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## THE SOPHOMORE NUMERALS AGAIN.

The fact that committees have been appointed by the junior and senior classes to confer with the sophomores in regard to class numerals should not be taken as a threat to precipitate a class scrap, or be looked upon in any manner except as those classes meant it should be.

Considering the very high standards our athletics at M. A. C. are obtaining it is not unusual that we should want to adopt forms and customs laid down by the athletic departments in all the leading colleges and universities of the country. One of these customs which has become almost a-part of athletics is that of awarding college symbols to varsity men, and another that of giving numerals to athletes on class teams, including of course the varsity.

It is this idea in regard to numerals that the two upper classes here have tried to carry out and had hoped to have perpetuated in the classes following them. But by one class permitting all its members to wear numerals it not only does away with the distinction of class athletes at the college and to the outside relations but tends to cast suspicion on the methods employed in monogram distribution. Outsiders see only the numerals, minor distinctions not being known to them.

We do not consider this as an affair between classes, but as an idea that should be handled by the students in general so that our athletes may hold the distinction off the field that they do on it.

SENIOR COM.

## Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. has been particularly favored during the past few weeks with outside speakers. Last Sunday evening we listened, with much pleasure and benefit, to the address on "Christian Heroism" by Rev. J. L. Cross, of Conn., and the Sunday evening before 200 men listened with much profit to the last of a series of practical talks to college men given by Frank B. Slack, of N. Y. We also appreciate the opportunity afforded us by the Y. W. C. A. to listen to Miss Elgie, a returned missionary from China; she surely did impress upon us the fact that we have a responsibility across the waters as well as on this side.

Next Sunday night Attorney Wood, of Lansing, will address the students, and on the following Sunday, March 8th, Mr. H. R. Patten-gill will speak; it is hoped that the chapel will be full as a welcome to these men.

Next Thursday evening at 6:20 Mr. J. R. Dice will lead the meeting in the Association Room. Let us see more men out to our Thursday evening meetings and help us make it the most profitable half hour spent during the week.

## FRANCIS MABEL HIBBS.

Sunday afternoon a telegram was received at the college announcing the death of Miss Mabel Hibbs, '11, at her home in Chicago, Saturday, Feb. 22. Miss Hibbs was taken ill at the college on January 15 and was in the college hospital for a few days, but was soon able to be back in her room. She did not regain her usual health, however, and on February first left for her home in Chicago. A letter received from her soon after told of her safe arrival, and her friends, who hoped for her speedy recovery, were surprised and shocked to hear of her death.

Miss Hibbs entered the freshman class last fall from the Englewood, Chicago, high school. She was a member of the Feronian Society and the Y. W. C. A., in which she took an active part. A strong and brilliant character with perfect modesty and self reliance, she made many friends who express their sorrow for her untimely death.

The funeral was held today. Miss Pennington, for the freshman class, and Miss Jane Daunt, a cousin, attended.

## ENGINEERING NOTES.

Last week Prof. A. R. Sawyer addressed the Engineering Society on "Recent Developments in Electrical Engineering." Progress in this line, he says, may be likened to a football game in which the steady advances due to engineers and inventors as a whole correspond to team-work; while the work of Marconi and others represents individual play, and their discoveries count as touch-downs.

Among the subjects taken up by Prof. Sawyer was telephony, yet in its infancy so far as the application of science is concerned. He showed that in case of the automatic telephone its adoption does not depend so much on its mechanical advantages as upon the opposition met by old established companies.

Wireless telegraphy and telephony were also taken up. The question of power transmission by direct and alternating currents was discussed. An interesting fact concerning power transmission is its adoption for moving traffic on the steep grades of the mountains in the west, the electricity being generated from the mountain streams.

Tonight Mr. H. T. Thomas, chief engineer of the Reo Motor Car Company, a former graduate of M. A. C. will lecture on "Testing and Materials of Construction."

This lecture alone ought to be worth the organization of the society. The program committee is to be commended on its efforts to secure outside engineers. One thing the engineering student needs is a proper sense of his relation to practical problems. This is something he cannot get from text-books, and it is a feeling that outside engineers can help to cultivate.

## THE "J" HOP GIRL FROM HOME.

The carriage door slammed shut. The driver shouted to his horses and with a jerk the runners began to bump along over the creaking snow.

It was gloomy in the hack, but the man in the corner knew just how far away the Girl from Home was sitting; he was almost certain in fact, that he knew the very expression on her face at the present moment.

People who had passed them as they strolled about the campus that afternoon had turned with a smile to gaze after them, it was so very evident that he was showing *his* M. A. C. to the Girl From Home; but they had wandered blissfully, unconsciously on, first to the drill grounds, where with remorse he spoke of the fact that he was compelled to drill the first three years while here, then to the tree where she stood up beside him while he showed her how on the day of his first class rush he had locked arms with a multitude other freshmen he had never heard of or seen before and had almost been torn limb from limb as he swayed back and forth with them and was wrenched by the onslaught of that dark wedge of humanity that chanted the sophomore yell. Then he had shown her the place where the "infernal machine" had failed to work at a previous "J" hop.

They had given the museum a wide berth, but had stopped in College Hall in a vacant recitation room to rest, while he astonished her by the amount of picturesque history and story he drew from the rudely carved names and numerals that adorned the broad arms on the seats; they had bent their heads together to read the various printed notices on the bulletin board, and in the dusk of the winter evening they had stopped under the snow-covered branches that arch the diagonal walk and had turned back to listen silently to the old college bell.

He had taken her to the hop that evening and the gray-haired patronesses had smiled after them, it was so evident that he was showing the Girl From Home his M. A. C. It had been a brilliant affair; quite more dazzling than he had ever taken her to before. He had a proud sort of gratification in piloting her through its mazes. It had been a sort of climax, and now as he leaned back in the shadows and thought over the events of the day he felt a little satisfying thrill of pleasure in imagining what must be her thoughts as she sat there at his side.

"Why so silent?" he asked at last, bending toward her.

"I was only thinking," she said quietly.

He smiled in the darkness and asked gently, "Will you tell me of what?"

She turned her face up to his. "Of you, she said."

Contributed.

## ALUMNI.

'04

M. W. Faber, who has been connected with the Olds Motor Works since last September, will return to Rockford, Ill., about March 1, to accept a position as civil engineer for the Iowa, Illinois & Minnesota railroad. Mrs. Faber will not go to Rockford until later, after her mother, Mrs. Ella Shank, returns from the south.

'06

M. J. Dorsey, formerly of the horticultural department of the Maine Agricultural College, is now at Ithaca, N. Y. His address is 516 Stewart Ave.

'76

R. A. Clark, whose resignation as manager of the Phoenix Mutual Life was announced last week, to take effect February 1, has been in the company's service here for 15 years as manager for Pennsylvania and West Virginia. In that time he increased the premium income of the company as many times as he had served it years. Mr. Clark, before he entered the life insurance business, practiced law in Michigan for several years until—as he puts it—his conscience began to trouble him and he decided to engage in a business where he could get people out of trouble instead of into it, so he took up the life insurance, in which he has been eminently successful. He has been an enthusiastic member of the Pittsburg Life Underwriters Association, is an ex-president of that association, and took great interest in the National Association meetings, having missed attending only three of the annual meetings in the past 15 years.

Mr. Clark retires from life insurance to engage in the manufacture of track bolts used in fastening the rails together on railroad tracks. He is the owner of a patent for fastening the nuts on the bolts to prevent them shaking off, thus preventing spreading of the rails, which occurs quite frequently, causing disastrous wrecks. He has been engaged in a small way for some time in the manufacture of these bolts, but the business having grown to large proportions, requires his entire time and necessitated his retiring from life insurance work. An incident which shows the bull-dog grit and tenacity of Mr. Clark, that has made his work a success in the past and will no doubt in the future, occurred a year ago. He called upon a contracting engineer to engage his services in constructing a machine to make the patent attachment to his bolts. The engineer said to him: "The field of human endeavor is already overcrowded, and there is no room for your bolts and I will not make your machine." Mr. Clark replied: "Inside of two years I will make you ride over my bolts whenever you take a train out of Pittsburg," and he has already accomplished that fact.—*Insurance World.*

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THE ATHLETIC FIELD--WHERE M. A. C. WILL PLAY THE HARDEST BASE BALL SCHEDULE IN HER HISTORY, NEXT SPRING.

WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

Alma is much interested in discussing a question which has been flying around the inter-collegiate for the last two or three weeks. Is M. A. C. out of the M. I. A. A? The morning after the recent meeting of the board of directors at Lansing an announcement appeared in the state papers that M. A. C. was out of the Inter-collegiate Association.

While the haste with which the announcement appeared might have seemed suspicious it was accepted for the moment as authoritative. But the report did not emanate from the Agricultural College. In fact M. A. C. not only has taken no steps to withdraw from the Inter-collegiate, but there were no measures taken at the meeting of the board toward ousting her. It further appears that M. A. C. was not notified of the meeting of the board and that Alma's representatives were notified that the meeting would be held at a different time than on which it was held, thus causing Alma's representatives to miss the meeting altogether. Alma and the remaining members of the Inter-collegiate would like to know the truth of the matter. If M. A. C. chooses to withdraw that is her own business, but since she has not withdrawn or been ousted justice and the best interests of the Inter-collegiate demand that the facts of the case be made public. *The Weekly Almanian.*

The presence of Professor P. G. Holden, sometimes spoken of as the "Corn Wizard" of Illinois and Iowa, at the Round-up Institute on Thursday cannot fail to fill every seat in the spacious College Armory. He will be remembered as a graduate and instructor in the early 90's at M. A. C. Even then he took great interest in the subject of farm crops and their production, and on going to Illinois he raised a great interest in the subject of corn culture. He demonstrated that by giving better attention to the selection of seed and the preparation and cultivation of the ground it was possible to double the corn crop. His work for the last three or four years in Iowa has been of incalculable value to the farmers of that state and the enthusiasm for better corn crops has spread to all parts of the Central West. Professor Holden is properly considered the "Father of the New Corn Culture."

OLYMPIC PARTY.

The Olympic society held its second party of this term Friday evening. The decorations in the parlors were a collection of athletic and student caricatures and banners and the library was decorated with pictures of the society's athletes. The music was furnished by the college orchestra and was exceptionally fine. About twenty-five couples enjoyed the party. A new feature was carried out in the dance programs, which were previously made out and were handed to the young women at the close of the grand march, leaving the gentlemen to find out upon whose program their names were written for that particular dance.

DEBATING CLUB.

At the Debating Club last Thursday evening, Messrs. Campbell and McMillan and Crane and Cavanaugh debated the wisdom of electing U. S. Senators by popular vote, as opposed to the present manner. The first two advocated the change, while the latter stood by the present constitution, and the judges decided in their favor. When the debate was over with, Mr. Gunson gave the criticism, and included much very good friendly advice, and pointed out the good to be derived from earnest, hard debating work. The program for this week is to be another good debate, and everyone will be welcome. Thursday evening from 7 to 8 p. m. Room 7 College Hall.

The next preliminary debates will be held Friday, March 13th, in the Y. M. C. A. Rooms and Room 7 College Hall. There will be no meeting of the Club on March 12th.

With '94

Chas. R. Haigh, with the above class, and wife are playing at the Bijou theater this week in a comedy sketch. He will visit the college while here and expects to find many changes in the nine years since he has been here.

With '05

Miss Harriet Moore, with the above class, spent last week with the Misses Grace and Lillian Taft.

'07

L. O. Gordon is now with the Murphy Iron Works at Detroit.

COLLEGE SPIRIT.

College spirit does not consist entirely of attendance at games with a megaphone ready to root for the home team. It is not confined to this ostentatious exhibition of enthusiasm. In fact, this forms a very small part of the true college or university spirit. The real spirit and the spirit that counts is that which shows the willingness to work for the institution which is represented by the worker and a spirit which is willing to sacrifice self-interest at times for the sake of Alma Mater. It is comparatively easy to attend a function where one will be amused and have an opportunity to give vent to surplus energy. The struggle comes when sacrifice is demanded, when a crowd is not present to applaud and encourage. No one can say that he is the professor of genuine spirit unless he is willing to sacrifice his own pleasure and inclinations at times for the benefit of the school he is attending. \* \* \* *Ohio State Lantern.*

Y. W. C. A.

From reports we see that the Y. W. C. A. meetings are better attended this year than ever before. This is very encouraging, and we hope that the interest shown will continue.

Last Thursday evening Miss Edna McNaughton gave a very interesting talk on "Prayers of Jesus."

We were very fortunate in having with us Friday evening Miss Elgie, who has spent the past six years as a missionary in China.

She gave us a very interesting talk on her work there, and told some very thrilling stories at her reception when she first arrived and of her experiences during the six years there. She is greatly interested in her work.

Saturday evening in honor of the day the girls dressed in colonial styles. George and Martha Washington were well represented. The evening was, quickly spent in colonial games. All present enjoyed themselves greatly.

'07

Philip Goldsmith has recently been appointed assistant chemist in the fertilizer division of the Mass. Experiment Station.

A PSALM OF FARM LIFE.

Tell me not in broken measures  
Modern farming doesn't pay,  
For a farm produces chickens,  
And the hens—do they lay.  
Eggs are high and going higher,  
And the price is soaring fast  
Every time we get to market  
It is higher than the last.  
Not a coop but it produces  
Every day an egg or two,  
So each farmer gains his millions  
Even though his hens are few.  
Every egg is very precious,  
And the hens are held in awe,  
When a hen begins to cackle  
Then the farmer goes "Haw, haw."  
In the broad and busy farmyard  
Struts a rooster now and then,  
But the shrewd bewhiskered farmer  
Only notices the hen.  
Trust no rooster, how'er showy,  
Be the feathers in his tail,  
Pay attention to the biddies,  
And your wealth will never fail.  
Lives of farmers all remind us  
We may roll in wealth some day,  
If we hustle to the market  
With the eggs our pullets lay.  
—Chicago Chronicle.

If I should die tonight  
And Pink should come to my cold corpse  
and say,  
"That's all right, Bill, you raised an 'A'  
If I should die tonight  
And "Marg" should sob, "I wish that  
he could know  
"He got a B before he had to go;"  
I'll bet I'd rise in my large white cravat  
And say, "What's that?"  
If I should die tonight  
And Cook should come to my black bier  
and cry  
"I wish you'd paid before you had to  
die;"  
And you should come to me, all still,  
and blub-  
Er, "Lend me back that postage stamp,  
you dub;"  
Compassion might me fill, but I'd lie  
still.  
(Note: A long way after Ben King.)  
—The Weekly Almanian.

I had a little pony.  
His name was Cicero,  
I loaned him to a friend of mine  
To pass an exam or so.  
He rode him to the limit.  
And was really doing well,  
But Professor got the pony,  
And he gave the pupil—zero.  
—Ex.

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**ABOUT THE CAMPUS.**

The special cheese course began last Tuesday.

Rev. J. A. Mumford conducted chapel exercises last Sunday morning.

A recital will be given by the students of music at the college in the parlors of the Women's Building, Nov. 7, at 7:30 o'clock. Program will be printed next week.

A stag dinner was given Mr. Bill Hoohaway at the Phi Delt Club, Thursday noon, announcing his prospects for a summer outing. The decorations were ferns and smile-(ax).

The journal of the proceedings and addresses of the forty-fifth annual meeting of the National Educational Association held at Los Angeles, Calif., last July has just been published. In it appears an address on Dramatizing delivered by Dr. Blaisdell at that meeting.

Mr. Forest W. Knapp, Supt. of Schools at North Adams, Mich., paid the college a visit last week in quest of a teacher to teach agriculture in the high school there. There is a considerable demand now from high schools for teachers for this kind of work.

About twenty-five members of the People's church gave a sleigh-ride Thursday evening to the home of Mrs. E. E. Bogue, where prayer services were held. After the services a social hour was spent that the guests might meet Rev. L. T. Cross of Trumbull, Conn. A lunch was served.

F. E. Leonard, '11, was called to his home in Grand Rapids, Friday, by the serious illness of his mother.

The Try and Trust Circle of King's Daughters will meet at the home of Mrs. C. C. Wood, Feb. 27, 1908.

The promenade concert will be given March 6, instead of November 6, as the RECORD stated last week.

The United States is contemplating the abandonment of the Indian school at Mt. Pleasant, and will turn over the \$200,000 plant to the state of Michigan, if it wishes to take it.

The landscape gardening department has just secured a number of landscape maps prepared by Mr. W. C. Simons of Chicago, also some beautiful slides illustrating the Larz Anderson gardens at Brookline, Mass.

Bills recently posted about the campus announce a course of entertainments to be given for the benefit of the building fund of the People's Church. The first number will be a comedy "The Village Postoffice" given by the Troublesence Company and the Whesem-hollerin' Quartette at the Armory, Friday evening, Feb. 28. Other numbers scheduled are: Dramas by College Domestic classes, March 21; Illustrated Magazine by the Women's Society, April 17; Sub-faculty Vaudeville Entertainment, May 1 and Faculty vs. Senior Baseball Game, June 6.

A colonial supper was given at the Women's Building Saturday evening, at which the young women appeared in colonial costumes. The tables were lighted with candles.

On account of the snow blockade on the Waverly park line the senior party Saturday was held at DeWitt. About 50 couples went out in special cars leaving the college at 3 p. m. Supper and dancing were the attractions. The delightful informality made it one of the most pleasant of class functions. The college orchestra furnished the music.

A dinner was given by Dean Gilchrist in the Woman's building last Wednesday evening for the pastors of the Lansing churches, where the young women of the college attend services. Several of the clergymen were unable to attend on account of the stormy evening. Those present were Rev. and Mrs. O. J. Price, Rev. J. T. LeGear, Rev. Frank G. Ward, Rev. Horace Cady Wilson, and Rev. William C. Hicks. Other guests were President and Mrs. J. L. Snyder, Secretary and Mrs. A. M. Brown, and several of the department teachers. Covers were laid at ten tables in the dining-room. The young women of the senior class acted as escort for the guests at the dinner which was served progressively. After dinner the evening was spent informally in the parlors. Short talks were given by each of the clergymen, the president and secretary, and the young women sang.

Dr. Mary Wetmore is ill with mumps at the hospital.

President and Mrs. Snyder entertained the unmarried members of the sub-faculty at dinner on Washington's birthday. The house was decorated with the flags of different nations, and with portraits and pictures of colonial subjects. The ladies wore elaborate powdered coiffures, and costumes of the style of Washington's time. For the last course at dinner, individual cherry pies, decorated with flags, were served. The place cards were hatchets. Dinner was followed by various guessing contests, the prizes for which were appropriate to the day. The evening ended with the dancing of the Virginia Reel and the old fashioned square dances, and the singing of old songs.

Prof. and Mrs. C. D. Smith delightfully entertained the short-course students at an informal reception at their home on Faculty Row on Saturday evening. Music by Baker's orchestra, games, recitations, speeches, and dainty refreshments served by young ladies from the Women's Building, and through it all the genial good humor of the host and hostess, made the evening one long to be remembered by those present. Each guest received, as a souvenir of the occasion, a booklet of the college gotten out by Professor Smith especially for the occasion. Almost everyone present expressed his desire to return to the college next year either for a regular or second year short-course.

**BASKETBALL.**

The basket ball game to have been played with Mount Pleasant Normal school last Wednesday evening was called off owing to the fact that the Normal team was unable to reach M. A. C. on account of the snow-blocked railroads, so as the result no game was played at home this week. Friday the team left on a trip and that evening played Jackson Y. M. C. A. The game was not a walk-away by any means, as the score of 37 to 25 in favor of M. A. C. will indicate. Saturday the team met the Adrian college five and ran up against the surprise of the season in the first half when the score stood 19 to 11 in favor of Adrian. This lead seemed to put a large dose of ginger into M. A. C., and the second half they simply played the Adrian team off their feet, bringing the final score up to 42-31, in favor of M. A. C.

The final basket ball game for the class championship was played last Wednesday evening between the sophomores and freshmen, and was won by the former team by the score of 27 to 13. The teams were very evenly matched, and the game exciting throughout. The first half ended with only one point difference in the score, but toward the finish of the game the sophomores' superior condition and experience told, and they secured a safe lead. Both teams were supported loyally by their classmates and plenty of spirit was shown by both sides.

**M. A. C. 31—HASKELL 18.**

The Haskell Indians went down to defeat before the M. A. C. five Monday night in one of the fastest games ever played on the M. A. C. floor. Quick, keen, alert and active, they set a pace which, on a neutral floor, might have given M. A. C. a hard race.

The line up:

HASKELL	M. A. C.
Meyers	Dickson
Gillenwater	McKenna
Connell	Vondette
Dupuis	Hanish
Barrell	Krehl
Oldman	Merz
	Campbell

Baskets from field: For Haskell, Meyers, 4; Gillenwater, 1; Dupuis, 1; Barrell, 1. For M. A. C., Dickson, 3; McKenna, 6; Vondette, 3; Krehl, 1; Merz, 2. Fowls thrown, Meyers, 4; Krehl, 1.

**A QUEER OLD WORLD.**

This is a sort of a topsy tury world. No one seems to be satisfied. One man is struggling to get justice, and another is flying from it. One man is saving up to buy a house and another is trying hard to sell his dwelling for less than it cost, to get rid of it. One man is spending all the money he can earn in taking a girl to a theater or show and sending her valuable presents in hopes that he may eventually make her his wife, and his neighbor is spending all the gold he has saved trying to get a divorce. One man keeps a pistol to protect himself against burglars, while his neighbor doesn't keep one for fear of shooting himself or some member of the family.—Ex.

With '08

From a letter from L. B. Westerman, written to Prof. Sackett, we quote the following: "I expect to go to Las Cruces, N. M., to work on a fruit farm. This place is not quite so high as Albuquerque but is warmer and more pleasant. It is about 210 miles from Albuquerque, almost to 'Old Mexico,' where a large irrigating canal has just been opened and the outlook for farming is very bright. Thousands of acres are to be planted with melons the first part of next month. There are great opportunities in this country for engineers as well as 'Ags,' and for myself—no more east for me." We are glad to learn that Mr. Westerman finds the climate agreeing with him.

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