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FRONT ELEVATION

ECLECTIC SOCIETY'S BUILDING.

We present herewith cut showing front elevation of the Eclectic Society building now in process of erection. The site for this building was purchased two years ago, contains one and one-quarter acres of land and is situated almost due north of the north entrance to the college grounds. The building is to be 40x60 feet with a porch 12 feet wide extending along the front and the east end. The exterior

will be rock-faced Canton paving block. The foundation will be concrete to the surface line and above that field stone and paving brick.

The first floor plan includes the library, reception hall, parlor, three study rooms with an alcove and bath. On the second floor is located five chambers and two study rooms with alcoves to each. The large auditorium is on the third floor. The basement will be given up to

dining room, kitchen, boiler rooms, game room and servants' rooms.

The library, parlor, reception hall, vestibule, stairways and halls are to be finished in oak; the floor of the auditorium to be maple, while the remainder is to be of Georgia pine.

The building will certainly make a fine home for the "Tics," and one to which former members of this society will be especially welcomed.

M. A. C. 38—KAZOO 0.

The above score tells the story of M. A. C.'s decisive victory on Saturday in the first cup game of the season. The day was ideal, and the crowd numbered about 1,000, an unusually large number coming from Lansing. About 300 complimentary tickets were issued to L. H. S. students. Every seat was taken by the time the game started.

The contest, as a whole, was very satisfactory from our standpoint, the defense being very strong. Kalamazoo was unable to make first down in the game and very few gains of any length. The offensive was perhaps the best seen on our field for a long time. The principal ground gainers were McKenna, Bowditch and Small in end runs, and were all given excellent interference. Right end, the unfortunate place on the team, was looked after in excellent shape in the first half by Waite, and Allen in the second, whose sprinting spoiled a touchdown for the visitors, when Buchanan secured the ball on a fumble and started down a clear field. The work of Dersnah and Moore on defensive was also spectacular. The punting of Bowditch was a feature, his punts averaging from 40 to 45 yards, getting one of 65, and Small, Waite and Allen ran down these punts in good shape so that nearly the whole distance was gained at each punt. The forward

pass was tried but twice, and was successful each time, the first for 55 yards and a touchdown. The work of all the substitutes was excellent, and shows that the team is well fixed for cases of emergency.

Following is the line-up:

M. A. C.		KALAMAZOO
Moore	C	Williams
Campbell		
Shedd	L G	Wilder
Parker		
Meeker	R G	Parks
Burroughs	L T	Walker
Dersnah	R T	Windslow
Shedd		
Bartlett	L E	Puffer
Waite		
Allen	R E	Holten
Small		
Gasser	Q	Phelps
Bowditch	L H B	Buchanan
McKenna	R H B	Arndts
Dunlap		
Doty	F B	Post

Twenty-five minute halves were played. Referee, Gifford; umpire, Smith. Attendance, 1,000.

A copy of *The Educator-Journal*, published at Indianapolis, has come to hand. It is, as its title suggests, devoted to educational topics, and contains an extended and interesting article on Agriculture in Public Schools by W. C. Latta, professor of Agriculture at Purdue University, and a graduate of M. A. C. in 1877.

DE PAUW.

The game on next Saturday will without doubt, be our big game of the season and preparations are being made to handle the large crowd which is sure to be here. Requests for seats began coming in yesterday and the chances are that every one will be taken in advance. De Pauw won from Franklin, one of the best secondary colleges in Indiana, Saturday, 83 to 6, so we are looking forward to Saturday's game with much interest. They played M. A. C. five years ago, winning handily. One or two mass meetings will be held this week to create enthusiasm for the coming contest. Watch for posters. Tickets will go on sale with reserved seat privileges and box tickets are on sale at the Secretary's office.

Y. M. C. A.

Prof. Thomas Shaw spoke at the Thursday evening meeting, and some 115 men came to listen to him. The amount of good derived from this meeting cannot be estimated, as Prof. Shaw is a very interesting and inspiring speaker. The attendance at the union meeting of Sunday evening was as good as usual. M. E. Osborne of Lansing gave a very helpful and practical talk. The Bible class began last Sunday with an enrollment of 110. By another month we hope to make it 150.

ALUMNI.

'83.

The following is an extract from a letter written our postmaster by his brother, H. W. Collingwood, '83:

"I regret to say that I am running up against it myself this fall, having been nominated for congress on the prohibition ticket in our district. Instead of falling over themselves to grasp the opportunity of voting for me I find, what would be called on the Bowery 'quite a serious frost.' I am not likely to spend the winter in Washington.

'93.

D. S. Cole is at present first assistant to Mr. Charles L. Weil in his Detroit office, with address at 616 Union Trust Bldg. Frank Brainard, '03, and John Wieland are also assisting in said office.

'02.

A. E. Kocher says: "I arrived in Greenville, (Ala.) on Oct. 2, and shall be here until about April 1, or until I complete a map of the soils of Butler county. I send best wishes for the continued success and prosperity of the College, and every one who is or ever was connected therewith.

'06.

As we go to press news comes to us of the death of H. H. Crosby, '06, on Oct. 15, of typhoid fever. He died at his home in Three Oaks, but further than this nothing has been learned. Mr. Crosby was a noble young man, and one of whom M. A. C. was justly proud. A more extended notice will be given next week.

An interesting letter from a member of our 1906 class,—"Well, the new college year has begun, each class taking up its new work, from the subfreshmen to the seniors, really to the new alumni.

"It gives one a queer unexpressible feeling to know that one's college life is over, but in everyone's case the college life has even a greater interest than before.

"There are two from M. A. C. here in Thompsonville teaching in the public school. Miss Ella McManus '08 and myself are the two. She has charge of the fourth and fifth grades and I am assisting in the high school, teaching from the seventh to the eleventh grades applying my knowledge gained at M. A. C.

"Miss McManus and I watch the RECORD eagerly for all the news each week. The athletic department has made its beginning as usual by winning the first football game.

"We two school ma'ams are going to attend the Semi-Centennial this year if possible.

Sincerely,
ZAE NORTHROP,
Thompsonville, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Wright of Webberville, visited College and Lansing friends the past week.

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TUESDAY, OCT. 16, 1906.

THE first number on our entertainment course will be given next Thursday evening. If you have not already purchased your season ticket do so at once and plan to attend all the entertainments. It will be well worth your time and money and should really be made a part of your college training. The Bureau has the following to say concerning the first entertainment:

"Schildkret's Hungarian Orchestra was brought over from Hungary during the World's Fair year, and was especially engaged for concert work in Chicago at that time through Mrs. Potter Palmer, Chairman of the Ladies' Committee at the World's Fair, and played at many of the most important concerts and social affairs during that memorable year. They were also especially engaged for a season at Old Vienna and received the first grand gold medal for their work. Since that time they have played all through the east, returning to Chicago in time to play for Prince Henry on his tour through this country two years ago."

Y. W. C. A.

The Thursday evening meeting was conducted by Miss Zoe McConnell.

It was a meeting of unusual interest, and some very pointed questions were brought out by the leader, which went to the heart of every girl.

The subject was, "How shall we do when in Rome?" (Away from home Christians). II Cor. 5:9, with Tim. II:1-7.

A short business meeting followed.

COLUMBIAN PARTY.

Evergreens and autumn leaves interspersed with glowing pumpkin lanterns, gave an appropriate season setting for the Columbian eleven o'clock party last Friday night. Inviting cozy corners around a cheerful campfire added to the picturesque of the scene and a most enjoyable evening was spent by members and their friends. Good music in such pleasant surroundings gave an added charm to the dancing and all present voted it a well spent evening. Professor and Mrs. Rider kindly acted as chaperons.

FARMERS' CLUB.

Prof. Thomas Shaw addressed the Farmers' Club last Tuesday evening on "Agricultural Journalism." He spoke briefly of the importance of farm papers, placing their influence beyond that of the agricultural colleges, the state round-ups, or the farmer institutes.

Speaking more at length of the weaknesses of the agricultural papers, Prof. Shaw placed the lack of men of practical experience as the heads of the departments, first; then their power to select strong assistants, second; and third that the paper be well written. Prof. Shaw spoke strongly against the fact that nearly all of the papers always lack space, and so good, but lengthy articles are sadly mangled in an attempt to make them meaty.

As a check or partial remedy for the printing of "rehashed" articles and bulletins which are seldom as good as the original, a critic journal of agriculture was suggested.

HORT. CLUB.

Last Wednesday evening, Oct. 10, Prof. Barrows gave the Hort. Club a unique and interesting lecture on "Michigan Birds in their Relation to Horticulture." The lecture was illustrated and all enjoyed it very much. After the lecture Niagara and Concord grapes were served. On Oct. 17, Prof. L. R. Taft will lecture on "Michigan Nurseries and Nursery Inspection." All are cordially invited.

DEBATING CLUB.

The meeting of the Debating Club on Oct. 11th was attended by a good sized crowd, and proved to be a most interesting and enthusiastic one. The question for debate, "Resolved, That further annexation of territory is not to the best interests of the people of the United States," is a question most prominent at the present day, and was ably handled on both sides, by Mr. Gunson on the affirmative and Prof. Hedrick on the negative. In fact, both sides of the question were so thoroughly discussed and their favorable points so well brought out, that it was with difficulty that the judges were able to come to the decision in favor of the negative.

On account of the date of the first number on the lecture course falling Thursday, there will be no meeting of the club on the 18th, but on the following Thursday, the 25th, the question for debate will be one that should interest us all, especially at this time, "The merits of the new football rules."

TRY AND TRUST CIRCLE.

Eleven years ago the 12th of this month, upon the suggestion and under the direction of Mrs. Weil, the Try and Trust Circle of the Order of The King's Daughters was organized with five charter members. The circle now numbers twenty five, and during all these years Mrs. Weil has been a faithful, efficient member and a constant inspiration to all the others.

On Saturday afternoon, Oct. 6, the ladies gathered at Mrs. Collingwood's taking with them their baskets bountifully laden with good things to eat. The short program

and the resolutions printed below were both tributes of love and bon voyage to Mrs. Weil.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Charles L. Weil was the organizer of the King's Daughters circle at the Michigan Agricultural College, and has given eleven years of faithful and efficient service to its cause, and

WHEREAS, She is about to leave this community, be it

Resolved, That the "Try and Trust" Circle of the King's Daughters manifest its appreciation of her untiring efforts, and express its regrets at losing so loyal a member, and be it further

Resolved, That it extend to her its sincere gratitude, with the prayer that in her new home an ever widening influence may be granted her.

In His Name,
 HARRIET T. COLLINGWOOD,
 CLARA M. SNYDER,
 GERTRUDE BABCOCK.

PERRY G. TOWAR, '85.

Perry G. Towar, of the class of '85, died at Garden City, Kans., on the 8th inst. of typhoid fever. Mr. Towar has been associated with the beet sugar industry in Michigan for the past five or six years. He was recently sent to Kansas to investigate the conditions for the development of the industry in that state, where he was taken ill. Immediately upon the report of his illness his wife went to him, and it seemed that he was getting along very well. A sudden change for the worse took place, however, and resulted in his death. Very few of our alumni were better known among the great body of men and women who have gone out from M. A. C. than was Mr. Towar. He was brought up on a farm one mile north of the College, and has lived in this community almost continuously since graduation. He has always been present at alumni meetings and other gatherings of interest at the College, was a man of sterling qualities of character, always frank and earnest, and his untimely death will be sadly regretted by a great body of friends. A wife and three small children are left to mourn their loss. He was a brother of Mr. J. D. Towar and Mrs. Jennie Whitmore, both of Oakwood. The funeral was held from his father's residence on Friday afternoon, and was largely attended by both his old neighbors and college friends, and he was laid to rest in Mt. Hope cemetery.

SENIOR ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

The first meeting of the Senior Engineering Society will be held in the physics lecture room at 6:45 Wednesday evening. The meeting will be given over to the discussion of plans for the ensuing year and it is therefore important that all senior engineers be present.

The 10,000 strawberry plants set out last spring and used for breeding experiments are in excellent condition, and Mr. Craig is now scoring them for vigor and freedom from disease. A record has been made of the runners thrown out by each plant, and the field will no doubt be an interesting one next spring. It is hoped that a meeting of the State Horticultural Society may be held here at that time.

RARE OWL.

Last week Professor Barrows secured for the Zoological Department a living barn owl, *Strix prat-incola*, which was captured near Williamston in this county after being slightly wounded by a shot. The owl is apparently in good condition and will be kept alive for a time until photographs can be made, after which it will be prepared for the museum.

This is one of the rarest of owls in Michigan, which appears to be its northern limit. About twenty individuals have been recorded from different parts of the state and this is only the third recorded for Ingham county. The name "barn owl" is something of a misnomer, since the bird nests in hollow trees and caves as well as in towers, steeples, attics and deserted buildings. It is often called the "monkey-faced owl", owing to its peculiar physiognomy, some idea of which is given by the accompanying cut.



Like most of our owls it prefers rats and mice to all other food, and is one of the farmer's best friends. Under the present law the killing of any species of owl except the Great Horned owl (the largest kind) is punishable by a fine of from ten to one hundred dollars or a jail sentence not exceeding ninety days.

MAX BEUTNER.

Students here in '98 will learn with regret of the death of Max Beutner, who was during that year the popular athletic director. The following is taken from the *Chicago Daily Tribune* of Oct. 10:

"Max Beutner, 3338 Armour avenue, 40 years old, superintendent of small parks, dropped dead yesterday afternoon while untethering his horse in La Salle street, near Washington. Heart disease is believed to have caused his death.

"Mr. Beutner had been in charge of the play-grounds and bathing beaches of the city five years. He was idolized by the children, and they showed their regard for him several months ago by giving a series of "surprise parties" in his honor at the various play-grounds. At the parties the children served refreshments bought with money they had saved.

"He had had several fainting spells recently, but he told Secretary O'Neill of the special park commission shortly before his death that he was feeling better."

The work of painting the interior of the armory is nearing completion and certainly makes the room very much brighter and more attractive.

The coming meeting of the State Teachers' Association at Battle Creek, October 25-27, promises to be by far the most largely attended and most valuable in the history of the Association. The railroads give half-fare rates.

A course in the Literature of Horticulture is being offered for the first time at M. A. C. Prof. F. finds that the library is unusually well supplied with the early books on American horticulture, especially those previous to 1850. We still lack, however, a number of the early books on pomology.

The Horticultural department is in a position to sympathize with the fruit growers and gardeners of the state, who have lost hundreds of thousands of dollars by the recent freeze. It lost between two and three hundred dollars worth of fruit and potatoes. The potatoes were frozen in the ground and the fruit hanging on the trees. Kieffer pears were frozen to the core.

'95.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Charles P. Close, of the above class, and Miss Margaret Blandy, on Oct. 11 at Newark, Del. Mr. Close is in charge of horticulture at Delaware.

'04.

A. R. Carter is again at Rockford, Ill., where he is building concrete steel smoke-stacks. He has an 80-foot stack completed, and two others under construction, each of which will be 125 feet. His address is 202 Kishwaukee street.

The Petoskey Independent of Oct. 5 publishes an announcement of the marriage of George W. White, '04, to Miss V. Arvilla McDowell, a special student at M. A. C. in '03-'04, on Wednesday, Oct. 3, at Petoskey. Mr. and Mrs. White called on College friends on Oct. 10 en route to Detroit, where Mr. W. has a position as draughtsman with the American Bridge Co., and where they will be at home to their friends after Oct. 24.

'05.

J. S. Strange's letter in last week's RECORD brings to mind what one family has done in the way of students for M. A. C. Four brothers attended M. A. C., one of these brothers sent two daughters, another brother sent his three children (all these graduating), making nine students from one family. Who can show a better record?

[This is proving an interesting series, and we trust others will take part. Who is next?—Ed.]

'07.

The following interesting letter is from "Shorty Towner," who in 1905 played left field on our base ball team:

"I am working as machinist for the Penn.-Wyo. Copper Co. of this place (Encampment, Wyo.) I like the work very much, and the climate is certainly fine here. We are at an elevation of 7,200 feet, and on the Continental Divide. We are 45 miles from the U. P. R. R. by stage. If one likes rough riding it is a fine trip, but I prefer riding on the train. We expect to have a road in here by next summer which will be a great help to this community. Best wishes for a very prosperous year at M. A. C."

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, MICH., Oct. 1, 1906.

Mr. Peter Jones, Red Sky, Mich.

Dear Pete: I can't give you much light on the rules of a foot ball game as I never saw but one and that was a long time ago.

As I remember it, it was a cross between a Polish wedding and an Irish election and the spectators assisted in the game by shouting "Good feller" and Indian "ki-yis" in rhyme.

Several of the players had barrel stave attachments on their limbs and the head packed in something that made them look like a homely jack-lantern. After they are dressed properly, they come together in a circle, growl at each other and then commence knocking the horns off each other and making dents in each other's floating ribs with their eye teeth.

I think the early Christians would have had a much harder time of it had Nero known about this football business.

To be a good football player one must be able to smoke a pipe with the stem about the size of a clothes-pin and a draft in her like a depot stove, and one must be able to balance a piece of cloth about the size of a seed wart, called a cap, on one corner of the head; a nice knarly head is handier for these caps, as a round and flabby head makes a football player worry. A pair of trousers that hang in the rear like a leather hinged gate is absolutely essential, to become a football player.

My cousin who resides near you could, perhaps, give you more accurate information regarding the game than I can, as he has been for some years at it, taking up a law course as a side issue. He can now tell where he lives, from the city directory, and can figure some, which I think is doing pretty well considering the time his football takes up.

He is a model player and is just the right size for the bottom layer of a football team; as a good sized calf's skin, by splicing the tail, will about make him a sweater. Besides being a good football player and being able to read he is quite a graceful waltzer considering his size and the small and frail building he has to get around in.

Every time I see him grab a poor little girl and attempt to waltz I think how unhandy it is for a one armed man to prime a wooden pump with a jug of water.

I have no idea I am sure how they identify the eyes, ears and other pieces of flesh and hide left upon the field of battle, but I guess the management have all such stuff gathered up and put in the refrigerator, and in the morning, after a player regains consciousness and finds he is shy anything, all he has to do is to look over the stock in the refrigerator and if it isn't in condition to be used again, then they sometimes send them home to their folks for book-marks.

If I learn anything more about foot ball I would rather 'phone it if it is just as handy for you.

Yours truly, G. M.

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