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## M. A. C. AT THE N. E. A. MEETING.

Mr. W. T. Langley writes a very interesting account of the informal meeting held by the Northwest M. A. C. Association at the occasion of the N. E. A. meeting in Minneapolis, in July. A picnic supper was served under the direction of Miss



From left to right—Miss Ethel Mae Dowell, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dean, Miss Mabel Mae Dowell, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Langley, '82, Pres. Snyder, Prof. E. D. Sanderson, '97, Mr. H. R. Smith, '95, Miss Bessie Bemis, '05, Mr. D. B. Jewel, '01, Mrs. Chas. Herrmann, '95, Mr. A. D. Badour, '12, Mrs. H. B. Smith, Mr. Frank Sandhammer, '13.

Bessie Bemis, '05, after which they adjourned to the home of Prof. and Mrs. H. R. Smith, '95. Here Pres. Snyder gave some very interesting information in regard to the history of M. A. C. up to date. Those present at the meeting besides those shown in picture were: M. J. Dorsey, '06, and L. L. Kennedy, '14.

Mr. Langley says that they expect, at their next meeting, which will be held following a "signal victory" of the M. A. C. football team, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Olin, of Rush City, also Mr. R. T. Lupford and Mrs. R. P. Lundberg (Miss Helen Sheldon, '12).

## HOW ABOUT YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?

In the circular letter solicitations for subscriptions were sent to all alumni who were not subscribers, and also to those whose subscriptions expire this term. Several inquiries have been received in regard to the date of expiration of their subscriptions. A look at the date on your mailing slip will give you date to which you are paid up.

## ALUMNI HEADQUARTERS.

The present alumni headquarters in the old Dairy building are what we wish to call *temporarily permanent*. Temporary, when years are considered, since there will no doubt be arrangements made for alumni in the remodeling of College Hall, or perhaps in the new Library and Administration building that is being talked of. We hope they are permanent, when the number of times it was necessary to move last year are taken into consideration.

The old Dairy building is being fitted up primarily for forestry, although the first room to the left on the ground floor is fixed up now as a domestic science kitchen, and the Library has several rooms in the basement filled with books.

The old office at the right is being divided into two offices, the corner one of which will be occupied by Prof. Sanford, and the one right next the entrance will serve as alumni headquarters for the present.

We feel that this is a fairly central location, and hope that every graduate (and those who did not graduate) who returns to the college, both engineer and ag., will drop in and let the secretary know that he has been here. The door will always be unlocked, and there will be a register here for every one to sign, in case the secretary is not in.

## COPY OF MOTION ADOPTED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF M. A. C. ASSOCIATION, AUGUST 14, 1914.

On motion of member Garfield, the President of the M. A. C. Association was authorized to send a respectful message to the State Board of Agriculture, expressing our deep interest in the selection of a president of the College to succeed Dr. Snyder, whose resignation is in the hands of the Board, as well as our confidence that the choice will be guided by a catholic view of the needs of the institution, and a discriminating judgment concerning the quality of the man required to maintain the College in the front rank of institutions of its kind. It is also desirable to express the hope that the Board will find a suitable man for the succession among its alumni, but that in any event the Association will cordially support the selection, because of its faith in the administration of the College.

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## THE RETIRING SECRETARY.

In retiring from the duties of Secretary of the M. A. C. Association and editor of the RECORD, I wish to thank those members of the Association to whose hearty co-operation the progress of the past year is so largely due.

A new interest in the College and in the Association was aroused in many quarters; the circulation of the RECORD enjoyed a constant and healthy growth; local associations of alumni and former students were formed in several Michigan cities, and the new-born M. A. C. Association gained steadily in strength. The first attempt at annual reunions was an unqualified success, and leads to the hope and belief that this plan may become permanent.

None of the above items could successfully have been carried out had it not been for the willingness of the individual members of our Association to render such help as lay within their power.

It is hoped that this same spirit of co-operation may be extended to the new secretary, Mr. C. S. Langdon, '11, in an even greater degree, and that the good work of the M. A. C. Association may be put upon an even stronger foundation in the coming year.

GEORGE C. SHEFFIELD.

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## DON'T FORGET THE CIRCULAR LETTER.

Circular letters have been sent out to every graduate of this institution, since the first of September. These letters have, in the main, a two-fold purpose. One of the purposes has been recognized by a large number of the alumni, who have returned their letter with the information necessary for the publishing of another alumni catalog. Many of these have even gone one step farther and inclosed news items that will be of much interest to RECORD readers.

We are also very much pleased to see what success the second of these purposes is meeting with. Many of the old grads. that have not been taking

the RECORD have sent in their dollar, with best wishes. These new subscribers give a great feeling of satisfaction, for we know that everyone will help make things interesting enough so that they will be in the same position as several that have written in—"Couldn't live without it."

There are several letters, however, that have already been returned, unclaimed, and the editor will be especially grateful if the readers will take notice of these names, printed elsewhere, and see if, through some source or other, the addresses cannot be supplied. We wish to make this catalog as complete as possible, and are counting on your help.

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## THE ALUMNI DIRECTORY.

We wish to call attention to the new department in our advertising columns. On page two you will note a department headed "Alumni Business and Professional Directory." We believe that this is a distinct advance in our advertising policy, and feel already, from the tone of letters from those who have made use of the opportunity, that it will be of great advantage to those people. We are of the opinion that M. A. C. men and women who are doing business every day will be glad to know of men—M. A. C. men—with whom they can do business, and who, we believe, will be given preference. Inquiries regarding this department will be welcomed.

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## RESERVATIONS FOR THE MICHIGAN GAME.

Put the date right now in your book, and draw a big circle around it—Oct. 17th—there will be a football game at M. A. C. The editor has been in communication with the athletic office, and plans are under way to handle the reservations of the alumni readers for this game through the RECORD. Detailed information will be given in the next issue.

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## YALE MAN HEADS FORESTRY DEPARTMENT.

Prof. Chittenden, who took his graduate work in the Yale School of Forestry in '01 and '02, has been appointed to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of J. Fred Baker. After receiving his degree, Prof. Chittenden spent nine months studying forestry conditions in Switzerland, Austria, France, and England. Returning home, he entered the forest service, where he worked for 12 years in co-operative work, forest management, charge of timber sale, and in the forest department of the Indian office. During this time he gained a wide experience, which was made use of in getting out seven bulletins. He comes to M. A. C. from Illinois, where he was lecturer on timber and timber resources.

Prof. Chittenden believes that much emphasis should be placed, in his department, on city forestry, and is also much in favor of training more men for private forestry work, rather than all for civil service.

## WEDDINGS.

## FELTON-DUTHIE.

The marriage of Winifred Felton and Herbert I. Duthie, both of '11, occurred at the bride's home in East Lansing, Sept. 12th. Both will be remembered by classmates and friends in college as taking an active part in college activities.

Mrs. "Marg." Kedzie Holden, of Grand Rapids, was the only M. A. C. guest from out of town.

After a short wedding trip they returned to their home in Grand Rapids, where Mr. Duthie is connected with the Hauser-Owen-Ames Co.

## SMITH-PRATT.

Announcement of the marriage of Miss Phila Smith, '12, to A. Crossman Pratt, '07, has been received. The ceremony took place August —, at the bride's home, in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Pratt will make their home at 534 Peachtree street, Atlanta, Ga., where Mr. Pratt represents the Rumley Products Co.

## CHANNEY-ALLEN.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lansing, was the scene, Sept. 14th, of a very pretty wedding, when Esme Allen, of East Lansing, was united in marriage to Mr. James Blaine Channey. Mr. Channey was a member of the class of '14. The bride and groom went directly to their home, in Detroit.

## AVERY-FISHER.

September 14th witnessed, also, the marriage of Miss Jean Avery, '13, and Mr. J. W. Fisher, '14, at the home of the bride's parents, in Lansing. Mr. Fisher spent his first two years of college at Williams College, Mass. Miss Avery has been teaching English the past year in St. Louis. After spending some time in northern Wisconsin and in Milwaukee, they will go to Washington, D. C., where Mr. Fisher is employed in the Office of Markets.

## IDDLES-LESTER.

On Oct. 5th occurred the marriage of Mr. Alfred Iddles, '12, to Miss Lucile Lester, at the home of the bride, in South Haven. Mrs. Iddles is a graduate of Kalamazoo College, with the class of '13.

After a camping trip and two weeks' visit with friends in Constantine, Kalamazoo, and Ypsilanti, Mr. and Mrs. Iddles came to East Lansing, where they will make their home. Mr. Iddles is an instructor in the drawing department here.

## VINING-EDGERLY.

Announcement of the marriage of Miss Vesta Edgerly and Mr. K. K. Vining, '13, has been received. Mr. and Mrs. Vining are at home in Fremont, Mich. Mr. Vining is a very successful instructor of agriculture at that place, this being his second year there. He had charge of the institute classes in agriculture at the Ypsilanti State Normal during the past summer school.

## HARRIS-HAWLEY.

We are indebted to Forrest H. Kane, '13, of Pon-

tiac, for news of the marriage of Mark Harris, ex-'11, and Miss Virginia Hawley, on June 16th. Mr. Harris is chief draftsman at the Oakland Motor Car Co. Mr. Kane is in the employ of the same company, as checker.

## POWELL-NASON.

Ralph W. Powell, '11, was united in marriage to Maude Nason, '13, at the bride's home at Comstock Park, Sept. 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell started directly for New Haven, Conn., where Mr. Powell is to teach the coming year in the Sheffield Scientific School of Harvard.

Powell has been instructor in the engineering department of Cornell the past two years and received the degree of C. E. there at the end of summer school this year.

## ALUMNI NOTES.

Miss Marion Lowe, daughter of Victor Hunt Lowe, '91, is entering college this fall.

Wilbert Riley, '13, is superintendent of a large orchard in Dorr county, Wis., near Green Bay.

Truman George Yonker, '14, will do graduate work in botany at the University of Nebraska this next year.

Max Gardner, '12, expects to work for his M. S. in plant pathology at the University of Wisconsin the coming year.

C. W. Parsons, '12, who has been instructor in C. E. here for the past two years, goes to his home town, Alma, as designer in the Auto Truck Co.

The son of P. B. Woodworth, '86, is entering college this term. Mr. Woodworth is dean and professor of electrical engineering at Lewis Institute, Chicago.

Edith Lemmon, with '15, was a campus visitor at the opening of school. Miss Lemmon was on her way to New York City, where she will enter Columbia University this fall.

Mr. L. P. Dendel, '14, has taken the position of instructor in the engineering laboratory, under Prof. Polson, which is made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Fitzgerald.

A little stranger arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Lumbard, Nueva Gerona, Isle of Pines, Aug. 15, 1914. Weight, six pounds; name, Dan Payne Lumbard. Mr. Lumbard was a member of the class of '07.

A. J. Runner, '13, has charge of one of the ward schools in Bay City. He is working out a plan for giving the grammar pupils agriculture during the spring and fall, and some special shop work in the winter.

Mr. L. A. Clinton, of Washington, D. C., '89, was a college visitor the past week. His chief mission was to see his daughter properly entered in college. Just 25 years ago in August Prof. Clinton graduated from this institution.

## DEPARTMENTAL NOTES.

The English department welcomes back, after over a year's leave of absence, E. G. Fischer. Mr. Fischer has been studying in German universities during this absence. He has been given an assistant professorship.

Mrs. G. A. Robinson returns after a year's leave of absence to take charge of the work in French. Miss von Walthausen, who has taught French the past year, takes up graduate work at the U. of M.

The new instructors are: C. A. Fleming, of South Western College, Winfield, Kan.; Orin Stepanek, University of Nebraska, and graduate work at Harvard; C. C. Armstrong, of Ohio Wesleyan.

The freshman course in English this year has been changed so that expository writing will be taken up the whole year. A great growth of interest has been noted as a result of this change.

A new course, which appears to be very popular, has been started in advanced study of Forms of Literature and Composition:

The course in Contemporary Drama is proving to be a very popular one. In this course dramas of the best thinkers are studied as well as those of skillful playwrights.

Charles H. Scott, a graduate of Princeton, has been appointed as instructor in zoology. W. E. Eastman, of New Hampshire Agricultural College, is also teaching zoology.

B. B. Roseboom and F. A. Burt have been promoted to assistant professors. Mr. Roseboom's title now is assistant professor of physiology and Mr. Burt's, assistant professor of geology.

The course in embryology, usually given in the winter term, has been transferred to the fall term.

The following have been added to the list of instructors in chemistry: W. P. Wood, of U. of M.; F. H. Reed, of Wabash; G. P. Legett, of Parson's College; D. C. Carpenter, M. A. C. '12. H. L. Publow, '14, has been made lecture assistant.

The mathematics department has but one new instructor this year, in the person of W. A. Reinert.

This is the first year that the freshmen have not had any mathematics in the fall term. Mathematics has been moved on to the winter term and economics has been introduced into the fall term schedule.

For the first time in 25 years the entomology department will give a course in bee culture. Prof. Cook, now head of the California horticultural department, gave the last course in this subject.

From the increasing importance of the bee industry in this state and the large demand from students, it was deemed necessary to take up this work again. Much interest has already been manifested, most of the work being in the field at present.

## DEAN BURNETT WRITES ABOUT NEBRASKA GAME.

Dean E. A. Burnett, of the University of Nebraska, writes in to secure names of alumni in and around Lincoln, so that something special may be prepared for occasion of their game with M. A. C. If any of the old men within striking distance of Lincoln are planning on seeing the M. A. C. boys in action at that time, we would consider it an especial favor if they would either communicate with this office or Dean Burnett.

Mr. L. G. Carpenter, consulting engineer, in Denver, sends in the following items:

C. F. Davis, '80, has not been able to keep out of teaching, and has become a member of the teaching staff of the Colorado Agricultural College. He was professor of chemistry there from 1881 to 1886, since that time practicing law at Fort Collins, Col.

Cass E. Herrington, with '78, has been for some years counsel of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Co. He is president of the Denver Club, the club wherein membership is the most highly prized of any in the West. Fred Herrington, '84, has been counsel of the operating department of the same company for a number of years. A very important position.

Mrs. Jennette Carpenter Wheeler, '98, is stationed at Fort Logan, near Denver. Their former station for two years was at Nome, Alaska, where Captain Wheeler's detail had been for two years.

E. T. Gardner, '84, is at Manzanola, Col. Farmer and surveyor.

This office is in receipt of a clipping from a South Haven paper in which the work of C. N. Frey, '11, is spoken of in glowing terms. Mr. Frey has been the agricultural instructor in the high school there for three years, and has worked up a tremendous reputation for the work, and incidentally for himself. We quote the clipping in part:

"Mr. Frey has placed himself and the equipment of his department at school at the disposal of the farmers of the neighborhood. He has always been ready to answer calls for advice, to give it when he could, to say he could not when he couldn't, and to find out, if possible, when he did not know just what to advise."

This is the spirit that has made for success with all the men that have gone out in this comparatively new work.

Mr. Frey expects to do graduate work in the University of Wisconsin the coming year.

We were much pleased by a visit from John C. Carmody, '12, just before the opening of college. John is the extension man in horticulture for the University of Kentucky. He said that during the past summer he has been in Chautauqua work—in the absence of Sec. Bryan, we presume.

**NEW HEAD OF SOILS DEPARTMENT.**

We are very glad to announce that the vacancy in the soils department, made by the leaving of Prof. Jeffery, has been filled. Mr. M. M. McCool has been on the job since the middle of August. He spent the last part of August investigating the conditions in the lower peninsula relative to his position, and reports that there is a great field of work for his department. Mr. McCool did his undergraduate work at the University of Missouri, after which he spent four years in soil survey work in that state. Following this he took his master's and doctor's degree at Cornell, and put in four years as instructor at that place. For the past two years he has been assistant professor of soils at Oregon Agricultural College. Mr. McCool is very much taken up with rearranging his courses, as he plans to make a complete change. He will be very pleased to meet any of the old men that may be back, in order to get thoroughly in touch with the situation.

**M. A. C. MAN HEADS NEW DEPARTMENT.**

Word has been received at this office that Dorr Skeels, with '03, has been elected dean of the new school of forestry that has been established at the University of Montana. Mr. Skeels finished his undergraduate work at the University of Michigan and went directly into the U. S. Forestry Service. Between '08 and '12 he was supervisor of the Kootnai forest, and since then has been a lumber expert in the forest service.

**CHANGES AT THE WOMAN'S BUILDING.**

The dining room at the Woman's building presents an appearance decidedly for the better. The room that was formerly next to the dining room on the west has been made a part of the dining room, new round tables that seat eight have been put in, new linen, new dishes, new glassware, and everything, in fact, that would go to make the place more homelike and cosy has been installed. A modern kitchen that makes the work much easier completes the program. The dining room, as it is now arranged, will seat 250 without greatly crowding them.

Miss Florence Farwell is the house director, and, in part, should receive the credit for many of the changes. Miss Farwell is a graduate of the School of Domestic Science and Art, of Chicago, and has had considerable experience in teaching domestic science.

The other new teachers in this department are: Miss Lyla Della Edgerton, music; Miss Clara King-Morris, domestic science; Miss Louise Clemens, '13, domestic art; Miss Agnes Vannevar Hath, domestic art; Miss Paulina Raven, extension worker.

**SUMMER SESSION A SUCCESS.**

Judging from the report of the summer session made by Dean Ryder, and also from conversation with students who availed themselves of the opportunity, summer school is here to stay. The total enrollment was 122, nine of whom were graduates of this institution, and 30 from other institutions. A large number of undergraduate students were here for work, also. Thirty of those enrolled were teachers, ten of whom were instructors at M. A. C. Courses were given in the following subjects: Botany, bacteriology, chemistry, dairy husbandry, English, entomology, home economics, horticulture, farm crops, mathematics, mechanical engineering, pedagogics, physics, political science, poultry husbandry, veterinary science, zoology, and forestry. Lack of space prevents a more detailed report at this time, but more will be heard of this summer school.

**CHANGES IN BACTERIOLOGY DEPARTMENT.**

The staff of instructors in the bacteriology department sees several changes this term. Miss Rachel Benham goes to South Lyon, Mich., as home keeper for Mr. Henry Richardson. They were married Sept. 19th.

Miss Benham's place in the department is taken by Mr. W. L. Kulp, who received his B. S. and M. S. at Allegheny College, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. L. R. Himmelberger, who secured his D. V. S. here last year, is assistant bacteriologist this year, and is working on swine diseases.

Mr. F. O. Ockerblad, B. S. of Vermont Agricultural College, is here this year as graduate assistant; also Mr. R. J. Trebilcock. Mr. Trebilcock received his A. B. degree at the U. of M. and has been out three years in commercial chemistry work.

**1914 FORESTERS IN PRIVATE WORK REPORT.**

Prof. Sanford and Prof. Chittenden agree that in private forestry work there is a big opportunity. Their views seem to be substantiated by letters that have already been received from graduates that went out last June. These men are very enthusiastic over the work, despite the fact that they had to start out at a very low wage. Extracts from these letters will appear in the next issue.

Prof. C. L. Bemis, '74, head of the educational department of the State Normal, Athens, W. Va., spent some little time at the college the second week in September. Prof. Bemis is teaching sanitation, and was here in the chemistry department, working out a simple method of determining  $\text{CO}_2$  in the atmosphere.

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This year's football season promises to be a most important one in the football history of M. A. C., and, if we can judge by the indications at present, it will be the most successful one that we have ever had. Most of last year's varsity men, except those that graduated, and several raw recruits were in camp at Pine Lake for two weeks before school opened up, putting, tackling, scrimmaging, and going through all the gymnastics an athletic director ever heard of. This early training has been made possible almost entirely by the co-operation and assistance of Mr. C. P. Downey and the Automobile Club of Lansing. Mr. Downey gave his cottage at the lake for use as training quarters, and the Auto Club furnished the training table.

The Auto Club is also making an extra effort to get all the old football men back for the Michigan game. They have written letters to all of whom they have addresses saying that their entertainment will be taken care of while here if they will only make the trip back.

For the past week there has been strenuous training on the athletic field. From 40 to 60 men have reported for duty every night. From these men it seems that the coach will pick a line-up that will look something like this: "Dutch" Miller at quarter; Captain "Carp" Julian, fullback; Jerry DePrato, left half; Blacklock, right half; Hewitt Miller, emergency back; Henning, right end; Hutton (1912 star), right tackle; Straight, right guard; Vaughn, center; Kurtzworth, Vandervoort or Dootau, left guard; Smith, left tackle; Blake Miller, left end. Chaddock, a 1912 monogram man, is back, and will make somebody hustle for the end position. Frimodig, star baseball and basketball man, is showing up well for reserve center, and the coach has Ty Cobb, Keyers, and McClelland to pick from for reserve back field.

**FOOTBALL SCHEDULE.**

Olivet—Oct. 3, East Lansing.  
 Alma—Oct. 10, East Lansing.  
 U. of M.—Oct. 17, East Lansing.  
 Mt. Union—Oct. 24, East Lansing.  
 Nebraska—Oct. 31, Lincoln, Neb.  
 Buchtel—Nov. 7, East Lansing.  
 Penn. State—Nov. 14, State College, Pa.

**PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION.**

President and Mrs. Snyder entertained the instructors and their wives at a reception Friday evening. Many took advantage of the splendid opportunity to meet the new heads of departments and instructors. There are few occasions of the year when this opportunity exists, and hence this one is very well received.

**CAMPUS VISITORS IN SEPTEMBER.**

R. A. Turner, '09, and wife stopped off at the college on their way to Hillsdale, where Mr. Turner is teaching agriculture in the high school.

"Grub" Leonard, '12, dropped in on us on his way to Otsego, where he is teaching agriculture.

M. Wershow, '13, was back for a few days before his work commenced. Mr. Wershow is teaching pathology in the Veterinary College of O. S. U.

"Doc" Walker, '11, and Mrs. Walker, ex-'15, were campus visitors before school opened.

O. G. Anderson, '11, was here the past week, looking up extension work. "Andy" expects to make a change of work in the near future. He has been engaged as manager of a farm near Birmingham.

Oie Stephenson, '08, goes to the University of Chicago this year, to do graduate work in history. Oie was seen on the campus last week. He has been head of the department of history in the Arkansas State Normal College.

I. D. McLaughlan, '10, was seen on the campus last week. He stopped off here on his way home to see that his sister was properly enrolled as a freshman. "Mac" is at present supervising some work on the new locks at the Soo.

Bert Shed, ex-'10, and ex-football star, was on the athletic field last Wednesday. Bert said the boys looked good to him, and Bert ought to be some judge.

**ADDRESSES WANTED.**

The following are partial addresses of graduates from whom letters have been returned. Can you supply the correct one?

- W. P. Robinson, '05, Toronto, Ontario.
- W. F. Jordan, '05, Chicago, Ill.
- L. J. Smith, '06, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
- E. C. Sanford, '12, Mackay, Ariz.
- T. S. Major, '82, Arlington Hotel, New York City.
- A. B. Mead, '12, Toledo, Ohio.
- E. A. Calkins, '98, Lockport, La.
- W. C. Bennett, '05, Chicago, Ill.
- James E. Shaw, '10, Pontiac, Mich.
- Prof. H. W. Geller, '04, Woodbine, N. J.
- S. K. Brainerd, Detroit, Mich.
- H. D. Fargo, '02, Toledo, Ohio.
- W. W. Shanor, '11, White Plains, N. H.
- E. Shaw, '97, Detroit, Mich.
- R. H. Seiler, '07, Bremen, Ind.
- Miss L. B. Martin, Republic, Mich.
- G. N. Gould, '99, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- H. B. Fuller, '92, Reserve, Wis.
- J. I. Bicknell, '81, Peekskill, N. Y.
- H. E. Emmons, '78, Detroit, Mich.

Reuben L. Nye, '12, has changed his occupation from agriculturist of Porter county, Ind., to superintendent of the county agricultural school at Me-nuominee, Mich.

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## REGULAR LETTER FROM DR. BEAL.

Dr. Beal seems to have acquired the excellent habit of sending an interesting letter for the first issue of the RECORD. Alumni and friends will be glad to note that he is as close an observer of M. A. C. as ever. Following are the items he mentions in the letter:

The Cedar river is ruthlessly eating into the steep clay bank near the house of the President. It is a pity some one does not interest the authorities to secure a remedy.

In many places the lawn is much improved.

South of the President's house for many years there was a great growth of narrow leaved plantain. Most of it has now disappeared, apparently owing to the attack of some beneficial insect which has gnawed at the roots.

Prof. Vedder adds more porch.

Southwest of the President's house is a small patch of a very bad weed in a lawn—worse than dandelions here in Massachusetts. It is Robin's plantain, *Erigeron pulchellus*.

Notice the immense branching masses of silver maple by the river, and the wild grapevines wandering over trees and shrubs.

Won't some one in authority drain the mosquito hole on the flats to the cement bridge, and save many annoying bites and a few curses? Not far from the lowest mosquito hole on the flats is a cottonwood, well smothered by a thrifty Virginia creeper.

See and admire the rugged old untrimmed beech tree not far from two black walnuts below the botanic garden.

Between College Hall and the foot-bridge, near the seven willows, were set, thirty-five or forty years ago, two Siberian arborvitae, one on each side of the path, to keep teams from attempting to take this sharp cut.

I have been surprised to see what a worker Dr. C. E. Marshall has proved to be in his new vegetable garden near our house. He has made a marked reduction in his belt line, shortening up the length of belt a number of holes.

Herbert M. Collingwood, '83, the trenchant editor of the *Rural New Yorker*, says: "I am still pegging away at the same old stand, and

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often think of those old days at Lansing in what I shall think will ever be the golden age of the Agricultural College."

DR. BEAL SENDS IN CLIPPING FROM  
STATE JOURNAL.

A copy of a letter from Prof. Thatcher, of the State of Washington, to Pres. Snyder, stating the proportion of graduates of M. A. C. in comparison with those from other prominent agricultural colleges and universities, was recently published in the *State Journal*.

Attention was called especially to those engaged in teaching and experimenting in agriculture.

Of these, with the bachelor's degree, M. A. C. had twenty-one, while no other college referred to had more than nine.

Not many years ago I attended a convention of agricultural colleges and experiment stations held at Baton Rouge, La. M. A. C. gathered there, as I remember it, twenty men, and no other college could count up more than nine.

I never attended such gatherings without making some effort, by way of comparison, as readers of the RECORD will remember. This comparison refers to the number of members of faculties, directors of experiment stations, deans, heads of important committees; for example, to find half the members of a committee of six, in-

cluding the chairman, to be men who were educated at M. A. C.; the important committee of five appointed by Pres. Roosevelt to look to the needs of farmers of this country contained two graduates, including the chairman, who were M. A. C. men.

A new high school to take up the teaching of agriculture this fall is Iron Mountain. This draws back to Michigan Mr. C. V. Ballard, who has, the past year, been instructor in animal husbandry at the Baron Hirsch school, Woodbine, N. J.

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