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All who have known Michigan Agricultural College intimately at any time within the past 15 years, will appreciate the significance of the announcement that our sister institution in Rhode Island has elected to its presidency Dr. Howard Edwards, who for many years and with distinguished success has held the chair of English Literature and Modern Languages at M. A. C. Such has been the work of Dr. Edwards at the Agricultural College, and such have been his relations with the students and his influence in the College community that this announcement will be received with the deepest regret by his many friends, by the student body and by the faculty and officers of the College.

On the other hand, Dr. Edwards is to be congratulated upon his well merited recognition as a scholar and an educator and his elevation to a position offering a wider field for the exercise of those qualities of heart and mind that have brought to him in the past such a large measure of success in his chosen profession. And the College must, with all its regrets feel a certain pleasure when one of its strong men wins the recognition he deserves and is called into a higher sphere of activity.

It was in 1890 that Dr. Edwards gave up the professorship of English and Modern Languages at Ar-

kansas Industrial University and came to Michigan to take the position which he now occupies. Subsequent to his graduation from Randolph Macon college in 1876, he studied at the University of Leipzig and in Paris, teaching for a time in that city in the Rudy International School of Languages. Between this time and his entry upon his more distinctly professional work in the West, he taught in the secondary schools of Virginia, his native state and elsewhere in the South, acquiring in that way, as only one can, the broad knowledge of human nature and that fund of practical experience so valuable to him in his later professional career.

During the 15 years of his life at M. A. C. no member of the faculty has given more unselfishly of his talent and industry to the institution that he served; no one has striven more effectively to impress upon the students the untold worth of true manliness and true womanliness and the virtue of the amenities, nor sought to be more helpful to the community in which he lived.

Rhode Island is to be congratulated upon the wisdom of her choice, and we of Michigan while murmuring at our loss, must be comforted with the thought that we have again contributed a most worthy servant to a worthy cause.

THE VALUE OF GRANDFATHERS TO A COLLEGE.

One of the chief assets of a college is grandfathers. If a college has enough fathers and grandfathers among its alumni who remain loyal to the institution, its success is permanently assured. A large proportion of the students of great institutions like Harvard and Yale are the sons and grandsons of graduates; in time the college spirit becomes "family tradition."

Now the chief value of such a memorial hall as we propose to build is that it will form a tangible link between the old men and the new in our college life. If we have a hall which we help to build, which commemorates the life and works of the men who taught us to learn; which serves as a meeting place when we may return, it will bind us together and awaken that kind spirit of loyalty which sends generation after generation of the same family to maintain the tradition of the institution.

In time the graduates become a force and an inspiration to the college second only to its faculty, and in return the college continues to educate its old students. A man who knows how to use an institution of learning comes to regard his four-years course as a sort of "prep-dom," and his diploma as a mere ticket of admission; his real graduation comes afterward, year by year, as he goes. And a memorial hall will help to give meaning to this larger conception of the functions of the college.

RAY STANNARD BAKER, '89.

'70.

In filling out his alumni card, Chas. S. Williams said in regard to the course taken, "I guess everything (I mean I guessed everything)." Mr. W. is a real estate dealer of Owosso, Mich.

'71.

Richard M. Slocum is editor and publisher of the *Prairie Picayune*, of Herreid, S. D. He is also state regent of education of that state.

BALTIMORE, Md., 3, 19, '06.

To the editor of the M. A. C. RECORD:

Dear Editor.—Simply the loyalty of two old students of M. A. C. guides the hands which write to you tonight.

For many months of lonely toiling two hearts, homesick for alma mater, struggled on, side by side, neither one knowing of the presence of the other in Baltimore. Finally they met, and the rejoicing was so great, the good old college experiences brought back to memory such a pleasure that neither understood how he had gone so long without the companionship of his college mate.

We enjoy reading the RECORD which arrives regularly, and reviewing the events of our old "pals" at college.

There is one point, however, which goes hard. After reading the paper we have a slight tickling of home-sickness, for the old "camping ground." One of us is connected with a thriving hay and feed firm, while the other is persuing knowledge, of a chemical nature, in the post-graduate department of John Hopkins University.

When we get together, our only conversation (barring "shop") is of going back to M. A. C. in June, and we are going, if we have to ride on a cattle train. That is the way we feel about it.

So, with many hopes of seeing you next commencement, and wishing you ever increasing prosperity, we remain,

Very truly yours,
H. D. HAHN,
JOHN S. SHAW.

Carl E. Rosekrans '10m does not expect to return to college next term.

The Tic-Olympic societies gave a very enjoyable term-end party Friday evening, in the Masonic Temple.

ALUMNI.

'67.

L. A. Hurlbut is a successful orange grower at Crescent City, Fla.

'76.

Wm. B. Jakways is a farmer and fruit grower of New Carlisle, Ind.

'77-'78.

The following is an extract from a letter from H. S. Hackstaff to Pres. Snyder in reply to circular letter sent him for his proper address: "I am now, and have been for 21 years, a traveling salesman. At the present writing I am representing the Crown Cork & Seal Co., of Baltimore, Md. Have been with this firm about four years, prior to that I was with the R. W. McCready Cork Co. of Chicago, in the capacity of salesman, and while I was not able to complete the course at the college, owing to the state of my finances, I have made a great success in a business way and I owe most of it to my early training while at your college.

"If I can be of any assistance to you in the work you are now undertaking you have only to command me. Wishing you the best of success and prosperity in the years to come and assuring you of my hearty support, I am, Very respectfully,—
H. S. H."

'81.

Ambrose E. Smith is a physician and surgeon at Olean, N. Y., making a specialty of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat.

'84.

Joseph Rodney Abbot is engaged in dairy and general agricultural work at San Gabriel, Cal. Special attention is given to orange culture.

'87.

George S. Crandall graduated from the medical department of the U. of M. in '90 and is a practicing physician at St. Louis, Mo. His address is 4287 Olive street.

'92.

Albert H. Gillett is at present a teacher in the U. S. Indian schools at Chamberlain, S. D., but states that he expects to return to his farm some day.

'95.

Henry F. Lake, Jr., is editor and publisher of the Gunnison News-Champion at Gunnison, Colo.

'02.

Dear sir.—Kindly change the address on my M. A. C. RECORD from So. Milwaukee, Wis., to Des Moines, Iowa, care of Des Moines Bridge Co. Have made a change in location, which I think will be for the better. Hope to see any of the old boys who may come this way. Am glad to note so much agitation in favor of the memorial building. This to my mind is one of the best steps taken at M. A. C. in a long time. Shall be pleased to help what I can in the cause.

HARRY L. BRUNGER.

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TUESDAY, MAR. 27, 1906.

THE ALUMNI and friends of the college as well as our present students learn with regret of the resignation of one who for fifteen years has held the position of Professor of English and modern languages at M. A. C. Dr. Edwards has always been a loyal friend of the institution and one who was able to inspire confidence in the hearts of all who came under his teachings. While his many friends at the college regret to lose his services, we can but congratulate him for his opportunity to serve as president of the R. I. college, and also congratulate that institution upon securing Dr. Edwards as its president.

THE RECORD this week is given up quite largely to information concerning the progress of the Memorial building proposition. This is done for the reason that many of our alumni and former students have been approached concerning this matter who do not fully understand concerning it and have written Dr. Waterman for more detailed information. An effort has been made to reach each one, whose address we have secured, with this issue, in which the plans and progress have been set forth. In consequence of the above matter many interesting notes concerning both our alumni and the old college itself have been crowded out, but these will be published later. The spring term is one of the happiest of the year and M. A. C. is at this season the scene of many interesting events. Would you not like to keep in touch with your college home?

THE MEMORIAL PROJECT EXPLAINED.

While almost daily additions are being made to the Memorial building fund, yet, in view of the fact that these are for the most part rather small and also that some of the class committees write that the "boys" do not reply, the committee is wondering whether the children of the M. A. C. are less loyal to her than are the alumni of other great institutions to their alma mater; or whether, even with all that has been said, the project is not well understood. Does some catholic spirited friend imagine that the proposed

Memorial building is after all only a home for the Young Men's Christian Association under another name? Do our Y. M. C. A. friends feel that they are being cajoled into contributing to an object entirely foreign to the interests of their order? Do our friends in general feel that the State Board of Agriculture is by any ruse seeking to erect buildings for the state out of funds contributed by them? Surely this cannot be and yet we have heard some whispers suggesting a mild affirmation to all these questions. Let us get clearly in mind just what is really intended in this project of a Memorial building, for it is a comprehensive one.

The University of Michigan is already and for the same reasons, attempting to accomplish similar results upon a vastly larger scale involving the erection of two buildings. To our liberal, democratic friends, we answer that our project in no sense contemplates the erection of a Y. M. C. A. building, with simply a different name over the door, for no organization, religious or otherwise will be given any exclusive privileges or any discriminating recognition. To our Y. M. C. A. friends, we answer that they in common with other similar associations will be welcome to share this common home.

To our wary friends who may suspect a scheme on the part of the governing board of the College, we may say first that, waving the very important question as to whether the board may or may not legally appropriate funds and erect such a building as has been proposed, if it could do so, yet, owing to the array of buildings that must be had in order to carry on the practical work of the institution, the erection of such a building as we have in mind would have to be postponed to such a point in the future as to make it of little interest to the present generation. Among the buildings now under consideration might be mentioned an engineering building, a new agricultural building, an administration building and auditorium, a library building and an addition to the botanical laboratory.

In the second place the building is to be, to a large extent at the service and for the personal use of those who are asked to contribute to it. Here, let us hope, in years to come will gather, from time to time, the loyal sons and daughters of M. A. C., and recount to one another the happy experiences of college days.

We would have all of our friends feel that in this proposed Memorial Building they will find a center of welcome and good cheer, while it commemorates the lives of those who have honored the institution with their labors.

The audience room in the building as it has been planned will be admirably adapted to the requirements of student organizations in general and will be especially appreciated at the time of athletic mass meetings, for the holding of which there is now no suitable place. A few guest rooms will be provided, not with a view to making this in any sense a rooming house, but in order that, when occasion requires, entertainments may be given to alumni and friends of the College.

One of the long-felt needs of this place has been a suitable restaurant or cafe where one might take a friend for a meal. This want will be provided for in the new building.

Indeed, it will minister to so many needs of students and patrons, will

be so much a center of social intercourse and good fellowship that after experiencing its many benefits, all will wonder why the attempt was not made years before.

THE ORGANIZATION FOR RAISING THE MONEY FOR THE MEMORIAL BUILDING.

At the request of the committee which was appointed by the State Board to have entire control of the proposed Memorial Building project which has been fully described by Secretary Brown in another article, President Snyder called a meeting of all the teachers, and at this meeting he was instructed to appoint a committee from the teaching force to co-operate with the committee from the State Board in the soliciting of subscriptions. The committee which he appointed consisted of Dr. G. A. Waterman, Prof. C. D. Smith, Prof. W. O. Hedrick, F. C. Kenney and F. R. Hurst. This committee after carefully going over the ground felt that the canvass of alumni best be carried out by classes, and so we selected from each class one of its members and requested that he select two other members to assist him in soliciting subscriptions from the class.

As evidence that this plan was quite acceptable to the alumni we had very little difficulty in securing men to undertake the work. In fact, in nearly every case the person whom we first selected accepted. In a few instances, however, the ones whom we selected felt that their business interests would not permit of their devoting to this work the amount of time that it was worthy of receiving and should have, and so requested that some other member of the class be secured. So satisfactorily has this work gone forward that of the 43 classes which have graduated committees have been organized in 39. It is not due, however, to a lack of interest on the part of the members of the other classes that committees have not been organized in them, but rather to the fact that the persons whom the committee selected were men, who, for one reason or another, had taken upon themselves extra work at this particular time, and while in every instance with two or three exceptions, they expressed themselves as thoroughly interested in the undertaking and stated that they would support it financially, yet felt that for the good of the project they ought not to accept the responsibility of becoming chairman of a committee to solicit funds.

The chairmen of the class committees are as follows:

- '61—Adams Bayley, Birmingham, Mich.
- '62—Francis Hodgman, Climax, Mich.
- '66—Chas. Watson, Milwaukee, Wis.
- '67—Will W. Tracy, Washington, D. C.
- '68—Alfred G. Gulley, Storrs, Conn.
- '69—James Satterlee, Lansing, Mich.
- '70—Charles W. Garfield, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- '71—Byron D. Halsted, New Brunswick, N. J.
- '72—Mathew S. Lowder, Dakota City, Iowa.
- '73—Benjamin T. Halstead, Petoskey, Mich.

- '74—Charles L. Bemis, Ionia, Mich.
- '75—Frank J. Annis, Fort Collins, Colo.
- '76—Ervin D. Brooks, Ann Arbor, Mich.
- '77—Lyman A. Lilly, Petoskey, Mich.
- '78—Emmon O. Ladd, Old Mission, Mich.
- '79—Mrs. Wm. McBain, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- '80—Willard L. Thomas, Traverse City, Mich.
- '82—Louis B. Hall, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- '85—Harris E. Thomas, Lansing, Mich.
- '86—Philip B. Woodworth, Lewis Institute, Chicago, Ill.
- '87—Irving B. Bates, Flint, Mich.
- '88—Louis A. Bregger, Bangor, Mich.
- '89—William Lightbody, Detroit, Mich.
- '90—Chas. E. Ferris, Knoxville, Tenn.
- '91—Kenyon L. Butterfield, Kingston, R. I.
- '92—George A. Hawley, Hart, Mich.
- '93—Luther H. Baker, Lansing, Mich.
- '94—John W. Rittinger, South Bend, Ind.
- '95—Gerrit Masselink, Big Rapids, Mich.
- '96—Louis D. Sees, Unionville, Mich.
- '97—Chas. F. Herrmann, Lansing, Mich.
- '98—Fred L. Woodworth, Caseville, Mich.
- '99—William D. Hurd, Orono, Me.
- '00—William T. Parks, Benton Harbor, Mich.
- '01—Ralph M. Lickley, 70 Whalley Ave., New Haven, Conn.
- '02—Bert Wermuth, 232, 24th St., Detroit, Mich.
- '03—James G. Moore, 919 Univ. Ave., Madison, Wis.
- '04—Charles G. Woodbury, Lansing, Mich.
- '05—Clem C. Ford, 2610 Winchester Ave., Chicago, Ill.

It goes without saying that these men who have taken upon themselves the amount of work that will be necessary in carrying forward the canvass are interested in this undertaking, and the following quotations from the letters that have been received will show the feelings of others:

"The idea is certainly a fine one, and since the alumni of M. A. C. have never done anything toward helping the College, I would expect them to be quick in helping in this work."—'99.

"For my part I am in favor of the proposed building, and will contribute according to my means. There is nothing too good for old M. A. C. Her prosperity always gives great satisfaction." Benj. T. Halstead, '73.

"Your letter of January 31st relative to the proposed Memorial Building at the College has been received. I need not assure you that the movement has my hearty sympathy, and will receive such financial encouragement as I may find myself able to give. I wish you all manner of success in the enterprise!"—'73.

"Your favor of recent date is at hand. I regret very much that it would be impracticable for me to undertake the work which you have requested, inasmuch as my time for the next few months is more than fully occupied. I shall be glad to

contribute to the fund, however, and trust that the amount necessary will be raised in a short time"—'83.

Another one of the early graduates closes his letter as follows: "I hope this effort to secure a Memorial Building will meet the hearty cooperation of all the alumni and former students of M. A. C. It will certainly add very much to the attractiveness of our dear old College home"—'69.

Another more recent alumni writes: "Your letter reached me a few days ago. I assure you I am entirely in sympathy with the idea of erecting a memorial building and am ready to give my assistance to the plan and organization."—'94.

Another writes: "Your favor of the 27th received and contents noted. I do not see how I can at present give any time to the project as outlined in your circular. I am, however, heartily in sympathy with the movement, and a little later when business engagements are not so pressing I will be very glad to assist in any way that I can to make it a success."—'83. Another '83 man writes: "I am very much interested in the proposed memorial building to be erected at the College. I am sure the movement is a wise one, and that it will receive cordial support."

Another one of the older alumni who has manifested in many ways his loyalty to his Alma Mater writes: "In reply to your recent favor of the 31st, requesting me to act as a committee from my class in the matter of soliciting subscriptions for the proposed Memorial Building, I am compelled to say that my business engagements are such that, in justice to them and also to the proposed undertaking, I cannot attempt the work. I will be glad to contribute in money, however, and I sincerely regret that I cannot contribute in time."—'74.

Another writes: "It is needless for me to say that I am heartily in sympathy with the project which your letter presents, and I shall be pleased to contribute what my limited means will allow."

"The conception and plan for a Memorial Building appeals to me as peculiarly happy and appropriate. Summed up, the lives of those teachers, the men of M. A. C. whose memory we hold in love and reverence are expressed in "Inspiration and Service." So will this Memorial Hall stand for and give inspiration and service. It will be a privilege to help the little I can in building this memorial."—Louis A. Bregger, '88.

Another writes in response to a letter with regard to the Memorial: "I am very much interested in the work of which you speak and will be very glad to be of any service in the furthering of the enterprise."—'79.

Another writes: "I will gladly assist in any way that I can to bring about a happy result in the Memorial undertaking."—'92.

My Dear Sir: It was with much pleasure that I learned of the proposed memorial building at M. A. C., and you may be assured that I will do all that I can to further the project. It is a project in which every loyal son and daughter of our *alma mater* has, or should have, a personal interest, since the building is to be not only an ornament to the campus we love, and of direct utility in the social uplift of the student body, but also a home for the wanderers of former years.

I hope I am not selfish in looking forward to future visits at the college, with the feeling that there is to be a place even for the "old boys." It seems but yesterday since I sat with a little group of thirty-two young men and women, on the north side of the armory, and received the diploma at the hands of Pres. Willits; since I attended my last "hop" in—don't mention it—in the old chapel (?) which during the day had been used for the commencement dinner. As I look over the list of the faculty at the present time,

lege of which Michigan has a just right to be proud. I am sure you will express the sentiments of '88 if you descend from your professional dignity long enough to lead the boys in a good rousing, "Uzz! Uzz! Uzz! M. A. C."

With best wishes, and personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,
WM. MUNSON, '88.

I recently visited Rockefeller Hall at Brown University, which is the home of the Brown Union. The

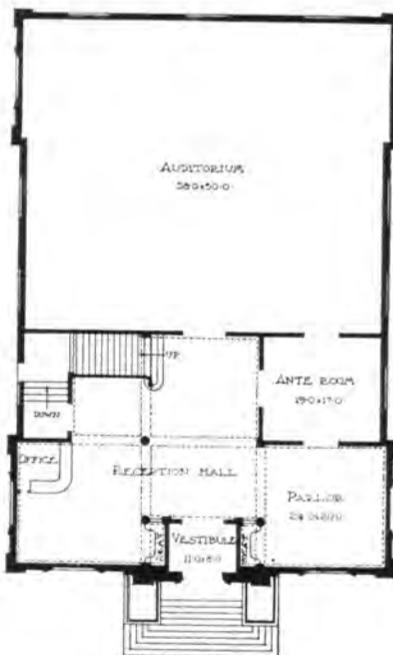


however, I see but two names of those whom I knew and loved as teachers. I suppose that Dr. Beal still mildly confides to the too knowing freshman that "the sophomore lied," about the plant he is so glibly describing. I suppose also that "Frank" Kedzie is still "on speaking terms" with his instructors, so that the men who attempt to slip out of the side door and "cut" the practicum come to grief, as in former years. I am sure, however, that student life cannot be so joyous, and

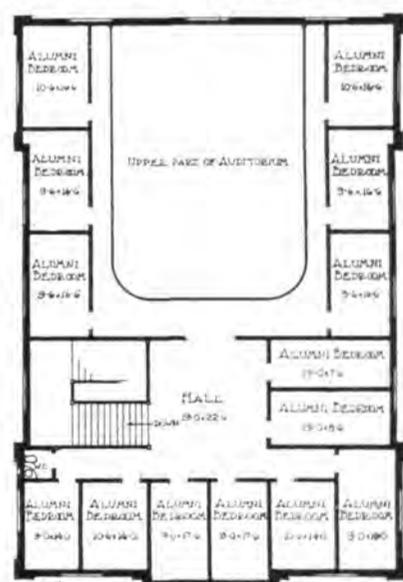
Brown Union is an organization of members of the university, including students, faculty and alumni, but the active members are confined to those at the college or in nearby residence. The hall is, in reality, a club house for the university. It is intended to be the social and religious center of the institution. The house rules are quite strict, and are essentially those of a typical city club. I believe the dues are \$4 a year, and only members are admitted to privileges of the hall.



BASEMENT PLAN



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

yet so earnest, as when I lived in "Phi Heaven,"—third floor, middle ward, of old Wells Hall.

With the old friends gone, and the old student home gone,—though Club B still remains—the earlier students of the college are indeed strangers in a strange land should they be so fortunate as to make a fleeting call on *alma mater*; and this memorial building will serve to unite more closely the ties of love and friendship, characteristic of those who have had the good fortune to spend even a short period at the col-

Rockefeller hall, which was built chiefly by gift from John D. Rockefeller though partly by subscriptions from alumni, and which is devoted entirely to the uses of the Brown Union, is a large, handsome building containing on the first floor a large smoking room, a trophy room and a reading room. There are few books in the latter, but a large list of periodicals. On the second floor are the headquarters of the Y. M. C. A., with offices, committee rooms, study rooms and small rooms for meetings. There is also a large

auditorium on this floor, with a stage, and this room is used by the dramatic club of the University. On the third floor are a card room, a study room for the day students, a practice room for the debating club, office room for the managers of the various athletic associations, and several committee rooms. In the basement are a billiard and pool room, the editorial offices of the student publications, toilet rooms, and a restaurant and dining room.

In talking with some of the members of the University who are deeply interested in the Union, the thought was expressed that, if plans were to be laid afresh, at least two important changes would be warmly advocated; one, that the Union should be absolutely free to every student in the College, and the other, that the religious element should be given a more prominent place, if possible having its headquarters on the first floor. There can be no doubt, however, about the value of the Brown Union to the University. President Faunce has aptly characterized it as "the hearthstone of the University." It is an effort to bring together at a common meeting place and for common interests all the elements of the University. It is here that all the athletic associations and student organizations, as well as the different fraternity men, may gather in the spirit of the University.

The Brown Union was planned somewhat, I understand, after a similar building at Dartmouth. The University of Pennsylvania has, for some time, had a building of this kind. The Harvard Union is a notable illustration of a single social and religious center. It may be said in passing that Brown University enrolls only a slightly larger number of men than does M. A. C., and the same argument that persuaded the authorities to construct Brown Union are available in this important campaign among the alumni of

M. A. C. for funds for a Memorial Building.

I hope that the alumni of M. A. C. will appreciate the need for the building and also this opportunity for showing their loyalty to M. A. C. I think this is the first time that M. A. C. alumni have been asked to contribute any important amount of money to the College. Is it not time, on the eve of the celebration of the golden anniversary of "the mother of agricultural colleges," that her sons should be able to pre-

sent her a token of their undying love and loyalty?

KENYON L. BUTTERFIELD, '91,
Kingston, R. I.

My Dear Dr. Waterman: You ask for my opinion in regard to the building of a memorial hall on the college grounds. I am heartily in sympathy with this movement. The building is not only needed but the idea of having the alumni of the college contribute in proportion to their means towards this building, is very much to be commended. It will add greatly to their interest in their alma mater. Many of us are busy men and do not think we can afford much time to devote to the welfare of this great institution. I believe the accomplishment of your purpose will aid much in strengthening the loyalty of the alumni for their beloved alma mater.

Yours very truly,
COLON C. LILLIE.

We give these quotations because we believe that it is due to all who are interested in the welfare of our Alma Mater, and this includes every alumnus and old student who has come under its influence, to know something of the feelings of some of the members of our family with regard to this matter.

Unless there have been some very recent deaths, there are at present 1013 living alumni. We have the present addresses of all of these with the exception of about 125, and it is only a matter of a little time before we can secure the majority of the remaining addresses. We also hope to be able to secure the addresses of at least 1,000, besides the special short course students, of those who have been in attendance at the College, but who for one reason or another, were not able to complete the course. From this it is a very easy matter for us to determine what each must do in order that this undertaking shall succeed. A number of the alumni have already made liberal subscriptions, but the success of this enterprise to our mind will not depend upon the larger subscriptions of a few, but rather upon smaller subscriptions from all, and in this connection I wish to suggest that when we receive from the Chairman of our class the request that we assist in this undertaking, that we give a prompt reply, remembering that the work that he has taken upon himself is at best somewhat extensive, and a little neglect on the part of the members of the class will only add to his labors.

It may be of interest to the alumni to know how the student body feels in regard to this matter, and in this connection I may say that they are deeply interested. Committees have been organized and the various classes are being solicited for subscriptions. The senior class, so far as soliciting is concerned, have taken the initiative and will secure \$300. This we feel is very liberal, and those of us who paid our own way through college will appreciate what it means for a class to raise this amount during the last term of their college course, and I may say that there are still a great many of our students who are paying their own way through college.

As was said by Senator A. B. Cook, '93, in a talk before the students at a mass meeting a short time ago, the success of undertakings of this kind is simply a matter of every one putting their shoulders to the wheel and pushing as best they

are able. May we not hope that in this undertaking the alumni will be united and all work to the same end, a Memorial to those who did so much in shaping the institution of which we are sons and daughters, and to which we owe much for the success that has come to us in life as a result of the initial momentum given us by our alma mater.

G. A. WATERMAN.

THE FORMER SPECIAL STUDENTS AND THE MEMORIAL BUILDING.

Among the students of the special courses, class feeling could not be expected to run high because the boys are with each other for six or eight weeks only. In one case where the same set of young men



LIBRARY.

came together for two successive winters, the class has organized in this matter of building a Memorial Building and will present the gifts of its members in one. With the other men it was quite impossible to organize on the basis of the annual class. Letters have been written them, enclosing the article by Secretary Brown showing the uses of the building. They have not been urged to contribute, yet the responses are exceedingly gratifying. In each case the regret is that the donor is not richer, that he might contribute a larger sum.

One young man in mailing his subscription of \$25 remarks that it is but a small per cent of the debt

which they can return at any time after leaving college to find a room awaiting them if they must stay all night and to find at least some of the environments of a home.

Certainly the interest taken by these men who have never stayed at college longer than eight weeks, is exceedingly encouraging. They could not be expected to enter as enthusiastically into the erection of the Memorial building as do the Alumni. To whom much is given, of him much may be expected and certainly a man who has enjoyed the bounty of a state and nation for four years will be glad of the opportunity, not to requite the bounty of the government but to manifest their love for their alma mater by a generous donation to this building.

Another \$25 subscription from another special course student. This time the gift is an expression of a duty to the old college because of great obligation for the benefits conferred by it.

Still another \$25 subscription from a special student in St. Clair county. So they keep coming showing the loyalty of the special course men to the institution which has contributed to their financial success, as well as to their broader manhood.

IT IS COMING.

The class of '70 has pledged \$600 and as we go to print word is re-



STUDENT'S ROOM.

he owes the college. All of the men express keenest interest in the project. They appreciate that it means a lot to a youngster coming in from the farm to a great big institution to have a building which is a home to him and where he can meet at least one man ready to extend the glad hand. They realize too that it means much to the special course men to have a building to which they can go between classes or in the evening to spend hours which would otherwise be spent in homesickness. They appreciate the greater interest that they themselves will take in the college if they can feel that there is one building to

received from the chairman of '91 that the first five men of the class which he approached subscribed an aggregate of \$375.

Does it Pay to Spray?—B. D., Kas.—Spray what? If fruit trees, yes. If potatoes, yes, if hen houses yes. It pays to spray any plant that is attacked by insect or fungus enemies. It pays to spray flowers and garden stuff for same reason. It pays to use sprayer to white-wash barns, hog houses, hen houses. Spray pump is useful the whole year.

GOOD ROADS FOR FARMERS.

There is a temptation in writing on this question nearly always to urge the greater comforts of living where the roads are good, the satisfaction of pride and of public spirit, and the claims of good taste and love of order and beauty; and to urge that these also contribute to the material prosperity of the country in keeping and attracting people to the country and in stimulating greater national development. But I do not care in this paper to appeal to county, state, or national pride but rather to the practicability of constructing hard, smooth permanent roads. I wish to appeal to the more sordid, solid, immediate returns of money values and rest the matter there.

As a rule, Michigan farmers are a peculiarly conservative class, which fact has been somewhat ridiculously explained by our western friends by saying that Michigan's population moved over the border from Canada during the night. However that may be, it is a fact that a majority of our farmers or their fathers have hewn out their homes from the forest. Their homes have been built through means of frugality and economy; which process has made them a very conservative people. Hence in presenting any innovation in public improvement, the first thing he will ask you, is, "will it pay?" By this he usually means, will it bring in immediate monetary returns. He cares not whether it raises the standard of country life; improves its educational advantages; makes the country more beautiful; or makes country life more enjoyable so long as it brings in an immediate and direct money returns, and unless you can show him that it will, you have not presented your strongest argument to him.

The problem of constructing hard, permanent roads is not a hard one to present in a practical way. Examples and lessons of experience are everywhere so abundant that he who runs may read. When a number of wealthy men in any part of our country take a tract of land to develop, they first expend thousands of dollars for roads because it pays to do so.

But how will it pay? If you can show the farmer that good roads will raise the price of every bushel of grain that he raises from 2 to 5 cents, or will raise the price of every ton of hay from \$1 to \$1.50 per ton do you suppose it would be very long before he would insist on stone roads? Let us take a concrete example. Suppose a farm of 100 acres should produce 250 bushels of wheat, 1200 bushels of oats, 300 bushels of barley, 600 bushels of corn, 1200 bushels of potatoes, and 40 tons of hay, which figures are given as minimum amounts. Under the Michigan farmer's system of agriculture all of the produce mentioned would be hauled to town and some of it back again, and with our present system of roads it would mean 91 trips to town, while with stone roads it would mean not more than 50 trips. At a distance of 4 miles this would mean a saving of at least \$80 per year. Now, as a business proposition it would pay every farmer in Michigan to pay \$8 per acre for a couple of years for the construction of permanent roads, and, at this rate, two years of such payment would make every road in

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ABOUT THE CAMPUS.

Miss Ella McManus '08 is spend-
ing her vacation working in the
President's office.

Enroll on election day Monday,
April 2, and vote at the June 12
primary election.

W. D. Frazer '09 is spending the
vacation with M. B. Ashley '08 at
his home in Davison.

Even if you do receive a "yellow
envelope" do not be frightened,—It
may be just your standings.

Miss Bach of the botanical de-
partment, accompanies her aunt on
a trip to Washington during Easter
vacation.

The address of Mr. Gokay should
have read Samar, P. I., instead of
the amusing way in which it ap-
peared last week.

Director Brewer has rented the
Woodbury house formerly occupied
by Prof. Dandeno and will move
into the same April 1.

Miss Louise Mans and Miss
Lauretta Hendricks will spend the
next three months at the State Nor-
mal when they will be granted the
B. Pd. degree.

The annual meeting of the State
Academy of Science and School
Masters Club meets in Ann Arbor
March 29, 30 and 31. Several M.
A. C. people will attend.

The new engines and generators
have been set up, and when the
lighting system has been installed
we shall have one of the finest and
best equipped engine houses to be
found in the state.

B. P. Mendoza, of Santo Do-
mingo, who entered college some
time ago, has decided to go to Big
Rapids for a few terms where he
will spend the greater part of his
time on English.

The class orators for commence-
ment have been chosen. They
are,—C. A. Wilson from the agri-
cultural course, John R. Lambert
from the mechanical course, and
Alida Alexander will represent the
women's course.

Our debating team accompanied
by Dr. Edwards, went to Ann Ar-
bor Friday, where in the evening
they listened to the Michigan—Wis-
consin debate on the Railroad Rate
question. Michigan for the affirma-
tive won the decision.

T. H. McHatton has secured some
interesting results from his experi-
ments in crossing strawberries in
the green house. These are being
grown in pots and the fruit is be-
ginning to ripen. The work will
be continued in the field in the
spring.

Mr. A. R. Kohler, of the Iowa
agricultural college, who has been
elected to the position of assistant in
horticulture in place of Mr. Craig,
resigned, will begin his duties the
beginning of next term. Mr. K.
will have charge of a laboratory sec-
tion in vegetable gardening and also
teach a class in kitchen garden work
for women students.

Music lovers of Lansing and the
college will have an opportunity on
April 3 to hear Miss Nina Fletcher,
violinist, in a recital at the First

Baptist church. The young lady is
considered by critics to be one of
the most brilliant and promising
young violinists in Boston. Tickets
will be on sale at the bookstore.

The members of the Ero Alphan
society were pleasantly entertained
at the home of Miss Irma Himmel-
berger, in Lansing, Friday evening,
March 16. A five course dinner
was served which was suggestive of
St. Patrick's day, as also were the
decorations. Miss Avery chaper-
oned, and in her usual way helped
to make the evening an enjoyable
one.

The horticultural department has
received applications for men as fol-
lows: 1. To take full charge of
the vegetable and flower gardens of
the Michigan State School at Cold-
water. 2. To be assistant superin-
tendent of the Davidson fruit farms in
West Virginia. Address C. M. Da-
vidson, Huntington, West Virginia.
3. To act as assistant in the shipping
department of Nathan Smith and Son
Wholesale Florists, Adrian, Mich.,
and another man who is capable of
taking charge of a section.

The prayer meeting of the Y.
M. C. A. Thursday evening was
led by Mr. Fisk, whose term as
president expires at the end of this
term. Mr. Bates and Rider also
spoke.

The new committees for the com-
ing year have been elected, so that
the association is well organized for
the spring work.

Resolutions, condemning the re-
cent action of the Agricultural soci-
ety in allowing the sale of intoxicat-

ing liquors or Sunday opening at
the State fair were also adopted.

Nathan D. Corbin, a former in-
structor at M. A. C., died Monday,
March 19, of heart disease, after an
illness of about three months. Mr.
Corbin was assistant professor of
History and Economics at the Col-
lege in '90-'92, and had many
friends among M. A. C. people.
He was for some time connected
with newspaper work, having
served on both the News and Tri-
bune (Detroit). He leaves two
orphaned children aged 13 and 11
years respectively, his wife having
been dead about 7 years. Mr. Cor-
bin was a graduate of the university
law school and practiced for some
time in Ann Arbor.

Prof. Pettit's bulletin on "Insects
of the Garden" is now being distri-
buted. This bulletin is the second
of the series dealing with the insects
affecting garden and truck crops in
Michigan. In case there is a de-
mand for them other bulletins of a
like nature will be published. A
series of this kind should prove use-
ful for reference. This one, No.
233, is a bulletin of 70 pages and is
conveniently arranged, the various
garden crops being in alphabetical
order with the insects affecting them,
and the remedy under the same head.

The bulletin contains 65 illustra-
tions, many of which comprise two
or more figures showing the insects
in their various stages of growth.
Altogether the bulletin furnishes a
valuable work for both the general
farmer and the truck gardener and
will be greatly appreciated.

GOOD ROADS FOR FARMERS.

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Michigan a macadamized road, and the increase in the valuation of farm lands would more than pay for the construction of the roads. This has been demonstrated to be true wherever good roads have been constructed. In Union and Essex counties of New Jersey there are now nearly 40 miles of telford and macadamized road, built at a cost of \$350,000, or about \$10,000 per mile. The property in Union county alone has actually appreciated in value far more than the cost of the roads, and this not only in cases of sale or exchange, but upon the tax levy.

Did you ever take a trip into the country and notice the condition of the farms as you drive along? How, as you leave the city limits the first farms that you pass show a high state of prosperity, and as you get farther into the country the farms have humbler dwellings and show less signs of prosperity. The reason for the farmers who live near the city having better farms than those more remote is, not because they are better farmers, but because they are receiving a better price for their farm products. They are making a profit of 2 to 3 cents more on every bushel of grain than the farmer who is situated 5 or 6 miles from market, and who has dirt roads to travel over.

Good roads is the panacea for the farmer's ills. As soon as the farmers realize that stone roads are cheaper than mud roads, they netted

Where seed is thus treated, it is surprising to note the improvement in the crop. Not as much seed is required to the acre, as all will grow, and thriftily too. The growth will be larger, thicker on the ground and more uniform. In my neighborhood a mill of this kind has been owned by several farmers for a number of years and used with much benefit. In this way the expense was small and the results satisfactory.

We find that getting seed of the same variety of grain grown on a different kind of soil makes an improvement in the growth and yield. Obtaining new varieties from a distance is usually of much advantage. Several years since we sent to Wisconsin for a desirable kind of oats and later for barley and found it a profitable investment. More attention should be paid to getting the best varieties of these seeds to commence with and then with proper care and cultivation keep the standard of excellence well up in quality and yield.

Now is the time to attend to this business and be ready for the seeding when the time comes.—E. R. Towle, Franklin Co., Vt.

The right time to do chores is when they ought to be done. When you go to the barn and find the horses stamping for their dinner and cows bawling because they are hungry, you may make up your mind that you are off your hours. The cattle know as well as you do; and every hour they are left to chafe that way takes so much out of you. Can you stand it? I can't.



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Satisfactory crops will depend, in no small measure, on having the best of the varieties designed for use. After promising varieties have been obtained, the greatest care should be taken to keep the seed pure, clean and true to name. I wish to speak now of wheat, oats and barley. If good seed of these grains is secured and then proper care is not observed to keep it up in character and value, they will soon begin to deteriorate in quality and yield. To prevent this, save for seed the best crop as it is threshed and then use a good make of fanning mill, to further prepare seed for use. These mills drive out all light, chaffy grains that would be an injury to the crop if sown, leaving the plumpest and best, of uniform size and weight. The mill will take out foul seed, leaving the grain, wheat, oats and barley pure, clean and all alike.

Did you forget to cover the potatoes with a piece of old carpet or bran sacks when you put them in the cellar? Do it now, unless you want several bushels of them to be spoiled by turning green. If any are that way now, sort them out and save for seed.

What do you think of a man that clears \$1,200.00 from two acres and a half of land, besides making a living? That is what a man down in Pennsylvania does. You may be sure that there is no land on that little farm that runs to waste. Think of \$40.00 from an onion patch twenty by thirty feet! Here is a pattern for you and me.

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