consists of girdling the trees, though if the snow be deep rabbits go for more tender morsels on low branches. Mice work on weedy or

on stubble ground while rabbits want a clear field and clean ground. Mice enjoy burrowing and nibbling underneath a light rather deep snow, while rabbits scamper from tree to tree over a hard surface.

There are various washes and paints for preventing injury by such vermin, but for mice, at least, a cylinder of wire netting, one foot in length, at the base of the tree, is better than any wash. Other material may be used in the same way, as sheet-iron, tarred-paper, and corn-stalks, though none are as good as the first named. The mice will usually stay away from the trees if there be no weeds or litter in the orchard, and may be kept away by tramping the snow solidly about the trees or banking up with a conical mound of earth. All wrappers interfere somewhat with clean culture and afford lodging places for insects.

A shot-gun, a dog and an old-fashioned box-trap give the most efficient protection against rabbits. If you are not fond of such warfare, enlist a boy, furnish the munitions of war, and if the youngster be a smart one and "onto his job," the rodents will soon cease to bother. The best preventive against rabbits is to destroy their habitations—brush-heaps, stone-piles, hedges and the like. Vermin bother but little on a tidy farm. Cylinders of wrapping material may sometimes be used to advantage.

Should trees be girdled by either rabbits or mice they may usually be saved by carefully paring the wound, after which cover with thin grafting wax and heap up with earth.

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### Old Students.

Miss Mabel Downey, of Holly, Mich., with '04, visited College, Saturday, to attend the Themian and Olympic parties.

C. H. Hilton, '00, who has been dangerously ill with typhoid fever at his home, Benton Harbor, Mich., is now slowly recovering.

W. W. Daniells, D. Sc. '64, Professor of Chemistry in the State University of Wis., is president of the Science Club of the University of Wisconsin.

Donald MacArthur, 1897-98, (sp.), gardener and dairyman, Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kansas, called at M. A. C. on his way home to Cass City, Mich.

A letter from Harry J. Eustace, '01, who is now assistant botanist at the New York Experiment Station, Geneva, says he is very agreeably located and likes his associates very much. He always reads THE RECORD as soon as it comes, and says it makes him feel good to hear of the people back at College.

### Notes Gathered Here and There.

Miss Mabel Langford spent Saturday with her sister, Maude Langford.

The juniors by a score of 17 to 0 beat the freshmen Saturday forenoon in the final class football game.

Jessie Brown, with '03, is visiting Jessie Palmer; Miss Brown may return to College next September.

Mr. J. J. Ferguson was chosen secretary of the Intercollegiate Live-Stock Judging Association at Chicago.

Cards were received some time ago announcing the marriage of Ella D. Phelps, with '01, to Mr. Birdsey Frank Mattison.

The football team had a group photograph taken Saturday, which likeness will soon be ready for the friends and members of the class.

Gordon H. True, formerly instructor in dairying at M. A. C., but now professor of animal husbandry in the Arizona Agricultural College, visited old M. A. C. friends last week.

The Themians entertained their friends Saturday afternoon from two until five o'clock. The two society rooms were darkened and colored lights were used, giving a very pleasing effect. Secretary and Mrs. Bird acted as chaperons.

The Columbian Literary Society have elected the following officers for the winter term: Pres. W. J. Geib; vice president, J. G. Moore; secretary, W. S. Merrick; treasurer, A. R. Carter; marshal, G. Fryman; member of RECORD staff, G. S. Pratt.

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The Try and Trust Circle of the King's Daughters solicit, for the free ward of the Lansing City Hospital, donations of canned goods or jelly, from the ladies of the campus. The contributions will be called for during the present week.

Arthur D. Peters was elected, last week, captain of the 1902 foot-

ball team. The selection is regarded by all as very satisfactory as Mr. Peters has shown himself not only one of the mainstays of this year's team but also one of its hardest workers.

J. C. Rogers of the Cedar Lake, Mich., Industrial Academy, an Adventist School, writes Dr. Beal that he is applying some of the hints gained at M. A. C. Prof. Rogers visited M. A. C., last summer and was much pleased with the work as carried on here along the lines of botany and horticulture.

Prof. Taft, Prof. U. P. Hedrick and Mr. Gunson attended the State Horticultural Society's meeting at Fenaville, Tuesday and Wednesday, last week. All read papers. Prof. Taft's subject was "Cover Crops." Prof. Hedrick's, "Horticultural Education." Mr. Gunson's, "The Flower Garden." O. C. Howe, '83, Paul N. Thayer, '00, L. A. Bregger, '89, C. J. Monroe of the State Board of Agriculture, were also present, the last reading a paper.

### Olympic Venison Roast.

Some may agree with Elbert Hubbard that there is nothing new, nothing original, but those who were present at the Olympic Venison Roast may feel inclined to take exception to the statement. By five o'clock Saturday afternoon the guests were assembled in the Olympic rooms, which had been transformed for the occasion into a veritable northern forest. Over the ante-room hung a canopy of spruce boughs through which a mellow light fell upon the fountain whose waters trickled over rocks and disappeared behind the rushes. On each side of the two double doorways leading into the assembly rooms stood a little spruce tree. At the front of this room there was provided as a seat for the president a beech stump, well covered with fungous growths and imbedded in moss; a rough slab, supported by equally rough wooden legs served for a desk; and a hatchet, for a gavel. To the left of the stump a camp kettle swung over a fire from three interlocking stakes. Overhead, long strings of interwoven spruce and cedar boughs were strung from the corners and sides of the room to the centre-piece. The chandeliers, pictures and deer's head were artistically decorated with evergreen and choke-berry boughs. The general appearance and the odors pervading the rooms sustained the impression of being in a forest.

The literary program, consisting of music and hunting stories, was in harmony with the wild surroundings. Dancing followed until eight o'clock when the banquet was announced. The couples then formed for the grand march which took them to Club A dining rooms, very tastefully decorated, where a most enjoyable time was spent disposing of the many tempting dishes and listening to the toasts. Mr. E. A. Holden, of Lansing, class of '89, and an alumnus member of the Olympic Society, proved himself an entertaining toastmaster. The banquet over, all returned to the society rooms where the party continued with a hum of gaiety till the hour of closing was announced. Prof. and Mrs. Denman very pleasantly chaperoned the party.

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