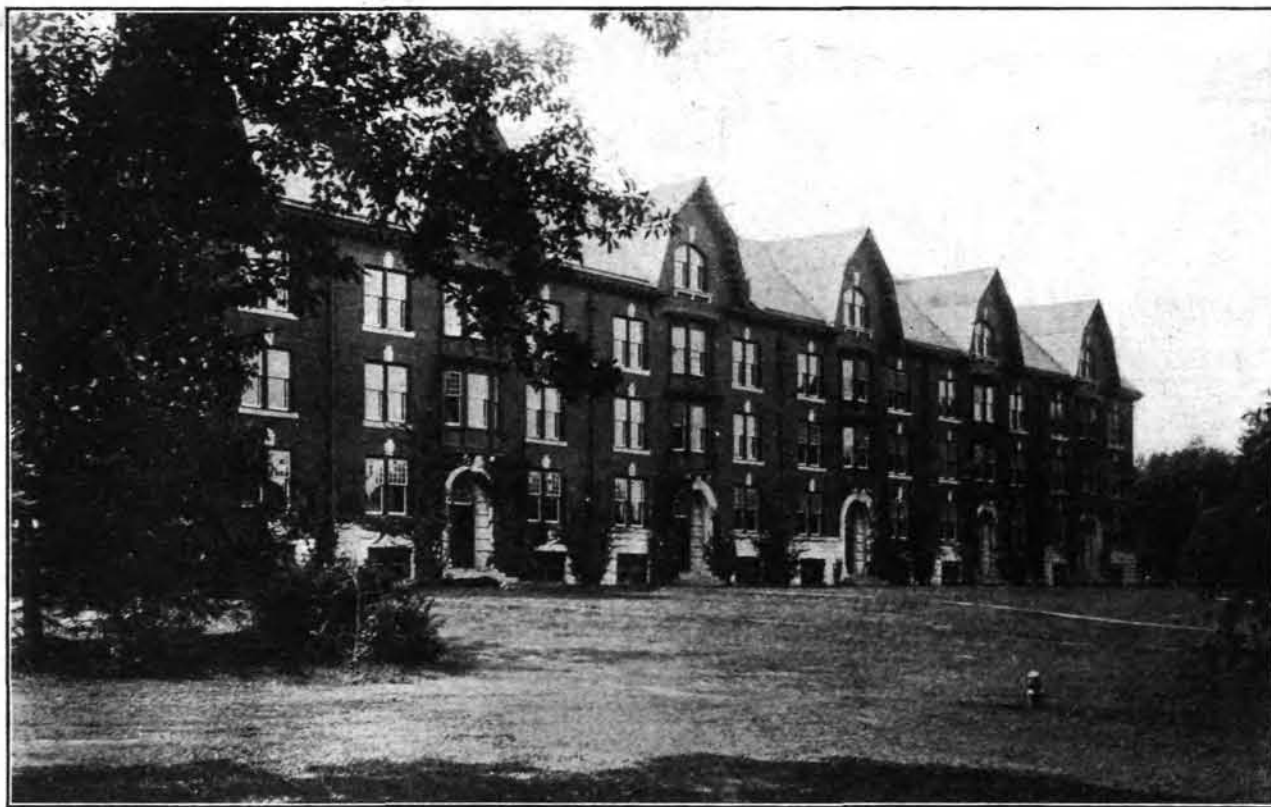


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## STATE BOARD IN MONTHLY MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of Agriculture was held at the College last Wednesday. A majority of the members were present and considerable routine business was disposed of.

Two or three of the acts of the last meeting are of interest to the alumni at large.

First, and most important of all, considered from the standpoint of alumni sentiment, is the final stamp of approval which the Board has given to the preservation of College Hall. It has been rumored for some time past that this building was to remain, but its exact status has not been definitely known until now. Architect Bowd received final instructions to proceed with the work of reinforcing and remodeling the building, and operation will doubtless be commenced as soon as the College closes in June.

There has been a feeling among former students for some time that the venerable edifice would be torn down, and in view of the fact that it is the oldest agricultural college building in the country, as well as because of the fact that it is the only building which all classes have in common, the idea of losing it has caused protests to arise at various times. The attitude of the Board in the matter shows a distinct regard for the sentiments of the alumni.

Another important precedent was created when it was voted to give monograms to the members of the rifle team, which has just finished the winning of the Intercollegiate title. The monograms will differ materially from the regulation emblems handed out to athletes, but will be no less appreciated for that. The design will include cross-arms. Referring to the work of the team, the board members expressed unanimous gratification and expressed the hope that the good work might be continued in years to come.

Mr. P. S. Rose, '99e, was on the campus for a short look around. He resides in Madison, and is editor of the *Gas Review* and the *American Thresher*.

## THE EFFECT OF "HOT AIR."

A letter has just been received from G. E. ("Buck") Ewing, '92a, in which he tells how the "hot air" dispensed by J. H. ("Dad") Skinner, '01a, set fire to the Grange hall during an institute at West Carlisle, Mich. Mr. Skinner is the Kent county agricultural expert, and was addressing the assembled farmers when the fire started. In the excitement which followed he showed his ability with water and an axe.

Mr. Ewing continues to say that he rather favors the scheme of reunions suggested by O. L. Hershisier, namely, the twenty-year diagonal, below which classes would meet triennially. He also reiterates the axiom that "personal notes of the alumni are the most interesting news in the paper." Mr. Ewing is living on a farm at Ross, Mich., but says he wishes he could go to college again. He says: "I believe more practical farming, in the way of soil-building, accounts, stock keeping, etc., is taught now in one term than we got in four years."

## FURNITURE CITY STUDENTS ACTIVE.

The large delegation of Grand Rapids students at the College shows a spirit which bodes well for the future of the alumni organization of that city. An association has recently been formed which includes all students from Grand Rapids, officers have been elected, and a constitution is being drafted.

Plans to start the ball of progress rolling at once are being formed. The first active demonstration will be in the nature of a dancing party, to be held in the Furniture Temple, Friday evening, April 3. Tullar's orchestra will furnish the music, and tickets will be sold at \$1.00 per couple. All alumni and former students in the city are invited to be present and make themselves known. D. D. Henry, George Dettling, and L. H. Gork are prominent in the affairs of the association, the latter being chairman of the party committee.

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Just a word more about the ballots. At the time of writing, less than one hundred have voted, out of a possible seven hundred and more. Where are the others?

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#### REGARDING THE ALUMNI BUILDING.

That the little sentence at the bottom of the ballot is attracting some attention seems evident by the replies. Many RECORD readers want more information. This, in itself, is a sign of interest.

Our idea of such a building is one which will furnish a sort of home to alumni when they come back to M. A. C. It would be a place where the visitor could be sure of a hearty welcome. The alumnus could make it his headquarters while at the College, and could meet any other former students who chanced to be on the campus. Records of alumni would be readily available, and information could be given to any desiring it. One phase of the proposition is a sort of dormitory, where the visitor could be sure of bed and board while on the campus. In short, we believe that the presence of such a building would be an added incentive to old students to return more frequently.

The cost and details have not been figured up definitely, but it might be said off-hand, that such a building as would serve our purposes need not cost more than \$20,000 or \$25,000. The actual figures would probably be less than either amount. With upwards of 3,000 live alumni and former students, the swinging of such a proposition does not appear to be impossible. The RECORD awaits discussion of the matter.

Just to show that the RECORD has the right "dope" on James W. Helme, we cite a statement which recently appeared in a Lansing paper. It says that a few years ago, Helme, in addressing a meeting in Washtenaw county, openly voiced his opposition to the people of Michigan "paying one penny for the support of institutions such as the University or the Agricultural College." No, Mr. Helme doesn't believe in higher education.

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An interesting case has just come to light. A farmer in the upper peninsula visited the train which toured that region last fall in the interest of extension work. He railed at the college and everyone connected with it, saying that they were doing him no good. When asked how much land he had, and what it was worth, in order to reach a valuation it was found that this discontented farmer's mill tax for the support of the college amounted to exactly TWO CENTS. And yet, his howl doubtless extended over a township or two.

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W. M. Rider, '08a, will soon be promoted to Resident Faculty Superintendent of the Syracuse University Farm. Mr. Rider reports that he works hard, but that hard work is play when enjoyed as is his work. In addition to his other duties, he writes that he has been busily engaged in attending to the wants and welfare of William M. Rider, Jr., now aged two months, and who will enter M. A. C. with the class of 1934.

Professor George Severance, '01a, who is at the head of the Agricultural Department of the Washington State College, was a recent visitor. Mr. Severance was making a quiet hunt for teachers. He had not been on the campus for twelve years, and expressed himself as very much pleased, especially with our live stock. He stated that he had seen nothing to equal our herds in any other institution.

A second sacred concert was rendered by the M. A. C. Cadet Band before a crowd which packed the Armory to the limit last Sunday. Although most of the players are first and second year men, the work resembles that of veteran musicians, and Director Clark has reason to feel proud of their showing.

R. E. Keech, '06e, until recently with the Emmet Lumber Co., at Emmet, Mich., has gone to Elkins, W. Va.



## I. D. McLOUTH, '97.

Soon after leaving college, I. D. McLouth, '97, accepted a pastorate in the M. E. church at Dundee, Mich. About five years ago his father became seriously disabled, and duty called Mr. McLouth to assume the care of the home farm, near Addison, Mich. Mr. McLouth has recently written to Dr. Beal, and portions of his letter follow:

"For two years I sold silos and agricultural implements for a local (Addison) firm. Now I have discharged all the help and will work 220 acres alone, with my son's help when he is out of school. This may look like a large task at first sight, but after several years' experience with tools for other men I can do a great deal with machinery. We plow with four horses, turning two furrows, and roll and harrow at one operation with the same team.

"The same engine that cuts our wood also grinds the feed, pumps the water, and separates the milk. A mechanical milker will be our next improvement. Just now we are building up our dairy herd. I wish I had taken the bits in my teeth long ago and started with registered stock. Our college education told about the advantages of these things, but did not tell how to overcome the prejudice of the older ones."

Mr. McLouth states that he is going in for thoroughbred stock of all kinds—fowls, sheep and pigs—from now on.

W. K. Brainerd, '99a, professor of dairy husbandry at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, writes the RECORD concerning a phase of his work over which he has reason to feel proud. Between February 9, 1913, and February 8, 1914, Buckeye De Kol Pauline II, a Holstein-Friesian cow in their stables, produced 20,784.3 pounds of milk and 1,159 pounds of 80 per cent. butter, setting a new record for college and experiment station cows. No special care was given the animal, she having regular herd management practically all of the time.

Don't overlook the editorial page.

A. T. Swift, '99a, holds a responsible position with the Weyerhaeuser Lumber Co., of Kansas City, Mo. He was selected by that firm to push their business in stave silos, and writes that he is succeeding. His opinions of the annual reunion plan are that it should be annual, but should not be restricted to groups of classes. Make features of special classes, but open the meeting to all, and let the old boys come when they can.

## RECORD TO HAVE NEW QUARTERS.

Within the week the office of the alumni secretary and editor of the RECORD will be moved to the old Dairy Building. The growth of the military department necessitates making the change, as the room now occupied by the RECORD is desired by Lieut. De Lancey.



Although only temporary, we believe that the new rooms will be much more desirable than the present quarters. For one thing, they will be nearer the center of activities, as a majority of the alumni who drop in at the College for a day or so at odd times head directly for the agricultural departments.

Eventually we hope that the central office of the Alumni Association will be housed in College Hall. That seems to be the logical place for such a body, for it is certain that old College Hall means infinitely more to every alumnus than any other building on the grounds. That the attachment of the graduates has some significance is certified by the action of the Board last week, and we hope that when the time comes we will be located in the place where alumni interest naturally centers.

F. M. Morrison, '03a, is in charge of the manual arts department in the high school at Meridian, Miss. He has been there for the past two years, and says that if what people say counts for much, he is making a success. Last June a paper which he read before a convention of educators at the University of Chattanooga was published in both local newspapers. Since he has been in the south he has called on O. L. Ayrs, '02, and F. D. Stevens, '03, both of Birmingham, Ala.

The military department is making extensive plans for a sham battle, to take place some time next term. Considerable attention will be devoted to instruction in field maneuvers, and the mimic war will be staged under the direction of cadet officers, with officers from the regular service and national guard acting as field judges.

## LOS ANGELES IN LINE.

The following telegram was received by the RECORD last week:

"The M. A. C. RECORD:

"Greetings from the first meeting of M. A. C. Alumni in Southern California. Twelve classes, from '68 to '98, represented. The many expressions of feeling toward our alma mater show that she still holds our love and interest.

"SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION,  
"GAGER C. DAVIS, Secretary."

## FLINT ASSOCIATION REORGANIZES.

A meeting of the Flint Association was held last Tuesday, and temporary officers were elected to succeed F. O. Foster and Ward Parker, who are leaving the city. Ray L. Kurtz was elected president and Don D. Stone secretary, to hold office until June, when the regular-business meeting takes place. Considerable interest is being shown by the large number of M. A. C. people in Flint, and prospects for a live association there are exceptionally good.

The Portland, Ore., association handed us a jolt last week. In some way, mention of the existence of an organization of M. A. C. people in that city was omitted from the by-laws. The present officers are: F. E. Mangold, '05, president, and K. B. Stevens, '06, secretary. Their annual meeting and banquet was held February 21, but "get-together" meetings are held several times each year.

Ray R. Tower, '03a, is still with the Pitcher Lead Company, of Joplin, Mo. In a recent communication to the RECORD, Mr. Tower mentions an old order which existed at the College in his day. He remarks that the other members will doubtless be too modest to mention their connection, but gives the names of "Jack" Edwards, "Hod" Norton, "Pete" and "Aunt" Carrie(r).

Apropos of the Rifle Team, A. T. Swift, of Kansas City, says: "Being able to shoot straight may not be a scholarly attainment, but being able to shoot *straighter than any-one* else is worth while, and at least helps to advertise." Them's our sentiments, too.

O. H. Skinner, '02a, is with the Prest-O-Lite company, Indianapolis, Ind., as general superintendent.

## WESTERN NEW YORK ASSOCIATION TO STAGE MEETING SOON.

On Saturday, March 28, the second annual banquet of the Western New York M. A. C. Association will be held at the Hotel Seneca, Geneva, N. Y., and the members in that part of the country are looking forward to a big time. S. A. Martin, '12a, at present a county expert at Syracuse, is helping shape matters, and all former M. A. C. students now in Western New York or Northern Pennsylvania are urged to get in touch with him at once.

## OBITUARY.

E. J. Rauchfuss, '79, died at his home in Denver, Colo., on February 6, 1914. Mr. Rauchfuss had been afflicted with tuberculosis for some years, but lived in the hope of overcoming the disease. Even at the last he was cheerful and frequently spoke of his days at M. A. C. Shortly before his death he was visited by L. G. Carpenter, '79, and the two enjoyed a pleasant discussion of college experiences.

The remains were taken to New York for burial. Mr. Rauchfuss is survived by his wife.

## PURDUE GAME CANCELED.

Considerable disappointment was evident about the campus last week when it was learned that the football game scheduled with Purdue for next fall had been called off by the Boilermakers.

The use of freshmen by Macklin's elevens is given as the reason for the Hoosiers' refusal to play. As they were perfectly well aware that M. A. C. had not assumed a three-year rule when they signed the contract, the act appears to be a case of frigid pedal extremities on the part of Purdue officials.

Ingham county is becoming excited over the near approach of the vote on local option. That the students are not oblivious to what goes on around them was shown when a local option straw vote was taken last Saturday. The returns were approximately 3 to 1 against the saloon.

The ballots which have been received to date, indicate a majority in favor of annual reunions. The count last Monday showed 70 in favor and 29 against.



## FORESTER COURTS THE MUSE.

The following verses were sent in by C. H. Goetz, professor of forestry at Colorado College. Believing that they will appeal to the western alumni of M. A. C., we are printing them for all to read.

## OUT WHERE THE WEST BEGINS.

Out where the handclasp's a little stronger,

Out where a smile dwells a little longer,

That's where the West begins.

Out where the sun's a little brighter,

Where the snow that falls is a trifle whiter,

Where the bonds of home are a wee bit tighter,

That's where the West begins.

Out where the skies are a trifle bluer,

Out where friendship's a little truer,

That's where the West begins.

Out where a fresher breeze is blowing,

Where there's laughter in every streamlet flowing,

Where there's more of reaping and less of sowing,

That's where the West begins.

Out where the World is in the making,

Where fewer hearts with despair are aching,

That's where the West begins.

Where there's more of singing and less of sighing,

Where there's more of giving and less of buying,

Where a man makes friends without half trying,

That's where the West begins.

C. H. GOETZ, '07.

A. G. Gulley, '68, feels that the proposed plan of reunions will be a failure. He suggests a plan somewhat along the lines of that submitted by O. L. Hershiser, '84, a verbal outline of which was given in a recent issue of the RECORD, and whereby the older classes would meet in triennials, while the younger classes meet annually, and in groups.

Preparations for the summer school are going rapidly forward, and it is hoped that this new departure will meet with the success that it deserves. B. A. Faunce has been engaged in getting out a descriptive booklet, which will soon be mailed.

H. L. Mills, '02e, expresses himself as favoring the former plan of reunions. Mr. Mills is president of the American Specialty Co., handling high class specialties. Their offices are 1812 Heyworth Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

To quote from W. A. Fox, '91, "I believe we can modify No. 9 in the by-laws, in the interest of the older members. That can be done later. I see nothing there that we can't change when we find a better way."

## BASEBALL PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT.

The seventy-three candidates who reported to Coach Macklin for tryouts on the baseball team established a record, insofar as numbers go. The pavilion of the Agricultural Building presented the appearance of a mass meeting when the embryo ball tossers gathered for the first session. As usual, pitchers and catchers were in the majority, but 19 men wanted to play second base, and 16 more believed they could outshine Ty Cobb in the outfield.

After looking them over, Coach Macklin instructed about forty of the men to run along until the weather permits of outdoor practice, as the large number simply could not be handled at this time. The more likely looking candidates, along with the veterans, will have regular workouts in the cage during the remainder of this term, during which time the battery men will get into shape, and considerable attention will be devoted to batting practice and sliding to bases.

## DRAMATIC CLUB.

"A Scrap of Paper," the popular comedy which was to have been produced by the College Dramatic Club on March 20, was postponed until the spring term. The proximity of examinations and the serious illness of one of the cast made it impossible to give the play on the date set. April 17 is the date now given out for its appearance.

Don't overlook the editorial page.

W. S. Palmer, '02a, general manager of the Kalkaska, Mich., Light and Power Co., sends his regards to the alumni. He describes himself as being greatly interested in the growing interest among former students of the College.

Even a lemon has its good uses.



WOMEN'S BUILDING.

## A UNION BUILDING.

Would it be desirable for the M. A. C. Association, at this time, to begin plans for the erection of a Union Building? This question is asked, for the present at least, as a subject for discussion only. Later, it is not too much to believe that such a project might become a pleasing reality.

To those residents on or near the campus, or who pay frequent visits to their alma mater, the need of such a building is sufficiently evident. At present, suitable offices for the alumni headquarters are as scarce and hard to find as the proverbial needle. Office room of any sort is at a premium, owing to the rapid expansion of the College, and conditions bid fair to be congested for some time to come.

An alumni office finds its principal effectiveness when it is of service to the alumni and to the College. It is of service to the College only when it can interest and hold the alumni. Those who have left the campus long ago, or even recently, evince a much keener interest when they can return to the old campus for a visit and receive a hearty welcome from some one whom they know, and when they can be assured of a pleasant place in which to stay during their sojourn at the College.

It is a noticeable feature that the societies having houses are the ones which receive the most visits from their former members each year. As soon as an old society man strikes familiar ground, he takes the shortest course to his society house, for there he runs the best chance of meeting someone whom he knows.

Would not the same hold true in the case of an alumni building? Would not the old boys, and girls too, come back more often if they were assured of the right kind of entertainment? We would like to have a general expression of sentiment on this matter. We want to hear from every one.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

The following letter was received in time for last week's RECORD, but could not be published at that time, owing to limited space

I have just read the editorial in the RECORD of March 10, which very severely criticizes Jas. W. Helme for an article which he wrote relative to a report regarding the expense of last Junior Hop.

As I remember it, and I read Mr. Helme's article, he in no way criticized—he did not intimate that college students should not have a good time; he simply criticized the reported expenditure of six thousand dollars in having ONE good time. To repeat, Mr. Helme's article was based entirely on a report, and if the report is true, I wish to second all Mr. Helme said. I consider the expenditure of that amount on such a function, by students of a supposedly economical educational institution, a shame and a disgrace.

Doubtless many of the homes from which these young people come are under mortgage—some are only rented. In some, father and mother are working early and late and sacrificing in many ways to supply the needed money for an education. Do not misunderstand me. I want college young people to have a good time, but this does not require the expenditure of any such sum of money as reported.

If the report is false, why in the name of Heaven did not the RECORD deny it? I have read the editorial carefully, and am unable to discover even the suggestion of a denial. I am therefore convinced that the report was correct.

I do not remember that Mr. Helme suggested any place where our diplomas should be hung, but I see nothing incongruous with the place the editor suggests, "by the kitchen stove," especially for the women graduates. So far as my own is concerned, it is kicking about the attic somewhere, and I do not consider that particular piece of paper

worth fifteen cents. It is only what I was able to absorb while in College and put into practice since leaving, that is of any value to me. If I were to hang it in what I consider an appropriate place, it would be in my dairy barn.

I do not remember that Mr. Helme suggested any mode of dress for the farmer, but so far as my own experience goes, I find the "hickory shirt and blue jeans" much more suited to practical agriculture than broadcloth. However, I know a goodly number of farmers who can well afford to wear the latter, and sometimes do. And the blessed part of it is, it is neither rented nor bought on the installment plan.

With all due respect for the efforts and work of the graduates mentioned in the editorial—and I know them all personally—let us remember that there are many of the "blue jean" type who are doing just as much for the advancement of "rural standards" and agriculture in its broadest sense, the practical.

Yes, let us have higher education and plenty of it, but of the right kind; but let us not get mesmerized into thinking that six thousand dollar dances augment it, or that the blue jeans are inconsistent with it:—

"What though on hamely fare we dine,  
Wear hoddin' gray, and a' that?  
"Gie fools their silks and knaves their wine,—

A man's a man, for a' that."

GEO. A. WATERMAN, '91a.

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