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## COMMENCEMENT.

Exercises during commencement week will be as follows: Sunday, June 17, 3:30 p. m., Baccalaureate sermon by the Rev. Robert McLaughlin of the Park Congregational church, Grand Rapids.

Monday, June 18, society reunions.

Tuesday, June 19, class day. 8:00 p. m., president's reception.

Wednesday, June 20, commencement day. 10:00 a. m., address by Hon. Geo. H. Maxwell, editor of Maxwell's Talisman.

There will be a graduating class of nearly seventy this spring. C. A. Willson of Clifford, Mich., will represent, as orator, the class graduating from the agricultural course; G. R. Lambert of Niles, the engineering course, and Miss Alida Alexander the Women's course.

## Y. M. C. A.

At the Thursday evening prayer meeting the condition of the foreign mission fields was discussed. Mr. D. H. Ellis led and was assisted by several of the students who have been in mission classes during the past year. This meeting was intended especially to arouse enthusiasm for the mission classes next year.

The Rev. Bard of Lansing, conducted chapel exercises Sunday morning.

Dr. Edwards gave a farewell address to the M. A. C. students and friends Sunday evening. The chapel was far too small to accommodate the crowd and many were seated in the hall and upon the stairs. The speaker dwelt upon some of the problems of life that have strongly impressed him during his sixteen years at the M. A. C. Considering the attendance and interest shown it can easily be said that this meeting was the best of the year.

## BIRD ARRIVALS.

Since the last report the bird arrivals on the campus have been as follows:

May 13, Cape May warbler and alder flycatcher; May 14, hummingbird; May 15, wood pewee; May 17, night hawk; May 19, yellow-billed cuckoo. Baltimore orioles were first seen building nests on May 11, and the first young robins able to fly were seen on the 19th.

The spring migration is now practically complete. Possibly a few species, for example the hooded and black-poll warblers, may not have come yet and the indigo-bird has not been noted, but these may easily have been overlooked. Many of the smaller birds which nest far north may linger here for a week or ten days longer, but practically all our summer residents are here now and either housekeeping or about to begin.

May 29.

W. B. B.

# M. A. C. WINS

## THE TRACK AND FIELD, RELAY AND WRESTLING

### TRACK:

## TOTAL NO. OF POINTS, 49

OLIVET 2d, WITH	-	-	-	33½
HILLSDALE 3d, WITH	-	-	-	26½
KALAMAZOO 4th, WITH	-	-	-	17
ALBION 5th, WITH	-	-	-	9
ALMA 6th, WITH	-	-	-	0

M. A. C. secured more than one-third the total number of points. Thomas of Olivet, won the two mile run in 10-33 breaking the M. J. A. A. record eight seconds. Waite for M. A. C. was a close second. Much interest centered in the base ball games, and large crowds gathered each day to witness them. In the semi-final game on Friday afternoon. M. A. C. won from Olivet in a shut out game 3 to 0. Both teams played good ball, Nies striking out eight men.

On Saturday afternoon M. A. C. played Albion for the cup and lost 2 to 0. Both the visitors' runs were made on errors by Nies who was playing third for the first time, letting two balls go by when men were running to third. Akers pitched a star game as did Latham and it was readily seen that it would simply be a toss-up as to who would

win for the teams were very evenly matched.

Friday evening the wrestling, tumbling and apparatus work was held on the athletic field, and here again M. A. C. won her share of honors. Out of the six wrestling matches, she secured four,—Orvis, feather, Bleech, light, Spencer, welter, and L. V. Belknap, special. We also were given second in parallel bars and in tumbling. M. A. C. had no representative in club swinging.

A great deal of interest was centered in the relay, as M. A. C. lost two good men last year, and other colleges hoped to make good. Only three colleges were entered, Hillsdale, Olivet, and M. A. C. The home team won easily in 3-40. The team was composed of Pearsall, Bignell, Hough and Allen.

## FARMERS' CLUB.

The Tuesday evening meeting of the club was called to order at the regular hour. The subject "The Outlook for the Agricultural College" was presented by Pres. J. L. Snyder. The usual large audience that has characterized this term's meetings was present. The president took occasion to speak of the good work the club organization was doing for the agricultural students. He felt that more interest was gradually being shown by the students taking the agricultural course in the work the institution was endeavoring to accomplish. He then spoke at length upon the early history of the land grant colleges as they are frequently termed. These colleges were not founded first by national endowment, but by the enactment of state laws authorizing the establishment of such institutions. M. A. C. was first founded in 1849, but no active measures taken until 1857, the formal opening of the college. The institution was first established as an agricultural college where practical agriculture might be taught, thus giving it the title of being the oldest agricultural college in America.

The early plans of the College were to give instruction in practical agriculture alone, but by legislation a certain area of land was set aside as an endowment, thus later adding new courses to the institution. The experiment station was later provided for by the government, and installed to carry on important experiments for the benefit of agricultural science. The state also appropriated to the support of the station, thus affording means to carry on the work.

The outlook for the Agricultural College is indeed bright. The increased number of students yearly indicate that the institution is doing grand work for the agricultural interests of the state. It is sending back to the farm men trained in that particular line of work, who cannot help making a great success in that vocation. It shall be the aim of the institution in the future not to open its doors to all educational seekers, but to those who desire training along certain lines. It shall not be the aim simply to teach a few well defined branches, but to give the student a broad education that he may get more out of life by knowing more of what it contains. The president's talk was very interesting and highly enjoyed by all.

## ALUMNI.

C. A. Jewell, Jr., will leave the faculty of the Central High school (Grand Rapids). He has received an offer from the New Trior Township High school at Kenilworth, just north of Chicago, and will accept. Mr. Jewell has been a member of the High school faculty five years. He is now teaching physics and physiography, and at Kenilworth will teach mathematics and physiography. He came here from Armada, Mich., where he was superintendent.

Mr. Jewell has been paid \$1,000 per year here during the past two years. He will receive an advance of at least 45 per cent when he takes up his new duties. Moreover, the minimum high school salary in the New Trior school is \$1,200, which is the maximum here, and the maximum there is \$1,800. The New Trior school is smaller than the Central High school, but is located in a wealthy suburb of Chicago.

Mr. Jewell, who leaves the High school faculty, is recognized by his associates as a successful teacher, and is popular with the students. —Grand Rapids Press, June 1.

'75.

Charles W. Sheldon has recently moved from Fremont, Neb., to Seymour, Webster county, Mo., at which place he has purchased a farm of 440 acres, 80 of which are planted to fruit—apples, pears, and peaches. Mr. S. says, "Tell the boys if they want to eat fruit come to Ozarks." Several letters were sent out before Mr. Sheldon could be located, but he states that he was not aware that he was lost and will be pleased to hear from "the boys" at any time.

'77

Prof. Kedzie attended a conference of Health Officers held in Grand Rapids the past week. Here he met Dr. Charles Bloodgood, an old classmate, also Dr. John W. Toan class of '90.

On the program of the conference aside from Dr. F. W. Shumway, '74-'75, secretary of the State Board of Health, who was in charge, papers were presented by Dr. W. H. Rand, '73-'75, health officer of Charlotte. Dr. E. M. Houghton of Detroit, also gave an address on Antitoxins. Dr. Houghton is a bacteriologist in charge of the antitoxine department of Park, Davis & Co. His assistant is L. T. Clark, '04.

Prof. Kedzie gave an address at this conference on "Disinfectants, their relative value and uses."

'79

George Bloodgood, '75-'79 is at present a farmer living near Antigo, Wis.

'86.

Sherman G. Walton, with the above class, a postal clerk with the Lake Shore road, was in the wreck on that road near Sandusky, Ohio, where he received a scalp wound.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 1906.

ANOTHER eight-page Record will be issued next week in which will be published a full account of Field Day events, together with a number of cuts of point winners for M. A. C. This will be mailed to the same list of names to which the recent double number was sent and we shall be glad to have such notes concerning each department as it is possible to secure. It shall be our endeavor to get this issue out promptly on time, but there is, of course, much more than twice the amount of space to be filled, and something will depend upon the time at which this matter is secured. This issue (June 12) will be the last before commencement.

ATHLETICS.

M. A. C. was defeated in base ball on the home grounds Wednesday of last week by Armour Institute, Chicago, by the score of 9 to 4. The field was in poor condition for ball and both teams made errors. The fielding of the visitors was especially good and by their fast work kept down the score for M. A. C.

Trinkhaus pitched a good game striking out twelve men. Nelson pitched for the home team and did creditable work also, Akers going in at the beginning of the 7th to warm up. Nies and Akers were saved for field day games. This is the first athletic contest Armour has won from M. A. C., the latter having beaten them in two track meets and a foot ball game.

The score:

M. A. C.	R	H	P	A	E
Armstrong, s	0	0	1	2	0
Boyle, c	1	2	6	1	2
Canfield, 2	0	0	2	1	0
Thatcher, m	1	2	1	2	1
Bird, l	2	1	1	0	1
Akers, 3	0	1	2	5	1
Kratz, l	0	0	11	0	0
Dickson, r	0	1	0	0	0
Nelson, p	0	1	0	0	0
Nies, 3	0	0	0	0	0
	4	8	24	11	5

ARMOUR.

Fey, m	1	3	3	0	0
Harrington, s	1	0	0	2	2
Trinkhaus, p	2	1	0	0	1
Howard, l	1	2	1	0	0
McAuley, r	0	1	6	0	0
Urson, r	1	3	1	0	0

Carr, 2	1	1	2	1	6
Strube, 3	2	0	1	2	2
Smith, c	0	0	13	4	0
	9	11	27	9	5

The game on Saturday, May 26, settled the question as to which of the college teams should play on field day.

For this reason much interest was centered on the game and a good crowd was present to see M. A. C. win her last cup game of the season.

Nies, in the box, did excellent work, striking out eight men during the game to his opponent's two. The remainder of the team also put up a good game and showed something of their old time form at the bat. Ellis and Thatcher in the outfield secured everything which came their way. Nies was hit on the head twice by pitched balls, but Rowe managed to miss him the next time he came up.

The score follows:

HILLSDALE	R	H	P	A	E
Myers m	0	1	0	2	0
Walrath 2	0	1	0	2	0
Hogan s	0	0	2	1	1
Shepherd l	0	1	1	1	0
Rowe p	0	0	0	5	0
Bisland 3	0	1	5	1	3
Alger c	0	1	3	5	0
Knapp r	1	1	0	0	0
Reynolds l	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	6	23	15	4

  

M. A. C.	R	H	P	A	E
Armstrong s	2	1	1	2	1
Boyle c	0	1	8	1	0
Canfield 2	2	2	5	2	0
Thatcher m	1	3	2	0	0
Ellis l	0	0	3	0	0
Akers 3	0	0	0	2	1
Nies p	1	1	0	3	0
Kratz l	1	1	8	0	0
Dickson r	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	8	9	27	10	2

Bases on balls Nies 1, Rowe 1. Wild pitches, Rowe 1. Two base hits, Canfield, Boyle. Struck out by Nies 8, by Rowe 2. Double plays Hillsdale.

SHAKESPEARE'S FOOLS AND CLOWNS.

Shakespeare takes the material he finds, and with his genius charms it into life. In his dramas a whole new world, and yet the same, lives and loves and laughs and dies before our eyes. And while the character of Fool may seem, in a way, of small importance, yet it as well as the greater figures, shows the wonderful transforming power of the poet.

As Shakespeare found him, the Fool was a disreputable fellow, a lineal descendant from the Vice of the Morality and the professional jester. He was introduced for the amusement of the groundlings, and might interrupt the course of the play with his extempore jesting whenever he chose. That Shakespeare disapproved of this interpolated wit he shows when he makes Hamlet say: "And let those that play your clowns speak no more than is set down for them." This boorish clown then was the Fool as Shakespeare found him.

Little by little he has transformed him, through the gamut of his fools and clowns, from Costard in Love's Labour's Lost, into such a Fool as that in King Lear. At first the poet uses this institution of fool as a sort of 'Chronic Comedy,' but as his power increases, the Fool becomes intricately interwoven with the plot, just as the comic and tragic,

pathos and bathos are mingled in life. In King Lear this is especially true, and one critic even says that our estimate of the drama depends upon the view we take of the Fool.

Costard, the rhyming Fool is the first of all the clowns. And he is not such a fool after all, he has a quantity of rough common sense which serves him well.

"We will turn it off finely sir," he tells the king, and that is his delight. It is the outward form of wit, the play of words, not the underlying humor, which attracts Costard. He is like a rough early sketch for Touchstone. The two Dromios are clownish servants, good in 'receiving hard knocks and returning witty answers.' But in the Two Gentlemen of Verona, Launce with his dog is one of Shakespeare's truly comic characters, and in him the delightful folly of the comedy is brought to a climax. The clown Speed, whose failing lies along the line of topical jokes which rarely keep well, is in sharp contrast with Taunce who is an out-line sketch of Tauncelot Gobbo, in the Merchant of Venice.

Tauncelot is a parody of the underlying idea of the play, and thus he is a part of the drama, not an external amusing feature. And in himself he pays for his part, so laughable and amusing is he. Always pegging away to crack a joke, or to grasp one, in his supreme self-conceit he never sees or dreams of the failure of any of his attempts. And one likes him for his very complacency. Tauncelot shows "how much of mirth may be caused by feebleness in a great attempt at a small matter."

Touchstone comes next, the daintiest and most lovable Fool of all. He is linked to his greater brother, the Fool in King Lear, by his love for his mistress. "He'll go along o'er the wide world with me," says Celia, confidently, and he does, though grumbling a little as he goes. He is a satirist, and all his sayings are tinged with the melancholy knowledge of human nature. Beneath the cynicism and irony of his profession is concealed a true manliness, nor is it so deeply submerged that it does not appear now and then upon the surface. As a philosopher, in his unconscious parody of Jaques, and in his child-like love for Celia, he is one of the most important characters in the comedy.

If Touchstone then is the fool as Philosopher, Teste is the fool as Poet. If the latter is inferior in sarcasm and philosophy, he excels in music. He never gives us bits of worldly wisdom garbed in motley, but he does betray a vein of pathos in his nature by the plaintive songs he chooses to sing. "Well, God give them wisdom that have it, and those that are fools, let them use their talents," he tells Maria, and it is his doctrine of belief. His only grudge is against the man who cannot appreciate fun. He is in short a rollicking, fun-loving jester, 'a natural born Fool.'

The fool in Lear is the most tragic, most pitiful, the greatest of all fools.

"Since my young lady's going into France, sir, the Fool hath much pined away," is the first we hear of him. It is the prynote of his character. "No more of that," replies Lear, "I have noted it well." The king loves him for this though he will not have it mentioned. There is a subtle connection between the

Fool and his young mistress throughout from this introduction to that moment when Lear holding in a last embrace the lifeless body of his daughter utters his last despairing cry "and my poor fool is hanged."

It is the Fool who by his mingled bitterness and folly attempts to rouse the king's better self, and to force him by taunts into restoring the balance to these unnatural conditions. He realizes the incipient madness of Lear and tries with all his solitary strength to ward it off. He goes out into the storm with his master, and struggling against his physical weakness, crushed in spirit, still endeavors to fulfil his office—that of jester. Here he arouses in Lear the pathetic tenderness which is the only outlet for the warm generous heart of the king who loved as deeply as he hated. Hovering on the verge of madness, the sight of the Fool enduring the terror of the night holds him back a little. "Poor Fool and knave—I've one part in my heart that's sorry for thee yet." Like flashes of lightning in the stormy night are his sallies, his "labouring to outjest Lear's heart-struck injuries." So when his labouring all is in vain and Lear has crossed the vague boundry between sanity and madness the Fool departs a tragic jest upon his lips.

"And I'll go to bed at noon!" Shakespeare leaves it for us to complete the picture—how the fool heart-broken and exhausted, crept away to die alone.

Higher than this Shakespeare himself could not go, but of the humorous figures in all the later plays, Autolycus, in the Winter's Tale, plays the most fitly. By a slight stretch of the imagination one can easily picture him as a professional jester at some time in his checkered career—for his career must have been checkered. He is by his own word a "snapper up of unconsidered trifles", but as Professor Dowden says; "In the world which contains a Leontes and can lose a Mamillius so light-hearted a wanderer must be pardoned even if he be light-fingered." Touchstone may be more philosophic, Lear's fool may be more tragic, but they are not more true to human nature than Autolycus, "prince of knaves and fools."

And so he ends the list. The earlier clowns were but suggestions of the later ones and with the increase of the poet's grasp on life, as he acquired fortitude of will with all the characteristics which attend, the Fools become more essential, the humor is subtly changed into pathos, till we hear the tragic laugh of despair in Lear. Then in Autolycus one finds the calm which comes only after storm, after a man has known sin and despair and Fate. Thus must end this procession of clowns and fools, with the serenity which comes only when life draws near its close, with the peace which passeth understanding. [Essay delivered before the Thematic Society at their Freshman contest.]

'97

Z. Veldhuis, D. V. S., '93-'94, expects to again enter the U. S. service as meat inspector at Detroit.

'98

Invitations are out for the wedding of Mr. W. J. Merkel of the above class to Miss Fannie Davis Brown, Monday, June 4, 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Merkel will be at home after Sept. 1 at 917 22nd Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.



**THE WANDERING SINGER AND HIS SONGS.**

Many of the Alumni and friends of M. A. C. are aware that on various occasions Mr. F. Hodgman, class of '63, has furnished poems for the alumni gatherings at the college. In 1898 these with others of his works were published in a volume entitled "The Wandering Singer and his Songs."

The book is intended mainly as a souvenir of M. A. C. and hence no pains nor expense has been spared in getting the best available materials and workmanship to make a beautiful volume. Mr. H. still has considerable number on hand which are being sold at practically what it cost to get them printed. They would certainly make very suitable birthday or holiday presents.

These would be a pleasant reminder of the days you spent in college, and would be real live poems, as they are written by one who has watched the development of the old college since its organization. The price is \$1.00, and if ordered by mail six cents should be added for postage. Send in your order to Frank Hodgman, Climax, Mich., at once and receive this neat book by return mail.

In the freshmen oratorical contest of the Feronian Society on Tuesday night Miss Agnes Bennett won first place. Her subject was, "Florence Nightingale." Miss Mildred Ferguson won second, while Miss Boise and Miss Harrison tied for third.

Remember the Union meeting of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. next Sunday evening. This is the last meeting of the year and it is very much desired that a goodly number be present. The meeting will be in charge of certain members of the senior class and will be an interesting one. Will you not come and help to make this last meeting one of the most successful of the whole year?

An interesting letter has been received from Mark L. Ireland, Lieut. Artillery Corps, U. S. A., who has recently passed an examination for a four-year detail in the ordnance department, Mr. Ireland being one of seven line officers in the army at large who passed. Mr. Ireland looks upon the artillery corps as offering valued positions for the engineering graduates of the day and is of the opinion that M. A. C. men should interest themselves in the matter of getting into the army with the view of taking up this particular line of work, and would be pleased to talk with any of our men who might be interested at commencement time when he will visit the College.

Among former M. A. C. people to visit M. A. C. during the field day events were Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Parish of Allen, Mich. Mr. Parish '95, who was formerly a draughtsman at Baltimore, Md., is now engaged in farming, and also deals in lumber and coal at the above place.

A. T. Swift '99 and wife of Grand Rapids. Mr. S. is engaged in life insurance work at the above place.

Louis Appleyard, '00. The class of '02 was represented by Ward Shedd of Tekonsha, E. I. Dail of Holt and H. K. Patriarche of Detroit.

The class of '03 by S. F. Gates, a farmer living near Ionia, and "Doc" Dey.

Those from the class of '04 were H. F. Tuttle, Detroit, Park, Davis & Co.; L. F. Bird, who is farming near Millington, and Henry Ross of Milford, Mich., also a farmer.

Bruce McAlpine '05 was also here for a short time.

Among the non-graduates who were here were, Misses Florence Liken, Margaret Christy and Bernice Black, Mr. W. Toan, now of Olivet, and H. B. McDermid, who is working in a machine shop in Battle Creek.

'04.

The following extract from a letter to President Snyder written by George Morbeck will be of interest to his many friends:

"I have enjoyed my sojourn here greatly, and have kept myself in the best of health and spirits traveling the mountain trails in this part of our country. I have just returned from my Granite Hill ranch on the St. Joe river. While at home I did all my spring farm work and my crops are all in the ground, but the greatest crop (white pine, great tall fellows) has been in the ground for a quarter of a century and is almost ready to harvest. I have four acres inclosed within which my garden is situated, and in this there are 200,000 feet of the most beautiful white pine in the country.

"I wish for you a continuance of the success and prosperity you now enjoy at M. A. C., and for the old college the steady growth and improvement which it is now having."

A small list of choice ornamental trees and shrubs that are believed to be iron-clad and safe to plant almost anywhere on the southern peninsula. A large number have been omitted because they are not always hardy or for some other reasons.

**BROAD-LEAVED TREES.**

Norway maple, red maple, Wier's cut-leaved maple, sugar maple, cut-leaved weeping birch, canoe birch, yellow wood, flowering dogwood, beech, white ash, tulip tree, cucumber tree, white oak, scarlet oak, shingle oak, red oak, weeping willow, laurel-leaved willow, basswood, American elan.

**EVERGREEN TREES.**

Red cedar, B. S. P. white spruce, Norway spruce, oriental spruce, Colorado blue spruce, cembrian pine, red or Norway pine, white pine, Douglas' spruce, arbor vitae, white cedar, hemlock.

**BROAD-LEAFED SHRUBS.**

Dwarf buckeye, imperial cut-leaved alder, Virginia creeper, nepolensis spreng, thunbergi D. C., purple-leaved barberry, caragana prutescens D. C., fringe tree, smoke tree, double flowered scarlet thorn, Japan quince, witch hazel, large flowered hydrangea, honeysuckle large red-flowered honeysuckle.

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