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DROWNED IN CEDAR RIVER.

The college community was shocked and saddened Friday night to learn that Mr. William S. Sayer had been drowned in the Cedar river. The news was brought by Instructor Walter E. Hawks, his companion, who, half crazed from excitement and exposure, ran through the water-soaked fields barefooted, hatless and coatless to Station Terrace, gave the alarm and then collapsed. A searching party was immediately organized, but the river, swollen to several times its usual size by the recent storm, made fruitless all efforts to locate the body.

Mr. Sayer, who was an enthusiastic canoeist, notwithstanding the fact that the recent heavy rains had transformed the river into a raging torrent, induced Mr. Hawks to go out for a cruise. They started out shortly after supper, keeping in the less rapid part of the river until they came to what is known as the Hagadorn Bridge, east of the college. As they pushed out into the current in order to pass under the bridge the canoe listed and filled with water, both men at the same time jumping into the river but retaining their hold on the canoe, which was still upright, and while they were being carried swiftly down stream, tried to work themselves into shal-

low water. Mr. Sayer was unable to swim, and soon became exhausted. At a bend in the stream about 80 rods from the bridge they were swept close to shore in the very swiftest and deepest part of the current, where Mr. Hawks succeeded in catching hold, with one hand, of an overhanging branch of a tree. With the other he held the canoe, and Mr. Saver attempted to come up along the side of the canoe, but was so nearly exhausted that he lost his hold and went down. Mr. Hawks then swam to his assistance, but was unable to reach him and, being caught by the current, was himself swept down stream until he caught another overhanging limb, and, more dead than alive, managed to pull himself out. After scaling the steep bank he fell from sheer exhaustion. As soon as he could rise he started for help. One of the rubber boots which he wore had been lost in the river, and, taking off the other, he started in the direction of Mrs. Bogue's residence. Water, however, had backed up in a ravine which turned him from his course, and he struck out for the road, and then, chilled to the marrow, and only semi-conscious of his surround. ings, ran the entire distance to station terrace and gave the alarm. It was some time before he was restored to consciousness, and it was thought that the exposure might result in serious consequences, but he was able to be out the next morning.

The news spread rapidly about the campus and faculty and students rushed to the scene of the accident, hoping against hope that they might be able to find and assist the unfortunate man. The river, however,



WM. S. SAYER
Who was drowned in Cedar river
Friday evening.

continued to rise, and after satisfying themselves that there was no hope of securing the body before daylight the search was abandoned for the night. Saturday a committee was appointed and organized search for the body was begun, which so far has been without success. The river Saturday had reached the highest point of the year, and in places was fully 40 rods in width, from 15 to 20 feet in depth and so murky that objects could scarcely be seen 12 inches below the surface. Under such condition the work is necessarily progressing slowly. So far the efforts have been confined, with the exception of a watch at the bridges, mostly to that part of the river where he went down. He was heavily dressed, had on a pair of heavy rubber boots, and, on account of the uneven nature of the river bed, it is thought that the body might not have been carried far down the stream. The river is now going down rapidly, which will facilitate the work of the searching party.

Mr. Sayer came to M. A. C. just two years ago as Scientific Assistant in the Department of Bacteriology; was popular and well known as a thorough, conscientious worker. He was a graduate of Beloit College and had done considerable graduate work in the University of Chicago. The results of his work last year were recently published in a technical bulletin, "The Keeping Quali-ties of Butter," and this year he was working on problems in soil bacteriology. He was considered as a man of exceptional ability in his line of work, who gave considerable promise for the future. He had traveled extensively, was a man of wide experience, was interested in various fields of scientific work. and was a member of several scientific organizations, including the Michigan Academy of Science, of which he was recently re-elected sec-

Mr. Sayer's home was at Bartlett, Illinois, where his parents and other relatives reside. A cousin, Mr. R. C. Wessles arrived at the college Saturday afternoon. He is survived by his parents and two sisters one of whom, with the mother, is in Cal.

STATE BOARD TAKES ACTION ON SOCIETY HOUSE QUESTION.

At a meeting of the State Board last Wednesday resolutions were adopted setting forth the policy which the institution shall pursue in housing students, promising to increase as rapidly as possible dormitory accommodations, eating halls, and quarters for social purposes, and stating that further permission will not be given for the erection of society houses for living purposes.

This question of society-house buildings has been before the board for some time, and a few years ago permission was granted one of the societies for the erection of a modern society house. During the past year this question has been brought to the attention of the board at various times by other societies desiring to erect similar houses but because of a growing sentiment against college fraternity houses throughout the country the board thought best to make a thorough investigation of the question before giving a final answer. President Graham was directed to make this investigation, and, believing it to be a question in which the alumni would feel a special interest and whose advice might indicate a wise solution of the problem; prepared an mailed to all the alumni whose addresses were known, except the last five classes, a letter stating the situation and asking for a candid opinion as to the course to pursue. According to his report about 700 inquiries were sent out, from which 278 replies were received. Of these 35 were favorable to the erection of society houses for living purposes, 218 were opposed and 25 expressed no decided opinion. Among these were letters from a number of alumni who have experience as teachers in this or other educational institutions, and who are familiar with the society house problem. Of these, 90 per cent. were opposed to the erection of society houses for living purposes.

Basing their decision on this report the board adopted the following resolution:

"In accord with the expressed sentiment of between eighty and ninety per cent. of the alumni heard from, be it resolved that it shall be the policy of this institution to foster the dormitory system of housing students, and that efforts will be made to increase as rapidly as possible dormitory accommodations, eating halls and quarters for social purposes. Resolved farther, that this Board shall not give its consent to the erection of society houses for living purposes, but it shall encourage the erection of houses by our literary societies for literary and social purposes, it being understood that such houses shall contain rooms for alumni and caretakers.

"The building already erected off the grounds with the consent of, and under the conditions laid down by the Board, shall not be disturbed in the enjoyment of the privileges already granted. The other societies living off the grounds in

rented quarters shall be expected to occupy again rooms on the campus when such rooms are properly provided.

"We conceive it to be the duty of a Board placed in charge of an institution maintained by taxation to keep such an institution as far as possible within the reach of the average student. Therefore we adopt this policy, and trust it may have the approval of the alumni and other friends of the institution to the end that the democratic spirit which has characterized the college in the past may be maintained, and that it may continue to be an institution where the sons and daughters of all citizens, without distinction, may secure an education which will fit them for the practical duties of life."

A full report on the question will be issued in the near future and will be mailed to all alumni.

STORM DOES MUCH DAMAGE.

The heavy storms last week did considerable damage, especially along the river, which reached the highest point of the year and flooded hundreds of acres. The botanic garden, which usually suffers from the late season floods, has now practically all been raised above high water mark and so escaped.

The heaviest damage was done at the athletic field and approach, which were at one time three feet under water. Though it is still impossible to judge exactly the damage done to the field itself, it is thought that it is not large, but a section of the roadway has been washed away and one end of the bridge undermined. Brush and other debris floating down the river became entangled in the piles, dammed back the water and threatened to destroy the bridge. The damage to the field and approach is estimated at between \$100 and \$150.

The water is now going down at the rate of about a foot per day, and repairs will be begun as soon as possible and the field will be ready for Thursday's game with Wabash.

DRAMATIC CLUB GIVES CREDITABLE PER-FORMANCE.

The Dramatic Club gave their first play of the season Friday night at the armory to a good sized audience which was enthusiastic in its appreciation. The performance was preceded by a short program, including selections by a male quartette, a reading by Instructor Fish and a tenor solo by Instructor Stott. The cast of characters is as follows:

The entertainment was given for the benefit of the People's church.

There is always truth enough to go around without stretching it.

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EARNING A COLLEGE EDU-CATION.

The employment bureau of the University of Chicago reports that wages to the amount of \$16,000 have been carned by students of that institution in three months. Other institutions where statistics of a like nature are kept show that a large percentage of students are paying their way wholly or in part. At Columbia \$125,000 was earned by students during the last school year. One half of the 4,000 students at New York University are earning all or part of their expenses. At the University of Nebraska the Y. M. C. A. last year helped young men to get work which amounted to \$6,000. Our own Y. M. C. A. has conducted an employment bureau during the past year and has been instrumental in helping many a student to obtain work to assist in paying expenses, though no statistics are kept.

President Hadley in his inaugural address said that Yale did not need so much an increase in beneficiary funds as an increase in the opportunities for students to earn their living. "An education," he said, "if given without exacting a corresponding return, becomes demoralizing, but if it is earned by the student as he goes, it has just the oppo-

site effect.'

In every college and university are found men and women sacrificing many of the pleasures and even the comforts of life to secure a college education. In some respects it means more in these days for a student to work his way through college than it did a generation or so ago. It means more self-denial and a greater test of his quality. College life is less simple than formerly, and the student who must spend all his hours out of school in labor is deprived of many social enjoyments and other privileges that go so far with those who have them to make school experience agreeable and to create pleasant memories of the college years. The denials and sacrifices, however, help more than the social pleasures to make strong character, and the student who must earn his way is not to be commiserated. In the end he may be the gainer. If only his outside labor and his class work do not together make too heavy a burden he is sure to be the better for his double undertaking.

The occupations which college men and women find by which they help to pay expense are many and varied. Of the 873 students for which the Harvard appointments office found employment during a given period the following list gives an idea of their diversity: Advertisement writer, 1; agents, 5; athletic coaches, 2; attendants, 5; bookkeeper, 1; caretaker, 1; chaircaner, 1; chemist, 1; choremen, 39; clerks, 153; collectors, 73; electricrailroad employees, 2; elevator man, 1; farm-hands, 12; furnace-tenders, 6; gas-meter readers, 21; guards, 32; guides, 52; hotel help, 12; janitor, 1; lecturers, 2; library attendant, 1; library-research worker, 1; messengers, 12; mining assistant, 1; musicians, 3; news editor, 1; night school teachers, 14; outingclass directors, 3; proctors (special), 76; public speaker, 1; readers, 8; rooms in exchange for service, 6; settlement workers, 8; snow shovelers, 5; stenographers, 18; stereopticon operators, 2; store clerks, 27; summer camp, 6; supervisors of study, 14; ticket-takers, 53; trans-lators, 5; tutors in special subjects, 131; tutors or companions, 40; typewriters, 9; waiters, 5.

The question which naturally arises is, "Is it worth while to make the sacrifice?" It is left with many high school graduates to decide themselves whether or not they will attend college. With some it is a question whether it is worth while to work their way through school or hunt up a job at once, to struggle for four years and come out at the end with nothing but the education and perhaps a debt, or to start work with the chance of having worked up into a good position, and to have saved money.

In the growing power of corporations, the shutting out of independent concerns all over the country, centralizing of power in business in the hands of a few people, the ever-increasing density of the population, the chances of getting rich quick, or even of getting into satisfactory positions in a short time, are growing less and less. The good positions are filled by men who have had long experience. Without money the boy cannot set up a business of his own.

Would the four years' experience in the world push him further along than four years in college?

In answer to the question, "Does a college education pay?" Sec. J. M. Dodge, of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, gives the following scientifically correct answer. Starting with the average young man when he is earning four dollars per week he points out there are four possibilities before him-first, to remain an unskilled laborer; second, to get a shop training; third to go to a trade school, and fourth to acquire a liberal education.

In the case of the first his earning capacity steadily increases until he reaches his maximum average of \$10.20 per week at the age of his

The shop trained man at the end of six years passes the unskilled laborer, but at the age of twenty four he has reached his maximum average of \$15.20 per week.

The young man trained in the trade school at the age of 18 has passed the unskilled worker, and at the age of 21 has passed the skilled laborer. When he is 24 he has an average earning power of \$22 per week and makes his highest average valuation at 31 years.

The technically and liberally educated man for years lags behind all three of the other classes. Not until he is twenty-five does he catch up with the shop-trained man, but at that time his competitors have reached the limit of their earning

capacity. Beginning with his 25th year a college trained man's earning capacity shoots up in seven years to \$43 per week and has not yet reached its limit.

These results speak for them-selves. They are not the guesses of an educational enthusiast, but are the logical results of a careful scientific investigation.

It is little wonder, in view of the above facts, that so many young men and women are making sacrifices to gain a college training. And if it is worth to them the double work, sometimes a life of absolute penury, the foregoing of pleasures all around them, certainly it should be worth it to young men and young women whose parents are in comfortable circumstances, and who can get the full value of the studies and the college life, and certainly parents who can afford to send their children should encourage them and give them this aid in the struggle of life when the competition is daily growing keener.

RIVER DRIVE SOON TO BE COMPLETE.

Barring a continuance of rain and high water, the river drive, on which work has been pushed during the past two weeks under direction of Superintendent Gunson, will soon be completed and will greatly add to the many pleasant drives about the campus. The drive is on the south side of the river and begins at the athletic field just across the bridge. It then follows along the river bank, up and over the P. M. spur and along the forest nursery to the farm lane.

A large culvert has been put in just east of the dam, and a large fill made over it. Otherwise the plan has been to leave it as nearly natural as possible. The river bank will be beautified, and when completed the river may be followed from the west entrance along the north side to the athletic field, then on the south side to the farm lane, a total distance of nearly three-quarters of a mile.

The classes in civil engineering have assisted in laying it out and have gotten many practical prob-lems out of the work.

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS.

The commencement address will be given this year, Tuesday morning, June 22, at 10 o'clock by President Charles Sumner Howe, of the Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, Ohio, The subject will be Industrial Education. A speaker for baccalaureate Sunday has not yet been secured.

THE SEASON.

"Indeed, Winter sometimes retraces his steps in this month, and unburdens himself of the snows that the previous cold has kept back. The full watercourses come to the front, as it were, and lure and hold the eye. They are full to the brim, and fuller; and are about the only objects of life and motion in nature. By and by the green grass and trees will be waving, and the streams will be shrunken and hidden."-John Burroughs in "A Year in the Fields."

ALUMNI

CITY FORESTER PROST IN VAIN SEARCH FOR FORESTS.

Chicago has a perfectly good new forester at a salary of \$2,000 a year, but the city has no forest. Furthermore, Jacob H. Prost, the newly appointed forester, finds that there is no appropriation to buy trees and that he hasn't even a pair of pruning shears to work with.

Forester Prost started out on a still hunt early yesterday morning to find his forest or forests, or whatever he has to take care of to earn his salary, and after an hour's search decided that the only forest in sight was a lot of dead timber in the police department. Thereupon he called up Mayor Busse.

"This is Prost, the new city forester," said Prost. "I can't find a forest and and am unable to do any foresting. What shall I do?" he

asked.

"I haven't any forests around me, I will call Mullaney and see if he can fix you up," said the mayor.
"Get a desk and write an article

explaining why moss grows on the north side of a tree trunk," was Mullaney's advice.

"I haven't even a desk; no, not even a lead pencil," said Forester Prost, almost on the verge of tears.

"Get a green suit with short pants, stick a feather in your hat and halloo to beat the band, then,' replied Mullaney, remembering an illustration showing a green-clad German forester patroling one of the Kaiser's forests.

At a late hour last night Mr. Prost was still looking for a forest to mend. He declares that he wants to earn his salary and will rake the leaves off the lake front park rather than loaf on his job. Still he gets \$2,000 a year.— Chicago Examiner.

Mr. Prost was graduated from the M. A. C. horticultural department with the class of 'o4.

'04.

C. G. Woodbury, of the horticultural department of Perdue University, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents in East Lausing.

With 'os.

Jack Bowditch, with '05, was a college visitor Monday.

"Eddie" Krehl who has, since graduation, been in charge of a large dairy herd near Ann Arbor, has returned to the college and is in charge of the dairy herd.

STARTED WITH NOTHING.

"When I landed in Chicago," said the selfmade man, "I didn't have a cent in my pocket."

"Huh," rejoined the ordinary person, "when I landed in Chicago I didn't even have a pocket."

"Why how's that?" queried the

party of the prelude.
"I was born here," explained the ordinary person .- Home Magazine.

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ABOUT THE CAMPUS



HOLLISTER BLOCK

The Scrooby Club will hold their second annual banquet on Saturday evening, May Sth. A very fine program has been arranged.

Four inches of snow and water on the athletic field was not a tempting outlook for the game with Alma Friday afternoon. Both the game and the field meet Saturday were called off.

The hail storm Thursday broke about 100 glass in the greenhouses on the campus. Some of the hail stones measured one and three-eighths inches in diameter.

The Hesperian Society gave their spring term party in the armory Saturday evening. The armory Saturday evening. patrons were Dean and Mrs. Shaw and Prof. and Mrs. Eustace. The college orchestra furnished the

The average temperature in this vicinity for the month of April was 43.7 degrees, or 2.6 degrees below normal. The total precipitation was 6.3 inches, or 3.87 inches above normal, and the snow fall was 6.56 inches above normal.

The annual freshman oration contest of the Feronian Society was held in their rooms Saturday afternoon. Miss Ruth Mead won first place, her oration being Lincoln's Death. Miss Louise Norton won second, her oration being Duty De-termines Destiny, and Miss Olive Hooke third, with the subject, The Rider of the Black Horse. Mrs. Peppard, Prof. Myers, and Mr. Mann were judges.

The King's Daughters will hold their annual baked goods sale at Mrs. Myers' Friday afternoon.

At a meeting of the State Board Wednesday Instructors W. L. Lodge and F. H. Sanford were raised to the rank of assistant pro-

Competitive examinations for selecting men to fill vacancies in the field artillery, cavalry and infantry will be held July 12. Anyone interested can get particulars of Capt. Füger or by addressing the Adjutant General, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.

Dr. A. W. Wishart, of Grand Rapids, will deliver a lecture in the college chapel next Friday evening. Mr. Wishart is a progressive, popular, entertaining lecturer whom everyone should hear. It will be one of the series of lectures given on the East Lansing Entertainment

The relay, baseball and basketball teams were entertained at the Women's Building at a 6 o'clock dinner Friday evening. It was planned to entertain the Alma baseball team also, but as the game was called off on account of bad weather they were not present. Music by Miss Freyhofer and Miss Hopson and toasts by Dean Gilchrist, Coach Brewer and Assistant Coach Thacker followed the dinner, after which an informal reception was tendered the athletes by the young women and teachers of the Women's Department.

The cold wave April 30 prevented a wide observance of Arbor Day in Michigan.

Pres. Lancaster, of Olivet, is president of the Michigan Schoolmaster's Club.

The photographs of the various classes, etc., taken by Mr. Lyndon, are now on sale at the book store.

The fifteenth general meeting of the American Electro-chemical Society will be held at Niagara Falls, Canada, May 6, 7 and 8.

King Leopold has offered a prize of \$5,000 to the author of the best work answering the following question: "Describe the Progress of Aerial Navigation and the Best Means to Encourage It."

The several state educational institutions of Iowa are now under a single board of control consisting of nine members. Three of these members will be selected as a finance committee who will give their entire time to the work and are to receive salaries of \$3,500 per year.

The Eunomians gave their last eleven o'clock of the year in the Columbian and Eunomian rooms Friday evening, about forty couple being present. It was in the form of a canoe party, shirt waists and no coats being in order, while canoes and tepees carried out the decorative effect. The M. A. C. orchestra furnished the music and Prof. and Mrs. Halligan and Mr. and Mrs. Wright kindly acted as patrons.

The Chicago Alumni of Cornell, are raising funds to erect a dormitory at their Alma Mater.

Though only one in every 200 of the young men of North America is in college, yet sixty per cent. of the most prominent positions are held by college men.

Mr. F. J. Hughes, manager of the automatic telephone exchange, Lansing, will address the engineering society this evening on automatic telephone practice.

The New York Botanical Garden offers prizes of \$40, \$25 and \$15 for the three best essays of not to exceed 5,000 words on "The Preservation of Native Plants." All essays must be in by June 20, 1909.

AS YOU HEAR IT IN CLASS.

"Were you speaking to me?"

"I didn't hear your question." "I don't understand; what do you

"I can't see the board from here."

"I didn't study that far."
"Why!" in an injured tone, "we didn't have that for today."

"That's as far as I got." "I was absent yesterday."

"I know it, but I can't express it in words."

"Beg pardon, where's the place." "Why, I studied the next chapter."

"It varies."

"Well, it depends."

"Well-ah."

"You mean -a-" "Oh, yes-er-why?" Ex.

ATHLETICS

Owing to the cold, rainy weather of the past week athletics have been practically at a standstill. All games and the track meet were called off and there has been little opportunity for practice.

The relay team returned Wednesday from Philadelphia bringing news of the meet and slightly changing the story as told last week. On account of Bignell being off condition no attempt was made to enter the "big" relay but they did enter in the race with colleges of M. A. C.'s class but were the last to finish.

On account of the high water on the athletic field the team is practicing in Lansing endeavoring to get into shape for the two big games this week: Michigan at Michigan Wednesday, and Wabash at M. A. C. Thursday.

The infield has been materially strengthened this week by the return of Vance to third base, he having satisfactorily arranged his credits. With a little practice the new shift should strengthen the team so that there is hopes of at least holding Michigan to a low score tomorrow. Bush, now having been relieved from third, will devote his time to working out for the pitching staff, and the local fans are anxious to see him in the box for M. A. C. in the home game Thursday with Wabash. In last year's game the Hoosiers won over the locals in a fast game by a score of 5-0, and this year an effort will be made to turn the tables.

Saturday D. U. S. comes up for a track meet and ball game with the all-freshman team.

INTERSCHOLASTIC TO BE BEST EVER.

Entries and inquiries to date seem to indicate that the interscholastic field meet which will be held May 15 on College Field, will be by far the largest and best ever given under the auspices of the M. A. C. Athletic Association. Many schools will send a large number of athletes and other students will take this opportunity to visit the college and look over the ground preparatory to entering next fall.

In conjunction with the field meet the drawing department under Prof. Wilson is arranging for a competitive exhibit of public school drawings on the same date. Considerable interest has been manifested in this department also, and from present indications there will be a large number of drawings on exhibit from representative schools throughout the state.

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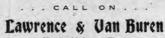
Miss Marie Stoddart, who has been engaged as the soprano for the May Festival, comes from New York City. Her personality is both attractive and pleasing and she possesses a voice of exceptional quality. Miss Stoddart will sing at both concerts.

Miss Stoddart, with a rich, mellow voice, sang an almost perfect Margarita, and her conception of the "Jewel" song was a splendid portrayal of the part .-Scranton Republican, April 24, 1906.

Marie Stoddart, the soprano, sang with clarity, sweetness, and expression, reaching her greatest height in the infinitely tender "Come Unto Him."-Minneapolis Tribune, December 26, 1906.

Marie Stoddart has an excellent soprano voice that is sweet and flexible and which proved to be a charming medium for the soprano arias of the oratorio. A delightful exhibition of delicate shading was given in the air "Come Unto Him," and the number "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" was delightfully sung.-Milwaukee Daily News, December 28, 1906.

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