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REGARDING THE \$35,000 PROVISIO

The Position of the State Board of Agriculture With Regard to the Limiting Clause Attached to the Appropriation Bill Passed by the Recent Legislature

In one way or another considerable has been said, and much more thought, about the appropriation bill which was passed by the Michigan legislature during its session last spring. The attention of those interested in the growth and future welfare of the Agricultural College has for the most part been focussed upon the proviso which was attached to the bill in its passage through the House committee.

This clause, which is designated as Section 1 (a) of the bill, to provide assistance for the Agricultural College, is as follows: "No part of this (mill tax) or any other appropriation shall be available in case a sum in excess of \$35,000.00 from any or all sources shall be expended in any fiscal year for the maintenance of the mechanical and engineering department."

Immediately following the passage of the above measure, which was attached to the bill increasing the annual appropriation for the Michigan Agricultural College from one-fifth to one-sixth of a mill, the bulk of the state press entered into a discussion of the measure. Opinion was divided, but practically all were agreed on one point, namely, that under the conditions stipulated the engineering department could not long exist, let alone fulfilling its intended functions.

The State Board of Agriculture shared this feeling of apprehension, and the legal members of the Board at once set about finding exactly how the college stood. A thorough examination of the legal aspects of the case was made, in order to determine the next step. In so doing, a detailed investigation of all legislation having to do with the Agricultural College was made, the results being summed up and presented as a certified statement to the Governor, auditor general, state treasurer, attorney general, the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House. This definition of position was, in effect, as follows:

It was found that in 1862 an act of Congress, the First Morrill Act, provided for the granting of public lands to the various states, the proceeds from the sale of which were to be placed in a fund. This fund was to be invested in such a way as to draw not less than five per cent. interest, said interest to be apportioned to the state institutions provided for in the way designated in the Morrill Act. The Michigan legislature in 1863 expressly accepted this grant by two acts, thereby binding the people of Michigan to observe the terms of the Morrill act, one term of which mentions "the mechanic arts."

The situation last spring was somewhat different than that in 1885,

when the Federal government advised the Michigan Agricultural College that there was danger of forfeiting this grant, owing to the fact that no department of engineering had been established. Steps toward providing such a department were immediately taken, as shown in Act No. 42 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1885.

A common point in all the legislation which has heretofore been passed regarding the Agricultural College is the term "mechanic arts." Particular attention has always been exercised to assure the presence of that important item.

In 1890 came the Second Morrill Act, followed in 1907 by the Nelson amendment. Both these acts were intended "for the more complete of the colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts." And the State of Michigan, through its legislature, accepted these acts and bound itself to support the embodied provisions. The methods of expending these amounts were well defined, but in each case "the mechanic arts" was a part of the act. The Second Morrill Act gave \$25,000. The Nelson amendment increased this to \$50,000, which, with the \$70,000 now accruing to the college from the original Morrill act, gives the college a total income of \$120,000 from the Federal government for the purposes of education alone. The moneys used for the support and maintenance of the experiment stations are not included.

Legal advice given the State Board has been to the effect that the federal department having these moneys in charge insists on a fair and proportionate disbursement of them, and that no department shall be favored to the exclusion of any other. A failure to maintain this proportionate efficiency may result in a withdrawal of Federal support.

The board decided that it would be impossible to maintain a proportionate efficiency if the expenditures for the engineering department were to be limited to \$35,000 per annum. It appeared further that any attempt whatsoever to limit any department would result in the utter demoralization of the department, its faculty and student body.

The State Board, in its statement, contests the right of the legislature to limit the expenditure of federal funds, and also denies the constitutionality of the "\$35,000" clause. The present status of the case is best summed up as in the copy sent to the state officials, viz.:

(a) We (the State Board) shall continue that department as now conducted, and as it may legitimately grow and develop.

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DEAN BAILEY RETIRES FROM ACTIVE SERVICE

A recent number of *The Outlook* contains an editorial which speaks in no uncertain terms of praise of Dean L. H. Bailey's great work at Cornell. All who know the man, and know of what he has done for the College of Agriculture at Cornell, regret his departure, which cannot but be a great loss to the University.

Dean Bailey has desired to retire for some little time past, in order that he might more closely devote himself to research work and the solution of pressing rural problems. As a matter of fact his resignation was handed to the trustees of the University two years ago, but the alumni of the College of Agriculture induced him to remain on condition that he should have the absolute management of the agricultural division. Naturally there were a number of difficulties to be overcome, but time has proved the wisdom of Dean Bailey in the matter.

The following quotation sums up in a few words the real value of his service to Cornell: "Since the management of the College of Agriculture has passed from Cornell University, its growth has been convincingly and gratifyingly great enough to silence even the most captious critics. It is outstripping the other departments of the university, both in numbers and personnel. Probably Dean Bailey feels that the critical period has now passed, and that it is no longer an absolute duty for him to remain at the helm."

Liberty Hyde Bailey was graduated from the Michigan Agricultural College with the class of 1882. He has been Director of the College of Agriculture at Cornell University since 1903. During the administration of Theodore Roosevelt as President of the United States, Dean Bailey was chairman of the famous Country Life Commission, in which capacity he rendered the people of the country invaluable service.

Besides handling his great amount of regular work in connection with his important offices, which has resulted in considerable benefit to the college and great credit to himself, Dean Bailey ranks among the foremost writers of this country, if not of the world, on subjects pertaining to agriculture, horticulture and rural problems in general. His friends among the alumni of M. A. C. unite in wishing Dean Bailey a long life of service and happiness in the broader field which he contemplates entering.

'13.

Joseph Van Kerckhove is taking the apprentice course in the shops of the General Electric Co., West Lynn, Mass. "Joe" had intended to put off getting married for some time, but changed his mind and was recently married to a Miss Livingston, of Columbus, Wis.

ALUMNI

'71.

R. M. Slocum, of this class, residing at Osakis, Minn., sends some interesting information. He says, "My class, when graduated, contained twelve members, six of whom are now living, viz.: E. M. Shelton, Peter Felker, Frank Sessions, Henry Halstead, Byron Halstead, and R. M. Slocum."

'74 and '78.

The only two of our alumni who are ministers in the Presbyterian Church are M. T. Rainier, '74, and H. V. Clark, '78. Both are in Kansas, and are moderators of their respective Presbyteries. At a recent meeting of the Synod of Kansas they met for the first time, and were assigned a room together. In the interim of church business, they found opportunity for a delightful visit about the old College and the many mutual acquaintances of "Auld Lang Sine."

'93.

Dick J. Crosby is in the poultry farming business at Springwater, N. Y. He is most enthusiastic about a flock of 475 white leghorn pullets, but adds that he also holds a position in the agricultural education service of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

'94.

R. S. Campbell is an M. A. C. man who has "made good" in the midst of keen competition in the life insurance work. He is general agent for the Massachusetts Mutual Co., and is located at Port Huron, Michigan.

'03.

H. Ray Kingsley, with 1903, is assistant engineer in the Manila Bureau of Public Works. With his wife, Mabel Downey, '05, and their two children, he has been in the Philippines about a year. He writes that they have met a number of M. A. C. people in that part of the world.

'10.

P. G. McKenna, one of M. A. C.'s greatest football players, was at Madison to see M. A. C. win. "Mac" is now located at Mercer, Wis.

John A. Smith, of Harrisburg, Pa., sent Prof. Pettit a basket of fine persimmons last week. Smith is assistant to Prof. H. A. Servis in entomology in the experiment station there, and is also Deputy State Bee Inspector. While in College, Smith was known as a "bug" on photography, and did some very fine work in color photography. Part of his time now is spent doing this sort of work for the experiment station at Harrisburg.

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A. C. Mason is doing experimental work at the Gainesville, Fla., experiment station, along the lines of eradicating the white fly and scales by means of parasites and diseases.

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VERY CARELESS

The Outlook, in its issue of November first, contains a full page of pictures of the leading football captains of the country for the present season. Among those present are the leaders of the Army, Navy, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and not least by any means, Capt. Tandberg, of the University of Wisconsin.

Far be it from us to discredit Capt. Tandberg, who is a gentleman and a game loser, but there is at least one other face which should have appeared in that famous group. We know of a man who led his team against the wonderful Wisconsin team not long ago, and who also lead them home again with the scalp of the conference champions dangling from his belt. Of the many competent critics who witnessed the game, not one but said the eleven representing the Michigan Agricultural College outplayed the heavier Wisconsin team, not only in spots, but all the time. Much credit is due the M. A. C. fullback, but our captain was in there every minute. Captain Chester Gifford, of the Michigan Agricultural College, will please come forward and take his seat in the Hall of Fame.

LIVE QUESTIONS.

Would the RECORD better serve the interests of its large and growing constituency if published as a monthly rather than in its present form? A few have voiced their opinions on this matter. We will be glad to devote some space to a discussion of the question. While the change can hardly be made before next fall, it is as well to start the discussion early, and have the matter thoroughly threshed out.

Would an annual reunion develop a deeper bond of interest between the college and members of the association? This is a question on which we expect a hot discussion. As a matter of fact, there are several good reasons why the reunions should be held annually, and some equally good reasons why an annual reunion would fail to suit all. It is an open question as yet, but the editor, as secretary of the M. A. C. Association, would like to know the sentiment of the majority. Let's get something started for this winter. It's time the local associations began to get together. We want to hear from you.

Residents of East Lansing gazed at an unusual sight during the past two weeks. The first taste of snow came before the Michigan game, and produced the rare spectacle of a snow clad campus with most of the trees still green.

THE M. A. C. GRAD.

I met him on the street this morn;
His smile was good to see;
He walked about with chest puffed out
As proud as he could be.
"What means this stride, this look of pride?"
I asked. Thus answered he:

"I've never bragged this way before,
when others gave their college yells,

I gave no raucous cheers for mine,
I blew no horns and rang no bells;
I wore no badge upon my coat to show
where in my youth I'd been.

What alma mater mothered me when I
was very young and green;
But now hip, hip, hooray! and wow!
At last the day has come for me,
We've got a team that beats 'em all. I
studied at the M. A. C.

"They used to mop the earth with us;
they used to break our favorites' backs;

Our fullback always used to look as
though he'd been against an ax.

They called us rubes and farmers, too,
because we studied seeds and soil,
And so I never bragged about where
I had burned the midnight oil.

I've had no chance to yip before of where
I captured my degree.
But now I want the world to know
I studied at the M. A. C.

"In silence I have gone for years, in
patient silence I have borne

The cheers of others in my ears, and
I have heard men speak in scorn

Of my dear alma mater, but at last we've
come into our own:

We've got the coach, we've got the team,
we've got the muscle, brain, and
bone!

Hip, hip, hooray! A tiger, too! In me
I want the world to see

A proud and happy student of that grand
and glorious M. A. C."

—Edgar A. Guest,
in Detroit Free Press.

BANQUETTING SEASON

ALREADY ON ITS WAY.

It is now the open season for banquets. We expect to hear of a great many of these delightful little affairs in the next few months. Almost anything will do as an excuse for a banquet, but from the advices received so far, indications are that most of the Association "feeds" to be given in the near future will take the nature of a tribute to the wonderful football team this year.

W. T. Langley, of the Northwest Association, informs the RECORD that that body intended to hold a reunion about the festal board, and bask in the reflected glory of the "Michigan Aggies."

The RECORD also understands that plans are under way in Detroit for a monster banquet in honor of the team. Whether it is the intention of Detroit local to have the team present is not known. The RECORD ventures to suggest that this might be a good plan, if possible of accomplishment.

Banquets are fine ways of bringing the old boys and girls together, and it is to be hoped that there will be many of them, in all parts of the country this winter.

Let the RECORD know about them.

Quite a number of alumni came back to witness the barbecue and see the great M. A. C. machine in action against Buchtel.

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(b) We shall, as nearly as may be, in view of the accounting difficulties inherent in such cases, limit the annual expenditure of State funds in this department to \$35,000.00.

(c) For the remainder of the necessary expenditures we shall use a sufficient portion of the funds of the federal government.

Secretary Brown, of the State Board, believes that the next move is up to the auditor general, and what form this may take cannot be foreseen. It is admitted that there is a possibility of supreme court action, in case difficulty in getting the expenses allowed is encountered. Meantime the engineering department is booming along, and bids fair to have its share of the general prosperity prevalent about the college.

AN M. A. C. LIVE WIRE

IN EMPIRE OF MIKADO

The Michigan Agricultural College has always had a goodly number of Japanese students in attendance. The majority of them displayed an easy adaptability to the ways and customs of the college, and at the time of graduation were without doubt as loyal supporters of the institution as could be found anywhere. Many of them returned to their island homes and began preaching the gospel of the newer agriculture to their less fortunate brethren.

The following letter from Arao Itano, '11, tells of one who probably stands as high in the agricultural and educational affairs of Japan as any of his contemporaries. The letter is printed just as it came from Mr. Itano's pen.

"Among many Japanese students who had the honor to attend Michigan Agricultural College, the most successful and celebrated person is Dr. Kizo Tamari, who took special work at M. A. C. about 1886, and who is at present time, president of newly established agricultural college in Kagoshima, Japan.

"Prof. Tamari came to this country to visit New Orleans Exposition in year 1885, and finally he decided to study botany under Dr. W. J. Beal, who is now retired from his active duty, and spending his peaceful days in this most sacred and beautiful spot, Amherst, Mass.

"Right after Dr. Tamari went back to Japan, he assumed duty in Imperial University of Tokyo. A few years later he was called upon to establish Aomori Agricultural College. After he was there as president, he was transferred to Kagoshima Agricultural College, which was founded by him. His work in agriculture, besides his special profession, has benefited Japan beyond expression."

The first clash for interclass football honors was fought out on the athletic field Saturday morning, when the juniors defeated the sophomores by a score of 13 to 0. The third year men appeared to have the better of the argument all the way through, and the score is a comparative indication of the strength of the two teams.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters are continually being received which carry a great deal of interest and information which the former residents of the college will be glad to get. From time to time, under the head of correspondence, these letters and extracts from them will be given.

Dear Editor:

I note that you have been slightly misinformed as to my work, as your issue of Oct. 7 states that I had been assisting in the organization of co-operative creameries near Richmond, Va. I did attend several meetings in Virginia, where there was some talk of organizing such creameries, but very little of my time is spent in doing such work.

My work in the field lies in giving assistance to creameries that are meeting with difficulties in their operation. The greater portion of my time is spent in the office, on a new line of work that the Dairy Division is perfecting, which will make the creamery the center for agricultural information in each community.

Wishing you success under the new system, I am,

W. B. LIVERANCE.

1925 G St., Washington, D. C.

C. A. Reed, Bureau of Plant Industry, Washington, D. C., says, in part: "I trust that the paper will prove to be all that you anticipate making it. If I can be of assistance to you at any time, let me know."

POWELL, WYOMING.

October 28, 1913.

Editor M. A. C. RECORD:

Dear Sir:—When I was in school we used to sing "They say that those Rubes, they cannot play ball." There are a couple of Wisconsin men in this office. When news of the Michigan game reached us they said, "Well what do you think of your M. A. C. now?" When news of the Wisconsin game came, they asked me to give the yell, and so I gave old "Rad-a-ta-thrat," coming out strong on the "Terrors to lick" in the middle. Football hasn't been mentioned since. There isn't any use of rubbing it in.

GEO. HENRY ELLIS, '07.

SUN NEVER SETS

ON M. A. C. PEOPLE.

C. F. Baker, '91, Professor of Agronomy, University of the Philippines, has, in August, 1913, contributed an article to Tropical Agriculture, a journal published in Ceylon. The heading of the article was, "New Era in Tropical Agriculture."

The Times, of Ceylon, in its issue of August 9, contains a generous quotation from this article, with a complimentary note by the editor.

In the course of his article, Professor Baker refers to the remarkable progress in experimental work and agricultural education that has been made in the United States, and shows the still greater need of such experiments to improve great numbers of tropical fruits and other farm crops. He especially urges the need of investigations in tropical entomology and plant pathology.

—From Dr. W. J. Beal.

HAMILTON HOLT SPEAKS TO A LARGE AUDIENCE

The first number of the 1913-14 program of the Liberal Arts Union course of lectures was given in the College Armory last Tuesday night, before a good sized audience. The speaker of the evening was Mr. Hamilton Holt, of New York City, editor of *The Independent*. "Commercialism and Journalism" was the subject of Mr. Holt's address.

Mr. Holt opened his lecture by going into the history of the publishing business, and showing the amazing growth in the number of publications in this country up to the present time. He showed that as a result of several factors, among which may be counted the ease of news gathering due to rapid means of communication, the growth of the postal system, improved presses, modern methods of photo illustration, and the use of wood-pulp in the manufacture of paper, the press has now surpassed the school and pulpit as a means of education, and is a big factor in raising the standard of education throughout the country.

Subsequent to the growth in the number of publications came the realization of their value as mediums of advertising. For many years various magazines and newspapers of different periods carried little or no advertising matter in their columns, unless it was in the nature of legal notices, or the description of a lost cow.

What the situation in former days must have been was strikingly brought out by the statement that the average of all publications of today shows that 47 per cent. of their total incomes is derived from advertising, while one case was cited where the advertising receipts of a daily paper were 90 per cent. of the total, leaving but 10 per cent. to be had from sales and circulation.

Here, according to Mr. Holt, is where the advertising man steps in. It is a fact that the advertising pages of any of the big monthly magazines are better written than the pages of reading matter. Men of much resourcefulness and ability are paid to write them, and they must be of a quality to attract and hold attention, and compel a decision to buy. The use of the old sonorous and high sounding claims for goods has been discarded, and the secret of many present-day successes lies in the use of phrases which "catch on," and become familiar terms. "Have you a little Fairy in your home," "There's a Reason," "Look for the Spear,"

and others were cited as examples. With so great a proportion of the receipts coming to the paper by way of the business office, it was not surprising that the editorial policy of many papers should be forced to cater to the big advertisers. The continual fear of offending a man whose account meant thousands, or even of offending some of this man's friends, tended to warp the honest intentions of many publications.

Politics, another feature which formerly played a large part in the editorial policy of papers, has begun to draw away from the notion of getting control of a paper, for the people are refusing to be fooled. The era of the politically independent publication is growing more definite, and it appears that the danger from such sources as corrupt politics is not great.

In closing, Mr. Holt said: "While commercialism is, and has been, the greatest menace to the freedom of the press, it is developing within itself the germ of its own destruction." The people appear to be waking up, and although they have a keen eye for business, the papers are realizing that they must keep their advertising columns clean. The merchants are coming to see that they must do as they advertise or they will not be in business long.

ANNUAL BARBECUE CREDIT TO 1916

The class of 1916 proved themselves capable hosts, and the members of 1917, plus some two thousand others, proved themselves appreciative guests at the big annual barbecue, held in the hollow in front of Wells Hall last Friday night. As is usually the case, the visitors ate buns and drank sweet cider until they were comfortably filled, and then declared the event to be the best ever. That means no reflection on the present sophomores, however, for if not really the best ever, the barbecue tendered by them is fully up to the standard set in previous years.

The band assembled early and regaled the gathering throng with the latest popular football music. "Down Before the Farmers" and "The Victors," the latter having been appropriated by M. A. C. after the Michigan game, seemed to be the most popular. In spite of the chill wind which sneaked around the corners of the chemistry building, the crowd kept coming, and those who arrived early enough took positions where they could enjoy

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BUCHTEL JOINS GROWING NUMBER OF M. A. C. FOOTBALL VICTIMS

Ohio College Adds Its Name to List of Teams Beaten by Macklin's Fighting Aggies

Due to a lack of the stiff opposition which engenders the fighting spirit in a team, the M. A. C. squad loafed through the major portion of last Saturday's game with Buchtel College, of Akron, Ohio, and only succeeded in accumulating a total of 41 points to the Buckeye's zero. The word "squad" is used advisedly, for, after the result was assured, Macklin sent in a number of scrubs and gave them a chance to gather a little experience. Though the local goal was never in real danger, the presence of the second string of men seemed to take away the punch of the sturdy M. A. C. machine, and helped to keep the score down. As a matter of fact, the coach was not desirous of a big score.

The game brought out one feature which delighted the large crowd assembled to watch the working of the new western championship aspirants: M. A. C. has at last discovered, or rather developed, a goal kicker. The fans nearly died of heart failure in both the Michigan and Wisconsin games because of the fact that the Aggie goal was in danger right at the finish, and a lone touchdown would have sufficed to beat our team. M. A. C. had lost or missed all chances to kick goal, and, in both the big games, a second touchdown by the opposition would have beaten us by one point. Last Saturday Captain Gifford appeared in the role of goal kicker, and secured five out of six chances, two of them from difficult angles.

As to the game itself, M. A. C. scored at will, but loafed most of the time. From the standpoint of the fans, the game was exceedingly slow and uninteresting. This was due not only to the big games which have had close attention in the weeks previous, but to the prep. school tactics of the Buchtel players. From the outside they appeared to have absolutely nothing in the way of a team except their uniforms, and, after the affair was over, one of the officials remarked that he'd be ashamed of a high school team that knew as little football as Buchtel. They took every opportunity to slow up the game, and staged several exciting debates with the referee.

Julian was used but little. Starting the game, the big fullback was called to carry the ball but twice in ten minutes, making 15 yards each time. Early in the game he gave way to Hewitt Miller, who showed up well. Gauthier secured the first score on a center play, after M. A. C. had marched the ball straight down the field by old-fashioned football. Gifford missed the goal, making the score 6 to 0, M. A. C.

Blake Miller got away for several of his spectacular long end runs, at least two of them netting 20 yards each. Hewitt Miller also got away upon one occasion for a long sprint of the same distance. Hoague, a Lansing lad, made his first public appearance with the 'varsity,' going in at the fullback position for a time in the third quarter. He displayed lots of "pep," but appeared to be a trifle rattled in pinches.

One touchdown was M. A. C.'s portion in each of the first three quarters. Each time a march toward their goal started, the Buchtel players would find something to argue about, or one of their number would require the services of a trainer. A second-rate high school could give them pointers on condition.

In the second and third quarters, the M. A. C. lineup was largely second string men, and Buchtel made first down several times, chiefly on line plays. Crisp, for the visitors, seemed to be a real player, and was usually good for a gain. About the middle of the quarter, Henning collected a fumble, and the Aggies started a march that ended when Gifford went over for the second tally. This time he kicked goal. M. A. C. had the ball in midfield when time was up. The touchdown in the third period was the result of open play and forward passes, H. Miller taking the leather over. The play was all in Buchtel's territory the rest of the quarter, M. A. C. having the ball on their 10-yard line at the end.

Julian returned to the game in the fourth quarter, and scored on the very first play. Points came thick and fast after this. Gauthier secured another tally, and near the end of the game Julian went through the mass for 15 yards, and the final score. M. A. C. was just about ready to annex seven more points when time was called.

The summary:

BUCHTEL	Pos.	M. A. C.
Johnson	L. E.	{ Schultz.
		{ Laidlow.
Driesbach	L. T.	{ Smith.
		{ Kurtzworth.
Sours	L. G.	Leonardson.
Wallsmith	C.	Vaughan
Foltz	R. G.	{ McCurdy.
		{ Straight.
Crisp	R. T.	Gifford, capt.
Eberhardt	R. E.	{ Henning.
		{ Gill.
Palmer	Q. B.	Gauthier.
Ross	L. H.	{ B. Miller.
		{ H. Miller.
Ranney	R. H.	{ Blacklock.
Waters		{ B. Miller.
		{ Julian.
		{ H. Miller.
Sidnall	F. B.	{ Hoague.
		{ O'Callahan

Touchdowns—Gifford 2, Gauthier, Julian 2, Miller. Goals kicked—Capt. Gifford 5. Time of quarters—12 minutes. Officials: Referee—Hoagland, Princeton. Umpire—Houston, Massachusetts. Aggies, Head linesman—Pattengill, Michigan.

'82.

W. T. Langley, secretary of the Northwestern M. A. C. Association, in Minneapolis, writes to tell us of the banquet held by the members, in honor of our great football team. Incidentally he mentions Felipe Bracho, a former student, who has borne arms in the Mexican revolution. During the siege of Durango, Bracho was unfortunate enough to lose a limb. At the time of the banquet, he was in Minneapolis, and able to be present at the feast.

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HORT. CLUB.

(By Ralph Coryell, '14.)

The Hort. Club was honored by a visit from Dr. Beal, formerly head of the Botanical Department here, and a large crowd turned out to enjoy the treat. Dr. Beal graduated from the University of Michigan, took a post-graduate course at Harvard in botany and zoology. He had no intention of teaching, but a lucrative position in a New York school was offered him, and he accepted it. The next year he was offered a chair in botany and kindred sciences here. He came here at the time of the building of Williams' Hall, in the 60's, and remained until 1910. His interest in this institution was shown by the fact that this was his sixth visit in three years, although he is satisfied with his position with the government.

His picture of the early times of the college was very graphic and enlightening. When he first came here he found that many students were putting themselves through college by cutting timber and splitting rails for the institution at seven or eight cents per hour. Others worked in the garden situated between Williams and old Wells Halls, or east of Barbecue Hollow. Besides the botanical garden and the arboretum, he instituted the custom of labeling the trees of the campus, which required more ingenuity than would be apparent. Either some one would bend over the label to see what was on the other side, or he would take it off altogether. As guardian of the campus and its buildings, Dr. Beal had many knotty problems to solve in keeping them presentable at a nominal outlay, and he particularly decried the practice of putting up posters on the buildings. Many uncomplimentary remarks had been made concerning the college on this score, he said.

In the course of his remarks, Dr. Beal took occasion to eulogize the "hen whose sun never sets." The professor lives between two colleges, Amherst and Mass. Ag. The former, which offers a classical education, has fallen behind the latter in attendance, although considerably older and formerly very popular. Among the prominent men whom the doctor has met are Charles Sumner, Oliver Wendell Holmes, James Russell Lowell, and Wendell Phillips. He heard a debate between Agazziz, Sr., and Grey, the former opposing the Darwinian theory and the latter upholding it. The doctor expressed himself pleased to be able to attend the Hort. meeting, and took great interest in its progress.

L. J. Tonscany described the Chango apple, and his opinion of it was immediately verified by the members.

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the fragrant odor of roast ox. The others huddled together and waited for the mammoth bonfire to be lighted.

Soon after 7:30, L. D. Fisher, '16, as master of ceremonies, introduced Don Francisco as the first speaker. Don was followed by George Gauthier, quarterback of the football team, Ned Lacey, who entertained the crowd with his cus-

tomary Scotch wit, Mr. Mitchell, of the mathematics department, who already gives promise of becoming as popular a speaker as Prof. King, a Mr. Weston, of Lansing, who is an intensely loyal M. A. C. supporter, and finally, Pres. T. W. Kennedy, of the sophomore class, who presented the great carving-knife to the freshman president, W. D. Thompson, of Port Huron, Mich. Kennedy charged the freshmen to exercise great care and judgment in the use of the knife, and to hand it on to the next entering class, which was agreed to.

The hungry mob was then invited to "fall to" and make way with the ox, which had by this time reached a stage approaching perfection. A large staff of sophomores were stationed at the various tables, and in a moment they were quite busy attending to the wants of the starving rabble. It is suspected that several people got the habit and kept on passing in line, for there was no let-up in the demand until it became known that the supply of roast ox was exhausted.

UNION LIT. PARTY.

Last Saturday evening the College armory was the scene of a very pretty autumn party, the Union Literary Society being host to a large number. The decorations represented "From farm to College." At one end of the hall was a typical farm dooryard, of the old style, with its rail fence, dinner bell, and shocks of corn in the background. Punch was served from the old well. The other end of the hall was trimmed in the college colors, with banners and pennants figuring largely in the scheme. Rugs and tables completed some really cozy corners. A bower of autumn branches covered the dancing floor.

C. E. P., '14.

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