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## STATE BOARD MEETING.

At the regular monthly meeting of the State Board of Agriculture held at the President's office, last Wednesday, every member of the Board was present.

The request of the Union Literary Society relative to the privilege of enlarging their society house to furnish dormitory facilities was referred to a faculty committee, as was also a petition by the Delphic Society, asking for a lease for a lot for society house.

The resignation of A. R. Potts was accepted. Certain letters from T. Glenn Phillips were ordered copied and sent to the Board members. C. H. Spurway, of the soils department, was granted leave of absence.

A resolution of the faculty in regard to holidays and the opening and closing of the College terms was approved. The holidays defined are Thanksgiving Day, Washington's birthday, Memorial Day, and Independence Day. The opening of the fall term is set as being the third Tuesday after the first Wednesday in September; the term continuing 13 weeks. Tuesday of the third week following the close of the fall term is the opening date for the winter term, which continues 12 weeks. Tuesday of the second week following the close of the winter term is the opening of the spring term, which term closes on Tuesday of the 12th week. The summer term continues six weeks from the closing of the spring term.

The President and Secretary were requested to formulate and present to the Board a plan for bringing the Farmers' Institutes under the College Extension Department, and also a plan of organization for the entire extension work.

A resolution of the State Grange relative to the resignation of President Synder was inserted in the minutes of the Board. Also a letter from W. L. Carpenter expressing appreciation for the resolutions by the Board touching his service, was made a part of the minutes.

Mr. Darlington, instructor in botany, gave a talk on sheep grazing in the Blue Mountains at the Forestry Club meeting last week. Darlington has made a very exhaustive investigation of this subject, giving particular attention to the carrying capacity of the range, plants eaten, damage to brush and loss of vigor to plants. He pointed out that in the "herding method" of grazing, only about one-third of the range is utilized.

## NORTHEAST MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION.

The second annual banquet of the Northeast Michigan M. A. C. Association was held at the Bay City Club, Friday, March 12th. Thirty-one people sat down to a fine feast. In the absence of President E. C. Peters, '93, of Saginaw, Vice President McKinnon, ex-'95, took charge of the meeting and after reading a telegram of regret from Peters, who was in Grand Rapids, turned the program over to A. McVittie, '11, who called on E. P. Robinson, '07, "Bob" Wallace, ex-'08, and Morrice Cortright, ex-'13. Secretary A. M. Brown was present from the College and gave a very comprehensive talk regarding the needs and development of the institution and excited a much more active interest on the part of those present for M. A. C.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, A. C. McKinnon, Bay City; vice president, Morrice Cortright, Bay City; secretary, E. P. Robinson, Saginaw; treasurer, Z. E. Colby, Bay City. The executive committee will consist of E. C. Peters, of Saginaw; Robert Wallace, of Bay Port, and C. A. Hach, of Saginaw.

There seemed to be some sentiment favoring an occasional luncheon through the year and this will be attempted.

The following alumni and former students, not mentioned above, were present: L. A. Roeller, Bay City; H. E. Aldrich, '14, Saginaw; W. L. Mason, Saginaw; W. E. Wilson, '06, Bay City; F. H. Bach, '01, Saginaw; F. H. Kishpaugh, ex-'93m, Bay City; D. H. Ellis, '07, Saginaw; G. M. Bradford, ex-'01, Bay City; C. R. Garlock, '14, Bay City; Frank Merrit, ex-'12, Bay City; A. J. Beese, ex-'93m, Saginaw; George Massnick, ex-'13, Bay City.

## ITINERARY OF GLEE AND MANDOLIN CLUBS.

Charlotte—March 26th.  
Battle Creek—March 27th.  
Kalamazoo—March 29th.  
Niles—March 30th.  
Benton Harbor—March 31st.  
Holland—April 30th.  
Grand Haven—April 2d.  
Muskegon—April 3d.  
Belding—April 5th.  
Portland—April 6th.  
East Lansing—April 16th.  
Lansing—April 23d.

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NEXT RECORD APRIL 6TH.

Next week is spring vacation, and there will be  
no RECORD issued until April 6th. While this vaca-  
tion for the RECORD is not necessary because of lack  
of news, it certainly is from the standpoint of  
finances. When does your subscription expire?

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## THE GLEE AND MANDOLIN CLUBS.

In this issue are given the picture of the Glee  
and Mandolin Clubs and also their schedule of per-  
formances this spring, most of which occur during  
the spring vacation, which begins Friday, March  
26th. In connection with the announcement of this  
schedule it seems appropriate to speak of the sup-  
port that this representative college organization  
should receive at the hands of the alumni and former  
students in the various places. And upon the advice  
of the manager of these clubs we learn that with  
the exception of one place, this support has been en-  
tirely lacking. It may be that co-operation with  
the alumni office was not started early enough in  
the season. Most certain it is that alumni support  
has been little, compared to support which the sim-  
ilar organizations of other institutions have received.  
In many places the local college organization have  
eagerly sought after the appearance of these musi-  
cal clubs and have financially stood back of them.  
It is sincerely hoped that M. A. C.'s organization  
may receive more attention in the future.

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## DETROIT BANQUET.

The Detroit M. A. C. Association expects to out-  
shine all other local reunions this week Friday,  
when the annual banquet occurs at the Hotel Tuller,  
6:30 p. m. Gov. Ferris will be the principal speaker.  
President and Mrs. J. L. Snyder, Prof. Frank Kedzie  
and Prof. Walter French will be present from the  
College.

## DR. CHARLES E. BESSEY.

Dr. Bessey was a senior while the writer was a  
sophomore, and as his detail was that of collecting  
plants for the class in botany, I doubtless handled  
many specimens that he had brought from the fields,  
and woods, and thereby may have taken second hand  
from him a proclivity for plants. To me Dr. Bessey  
seemed old in those days—seniors are grave and  
reverend, and he was particularly so in part, per-  
haps because of the full black beard he wore with  
grace.

Passing over some years, it was my pleasure to  
meet Prof. Bessey at the M. A. C. while he was tak-  
ing his bride from the former insular New England  
home to the new one at the Iowa Agricultural Col-  
lege. Prof. Beal was at that time trying to whip  
me into shape for life's work by keeping me largely  
upon grasses with a great stock of microscopic  
mounts added as a relish—and so I dined with the  
honored guests and the small group of botanists.

Perhaps two years later Dr. Bessey and I were  
table mates in Dr. Farlow's laboratory, where a fine  
collection of Iowa fungi had been brought for filling  
in of a winter vacation.

After other years there came the transfer of Dr.  
Bessey to the University of Nebraska, and another  
M. A. C. man was installed in his stead at Ames. It  
has been a particular pleasure to me that I had the  
honor to take up the work that Dr. Bessey laid down.  
The botanical soil in Iowa was in such good tilth  
and the proper seed so judiciously planted that the  
crop of students came in spite of any lack upon my  
part. The atmosphere of the College had become  
more than botanically inclined and it was a keen  
satisfaction to note, from time to time, that the  
labors of the real teacher live after him in the hearts  
and lives of the taught. The blackboard drawings  
that I found upon my first day in the lecture room  
were erased regretfully, because a master hand had  
made them and I desired to keep them as a constant  
reminder of Dr. Bessey's knowledge and skill.

It was an easy matter to gather from his former  
pupils that he made them feel that it was better to  
know than to be known. He opened their eyes to the  
measureless world around them and they became  
truth seekers for truth sake. He led them to love  
life intensely among all its higher values as inter-  
preted through the eyes of a botanist, and it is no  
wonder that so many followed in his footsteps as  
inspiring teachers.

Dr. Bessey's impress upon science was grand, and  
botanists throughout the world, while thankful for  
the courageous exponent of all things truly phytologi-  
cal, must needs pause, wistfully, with moistened eyes,  
and realize that this earthly life has ended—abound-  
ing in the works of the Lord.

BYRON D. HALSTED, '71.

New Brunswick, N. J.

Joseph Rosen, '08, has been recently made head  
of the Baron de Hirsch school at Woodbine, N. J.,  
at a very handsome salary.



## HOME ECONOMICS DIVISION HAS NEW COURSE OF STUDY.

Dean White and the heads of the various departments in the Home Economics Division have completed a new course of study for the girls which has just been accepted by the faculty and which will go into effect next fall. The key to the new course of study is the reduction of the number of subjects pursued in any one term by the unifying and combination of courses previously given and the necessary increase in number of credits allotted to some subjects. In the new course the idea of pursuing some subject, such as a science, through several terms to a logical conclusion is fostered, for it is felt that by so doing an outlook will be given to the students that will be valuable because of the training received as well as for the information obtained.

Formerly it has been considered that seven sciences were required, viz.: Chemistry, physics, bacteriology, physiology, entomology, zoology, and botany. Under the new system the first four will be required and the latter three put over to the junior and senior years as electives. Ten credits will be required in bacteriology where only five were before. Physics has been advanced from a seven-credit subject to ten. In the freshman year, a slight option will be offered to those who desire to go on with language work started in high school, this privilege to be obtained, however, from the head of the department, and whatever is selected must be carried throughout the year.

What are considered the best technical courses have been saved for the senior year. There has been added, in this year, a five-credit course in home economics which will include a general survey of the whole field of home economics and a careful study of the relation of the home to the community and to society. The H. E. Division thinks that in the new course there is a much more logical and up-to-date presentation of the various subjects and looks for much good to come from the change.

## M. A. C. ASSOCIATION OF PORTLAND, OREGON.

On February 27th the annual M. A. C. banquet was held. Through unavoidable circumstances but eighteen were present at the feed, though we made up for a shortage in numbers by a little more gaiety than usual.

The old members told many humorous happenings of their past days at College, from stealing cheese to ducking Prexy and expressed deep regret that the College fountain went dry.

We have lost two active members lately: Mrs. Dora Skeels Post, '06, and family, who have moved to Palo Alto, Cal., and Mr. and Mrs. John Decker, '04, who are ranching in eastern Oregon. We have gained two new members through matrimony, Mrs. James Shaw, '10, and Mrs. J. Verne Gongwer, '08.

Howard E. Weed, '89, has recently been appointed supervisor of nature study in the public schools of Portland. C. J. Voorhorst, '04, has recently purchased a drug store here in the city. Gordon Stuart, with '02, is now owner of the bill boards of a number of small towns of southern Washington, with residence at Vancouver, Wash. L. H. Harza, instructor in mathematics from '02 to '04, is on the engineering force of the Celilo Canal project on the Columbian river, with offices in Portland, Ore.

Keep the M. A. C. Reunion at the Fair a live subject and let all remember to pay a visit to Portland on the way.

K. B. STEVENS, '06, Sec. and Treas.

## PORTRAIT FUND AND REUNION.

Jay D. Stannard, '76, engineer with the U. S. Reclamation Service, with headquarters at Alamosa, Col., has the following to say regarding the portrait fund and the alumni reunion in June:

Dear RECORD:

Enclosed herewith please find money order for my subscription and contribution to the portrait fund. If you do not get enough for the portraits, just call on the older boys who will be very glad to contribute more.

I presume that all the older boys feel as I do in this matter, that we cannot do too much to perpetuate the memory of those great men who did so much to establish the character of M. A. C. and who were beloved by all who knew them.

Will you kindly furnish me with the addresses of the boys of '76. We should make an extra effort to attend the next reunion, as it is the fortieth anniversary.

Contributors to the portrait fund since last published are: P. H. Felker, '71, Lucy M. Woodworth, '93, J. D. Stannard, '76.

While the portraits will cost more than it was first anticipated, it is believed that fully enough contributions will come in. However, it is hoped that all who wish to make a contribution will let the alumni secretary know at once.

## "CAPTAIN OF PLYMOUTH" MAKES HIT.

The first musical comedy ever staged by M. A. C. students was given under the auspices of the Lansing Women's Club House Association at the Gladmer last Friday and Saturday nights. The presentation was an unqualified success. The comedy centered about the courtship of Miles Standish, Ned Lacey playing admirably the part of the Captain. Miss Doris Marvin, as Priscilla, and Roy Hamilton, as John Alden, scored the hits of the evening. Other prominent M. A. C. people in the cast were: Norma Vedder, Capt. "Carp" Julian, Blake Miller, Hewitt Miller, E. G. Smith, G. Karl Fisher, Prof. R. C. Huston.

## NEWS AND COMMENT.

In the tenth rifle match last week M. A. C. defeated Purdue by the score 982 to 916. Washington State held the high score of the week, winning from Illinois, 993 to 935. The Massachusetts Aggies also shot 982.

The March Bulletin of the University of Michigan is a bulletin of information addressed to the legislature of 1915 and the people of Michigan. The following table taken from this bulletin is of general interest, being a comparison of receipts from the state of several universities:

Institution.	Students.	Total recpts.	Per student.
Illinois .....	7,322	\$2,286,500	\$312
Minnesota .....	7,392	2,362,254	320
Wisconsin .....	6,765	2,153,856	318
Michigan .....	6,258	1,363,834	218
M. A. C. ....	2,010	228,800	114
U. of M. and M. A. C. ..	8,268	1,592,634	193

The totals for M. A. C. and U. of M. are added together to make the figures comparable with the other universities. Thus, students in Michigan are being taken care of at much less cost than those of other states. Incidentally this table shows that the cost per student at M. A. C. is very low and insofar as this low cost is due to underpaid instructors, we are not proud of the showing.

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## ATHLETICS.

The past week has been extremely favorable for increased interest and enthusiasm for the various outdoor athletics. While most of the baseball practice has been engaged in in the cage in the agricultural pavilion, the outdoor condition has had favorable influence. At the present the line-up of diamond heroes looks about as follows: Capt. Bibbins, catcher, with C. V. Bloom and Donaldson as reserves; Weeder looks best in the box, although Lafever, Brown and Carl Peterson are working out in good form; Frimodig will hold down first; Fuller, second, and Hood, third; Fick will have his old position at shortstop, though Murphy and Thomas are showing up good on the infield. The outfielders are Clark, Williams, Hendershot and Werden. Much new material is expected to show up with the beginning of outdoor practice next term.

The track schedule is bound to bring out the interest in this department and includes a meet with Notre Dame at M. A. C., May 22; Michigan Fresh. here May 15; Interscholastic, June 5. On April 24th a relay team will be sent East to engage in the Penn. Relay, and on June 5th the relay team will be sent to the Western Conference meet at Chicago.

## ALUMNI NOTES.

Word has come that Mary Pennington Otte, '11, is the mother of a nine and one-half pound boy, born March 15th.

Jim Waldron, '10a, has recently returned from Carlton, Minn., and has taken up the management of the home farm at Tecumseh.

Francis Kirk, '14, Marion Sly, '14, Mrs. Laura Morse Kimball, ex-'13, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Duthie, '11, were back for the Feronian party on the 13th.

George E. Martin, '04e, is chief engineer and general manager of the Diamond T Motor Car Co., 432 W. Superior St., Chicago, with residence at 4636 Sheridan Road.

Mrs. Fred Woodworth, ex-'01, spent last Monday at the College. Fred Woodworth, '98, of Caseville, is a State Senator and Mr. and Mrs. Woodworth are living in Lansing temporarily.

Gladys Harvey, ex-'15, Blanche Lowry, ex-'15, Molly Karr, ex-'14, Mabel Runyan, ex-'15, were at the College for the Ero Alphan party held in the Agricultural Hall on the 13th.

P. V. Ross, '95, has an excellent article in the *Yale Law Journal* for March, on the "Metaphysical Treatment of Diseases as the Practice of Medicine." Ross, formerly an attorney at law, is now a Christian Science practitioner in the Pacific Bldg., San Francisco.

G. P. Springer, '11e, has joined the ranks of the benedicts. On March 6th he was married to Miss Josephine A. Carlson, of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Springer will live in Hyattsville, Md. G. P. is instructor in civil engineering in the Maryland Agricultural College at College Park, Md.

March 16, 1915.

The M. A. C. RECORD:

Have just been looking over the RECORD for March 9th. It seems to me a very good paper. I suppose I ought to know something about College papers, and more or less about farm papers. I was the first business manager of the old *Speculum*. The first number was issued in 1881, with L. H. Bailey editor-in-chief, and Dr. Beal the representative of the Faculty. I think this was the first paper issued

by Agricultural College students. The RECORD is an excellent paper, bright, newsy and clean. What I like about it particularly is the fact that it has genuine editorial character. My experience is that the public hunt for character on the editorial page, as they never did before. I notice that on page five of this issue you ask for addresses of various people. I think you will find Cyrus T. Crandall, '80, at Oxford, N. Y. I had a note from him last year, stating that he had come East to grow up with the country. Cyrus is really big enough now without growing up any further. However, there is plenty of room in our eastern country for men to broaden out and grow bigger. When I went West, so many years ago now that I don't like to remember them, it was thought that all the good farming chances were West of the Lakes. We think at this end of the country now that this condition has been reversed, and that there are better farm opportunities on the 200-mile strip along the upper Atlantic than can be found in any other part of the world. A large statement you will say, perhaps, but we think we can back it up.

It gives me great pleasure to read the RECORD. It is, I think, a true mirror, showing what the old boys are doing, or trying to do.

Yours truly,  
H. W. COLLINGWOOD, Editor.

### NEWS AND COMMENT.

The Omicron Nu held one of the two literary meetings of the term last week.

The deficiency bill of \$28,000 was passed by the Senate last Friday and given immediate effect.

At the present time conditions in the legislature look very favorable for the passing of the one-fifth mill tax.

The electrical department has recently received a new Wolff potentiometer from Germany that successfully passed the blockade.

Prof. V. M. Shoemith organized branches of the Michigan Experiment Association at Otter Lake, Mt. Pleasant, Tecumseh, and Jonesville last week. Geo. Wheeler, '14, is president of the new organization at Mt. Pleasant.

A delightful "Military" was held in the Armory last Saturday night. The decorations represented a fort. The College orchestra furnished the music and the party was chaperoned by Sergeant and Mrs. P. J. Cross and Prof. and Mrs. R. G. Saxton.

The Home Economics Division entertained the members of the House and Senate Club and their friends last Thursday afternoon. The membership of this club consists of the wives of the State Senators and Representatives. About seventy-five people were served.

It has just been decided that the M. A. C. band will attend the annual conclave of the Michigan Knights Templar, held in Calumet, June 8, 9 and 10. The band of fifty pieces will leave Lansing, embarking at Grand Haven, June 7, on the special boat chartered for the Templars.

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## ALUMNI NOTES.

A. B. Peebles, '77, is Congregational minister at Rutland, Mass.

L. L. Drake, '03, is in the creamery business at Maple City, Mich.

Jack Snellink, '13e, of Grand Rapids, was a College visitor last week.

Mrs. A. H. Stone (Mary Knaggs, '01), is at present in Sanford, Fla.

Marjorie Bird Coplan, '11, is teaching domestic science and art in the Cadillac high school.

Mrs. Emma Allen Cheney, ex-'10h, of 1809 Woodward Ave., Detroit, spent last week with her parents in East Lansing.

Glenn A. Barcroft, '10e, finished his work in the Canal Zone some time last summer and is now making his headquarters at Freepport, Mich.

J. C. Morgan, ex-'78, is in the produce, cold storage and vinegar business in Traverse City, besides being a fruit farmer. His son, Howard C. Morgan, ex-'13, is working with him.

H. F. Miners, '13a, formerly with the North American Fruit Exchange in Chicago, has been transferred to the New York office. F. L. Granger, '13a, with the same company, is at Laredo, Texas, on a large onion proposition.

The office is in receipt of a "Safety, Health, and Better Living" bulletin gotten out by the Ford Motor Company to promote good health and citizenship among the employees. G. C. Sheffield, '12, did the work on this bulletin.

Arlie D. Badour, '12a, is in the landscape gardening business in Minneapolis. He writes that Pete Mead, '12, recently made him a visit on his way to Bismark, N. D., and as they were walking up Nicollet Ave. they met "Chuck" Vedder, who is now a traveling salesman, and later B. F. Ellis, '12, who is living there.

R. J. McCarthy, '14f, spent last week-end at the College. McCarthy has just passed through a novel experience. He was working with the Wykoff Preservative Co., of Portsmouth, Va. Conditions did not suit him at the plant, in the way of supervision, so he resigned. He was away from the plant one day and then word came that he was elected superintendent, so he is now very busy reorganizing the work and making the plant efficient.

The *Daily Ledger*, of Tacoma, Wash., March 7th, contains a picture of Zoe Wimple, sp. '02 and '03, and announces her engagement to Dr. F. P. Calkins, of Ellensburg, Wash. The wedding takes place some time in April and Mr. and Mrs. Calkins will live in Ellensburg, where the doctor is engaged in private practice. Miss Wimple has been pure food inspector in the city of Tacoma, and state bakery inspector. The above paper was sent by Lucile Fleming, with '04.

It appears in the *Chicago Herald* of March 16th that the residents of Wilmette hold an annual tulip contest and the results this year were quite surprising to the residents of that place, but, however surprising, they substantiate the claim often made that M. A. C. engineers get a broad training and have other interests than pertaining to mathematical formulas. The story goes that one Carlton R. Dart, a graduate of M. A. C. in 1881, now chief engineer with the Sanitary District of Chicago, entered the contest last year but lost out on account of his bulbs being planted upside down. Nothing daunted, he set out more bulbs last fall and a few days ago the first shoots

poked their heads above the ground. Passing rapidly over some work that some young people of the family did one night with the bulbs that had been potted near the furnace, the story goes on to tell how the next morning all the neighborhood was peering over the fence inspecting the tulips in full bloom, while Mr. Dart's chest swelled with pride until his vest buttons threatened to pop off. We are very sorry that lack of space prevents a reproduction of the pictures appearing in the *Herald*.



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