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## M. A. C. FACING A CRISIS.

Acting in accordance with the now famous "\$35,000 proviso," Auditor General O. B. Fuller last week served notice upon Secretary A. M. Brown that the College had overdrawn the funds set aside for the Engineering Department, and that no more money could be allowed to the College.

This did not mean that the institution was financially embarrassed. There is a sum of nearly \$95,000 standing to the credit of the College on the State Treasurer's books, but because of the attitude of the last Legislature toward the Agricultural College, and the joker which was attached to the appropriation bill, the oldest agricultural school in the country is facing the most critical situation since the days of its inception.

The proviso, a detailed description of which was printed in the RECORD last fall, says that "No part of this (State appropriation) or any other (Federal) appropriation will be available if a sum in excess of \$35,000 from any or all sources shall be expended in any one fiscal year for the maintenance of the engineering department." During the past summer, the State Board of Agriculture made clear its position, and stated that not more than \$35,000 of State money would be devoted to the mechanical department. They also expressed the belief that the Legislature had no authority to control the expenditure of Federal moneys.

The responsibility for the situation which now obtains at the College is not upon Auditor General Fuller, who

was merely acting under orders. The persons at fault are the men who allowed themselves to be so deafened by cries of "Duplication," meaning that M. A. C. was infringing upon the work of the University, that they, knowingly or not, passed a law which aimed directly at the engineering department at East Lansing.

In view of the fact that the appropriations for the engineering department in the past few years have totaled close to \$60,000 annually, the restriction to little more than half that amount was a sure means of slow strangulation for that department.

Just what the outcome will be is not yet clear. The case is now before the Supreme Court, Judge W. L. Carpenter, of Detroit, who is to represent the State Board, having filed a petition for mandamus proceedings.

Should the tribunal declare the proviso unconstitutional, the funds now on hand will at once become available and there will be no interruption. If, on the other hand, the court should uphold the act and so declare that the College has no right to further funds, it might become necessary to call a special session of the Legislature to provide means for continuing the work of the institution. In the latter event, and the possibility of the ultimate loss of the engineering department, there is a chance for the College to become entangled with the Federal government regarding the use of moneys granted under the Morrill and other acts passed by Congress.

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EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN, TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1914.

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## CONCERNING COLLEGE HALL.

At the last meeting of the State Board of Agriculture, the following resolutions were adopted. They serve to show the great body of the alumni how the members of the Board feel towards the sentiments of the majority of graduates, and explain exactly what is to be done:

WHEREAS, College Hall is not only the oldest building on the campus, but is also the oldest agricultural college building in the world; and

WHEREAS, This building, and particularly its old chapel, is affectionately associated in the hearts of the alumni and former students with their college life; and

WHEREAS, It is deemed eminently proper to preserve this fine old structure as a memorial of the early days of this institution, and of the men who here shaped the beginnings of agricultural education. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That this building be forthwith restored in such a way as to preserve its present exterior and the old college chapel; and that, to this end, the matter be submitted to the college architect for the preparation of plans and specifications, after which bids shall be taken for carrying the work to an early completion at the hands of a reliable contractor.

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be published in the M. A. C. RECORD and in the *Holcad*.

L. L. Jones, '12a, O. T. Goodwin, '13a, T. F. McHatton, '07a, and F. R. Crysler, '12a, have a little M. A. C. colony of their own at the University of Georgia, at Athens. The men are variously connected with departments of the school of agriculture, and it goes without saying that they are credits to their alma mater.

F. W. Sinlinger, '11a, who specialized in chemistry, has a fine position with the Detroit Gas Company, in their chemical department.

## H. E. THOMAS, '85, REFUSES LANSING POSTMASTERSHIP.

Harris E. Thomas, one of the prominent alumni in Lansing, Michigan, has been receiving a good deal of public attention of late by his refusal to accept the office of postmaster at Lansing, Mich. His reason for declining the honor is not quite clear, but as a result, the democrats of central Michigan are hopelessly muddled over the situation.

## PRESIDENT SNYDER VISITS ALUMNI IN WESTERN NEW YORK.

President J. L. Snyder spent the greater part of last week in Western New York, going first to Alfred University, where W. J. Wright, '04a, a former editor of the RECORD, is head of the agricultural division. The class in agriculture at Alfred graduates at this season, and President Snyder was slated to deliver the commencement address.

From Alfred, the president proceeded to Geneva, arriving in time to participate in the reunion of the Western New York Association last Saturday evening. A large number of alumni reside in the western part of the Empire State and are always glad to see someone from the College.

C. W. Haven, '01a, has a large and growing business in the nursery line. His place near Birmingham, Mich., was recently visited by Prof. R. H. Pettit, who reports everything in a prosperous condition. His address is R. F. D. 1.

The RECORD is noticeably lacking in personal items this week. Your assistance in this department will be greatly appreciated by at least 800 others.

Drury L. Porter, ex-'04, has a position near the top in the Auto Wheel Company, of Lansing.

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## QUIET TERM ENDS.

With the departure for home Friday noon of the majority of M. A. C.'s 1,500 students, one of the quietest winter terms of recent years was brought to a close. Until April 7th, academic work at the College will be at a standstill, and preparations will be made for the best spring term's work possible.

In speaking of the past term as "quiet" no disparagement is intended. We believe that a new generation of students is at the College. More attention has apparently been given to studies and less to outside pursuits than was the case a few years ago, and we also believe that the results will appear in due time. While the old "rough-house" spirit doubtless served to unite the student body, things do move forward much more smoothly and more is accomplished in the so-called quiet term than under other conditions. It is to be hoped that this spirit of sincerity may continue, though not at the expense of the rousing college spirit so characteristic of M. A. C.

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## IS THERE REAL DUPLICATION?

The present situation of the College brings up once more the question as to whether there is any real duplication between the work of the engineering departments of that institution and the University.

Speaking for the Agricultural College, we say there is none. The men who take engineering at the M. A. C. get a preponderance of practical mechanical education, and of a sort which is largely applicable to agriculture. This is amply evidenced by the fact that it is easy for a student in the first two years of either course to change to the other without a loss of credits.

The increased use of power on the farm

brings with it a multitude of problems which demand more than a passing knowledge of mechanic arts, and where is the educated farmer to acquire this knowledge if not at an agricultural college? The engineering knowledge given at the M. A. C. has a direct bearing, many times, on problems of intimate relation to agriculture. Surely a man will be not a whit less successful on a farm because he has some knowledge of power-plant engineering, or because he knows the how as well as the why of sewage, and drainage engineering.

The place to teach these subjects is at the college where the prospective agriculturist is receiving his training in actual agricultural subjects. The maintenance of an engineering department is apparently a necessity. On the other hand, no work is given in architectural, marine and other branches of engineering not applicable to agriculture, and the duplication does not exist save in the minds of certain individuals.

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## A CORRECTION.

The RECORD regrets that a mistake was made in the mention of C. H. Goetz in a recent issue. Mr. Goetz is assistant professor of forestry at Colorado College, and not head of the department.

## THOMAS MOTT OSBORNE TO ADDRESS GRADUATES JUNE 23.

Thomas Mott Osborne, of Auburn, New York, who permitted himself to be locked up in Auburn prison that he might better study the conditions of New York's convicts, has been engaged to deliver the commencement address to the 1914 graduating class at the College. The exercises this year will be held on June 23.

An unusually large number of students are remaining at the College during vacation. Thesis work is occupying the attention of many, while others live at such a distance that remaining is cheaper than going home. A vacation party will be given in the Agricultural building on Wednesday night.

The present address of A. M. Marsh, formerly with '09, is given the RECORD as 726 Home Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

Ross W. Mayer, of Holt, ex-'10, is now at the State Normal College, Ypsilanti, Mich.



## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FORMALLY ORGANIZED.

It was a bunch of lively, wide-awake M. A. C. boys who met at Los Angeles on the evening of March 17th to organize a local alumni association for Southern California. There were seventeen responded to the call, representing twelve different classes ranging from the years 1868 to 1898.

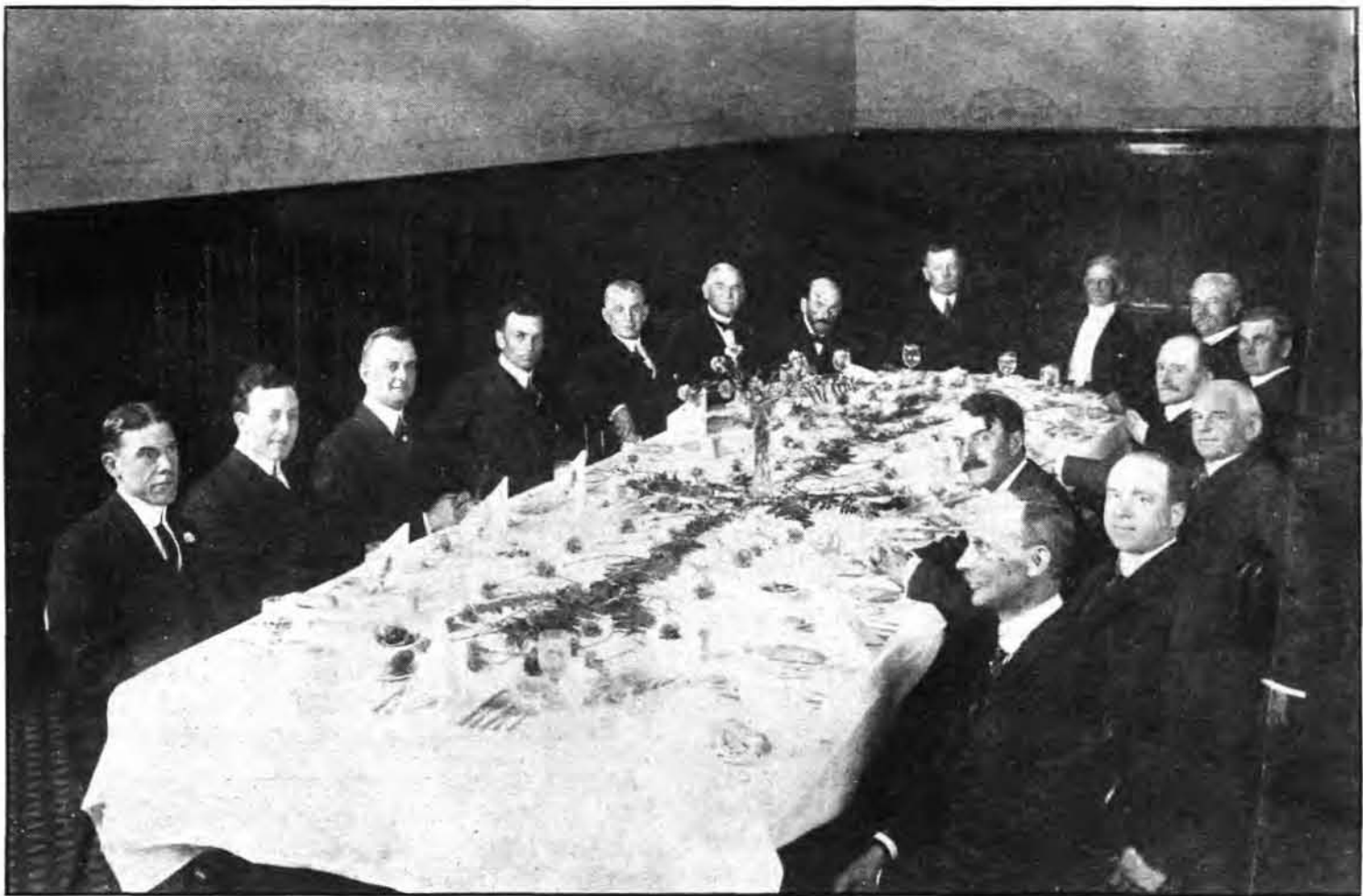
We assembled in a private dining room at the Hollenbeck Hotel. The first on the program was a flashlight photograph, a reproduction of which accompanys this. Some of us may appear older in the picture than when we were students but appearances are sometimes deceiving, for we did not feel a day older. However, it seemed best to label each one of us so that the chum or classmate may have an aid to assure him of the correct identification.

The sumptuous course dinner came next. It was eaten with a relish, but my judgment is that four-fifths of the members nearly forgot at times what they were eating, they were so eagerly listening, or inquiring of others, regarding some fellow student of whom they had not heard perhaps since they left the college.

Then came more reminiscences as different members were called upon for a short speech. Particular interest manifested itself when such men as Garfield, Reynolds, Cook, Abbot, and Kedzie, who either were persent in person or represented by some member of the succeeding generation.

It was with reluctance that we had to suspend these reminiscences for another more urgent subject. We all felt it was the opportune time to organize, so when the opening came, Mr. Miller suggested a nominating committee of three, consisting of Voigt, Garfield and Van Alstine. This committee recommended the following officers, who were elected by a unanimous vote: A. H. Voigt, president; G. C. Davis, secretary-treasurer, and J. Rodney Abbot, representative on the executive board. As third member of the executive board for local matters Robert L. Reynolds was chosen to co-operate with the president and secretary treasurer. Then followed more detail work of perfecting the local organization. It was decided that there should be one annual meeting and all other meetings were

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ORGANIZATION MEMBERS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

Beginning at the left:— Robert M. Kedzie, with '93; Elmer L. Thompson, with '98; Guy Van Alstyne, with '96; Robert L. Reynolds, '95; Judge Walter Bordwell, husband of Pres. Willett's daughter; Chas. W. Garfield, '70; Ex-Sec. H. G. Reynolds, '70; A. H. Voigt, '81; J. C. Simonson, '68; Albert Dodge, '77; J. Rodney Abbot, '84; W. C. Stryker, '84; Fred C. Miller, '71; H. Arnold White, '92; W. W. Smith, '92; G. C. Davis, '89.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FORMALLY ORGANIZED.

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to be call meetings as occasion might require. The general plan was to average at least one meeting a month and perhaps more.

We have a list of over thirty M. A. C. people in Los Angeles and the immediate vicinity and this number is growing almost daily as we learn of others who have not made their presence known. When our membership list is made to cover all Southern California we expect to have over fifty boosters for M. A. C. in this far away corner of the country.

The writer has purposely omitted personal reference to the members present as we expect to report personal items of the different members in succeeding issues of the RECORD.

GAGER C. DAVIS,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

## DETAILS OF THE PORTLAND, OREGON, M. A. C. MEETING.

The annual banquet of the Portland, Ore., M. A. C. Association was held on the evening of February 22. Thirty were present, and all enjoyed a most pleasant evening. Mr. L. C. Thomas, as toastmaster for the event, called upon the following members as speakers: E. D. Searing, '02e, John W. Decker, ex-'04, Howard E. Weed, '89a, and K. B. Stevens, '06e.

Following the toasts a short business meeting was held, at which the following officers were elected for the coming year: Frank Mangold, ex-'05, president; C. J. Voorhorst, vice-president; K. B. Stevens, secretary and treasurer; W. F. Staley, '88, member of the board of directors. Mr. Staley's address is 763 Alameda Ave., Portland.

The Portland Association has been in existence since January, 1911, but its name was inadvertently omitted from the list recently published.

## EQUAL SUFFRAGE?—SURELY.

Several interested male members of the Alumni Association have done fine work this winter in getting local associations started, but it has remained for Miss Helen E. Dodge, '11h, now teaching at the Soo, to be the first girl to undertake such a matter. Miss Dodge has written for a list of names of people in that territory, and hopes to assist in the early organization of a local association at that place.

## WESTERN NEW YORK MEETING.

The M. A. C. alumni of Western New York held a very successful meeting at Geneva on the evening of the 28th. About thirty-five were present, representing the territory bounded by Niagara Falls and Syracuse on the north and Elmira and Alfred on the south. Buffalo, Ithaca, and Rochester were well represented. Addresses were made by President Snyder and Director Jordan of the New York Experiment Station, who is entitled to enrollment, having received an honorary degree from this college in 1907.

The meeting was characteristic of the M. A. C. alumni. The enthusiasm and loyalty was such as might be expected from those who had made such sacrifices to be present. All were delighted over the rapid development of the institution and its bright prospects for the future.

The officers who will have charge of the Association during the coming year are: Dr. Byron S. Palmer, '81, Elmira, N. Y., president; Joseph P. Haftenkamp, '05, Rochester, secretary, and Dr. Ulysses P. Hedrick, '93, Geneva, member of the Alumni Executive Committee. The next meeting will be held in Rochester.

## CHANCE FOR TWO AGRICULTURAL TEACHERS.

The RECORD has learned of two vacancies which may be filled by graduates in agriculture, and is glad of the chance to give this notice. E. E. Hotchin has written from Constantine saying that a course in agriculture will probably be given there soon, and a man who can teach that subject and also coach athletics is desired.

T. F. Baker, who is leaving Greenville soon, is anxious to get an M. A. C. man into the place he formerly filled. Details as to the probable salaries may doubtless be obtained by writing the proper authorities at either place.

E. Leo Digby, '13a, has taken a position on the Deaf School farm at Flint. L. S. Brumm, '12a, is also employed there.

F. O. Foster is to move to Detroit shortly, but the RECORD has not learned of his connection in that city.

Clarence E. Jacobs, ex-'09, is with the King Motor Car Co., in Detroit, Mich. His address is 257 National avenue.



**E. LAKIN BROWN — POLITICIAN.**

The state papers of last week carried the following item of interest to a large number of former students:

"There was one man in Kalamazoo county who spent money to be elected to office. He is E. Lakin Brown, of Schoolcraft, who was recently elected trustee of the village. His statement, filed with the county clerk, shows that he expended 25 cents. No other official was so extravagant, according to reports filed."

**SOME GOOD IDEAS.**

Dear Editor:

I have been supposing that the changes and proposed changes in the Constitution and By-laws were likely to be adopted with little friction, and still wish it might be so. I had not even planned to vote, because, in all probability I should but seldom participate in any of the reunions or other alumni doings. But since reading the RECORD for March 10, I am going to vote for the annual reunion. Not to spite anybody, but because with a large and growing body of alumni, we need it.

The proposed plan of reunions has its faults—as any such plan must necessarily have, but it is a good point to start from and can do little harm. I don't wonder that the older members who will be back on the old campus (doubly dear to them because they made it) who will be back, I say, but once or maybe twice in the few years left them, want to clasp the hand of every living human being who was there when they were.

We have a paper now, and a secretary. Suppose that each year as you make your New Year's resolutions, you ask yourself, "Would I attend the reunion this year, if one, or half a dozen of the boys I knew were to be there?" If you would then notify the secretary, and begin making your plans to go. The secretary will file your name along with others of your time who have expressed a like purpose. As the list grows, he will publish it from time to time, giving the addresses. Personal letters can be exchanged, enthusiasm will grow, and by the middle of May you will all know which of the old boys will be there to greet you if you come, and between yourselves and the secretary and the RECORD, you can decide whether it shall be this year, next year, or some other.

Suppose there is a bunch of '13'ers, '15'ers, and '17'ers throwing up rah-rahs from one corner of the hall; suppose they even vote some things you do not like, is this inevitable march of events going to

change your loyalty to the College, or chill the warm heart and handclasp of your friend? Of course it isn't.

And don't let this little paper plan for reunions disturb you either. Use your secretary, and have your reunion when you want it. If there are any of the younger fry that would cast so much as a seven-foot saw log in the way of the happiest kind of a reunion for the older fellows, then I think you hickory-backed old boys should pounce on that log with all the vigor of the olden days, and show the "kids" that you can have a good time all your own, with no ill-will to any. I know some of the boys from back in the eighties and nineties, and they're big-hearted fellows. All honor to them and the older men who helped make the modern things possible.

F. D. LINKLETTER, '06.

The alumni office received a very pleasant visit from D. W. Bradford of Grand Rapids last week. Mr. Bradford was one of three brothers who attended M. A. C. in the late eighties, and although not a graduate, he has a big place in his heart for the College. In the years since leaving college he has had a wide experience in engineering work. He has done a great deal of work in connection with installing electric railways and while employed by the American Locomotive Company, designed several of the gigantic steam shovels used on the Panama Canal excavations. At the present time he is at the head of the manual training department of Grand Rapids Central High School, in which capacity he is a consistent booster for M. A. C.

T. F. Baker, '13f, who has been teaching agriculture in the schools of Greenville, Michigan, during the past year, leaves for Peoria, Ill., in a few days to enter a position with the North American Fruit Exchange. This company evidently likes the brand of men turned out at M. A. C., having five or six already in its offices.

A. H. Perrine, '10a, is one of the progressive farmers of Rives Junction, Mich. He was present for part of the round-up, and showed his interest by taking home some of the fine ears of seed corn for his own use.

L. R. Queal, '11f, was a campus visitor Saturday of last week. Queal is applying his education to the operation of a large farm near Hamburg, Mich., and reports fine prospects for the coming season.

## M. A. C. STUDENTS FROM CITY AND FARM.

Records at the Michigan Agricultural College show that of the 569 students who have registered as freshmen in the agricultural division during the past three years, 293 were reared in the city and 276 on the farm. It is interesting to note that in the same class 62% indicate that their present home is in the city. That nearly all of these students from the city, as well as those from the farm, either become farmers or engage in allied occupations is shown by the fact that for the past four years 40% of the graduates in agriculture and horticulture have gone directly to the farm, 45% have engaged in agricultural teaching and experimentation, and 6% in work closely related to agriculture.

It is clear that the agricultural College is not educating young men away from the farm, but is influencing both city and farm boys toward country life.

The RECORD has received announcement of the arrival of Walter Gregory at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Van Wagenen, 5410 Juniata St., Duluth, Minn., on Saturday, March 21, 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Van Wagenen were members of '11 and '12 respectively.

The RECORD recently made mention of Miss Elizabeth Frazer's success in Buffalo. The *Buffalo Courier* of March 21 contains a comprehensive write-up of the work, and gives Miss Frazer the credit she deserves.

O. C. Lawrence, '10a, until recently engaged in farming near Hudson, Michigan, has sold his farm and accepted a position in the dairy extension department at Purdue university.

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