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YPSILANTI DEBATE.

On Saturday of this week a team of debaters of the first rank will accompany the Ypsilanti baseball team here, and in the evening will debate in the eighth annual debate with the M. A. C. team, on the subject of the Commission Form of Government for Michigan Cities. After a series of hard-fought preliminaries held during the winter term, J. C. De Camp, '10, W. R. Walker, '11, E. A. Close, '13, and R. W. Powell, '11, as alternate, were chosen to represent M. A. C., and they will discuss the negative side of the question. These annual frays with the Normalites are always very interesting, and no little enthusiasm and college spirit is shown, for Ypsilanti usually brings a large delegation of rooters along. Four out of the seven past debates have gone to M. A. C., and much may be expected from the men this year, for they have exceptional ability and have been working hard.

The expenses of the visiting team are to be paid by the Debating Club, and to meet this a small admission fee will be charged. The debate will be held in the armory at 7:30 p. m., and everyone should turn out and support the team. They cannot do their best, like any athletic team, without loyal support and rooting, and we want your financial aid as well as your moral support to the men who have worked hard for the college.

THE MAY FESTIVAL.

The seventh annual May Festival has now been added to the list of successful events recorded in the history of the college. Although our previous festivals have been decidedly meritorious, the concerts on Friday afternoon and evening in the pavilion of the Agricultural Building completely surpassed all former efforts, and the skill with which the different and the increased interest on the part of the audience indicated very plainly that the musical ability and appreciation of the institution have advanced, even since last year, in long strides.

At 2:30 the soloists of the evening gave a concert, assisted by the M. A. C. chorus under the direction of Mr. Earl G. Killeen. The concert was opened with Gounod's beautiful "Unfold, Ye Portals" by the chorus. Mr. John B. Miller, tenor, and Miss Jessie Lynde Hopkins, contralto, each appeared twice, and both responded to encores. They also sang a duet from "Samson and Delilah" by Saint Saens. Mr. William Howland, baritone, gave a group of songs—"Ho, Jolly Jenkins," Sullivan; "Down to the Crystal Streamlet" and "Le Rossignol," and the familiar "Danny Deever," by Damrosch. He received a burst of hearty applause and responded to an encore. Mrs. Sibyl Sammis McDermid was evidently the favorite of the afternoon.

Her rich mezzo soprano voice filled the auditorium with perfect ease, and she sang her two numbers, "Down in the Forest" by Ronald, and "My Love is like a Red, Red Rose." Her pleasing personality and the beauty and sympathy of her voice won her many admirers.

The production of the five acts of Faust in the evening, by the chorus, assisted by the soloists, was an honor to the institution and to Mr. Killeen, to whom the credit of training the voices is due. It would seem almost impossible that such a large number of unprofessional singers, most of them inexperienced, could be brought to such a degree of efficiency in so short a time, as was shown in some of the more difficult numbers, and Mr. Killeen had every right to be justly proud of the result of his long and hard labors. The college is indeed fortunate in being able to secure the services of so competent a director, and it is hoped that we will be able to retain him in the future.

The airs from Faust were charming under any circumstances, but the rendition Friday night, of both the solos and choruses, was very satisfying and greatly appreciated by the unusually enthusiastic audience. This is the first time that an opera has been produced at the college music festival instead of an oratorio, and it was evident that the lighter, more popular music was better enjoyed by the general public.

Of the choral numbers, which were all excellent, one, perhaps, was worthy of especial mention—"The Old Men's Song." Among the others, two of the best were the "Bijou Song," by Margarita, and the quartet "Lean on My Arm," by Margarita, Martha, Faust, and Mephisto.

The parts were taken as follows: Margarita, Sybil Sammis McDermid; Siebel and Martha, Jessie Lynde Hopkins; Faust, John B. Miller; Mephistopheles, William A. Howland; Valentine, Mr. Samuel R. Hamilton; Wagner, Edward Reed. The last two young men were from Lansing, and assisted very ably.

The accompanists were Miss Edna Hopson, of East Lansing, and Mrs. Minnie Davis Sherrill, of Ann Arbor. Mrs. Sherrill took part in the same capacity here last year.

IDLER PARTY.

One of the pleasantest parties of the year was given by the Idlers' Club at the Women's building last Friday evening. The members of the club served a buffet supper, after which everyone adjourned to the parlors and enjoyed a kaffee klatsch. Many had friends here to attend the May Festival concert, and a number of Lansing people were guests. The entertainment was something of an innovation, and proved very successful. Mr. and Mrs. Earle G. Killeen were special guests on this occasion.

The student gardens are looking fine in spite of the various frosts.

ALUMNI



ARTHUR C. BIRD, '83.

It is with sincere regret that the RECORD announces the death on May 27th of Arthur Cranson Bird, one of the strongest, brightest, and most viril men among the alumni of Michigan Agricultural College.

Born in the town of Highland, Oakland county, May 22, 1864, and the son of a farmer, Mr. Bird grew up in the healthful atmosphere of that country life, which has given vigor and independence of thought and action to so many of our men of affairs. At the age of 16 he entered M. A. C. and graduated in 1883. For a number of years after graduation he was engaged in farming in his native county, during which period he became one of the founders and the first president of the State Association of Farmers' Clubs, and in this way was brought into closer touch with the political affairs of the state.

In 1897 Governor Pingree appointed Mr. Bird to membership on the State Board of Agriculture, and in 1899 he became its secretary and secretary of the college, a position that he held until June, 1902, when he resigned to give his entire attention to business, for which he had a most marked genius.

Two years later, however, Governor Warner, friend of his boyhood days and ever after, appointed him supervisor of the state census, a position for which his executive talent admirably fitted him; and the next year he became, by appointment of the governor, state dairy and food commissioner, which office he held at the time of his death.

It is given to few men to have a keener insight into business problems or greater genius, within the field of his opportunities, for rapid accomplishment; and with unbounded faith in the possibilities of Lansing as a business center, he threw himself with all his vigor and untiring energy into the problem of her upbuilding, and, though snatched from the very midst of his labors, had already done much to

vindicate his faith and laid the foundation of a fortune.

His clean habits of life and his firm will enabled him to resist to the last degree the malady that proved fatal, and that took from his wife and two sons a most tender and zealous guardian. To these the heartfelt sympathy of this community goes out in unstinted measure in their hour of bereavement. Many there are who will miss the support of his strong arm and wise counsel in the midst of trouble and the scene of his labors and successes will mark the passing of a great captain.

A. M. B.

With '83.

At the meeting of the Chicago Electric Club, held May 18, the speaker of the evening was Major George H. Reese, U. S. A. Chief Engineer, Dept. of the Lakes. His subject was: "Relations of the Federal Government to Local Interests from an Engineering Point of View." Major Reese is one of the well-known engineering officers of the army, and stationed in Chicago, he has had opportunity to view the relation of the government to local projects of an engineering nature. His work relates largely to river and harbor improvement, and these subjects received a portion of his attention in a general talk which proved both interesting and instructive. Maj. Reese was a student at M. A. C. in '80-'81.

'00.

Harriet Robson, of the above class, goes to Ft. Collins next year. She has been employed at Leadville for some time.

'04.

G. G. Robbins, mechanical, is assistant chief engineer for the Whiting Foundry Equipment Company, of Harvey, Ill. His duties include salesmanship, as well as the design of cranes and foundry plates. Mr. Robbins called on college friends yesterday.

'08.

Henry M. Conolly writes that he is enjoying his work at Woodbine, N. J. He has eleven boys to work with him from 7 a. m. to 5 p. m. for three weeks, and then another squad is assigned to him. With these boys he does all the work around the grounds, in the greenhouse, in the orchard and the garden. They are taught to plow, harrow, cultivate, hoe and look after the various details of farm work. He finds the Jewish boys willing workers and great students.

'09.

G. A. Bignell is located at Priest River, Idaho, Benton River Station. He is district ranger of No. 1, Kaniksu National Forest, one of the most important districts in that section. Mr. Bignell writes interestingly of his work and among other items states that he is getting to be quite a cook. Think his pies would make some of the girls turn green with envy. He is the same genial "Big," and expects to visit Michigan not later than Christmas.

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A NEW BULLETIN.

Dr. Beal's new bulletin on Michigan weed seeds is now about ready for distribution, and is a most excellent work. Comparison of various seeds have been represented by cuts, drawings for which were made by Fred Hillman, '88, (M. A. C.). Mr. Hillman is now connected with the Dept. of Agriculture, seed division. The bulletins are printed on good quality paper, thus showing up to good advantage the excellent cuts, of which there are 215. There will be 65,000 copies of this bulletin, thus assuring a surplus to be called upon from time to time.

One feature of the work is a decimal scale on the last page, which scale is used in practically all of the sciences. The index is very complete, and is to some extent a dictionary as well, giving a short explanation of the terms used. On the whole, the work is such as will be of great value to every person planting seeds.

CHAPEL EXERCISES.

- June 1—Dr. Blaisdell, "A Spanish Bull Fight."
- June 2—Dr. Blaisdell, "A Visit to the Alhambra."
- June 3—Dr. Hedrick, "German Art Galleries."
- June 6—Pres. Snyder, "Looking Ahead."
- June 7—Miss Gilchrist, "The Luther Country."

Prof. Shaw is receiving a visit from his mother.

F. C. Dayharsh, '11, is to work this summer on the fruit farm of Mr. S. B. Hartman, '03, at Athens, Mich.

A number of guests were entertained at the Women's Building Friday, who were here for the May Festival.

There will be a six weeks' course in forestry given during the coming summer. Definite information will be given later.

Miss Marguerite Barrows, '04, of Columbus, Ohio, is at home for a time with her parents, Prof. and Mrs. W. B. Barrows.

The second annual fruit banquet of the horticultural club will be held, it is expected, June 8, in the club room, Hort. building.

Prof. Taft made a trip through northern Michigan, including Houghton Co., during the past week, inspecting orchards.

The people of East Lansing voted for the D. U. R. franchise at a special election Tuesday. The whole number of votes cast was 145, of which 103 were for the proposition.



FIRST COLLEGE BUILDING AT LOS BANAS, P. I

S. A. Markham, '06 civil, is still in the Philippine Islands. He is chief of party No. 26 operating in Savag, Province of Ilocos Norte. Just now his work consists of surveying the property involved in an irrigation project, which must be done lot by lot for registration purposes. Relatively few parcels of land are surveyed at the expense of their private owners. The Philippine parts with his money with more reluctance than the proverbial

Israelite. He thinks if he will hold off long enough the government will survey the land free. Mr. Markham sends a picture showing the first building of the new Philippine Agricultural College at Los Banas. Another photo represents a plowing team of four native oxen. "The college people are trying to use an American plow, which sad to say, will not work successfully in the Philippine soil, as has been proven time and again."

Mr. C. W. Mason, '09, spent a few days with college friends the past week, and is now testing for advanced registry in the interests of the Dairy Dept.

Ypsilanti runs an excursion train to the college Saturday and comes with the expectation of winning both debate and ball game. She has a very strong ball team this season, winning a large majority of the games played.

The cement walk has been completed from the new agricultural building to the veterinary, and one is in process of construction from this one northwest across the campus, which will intersect with the walks at the northeast corner of Williams Hall.

Among those of our women students who expect to teach in the public schools of the state the coming year are: Miss Wilhelmina Bates, at Elk Rapids; Miss Barbara Van Heulen, at Midland; Miss M. Blanche Bair, Onawa, Iowa; and Miss Minnie Johnson, St. Johns.

The railroads have granted a rate of one and two-thirds fare for the alumni triennial next month, on the certificate plan, provided there be an attendance of 500 or more. The rate is further confined to the Michigan Passenger Association. A fee of 25 cents will be charged for validating each ticket.

The funeral of Arthur C. Bird, '83, was held from the home in East Lansing, Sunday, at two o'clock, Rev. Hicks, of the Episcopal church, officiating. At the grave the Masonic ritual was observed, the lodge of which Mr. Bird was a member attending in a body. The active pall bearers were R. W. Dunlap, of Columbus; Charles L. Weil, of Detroit; T. F. Marston, of Bay City; G. C. Clippert, of Lansing; Prof. W. B. Barrows and Floyd Robison, East Lansing. The honorary pall bearers were: Governor Warner, Lieutenant Governor Kelley, Colin C. Lillie, J. V. Barry, Judge Howard Wiest, Frank C. Leland of Detroit, and C. D. Woodbury.

ATHLETICS

TRIANGULAR MEET.

M. A. C. WINS SECOND WITH 43 POINTS.

In the meet at South Bend on Saturday with Notre Dame and Armour, the Catholic institution won first, with 72 points; M. A. C. 2nd, with 43, and Armour secured 11. Our team showed up unusually well, it being the finest meet ever held with the big colleges. Three of our college records were broken. Shaw lowered the record in the high hurdles and was leading in the low up to the last frame, when he fell and was beaten out by Fletcher, of Notre Dame, in the fast time of 24 4-5, which time is below the western record. Vosper threw the hammer 126 ft., breaking his previous record, and Lord tied for first place in the high jump at 5 11 1/8, which is also a college record for us.

Summary:

- 120-yard hurdle—Shaw, M. A. C.; Fletcher, N. D.; Larson, Armour. Time, 15 4-5 sec.
- 100-yard dash—Wasson, N. D.; Martin, N. D.; Forbes, Armour. Time, 10 sec.
- Mile run—Steers, N. D.; Perkins, M. A. C.; Chamberlain, M. A. C. Time, 4:41.
- 440-yard dash—Devine, N. D.; Knecht, M. A. C.; Duffy, N. D. Time, 51 1-5 sec.
- 220-yard dash—Martin, N. D.; Forber, Armour; Giddings, M. A. C. Time, 21 3-5 sec.
- 220-yard hurdle—Fletcher, N. D.; Shaw, M. A. C.; Hotchkin, Armour. Time, 24 4-5 sec.
- Half-mile run—Devine, N. D.; Knecht, M. A. C.; Holden, Armour. Time, 2:05 min.
- Two-mile run—Dana, N. D.; Tillotson, M. A. C.; Geib, M. A. C. Time, 10:9 1-5 min.
- Pole vault—Shaw, M. A. C.; Barcroft, M. A. C.; Rush, N. D. Height, 10:6.
- Discus—Philbrook, N. D.; Dim-

ick, N. D.; Campbell, M. A. C. Distance, 134 ft. 6 in.

High jump—Philbrook, N. D., and Lord, M. A. C., tied for first; Cheney, Armour, third. Height, 5 ft. 11 1/8 in.

Shot put—Philbrook, N. D.; Dimick, N. D.; Campbell, M. A. C. Distance, 42 ft., 2 in.

Hammer throw—Vosper, M. A. C.; Dimick, N. D.; Edwards, N. D. Distance, 126 ft.

Broad jump—Wasson, N. D.; Larson, Armour; Hill, M. A. C. Distance, 22 ft., 6 1/2 in.

M. A. C. 6—WABASH 0.

The first game with Wabash, on Saturday, resulted in a shutout for the visitors. Pattison pitched good ball and was well supported. The batting qualities showed up well also, nine hits being secured, while Pattison held the visitors to three. The day was ideal for the game, and a good crowd witnessed the contest. Ash, the one armed fielder, was especially strong at bat and found the ball readily, though was able to reach first but once. On three occasions the visitors reached second, and in the second a player was placed on third, but they were unable to cross the plate.

The summary: 3-base hits—Mills, Harvey. 2-base hits—Cortright, Baker, Rains. Struck out by Pattison—12; by Winnie—10.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R.	H.	E.
Wabash	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
M. A. C.	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	0	x	6	9	4

In the second game played with Wabash, Monday, the visitors were again beaten, though not shut out. The final score stood 4 to 1, and comparatively few errors were registered, though the day was so cold it seemed almost impossible to play good ball. M. A. C. seemed in the best of form, especially at bat, and secured twelve hits off Myers. Several of these came, however, when they did not count for runs, thus keeping the score down. Both Weston and Myers pitched a good game, and in spite of the disagreeable day the contest was an interesting one.

Summary:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R.	H.	E.
Wabash	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0
M. A. C.	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	x	4	12	2

Three-base hit—Harvey. Two-base hits—Orr, Gorenflo. Struck out by Weston, 4; by Myers, 5. First base on balls—Weston, 2; Meyers, 2. Umpire—Stevenson.

'82.

In the June number of *The Craftsman* appears an excellent article on the life and work of Liberty Hyde Bailey. Mention is made of his accomplishments at Cornell and elsewhere, and of his work as chairman of the Country Life Commission appointed by Ex-President Roosevelt. Continuing the writer says: "His magnetic personality makes him an inspiring teacher, and he is in great request as a public lecturer and speaker. He is a philosopher and has even published a volume of poems. The number of books written by him is prodigious."

Quite a large number of students took advantage of the holiday Monday to visit their homes.

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ABOUT THE CAMPUS

Mrs. J. Schepers, of McBain, is visiting her son, our genial cashier for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. Blaisdell entertained Wednesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Earl Killeen, of Ann Arbor.

The band concert Wednesday evening proved one of the best yet, and was enjoyed by many visitors as well as college people.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Germid and Mrs. C. D. Palmer, of Pittsburg, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Blaisdell Friday and Saturday.

Dr. Beal has several books which he is offering for sale. Any student desiring work along this line may do well to call at his office.

The officers of the Delphic Literary Society for next term are as follows: President, Edwin Smith; Vice President, E. D. Keithley; Secretary, L. C. Carey; Treasurer, H. Groothins; Member Executive Com., Walter S. Pedersen; Editor, O. W. Schleussner; Marshal, Wm. J. Wolf.

The review of the college cadets on Wednesday evening before Gen. McGurrian was one of the finest of the year. Major E. Glen Hoffman, who leaves soon to take up his duties as lieutenant in the Philippines, assumed charge of the regiment, and carried out the work in fine shape. The band made an excellent showing. Those who witnessed the review, besides Gen. McGurrian, were Col. J. N. Cox, Gen. C. A. Wagner and Capt. Ben C. Dorsey.

Miss Cimmer and her students were entertained at luncheon at the Women's Building Thursday evening.

C. L. Nash, '09, now at Lawton, will teach agriculture at Union City the coming year, this being one of the new schools to take up this work.

R. G. Voorhorst and J. A. Miller, both '10, have secured positions with the Montana State Board of Horticulture, and are to report at Missoula as soon as it is possible for them to reach there.

The following 1910 men will teach agriculture the coming year at the places named: Eli Rodegeb at Saline; H. H. Douglas at Northville; J. W. Chapin at North Adams, and R. S. Crane at Hudson.

Mr. Gunson's talks on Scotland last week was certainly enjoyed by all. His description of his surroundings in boyhood days was most vivid, as was his trip to the home land in 1900, when every landmark was of some historic interest to him. His story, it seemed, had just begun when the bell announced the class hour.

The junior students electing horticulture have been studying landscape gardening this term under Prof. Halligan. On Saturday they were required to draw up designs for all flower beds on the campus and plant them out, two students being assigned to each. Several women students are in the class and worked along with the men.

County normal students from Mason and St. Johns held a picnic on the grounds Wednesday of last week.

Ray G. Thomas, '03, of Three Oaks, and Jay C. Button, '07, Novi, are both co-operating with the horticultural division of the Experiment Station in some experiments with potato growing.

Miss Alice Cimmer, '00, in charge of domestic science work at Battle Creek, with four of her students, visited college friends the past week and inspected our work, visiting the Lansing city schools also. They returned Friday.

A new 40-horse power gas engine has just been received by our engineering department. It is a fine four-cycle engine run by illuminating gas, and will be used for experimental work. It was built by the Elyria Gas Power Co., Elyria, Ohio, of which company Charles Blanchard, '03, is chief engineer. The engine complete weighs 7,500 pounds.

In the May number of the *Reliable Poultry Journal* appears a 2500 word article on our poultry plant and the instruction given along that line at M. A. C. The article is supplemented by eight fine half tones, showing up to good advantage the colony houses, flocks on range, etc., as well as the main buildings of the plant. Mr. Kempster, who furnished the article, has received a number of letters from prospective students concerning the work of the department.

A. G. Bovay, '12, entertained his sister, Miss Blanche Bovay and friend Miss Landers, during May Festival. Miss Bovay is chief clerk in the office of Lighthouse Inspector, Detroit.

NOTICE.—The annual meeting of the Liberal Arts Union for election of officers was called for Friday afternoon of last week, as provided in the by-laws. It was found necessary to adjourn this meeting until Friday, June 3, at 5 o'clock, in the chapel.

G. W. BISSELL.

Rev. Myron Adams, pastor of one of Detroit's Baptist churches, visited the college recently in the interests of *Ford Republic*. This Republic is maintained by bequests, and is under control of a Board of Directors composed of Detroit business and professional men, of which board Mr. Adams is chairman. The object of the organization is to care for the street boys of Detroit, give them an education and something to do. About 75 of these boys are located on a farm of 80 acres near Farmington, and under the direction of a superintendent, do all the farm work. The boys have a system of government all their own, and, it is said, maintain perfect order. It is planned to send four or five of the boys to M. A. C. for the short courses next winter, with the thought that it would not only improve the quality of work now being done, but awaken a desire to know more of what is in the future for those who "dig."

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74.

Geo. W. Brewer, who has been in the Indian school service for Uncle Sam during the past nine years, was transferred from Wadsworth, Nevada, to Nett Lake Indian school, Minnesota, last February and on his way he took in California, the big trees, San Francisco, the Pacific ocean to Los Angeles 475 miles, where he saw a five mile race between an automobile and a flying machine, in which the latter won. He called on Prof. A. J. Cook, at Claremont who gave him an automobile ride and he next took afternoon tea with Mrs. Ex-president Abbot in company with Henry G. Reynolds of Pasadena, who is an M. A. C. graduate and was foreman of the garden in 1871. Oranges and lemons were ready to pick early in February and were free to everyone who picked them off the ground.

At El Paso, Texas, Mr. Brewer crossed over into old Mexico and saw a Spanish bull fight which is not usually enjoyed by tender hearted people. During the fight three bulls and some old horses were killed. Each bull has three chances to kill some person in the fight before he receives his fatal stab. The bulls are made angry before they enter the fight. These bull fights occur every Sunday afternoon only. After his trip of 3,500 miles he is now in northeastern Minnesota, 135 miles north and some west of Duluth, among 700 Chippewa Indians on the south shore of Nett Lake. Deer and Moose meat sell for five cents a pound. The old Chippewa Indian chief, 95 years old, went to see Taft, at Washington, D. C., last March, in regard to some treaty made 50 years ago and was not kept. The Chief blew out the gas at his hotel instead of turning it off and was found dead the next morning. His remains were sent back here for burial. Mr. Brewer's work here is to teach agriculture to the Indians, both parents and Indian school children.

79.

A bulletin of Ginn & Co., announces a work on calculus by G. A. Goodenough, of the above class, and Prof. Townsend, of the University of Illinois. The work is highly spoken of by the reviewers.

79.

Miss Catherine Koch remains at the Western State Normal next year at a substantial increase in salary. Miss Koch is teacher in the department of rural schools, and is interesting her students in the work of school gardens.

Since Jan. 1st there has been sold from our poultry department three thousand dozen eggs.

M. A. C. meets the strong Notre Dame team Thursday on the home grounds at four o'clock. They won from our team early in the season 3 to 1 and have not met defeat this year, having beaten all of the strong western teams. They will go from here to the U. of M. for games on Friday and Saturday, having won from that institution in the first game 4 to 0.

Do not forget the Debate Saturday evening. Come out and hear the discussion and help to cheer the boys on to victory. Ypsi is coming here prepared for a hard contest, and we do not expect to disappoint them upon this point. All honor to the team who have been working long and faithful in preparation for this debate. Come out and prove by your presence and enthusiasm that these are your sentiments.

704.

L. B. McWethy, formerly of Laramie, Wyo., has changed his address from the above city to Thornton, Weston Co., Wyo.

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