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ENGINEERING BANQUET.

On Tuesday night of last week, in the Hotel Downey, was held the annual banquet of the Engineering Society, and from every standpoint it was the most enjoyable. Over 150 guests filed into the large dining hall and sat down to a most appetizing feast.

The arrangements for the entire program were in the hands of the students, and every detail was successfully carried out.

Among the speakers and guests for the evening were: Dean Bissell, who acted as toastmaster, Pres. Snyder, H. B. Gunnison, '01, of Detroit, Prof. F. S. Kedzie, Prof. H. K. Vedder, Prof. J. F. Macklin, F. L. Radford, '01, and Prof. Chas. S. Denison, of the University. Gov. Ferris and also Senator Murtha, who were to appear on the program, were unable to be present. Dean Cooley, of the State University, was to have been present, but was unavoidably detained.

Following the banquet, Pres. Cumming, of the society, introduced Dean Bissell as toastmaster. The dean spoke eloquently of the great strides along all lines made by M. A. C. during the past 17 or 18 years, making some interesting comparisons in enrollment for the years 1896 and 1913.

Pres. Snyder was introduced as the youngest man at the table, due to his long association with young men. The president spoke of the creation of material wealth, and stated that education and knowledge have multiplied as rapidly as material wealth. He gave briefly a history of the development of educational methods, and stated his belief that there is a great work to be done by the college man.

"Practice" was the subject upon which F. L. Radford, '01, spoke. Mr. Radford stated that the college man inevitably comes to the front more rapidly with the practice on account of his deeper study. Practice is a necessity, no matter how learned the man.

E. C. Douglas, of the senior class, responded to the toast, "The Next Step." The speaker believes that time spells wonderful things for the ambitious man, and the next step for we seniors is a mighty uncertain one, for the step may be in the wrong direction.

H. B. Gunnison, '01, of Detroit, believes that the engineer especially must be broad-minded. The engineer is ever face to face with new problems, which he must figure out for himself, and in college we cannot hope to get but the fundamentals which will aid us in the doing of greater things. "Make M. A. C. the watchword of thoroughness and knowledge, and the world will take its cue," said Mr. Gunnison.

Prof. Macklin spoke of his early aspirations for engineering work, and in an entertaining manner spoke of the way in which he became sidetracked.

Prof. Denison, who represented Dean Cooley on the program, declared that M. A. C. was a pioneer

in the engineering field, and is a model for the nation. No apology need be offered for the profession, which has kept pace with other professions.

The menu cards were on blue print paper, upon which were also printed officers of the society and program of toasts.

Special cars were provided to convey the party to the college at one o'clock.

FARMERS' CLUB BANQUET.

The activities of the Farmers' Club came to a close Tuesday night when one of the best banquets was held. The club has enjoyed a most successful year thus far, bringing in many speakers of note, many of their meetings being held for the public in general.

The party gathered in the Y. M. C. A. rooms, and at 7:30 proceeded to the club, where an inviting dinner awaited them.

Dean Shaw, as master of ceremonies, was at his best, and by means of combined stories and intense earnestness brought out the best from each speaker on the program.

G. E. Piper as president of the club reviewed the work of the organization during the past term, while the "future" was foretold by Mr. O. T. Goodwin, president-elect for the spring term. Mr. Goodwin declared that the club would still continue to be a potent factor in the development of the college and a leader in all those things which stand for progress.

Instructor George Brown gave some good advice to those who were contemplating active work along agricultural lines, and mixed his toast with a number of stories.

Senator Powell declared that the college has been hampered too long because of a lack of funds and should today be given the assistance it deserves and that which it must have if it is to answer the call and fulfill the demand made upon it by the people of the state. Agricultural problems are those which affect the people of the state at large, and this institution should certainly be provided for if these interests are to go forward.

Hon. R. D. Graham, president of the State Board is a firm believer in the all-round training which the students at M. A. C. receive, as they are able under almost any condition to make good in the work of the world. Mr. Graham stated we should not expect that every graduate would return to the farm, and was proud of the fact that at a recent meeting of the representatives of the associated agricultural colleges, 16 of the states were represented by M. A. C. graduates.

Dr. Barlow, a medical missionary to China was a guest of the club and gave a most interesting history of Chinese agriculture, comparing the same and especially the intensive methods of the people of that land, with our own. The program was thoroughly enjoyed by every one present and was certainly a fitting close to a successful term's work.

HIAWATHA'S WEDDING FEAST.

The College Chorus, assisted by the College Orchestra and Mr. David Dunbar, of Chicago, as tenor soloist, and Mr. Fred Killeen, conductor, last Friday evening gave Coleridge Taylor's beautiful Cantata, "Hiawatha," as one of the numbers of the Liberal Arts Union Course.

The soloist gave a group of songs, "A Song of Thanksgiving," by Allitsen, "The Robin," by MacDowell, and "Invectus," by Bruno Huhn, at the opening of the program, and immediately won the favor of his audience. Mr. Dunbar has a robust tenor voice, very pleasing in tone quality, and is able to sustain big effects in an exceptionally excellent manner. This showed to advantage in his first and third numbers, and in the one beautiful solo in the Cantata, "Onaway! Awake, beloved!"

None the less pleasing, and all the more surprising, were the beautiful soft and tender tones in "The Robin." We shall hope to hear Mr. Dunbar again.

The chorus did very good work, and, on the whole, carefully followed Mr. Killeen's leading.

But what makes this concert a red-letter one is that it is the first time, excepting at the time of the Semi-Centennial, when one from away was engaged, that we have been able to have an orchestra to assist; and the best of it is that this is likely to be a permanent feature. Some few local musicians added much to the stability of the players, but for the most part the orchestra was made up of college talent, and, considering this, most acceptable work was done.

The cantata, "Hiawatha," is a beautiful setting of the loved Indian story. The quaint beauty and weirdness of the Indian themes woven in through endless changes of key makes it a most attractive work.

Mr. Killeen deserves highest commendation for his success in this concert.

FORESTERS' BANQUET.

A farewell banquet was tendered Prof. Baker by the Forestry Club Thursday evening of last week, in club B, Abbot Hall. Unique place cards with pussy willow design were used, and the tables were decorated with pink and white carnations.

E. H. Burt acted in the capacity of toastmaster, and toasts were responded to by the various members.

Prof. Baker reviewed the work of the forestry department for the term, spoke of his anticipated work in Germany, and of his hope for the growth and development of the department.

C. D. Cook spoke on the great work being carried on in the west; W. W. Lavers, chief forester, on the achievements of the club; A. D. Wolf on the summer camp, and E. L. Kunze on German forestry.

ALUMNI

'74.

Rev. M. T. Rainier, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Manchester, Kans., writes as follows: "I met P. G. Holden ('89) the other day in Abilene, Kans., the first M. A. C. man I have met since '97 when I was at the college last. He is a live wire if I ever met one in my life, and I am glad he failed to be governor of Iowa. He is more useful where he is."

'02.

H. L. Brunger is chief draftsman for the M. Rumley Co., of Laporte, Ind. His private address is 1608 Indiana Ave.

'02.

E. R. Bennett, formerly professor of horticulture in the Colorado Agricultural College, has recently been appointed horticulturist for the Rock Island Lines. Prof. Bennett specialized in horticulture while in college and spent considerable part of his vacations on the college gardens and in the greenhouses.

'03.

H. Ray Kingsley, with the class of '03, has recently accepted the position of assistant engineer, Bureau of Public Works, Manila, P. I. His residence will be 903 Calle Dakota. H. L. Kingsley, with the class of '05, takes the position, formerly occupied by his brother, Ray, as structural engineer with Dr. H. Burnham & Co., architects, Chicago. He was formerly drafting with the American Bridge Company at Gary, Ind. His present address is 1305 Morse Ave.

'06.

Kinton B. Stevens writes that work is rushing at Portland, Oregon. He is with the Portland Railway Light & Power Co., and they have a number of power plants and stations to build. Mr. Stevens states that they have had an excellent winter—not very much rain and only a few snow flurries.

'10.

M. M. Buck is now with the Buda Foundry and Mfg. Co., of Harvey, Ill., with temporary address at 132 West Muskegon Ave., Muskegon, Michigan.

'12.

J. F. Jonas called on college friends Thursday afternoon. Mr. Jonas is with the Fargo Engineering Co., and has recently been transferred to the Manistee River Water Power project.

'12.

Alfred Iddles has changed from Jackson to the Flint Gas Works where he assumes the duties of assistant superintendent. The entire management of this plant is now in the hands of M. A. C. men. H. M. Eaton, '03, as manager, F. J. Richards, '11, as superintendent and Mr. Iddles as assistant.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 1913.

THE winter term is now closing, and a short twelve weeks it has seemed, too. Practically all of our students who live within reasonable distance will take advantage of the vacation and journey homeward.

As next week is vacation, no RECORD will be issued on Tuesday. The next number will be dated April 8. We plan to issue another alumni number sometime during the spring term, which will be somewhat in the nature of an announcement of the big Reunion. Let us hear from the alumni concerning this meeting. Our alumni secretary has promised something interesting concerning special features, and we hope to be of service in making this gathering the most successful reunion ever held. We shall appreciate your support.

THAT the Detroit alumni are alive to their opportunities is evidenced by a most interesting letter from Harry L. Brown, '07, accompanied by copy of the resolutions passed by the alumni at their recent meeting. We quote as follows from Mr. Brown's letter:

"At the annual banquet, held several weeks ago, we elected a committee of fifteen to act as sort of a board of directors of the alumni association for terms of one, two and three years, and in the future we will elect five each year. This board elects its own officers, and handles all the affairs of the association. We met last Saturday (March 15) noon at the University Club and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

"Henry A. Haigh, '74, president; William Lightbody, '89, vice president; Harry L. Brown, '07, secretary, and Harry S. Reed, '06, treasurer."

Following are the resolutions passed by the Detroit alumni and signed by the new officers of this board of directors:

RESOLUTIONS OF MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE ALUMNI.

To the Governor and Legislature of Michigan:

At the annual gathering of the Wayne County Alumni of the Michigan State Agricultural College, held in Detroit on February 27th, 1913, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, and the undersigned committee were instructed to make every possible effort to secure the important object named:

Resolved, That we, the alumni and former students of the State Agricultural College, residing in and near the city of Detroit and numbering over five hundred citizens of Michigan, do hereby most

earnestly petition the governor, senators and representatives of this state to give favorable consideration to the bill now pending in the legislature, providing for an appropriation for the support and maintenance of the State Agricultural College.

Realizing the imperative importance of the continuance of the most efficient work of that institution to agriculture and the practical life of this State, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is our sincere belief that the great agricultural and industrial interests of this State imperatively demand that the measure now pending be enacted into law.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of this Association be instructed to send a copy of these resolutions to the Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, the House Committee of Ways and Means, and the two Committees of the College and to all Wayne County members of the Legislature,—urgently beseeching their vigorous support and best efforts to secure the passage of said bill.

HENRY A. HAIGH, 1874,
President.
WM. LIGHTBODY, 1889,
Vice-President.
HARRY L. BROWN, 1907,
Secretary.
HARRY S. REED, 1906,
Treasurer.

FORESTRY THESES.

Theses subjects selected by the senior foresters for the work of the spring term are as follows:

E. W. Tinker—Relative value of gasoline and carbon-tetra-chloride as solvents for extracting turpentine and resin from Norway pine stumps.

J. S. Sibley—Reconnaissance of a typical Michigan woodlot.

Messrs. Kunze and Cook—Destructive distillation of jack pine, and comparison of species pinus.

Messrs. Cowing, Delzell and Wolf—Study of seeds and seedlings.

Messrs. Colgan and Crawford—Study of Michigan sugar bush and its products.

Messrs. Fletcher and Geyers—Influence of wind breaks.

Messrs. Warner and Mooney—Comparative Analysis of Volatile Oils from Needles of Western and Eastern White Pine.

STUDENT ELECTIONS.

A heavy vote was polled for Saturday's election, the results being as follows:

R. F. Irvin—Managing Editor of the *Holcad*.

J. L. Snellink, Business Manager. For representatives on Liberal Arts Union—F. A. Nagler, Jr., and K. P. Bemis, Sophomore.

General Ticket—Yell Master, H. K. Beebe; Assistant Baseball Manager, Wade Weston; Assistant Football Manager, C. H. Peterson.

The two men in each class receiving the highest number of votes for members of the Athletic Board of Control are, G. Gauthier and R. Dodge, juniors; A. L. Bibbins and W. W. Barron, sophomores; E. C. Mandenberg and O. W. Laidlaw, freshmen.

BASKET-BALL.

The season just closed marks the passing of what is considered to be one of the strongest teams ever representing M. A. C. Starting with six veteran monogram men and a wealth of new material, it was only a question of fine points to decide who should fill the regular places. All of the old men had to go at top speed to win from the second string, and often ten or eleven men were played during a game, thus giving the new men valuable experience gained from stiff opposition.

It is safe to say that every man was a star in his position, and played a fighting game regardless of the score, as is shown by the few point margin in each of the few games lost. The Ohio trip proved disastrous on account of the long jump and poor train connections, leaving the boys in no condition to play winning ball.

Two of the mainstays of the team—Chamberlain and Spencer—will graduate in June and their loss will be seriously felt, as each played a high class article of basket ball. Chamberlain was usually the team's best scorer of field baskets, while the work of Spencer on the foul line has been next to phenomenal.

Dodge and Reynolds are the logical candidates for these positions next year. Capt. Goss has been a tower of strength to the team both on offensive work and that of defense, and his judgment and experience was a valuable asset to the team. Vatz and Gauthier showed their usual stellar work as forwards, alternating with the Miller brothers the entire season. These men were among the best new material of the season and played good consistent ball throughout. Dodge proved his value to the team by playing equally well at either guard, forward or at center, and helped to run up the points in nearly every game. Burt and O. K. Miller played good ball and the competition for places was always keen.

The outlook for next season is certainly very bright in spite of the fact that the armory will still have to be used in place of a gymnasium.

SUMMARY OF GAMES.

M. A. C.	76	Winona	14
"	97	T. B. Rayls	12
"	48	Alma	24
"	33	Hope	26
"	21	Northwestern	23
"	22	Detroit Y.	23
"	40	Notre Dame	7
"	58	Hope	25
"	39	St. Johns	24
"	30	Bachtel	35
"	18	Dennison	44
"	26	St. Marys	28
"	38	Detroit Y.	9
Total	485	Total	294

INDIVIDUAL POINT WINNERS.

Goss (Capt.), 50 points from field, 5 from foul line.
Spencer, 48 points from field, 56 from foul line.
Chamberlain, 70 points from field.
Gauthier, 42 points from field.
Vatz, 40 points from field.
B. Miller, 38 points from field.
H. Miller, 42 points from field.
Dodge, 10 points from field.
Burt, 40 points from field.

Earl P. Robinson, of the class of '07, has been appointed county agriculturist for Saginaw county, and reports for duty April 1.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Hon. Lawton T. Hemans, of the Michigan Railroad Commission, spoke before Prof. Ryder's class in economics Thursday morning on the subject of public utilities. In addition to the regular class a large number of visitors availed themselves of the opportunity to hear Mr. Hemans on this subject and were well repaid for the effort.

As a member of the Railroad Commission, Mr. Hemans spoke largely from the standpoint of railroads, mentioning the fact that at the time of Michigan's first constitution there were no railroads and no cause for particular alarm as to combinations. As time went on it became necessary to invest vast sums of money and take great chances in the building of big line railroads. Companies were therefore formed, which made their own freight and passenger rates. They were given almost unlimited power to enlarge, and today we find it necessary to have appointed a commission, whose business it is to hear all complaints and attempt to adjust all claims amicably.

Not only does the commission affect the working of railroads, but various other utilities such as lighting, gas companies, water works boards, etc., and sooner or later telephones will come under this head.

Two wills were suggested for relieving the situation—efficient control and government ownership. The former, in the opinion of Mr. Hemans, is the logical solution of the matter. These companies are servants of the public, and while they must be protected, they must also give prompt and reasonable service.

'95.

During the past three months I have attended a good many horticultural meetings and spoken at several. At the meeting of the Western New York Horticultural Society in Rochester, I gave a brief address on successes of farmers' exchanges, more especially in the East. I gave a more extended address on this same subject at the West Virginia State Horticultural Society's meeting at Charleston, where I also spoke on increasing membership of horticultural associations. At Lynchburg, Va., I gave a speech on cooperation before the meeting of the Virginia State Horticultural Society where I also spoke on increasing membership. The co-operative address is the longest and most comprehensive address that I have ever given before an agricultural body.

At these various meetings I have seen some M. A. C. men but not so many as usual. At Charleston I had a good chat with E. Dwight Sanderson, dean and director of the West Virginia State Agricultural College and Experiment Station. Sanderson was in the throes of legislation, working for support of his institution. Recently I have heard that his labors have been eminently successful. He certainly seems to be getting hold of the people down there, and from all I can learn is well liked.—(M. G. Kains, '95.)

Dean Gilchrist has been in Chicago for a few days, where she attended a meeting of the Association of Collegiate Alumni, held in the Hotel La Salle.

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ABOUT THE CAMPUS

A son, William Higgins, was
born to Prof. and Mrs. Ernst A.
Bessey on Tuesday, March 18.

Prof. Anderson, of the Depart-
ment of Dairy Husbandry, has been
spending several days in the north-
ern peninsula of the state doing in-
stitute work.

Last week was the first out-door
drill for the cadets this spring.
Companies I and M responded
Tuesday for work in the open and
these were followed by two more
on Wednesday night.

Prof. and Mrs. Baker left Michi-
gan this morning, and sail from
Hoboken, N. J., on Thursday, for
Germany, where they will spend
the coming year. We shall hope to
hear from them occasionally, and to
know how they enjoy the "fadder
land."

Dr. Lyman is preparing a bulle-
tin on the Veterinary Science
Course, which will soon be sent to
the printers. It includes course of
study and outline work given, to-
gether with special information
which might be of interest to those
young men who are especially in-
terested in this line of work.

Field Agent W. F. Raven reports
the organization in Macomb Co., of
one of the finest Holstein Cattle
Breeders' Association in the state.
Roy Potts, '06, of Washington, is
one of the live wires in this project.
Mr. Raven also recently organized
an association in Livingston Co.,
where H. W. Norton, '03, is secre-
tary.

M. J. Dikeman, '08, now of De-
troit, Mich., called on college friends
yesterday.

The members of the Delta club
gave a banquet Wednesday night
in honor of Instructor Fischer, who
left on Thursday for a six months'
stay in Germany.

H. B. Gunnison, '00, with the
Edison Illuminating Co., of Detroit,
was one of the speakers at the En-
gineering Society banquet Tuesday
evening, and made college friends a
hurried call Wednesday morning.

M. A. C. and vicinity witnessed
some real March weather Friday of
last week, when the sunshine, snow
and rain alternated. The wind,
however, refused to alternate with
anything and kept busy the whole
time.

Beginning next term, the fresh-
men veterinary science students
really have their first taste of work
pertaining immediately to this di-
vision. The first course is that of
zootechnics, which includes the
work in restraint of different types
of animals, and a series of stereop-
tican lectures on types of dogs and
smaller animals.

Mr. L. V. Crandall, a graduate
of Minnesota Agricultural College,
has been assigned to work in St.
Clair county for the department of
agriculture, as county agent. Mr.
Crandall has been doing consider-
able work for the department in
the Thumb, and was especially well
acquainted with conditions in that
section of the state.

An excellent Easter program was
given at the People's Church Sun-
day afternoon at four o'clock.

The board as audited in the vari-
ous clubs for the winter term is as
follows: A, \$3.03; B, \$3.16; C,
\$2.10; D, \$2.67; E, \$3.20; G,
\$3.16.

The M. A. C. Glee Club, now
well organized, will tour the central
part of the state during vacation,
and a local concert will be given in
the armory April 11.

Mr. Harris F. Hall, of the class
of '90, was one of our visitors the
past week. Mr. Hall is a mechan-
ical engineer of Chicago and had not
visited his alma mater for twenty
years.

Irving Gilson, '10, instructor in
forestry, now on leave of absence
to complete his work at Yale, was
a college caller last week. Mr. Gil-
son was on his way south where
he will study active lumbering op-
erations during the next few weeks.

In connection with the recent
civil service examination, there were
given by the Bureau of Animal
Husbandry examinations to veteri-
nary science graduates. The salary
mentioned was \$1,400. This amount
would be increased to \$1,600 after
two years' service, and to \$1,800
after four years' service, with per-
manent employment. These exam-
inations were taken by some of the
former M. A. C. veterinary students
who left last year to complete the
senior year at the Ohio State Uni-
versity.

Field Agent White was at Fre-
mont, Muskegon, and Holton the
past week, where demonstrations in
pruning were carried on.

Prof. Pettit reports a fine trip
and a good meeting at Traverse City
last week, when he attended and
addressed the State Bee Keepers'
convention.

At the Peace Oration Contest,
held Friday night, the representa-
tive of the state university was
again given first place, and Albion's
second. Our own speaker, Mr.
Margolis, was given honorable men-
tion and third position.

The students who were seen rid-
ing on the big stone boat behind
the big tractor one day the past
week were not taking a "joy ride,"
as some seem to think, but were
simply furnishing draft for the
tractive test being carried on by the
department of farm mechanics.

Instructor E. G. Fischer, of our
English department, has been
chosen as exchange teacher under
the Carnegie Foundation, and left
on Thursday for his new field in
Berlin, Germany. He will teach
English during the six months be-
ginning April 3, and Germany will
send an instructor in German to
some point in the U. S. Mr.
Fischer will teach conversational
English and composition. German
schools in general are considered
somewhat exclusive and this is con-
sidered an exceptionally good op-
portunity for Mr. Fischer. He sails
from Hoboken, N. J., on March 22.

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ACADEMY OF SCIENCE.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the Michigan Academy of Science will be held in Ann Arbor, April 2, 3 and 4. The programs for this meeting are in the hands of the secretary, Dr. Richard de Zeeuw, and copies may be had by calling on him at the agricultural building.

M. A. C. will be well represented in the sectional programs, as is shown by the following:

Sanitary and Medical Science: Papers will be given by Miss Zae Northrup, Instructor Chas. W. Brown, Dr. E. Hallman, Dr. F. H. Van Suchtelen, Mr. W. S. Robbins, and Mr. L. R. Himmelberger.

Under the division of Economics, Dr. W. O. Hedrick will speak on "Farm Organization as a Factor in Rural Economics," and Prof. E. H. Ryder will speak on the "Taxation of Local Public Utilities in Michigan."

The department of botany will be represented on the program by Dr. R. P. Hibbard, Dr. Richard de Zeeuw, and Prof. G. Coons, who is now pursuing advanced work in the University. F. A. Loew, '04, professor of sciences in Huntington, Ind., also appears on the program.

THE PORTRAIT FUND.

The old students and admirers of Doctors Beal and Cook continue to manifest their appreciation by their contributions. The portrait fund has now (March 24) attained an aggregate of \$555. We make acknowledgement to the following contributors since our last publication:

B. B. and Mrs. Louise Kelley Pratt, Miss Eva Bailey, Arthur Jones, H. B. Rodgers, C. E. St. John, Miss Fannie Beal, Ray Thomas, Miss Cora Feldcamp, C. P. Gillette, Mrs. Amy Vaughn Gilger, E. D. A. True, F. B. Mumford, P. H. Wessels, Miss Paulina Raven, Miss Caroline Lawrence, Ray Sessions, Mr. W. H. and Mrs. Mamie Smith Van Devoort, Howard Hall, M. W. Fulton, R. H. Wait, A. B. Turner, James Troop, W. L. Snyder, A. G. Guiley, C. W. Gammon, C. C. Georgeson, Mrs. Kate Coad Carpenter, A. P. Holden, H. M. Connelly.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

THE CALL OF FIRE.

The fire alarm was sounded at about eight o'clock, Wednesday morning, and practically "all of us" had to go and see to it. The recall was sounded for class, but we couldn't be spared.

The scene of the trouble was the Union Literary Society building, which was found to be on fire in the west wall and between the floor and ceiling. Two lines of hose were soon laid, but only one was used, and considerable delay was experienced in locating the blaze. In

the meantime the piano and other furniture was moved to the porch, and so when the water was finally turned on the assembly room was practically empty.

It took but a few minutes to extinguish the blaze, and the students were obliged to wend their several ways back to their classes, one even complaining that, "we always manage to have a fire just when I have no class."

A complete panel was burned from the wall in the room on the second floor, while the assembly room will need an entire new coat of plaster, decorations, etc. The estimated damage is between five and six hundred dollars, which is fully covered by insurance.

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UNIFORM TEXT BOOKS.

Senator Straight spoke before the class in economics Tuesday morning on the Uniform Text Book bill, which he has introduced.

His talk was in the nature of a plea for the measure, his claims being, first, a saving in the expense to the pupil; second, less confusion when the pupil moves from one district to another, and third, that the commission as provided in the bill would be better able to judge the proper texts than would any local school board.

On Wednesday morning Prof. French spoke before the class on the negative side of the same question. Prof. French believes that no commission would be able to select books which would be satisfactory to the pupils of the entire state. The system could not be adapted to such a wide territory. The system is not adapted to teachers differently trained. So far as expense is concerned, Prof. French believes that if the free text book bill becomes a law, this will settle the whole matter, the student would not buy at all, but the books would only be loaned him, and in another year loaned to another.

At the horticultural meeting held, in Jackson, Prof. Eustace met several M. A. C. men, among whom were: Bert Wermuth, '02, G. W. Gutekunst, '01, S. A. Gildersleeve, '01, and Chas. Pratt.

Prof. Taft has received a large number of reports of European shipments of nursery stock into the state. These shipments will be carefully inspected by Prof. Taft and his assistants in order to safeguard the nurseymen against the gypsy and brown tail moths and other dangerous pests, as well as against the diseases which are prevalent in the European countries. These shipments include a great variety of nursery stock and from a great many different points.

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Mr. Herman Cook, for many years a resident of East Lansing, died at his home on Grand River Ave., at four o'clock Sunday. Mr. Cook has been a sufferer for some time with a complication of stomach and liver trouble. He was 74 years of age.

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