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APRIL BOARD MEETING.

The following members were present at the April State Board meeting, which was held at the President's office last Wednesday: President Kedzie, Messrs. Graham, Woodman, Waterbury, Wallace, and Doherty.

An adverse report by Mr. Graham relative to a proposition from C. J. Monroe in regard to the purchase of lands belonging to the State Board of Agriculture at South Haven Experiment Station and the sale of certain other lands in that vicinity to the State Board was accepted.

A communication from E. B. Muller & Co. of Port Huron, in regard to the importation of chicory seed from Germany was presented, and the Secretary was directed, on behalf of the State Board, to transmit the communication with suitable recommendations to the Foreign Trade Advisor to the end that importations may be made.

Mr. Wallace was appointed a special committee, with power to act, to further the development of an apparently valuable fiber being produced from milk weed at Saginaw.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Doherty:

Resolved, That Frank S. Kedzie be tendered the presidency of Michigan Agricultural College at a salary of \$6,500 per annum.

A ye and nay vote showed the following: Yeas: Messrs. Doherty, Wallace, Waterbury, Woodman, and Graham. Nays: None.

The application of the Eastern Michigan Power Co. for right to cross certain college lands was referred to the President and Secretary with power to act. The request of Mr. Baldwin for a permanent extension committee was referred to the President with power to act. The question of a summer camp for boys in connection with the club work was also referred to the President.

The appointment of the following county agents was approved: Mr. Alfred Bentall, Allegan county; Mr. Harry J. Lurkins, Berrien county.

Dr. Giltner was given permission to attend a meeting of the American Society of Pathologists and Bacteriologists at Washington, D. C., May 9th and 10th. Dean White was given permission to attend the Biennial Con-

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'95 ATTENTION.

"In the April 11 Record, Seeley, '98, has given a good hint which I am following up for '95. He has asked, and I hereby ask, Editor Langdon to send a marked copy of the Record to every member of '95, to urge full attendance at the Alumni Reunion, June 12-14. Only a few of the fellows live farther away than I do but I am planning to invest the necessary lucre in the trip because I know of nothing that pays bigger dividends in pleasure than the meeting of college and especially classmates.

"Presumably most of you, like myself, have seen only a few of the boys of '95 since we parted. One of the most enjoyable times of my life was that June day last summer when a dozen of us got together, shouted the class yell, roared some of our old time songs at the feed and otherwise made ourselves as conspicuous as we deserved to be in the sight of our jealous rivals. I therefore urge everyone of you to come this year to celebrate our majority and have a good time.

"This should be the special occasion when those farthest away—Heck in Florida, Ross in California, Alvord in Texas, Smith in Minnesota, Kains in Pennsylvania, Lake in Colorado and Fisher in Kansas, should come so we can have the largest turnout in the history of the graduated class. Probably the majority of our members live in Michigan or bordering states—comparatively nearby—so everyone of them should come. I suggest then, that each fellow send the Record editor a post card *today*, saying he is or is not planning to attend. I also suggest that the Record publish each week lists of all the fellows who write that they expect to come. These lists should inspire others who may at first not see the error of their ways, to repent in time. Come, '95, let's all be there.

"M. G. KAINS,
"Pa. State College."

President Kedzie and other members of the State Board expressed much gratification over the fine bids received on the Engineering Building last week. The comment was made that they were as close as any ever made.

M. A. C. WINS FROM MARSHALL COLLEGE.

Marshall College of Huntington, W. Va., suffered defeat at the hands of the Aggies last Friday afternoon on College Field by the score of 8-2. Morrissey's men clouted the ball for a total of 12 hits, the feature being Huebel's home run drive over the east bleachers in the second inning, with two men on. Huebel also got two other hits. Brown, pitching the entire game for M. A. C., allowed but seven hits, struck out 12 men, and himself got three hits out of four times up. "China" Clark registered two hits as did Frimodig. Fuller and Thomas each got one, "Chief's" going for a two-bagger.

Laurence pitched a good game for Marshall, striking out seven men, but he had poor support, six errors being made by his mates. M. A. C. made two errors. The Aggies' scores were made by Huebel 3, Frimodig 2, Brown 2, and Thomas 1. The only change in the line-up of the first game was Dean Williams playing for MacWilliams in the outfield.

COACH MACKLIN WILL NOT RETURN.

John Farrell Macklin found that his managerial duties in the coal mines at Colver, Pa., would not permit his return to coach football this fall, so sent in his resignation to Dr. Kedzie last week. It was accepted by the State Board at their April meeting, so that now a still hunt is on for his successor. The former coach has recommended Frank Sommers, now coach at Villinova, who is reputed to have had great success as a coach at Mercersburg Academy, the Pennsylvania Military Academy, and Colgate. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. While Macklin's recommendation will no doubt have some weight in the choice of his successor, Dr. Kedzie has announced that a thorough inquiry will be made into the records and lives of the many applicants before a man is selected, and then both faculty and students will be given a chance to express their opinions.

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"OUR BELOVED NEW PREXY."

We are sure that our pride in presenting on the cover of this issue, for the second time this year, the picture of Frank Stewart Kedzie is a pardonable one. At the first occasion when he was made Acting President, an alumnus wrote that if we had any more as good looking men at M. A. C. he wanted to see them. Well, we now present a still better looking picture, and this is possible by a certain dramatic performance of the State Board at their meeting last week when they unanimously cut out the Acting so that we can now speak of him freely as President Kedzie.

From no body does this action meet with greater acclaim than from the alumni. No man in the president's chair could be more sure of the support of the alumni than can Dr. Kedzie. And we feel confident that everybody else will rally 'round the standard. The usual expression of Dr. Kedzie upon receiving the congratulations and good wishes of friends is, "Well, we'll make a go of it if *you* help. We need *everybody's* shoulder to the wheel."

Dr. Kedzie has, with the exception of three years spent in graduate study in Germany, been identified with M. A. C. since his graduation in the class of 1877. During this time he has risen through all the ranks of assistant, instructor, adjunct professor, associate professor, professor, acting president and now president. We're proud to claim him as an alumnus. We're more proud to claim him as our President.

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A PROJECT FOR THE M. A. C. UNION.

There is without a doubt much food for thought in "A Student's Letter to the Alumni," published in this issue. Alumni will disagree as to just how important the problem is. And this brings up the need of some facts along this line. It appears to us that the

conducting of a social survey of M. A. C. students would be just about as desirable a project as the newly organized M. A. C. Union could take up at this time. With a suitable questionnaire, much might be learned that would help the Union in deciding upon its social sphere.

M. A. C. certainly is not living up to her democratic reputation if a large minority of her students do not take part in social activities now provided by M. A. C. organizations. Hence, a new organization, open to all students, should first attempt to provide those things not furnished by existent units.

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APRIL BOARD MEETING.

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vention of the National Federation of Women's Clubs in New York City, May 23 to June 2. The Secretary and Cashier Schepers were authorized to attend the annual meeting of the Association of Business Officers of the Middle West Colleges and Universities at the University of Illinois, May 5th and 6th. Miss Norma Gilchrist was given a leave of absence for the spring term on half pay on account of ill health. Mr. C. S. Robinson, research chemist of the Experiment Station, was granted leave of absence for one year beginning September 1st to complete his work for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Michigan.

The subject matter of the communication from Dr. Giltner in relation to the health conditions at the college was referred to a committee consisting of the President, Secretary and Dr. Giltner.

A statement from Dr. E. T. Hallman of the cost of serum production at the college was presented as requested. A request of R. S. Hudson for the erection of a tool shed was deferred.

A communication was presented from Prof. Patten, chemist of the Experiment Station, in regard to the administration of the feeding stuffs law, in which attention was called to the ruling made on mixed feed which Michigan millers were objecting to.

Bids for the Engineering Building from the following were opened: Charles Hoertz & Sons, Grand Rapids; Fred Trier, Saginaw; H. G. Christman, South Bend; Byers Bros., Kalamazoo; H. V. Snyder & Son, Battle Creek; Boise Holt, Grand Rapids. Bids ranged from \$121,422 to \$131,400, the former bid being made by Fred Trier, to whom the contract was awarded. The contract for building the three shops was awarded to Byers Bros. Construction Co. of Kalamazoo; shop No. 1, \$21,179; No. 2, \$12,590; No. 3, \$11,583.

Only item No. 3 of Dean Shaw's report in regard to the Upper Peninsula Experiment Station, namely the rough burning and seeding of 320 acres of the new farm, was approved.

A letter was presented from Dean

Shaw reporting conferences which he and Mr. Hudson had with two Lansing business men, relative to the possibility of securing 96 acres of college land directly across the road from the farm buildings on the Woodbury estate, to be used for the establishment of a country club. Dean Shaw recommended that certain exchanges which the business men suggested be not made.

The recommendation of Dean White that Miss Clara Hunt be appointed House Director to succeed Miss Farwell, who resigns at the end of the year, was approved.

The report of the special committee on a new schedule of laboratory fees was adopted. This report provides for increases of from 10 to 100 per cent., the reason for the advance being the greatly increased cost of laboratory supplies.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the resignation of Mr. John F. Macklin as Director of Athletics, was accepted to take effect April 1st, and the President was directed to express the appreciation of the Board to Mr. Macklin for his services. The matter of securing a coach for the football season was referred to the President and Secretary with power to act.

A refund of delinquent fees was authorized to members of the Glee and Mandolin Clubs.

The request of Mr. McCool for an additional instructor and research worker, and a similar request from Mr. E. T. Hallman, were postponed. The request of Dr. Bessey in reference to the assignment of Mr. P. C. Kitchin as half-time graduate assistant in botany, beginning September 1st, was approved. The recommendation of Mr. V. M. Shoemith that G. W. Putnam of Manhattan, Kan., be appointed Fellow in Plant Breeding was also approved.

ALUMNI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Executive Committee of the M. A. C. Association met at the College last Saturday. One of the important actions was to pass favorably, with few changes, upon the tentative plans for Comencement Reunion (that had been drawn up. The M. A. C. Union matter was also discussed and the proposition of an alumni fund to encourage public speaking. A more detailed report will be given next week.

Members of the committee present were: H. A. Haigh, '74, president; A. C. Anderson, '06, vice president; W. K. Prudden, '78, treasurer; C. S. Langdon, '11, secretary; Mrs. P. B. Woodworth, '93, of the Chicago Association; W. O. Hedrick, '91, of Lansing Association; C. A. Hach, '05, of Saginaw; A. MacVittie, '11, of Bay City; L. H. Belknap, '09, and R. J. Baldwin, '04, representatives at large.

R. E. OLDS GIVES M. A. C. \$100,000.00 FOR ENGINEERING BUILDING

AUTO MAKER SAYS GRADUATES MAKE GOOD

Ransom E. Olds, president of the Reo Motor Car Co., of Lansing, made known his contribution last Saturday of \$100,000 toward the fund for the restoration of the Engineering Building which burned March 5th. This gift was made because of the donor's deep interest in mechanical education and because graduates of M. A. C.'s Engineering Department have made good all over the world.

An act of such magnanimity could not have come in a more propitious time in M. A. C.'s history. It is true that Secretary Brown and President

and makes the various heads of departments wear the "smile that won't come off."

The new building, it was decided Saturday by Dr. Kedzie, will be known as the R. E. Olds Engineering Hall. Upon being asked whether M. A. C. could legally accept such a gift, Dr. Kedzie said: "I see absolutely no reason why we cannot. It has become a settled policy with state institutions to accept endowments, foundations and contributions of this sort. It will meet the approval of the whole state. It is a big thing and in a way is a



RANSOM E. OLDS

Kedzie had calculated that the new building could be built, and all honor to them for seeing a way out, but the fact is no secret that the money was largely to be forthcoming by crimping in the various departments of college work and in actually cutting out considerable of the projected work in extension. This seemed particularly hard because conditions at the beginning of the year augured well for an unparalleled advancement of college activities. And while this gift will not entirely replace the Engineering Building, it lifts a considerable burden from the authorities at the college

monument of public service rendered by a citizen to his state. And further, no act could weld the college and Lansing together more inseparably. Lansing has long considered the Michigan Agricultural College as a real asset and now a mutual regard will be greatly enhanced."

It appears that Mr. Olds has had this gift in mind ever since the day following the fire when Dr. Kedzie telegraphed the details to him in Florida and intimated that there was an opportunity to assist M. A. C. and her engineering course. It is said that there is also an interesting bit of fam-

ily history brought up at this time. The story goes that in the early days of M. A. C., Dr. Kedzie's father, Dr. R. C. Kedzie, was in a position to do a great favor to the father of Mr. Olds. These men were warm friends and their sons have continued this friendship. Hence Mr. Olds finds this a very opportune time to help Dr. Kedzie out of the first real worry of his college administration.

In commenting upon the situation Mr. Olds is quoted in last Saturday's State Journal as saying:

"The Michigan Agricultural College engineering course has always been of tremendous interest to me," said Mr. Olds. "Perhaps it's because I am of a mechanical turn of mind. But it had an added interest for the reason that in my travels all over the United States and elsewhere, I have encountered constantly M. A. C. graduates taking an active part in big undertakings. And they are every one making good. Comparison will show that M. A. C. as a whole turns out a higher per cent. of successful men than any other institution of its kind in the country.

"Now any institution that turns out successful men must have the right something in it or behind it. Any such institution should have the support of the public. It is worthy of it. There is a field unconfined for the engineering student. The automobile industry needs them; public improvement work needs them and they have a world-wide scope for their efforts. If my contribution will assist some youngster to making a place for himself in life, a place where he can make the best of opportunity, I am exceedingly happy that I have the chance to make it."

Concerning the timely assistance to M. A. C., the Detroit Free Press says in an editorial entitled, "A Gift and an Example," in Monday's issue: "Whatever views they may individually hold on the issue of engineering studies at M. A. C., practically all the people of Michigan will join heartily in praise of the generous gift just made to that institution. * * * The Olds gift is all the more creditable, in that its donor is not, we think, a graduate of the Agricultural College, having obtained his technical education in the school of hard knocks. Its example might for that reason be more impressive to our wealthy citizens. It is one of the offsets of state education that colleges supported by taxation receive scant attention from the benevolent among our people. Every other object of philanthropy is made the beneficiary of gifts from the living and bequests from estates of decedents, while the Alma Mater of college days goes unremembered."

Ransom E. Olds was born at Geneva, Ohio, in 1864. Twenty-two years from then, or exactly 30 years ago, Mr. Olds began his first experiments with "horseless carriages." This followed

almost immediately his purchase, in 1885, of one half interest in the 18x36 foot shop of P. F. Olds & Son of Lansing. In 1887 the first three-wheeled steam "horseless carriage" was constructed and operated. The Olds Gasoline Engine Works was incorporated with a capital of \$30,000 in 1890. In '94 he sold his first car to an India patent medicine company. In 1899 the Olds Motor Works was organized and absorbed the Olds Motor Vehicle Co. and Gasoline Engine Works. In 1904 R. E. Olds severed his connection with the Olds Motor Works and in August of that year organized the Reo Motor Car Co. Today this is one of the strongest financial automobile concerns in the world. Mr. Olds has had remarkable financial success, which is due in large part to his ability in handling the men who work for him. He takes pride in the fact that he never has asked a man to do a thing he would not do himself. That he is one of the pioneers in the auto industry and has had considerable to do with the advancement of this industry to the position of third in the country, is evidenced by the fact of the many men now prominent who graduated in the Olds school. Among these are: J. D. Maxwell; Barney Everett, who assisted to bring out the E-M-F, now the Studebaker; Roy Chapin, president of the Hudson Motor Co., and Howard Coffin also of the Hudson Co.

LANSING BUSINESS MEN WILL BANQUET DR. KEDZIE.

As a further indication of the regard Lansing holds for M. A. C., 150 business men will tender Dr. Kedzie an inaugural banquet this week Saturday at the Downey Hotel. The function, it is said, will be unsurpassed in completeness of appointments and elaborateness of detail.

A special committee on entertainment has been appointed and some of the best entertainers available will be secured. Souvenirs unique and elaborate are promised, and a fine toast program presided over by a man of national reputation is being prepared. The detailed arrangements are to be kept secret as there are to be several surprises in store for the guests. Among M. A. C. men who are taking a prominent part in the arrangements for this red letter event are Z. C. Goodell, '11; Judge C. B. Collingwood, '85; Luther Baker, '93; W. K. Prudden, '78, and H. D. Luce, '84.

As the invitations are to be limited the work of the invitation committee is an especially difficult one. Invitations will be sent to Judge Carpenter, '75, and Henry A. Haigh, '74, of Detroit. The members of the State Board of Agriculture will be special guests at the banquet.

REGARDING A SUMMER MILITARY CAMP AT M. A. C.

A letter signed by the members of the State Board of Agriculture and the President of the M. A. C. Association was sent last week to the United States Senators and Representatives from Michigan asking their careful consideration of an appeal to Congress for an immediate appropriation of \$5,000 in aid of a military school with suitable course of instruction, at M. A. C. during the coming summer months. In this letter the attention of the Michigan members of Congress was called to the fact that in this state there are many young men, high school and college graduates, who would be willing to avail themselves of such instruction; also that M. A. C. has an ideal plant with most of the necessary facilities for carrying on such an undertaking; and that there are a sufficient number of senior students at the college who would be willing to remain during the summer as instructors and drill masters to aid the regular military instructors of the college military department.

'98 REUNION INVITATION ACCEPTED.

"Mr. D. A. Seeley,
"East Lansing, Mich.
"Fellow Classmate:

"After reading your cordial invitation to the class of '98, I find it difficult to rise to the occasion and formulate a response to such a fine expression of hospitality. I have a picture of you at your threshold with beaming face and outstretched arms, welcoming the motley throng of '98's as they stream from all points of the compass, and the despair of Mrs. Seeley as she encounters this army of Club B appetites. Woe unto you for thus tempting Providence but far be it from me to say nay to such an irresistible call for a rally of the Bedlamites.

"Speaking for one little atom, I will certainly be happy to respond to the call and will advise you more definitely at a later date, in plenty of time, however, as to cause you no inconvenience.

"Thanking you very heartily for your offer of hospitality, I remain,

"Yours truly,
"A. M. PATRIARCHE, '98,
"Milwaukee, Wis."

"My Dear Seeley:

"Your cordial invitation delineated in the RECORD came to my notice a few days ago and I thank you kindly for same. Mrs. Merkel and I, together with our ten children, will be on the job. Please provide beds for us all and have lots of eats.

"I have no doubt the above paragraph made your eyes stick out and made you wonder how to take care of our ten children, but never mind, Dewey, we won't bring them all and you do not need to make any provision for us either, because it is uncertain whether or no we will be able to get back for the Commencement doings. We will try to make it. Both Mrs. Merkel and I thank you kindly, however, for the very cordial invitation and hope to have the opportunity of enjoying a good visit with you and Mrs. Seeley in June.

"Yours very truly,

"W. J. MERKEL,
"Milwaukee, Wis."

CLASS OF 1906 RESPONDS.

"210 Engineering Hall,
"University of Illinois,
"Urbana, Ill.

"Dear Editor:

"Your "Verse Libre" in the last RECORD did the trick. I should be very glad to have you send me the addresses of all of the members of the class of '06 so that I may send them a circular letter. I have hesitated about starting something as our own commencement day is the same as that at M. A. C. and I may not be able to leave here. But I shall endeavor to do so.

"I am very pleased to hear that the Engineering Building is to be replaced so soon. It would be a serious blow to engineering to be deprived of its building for any considerable period.

"Thanking you, I am,

"Very sincerely yours,

"GEO. P. BOOMSLITER."

SOCIAL EVENTS THIS TERM.

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| May | 3—Hesperian, Armory. |
| " | 5—Hort. Club, Armory. |
| " | 6—M. A. C. Union, Armory. |
| " | 6—Sesame, Ag. Bldg. |
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| " | 12—Citizenship League, Ag. Bldg. |
| " | 12—Sophomore, Armory. |
| " | 19—Tau Beta Pi, Ag. Bldg. |
| " | 20—M. A. C. Union, Armory. |
| " | 26—Aethon, Ag. Bldg. |
| " | 27—Olympic, Armory. |
| " | 27—Columbian, House. |
| " | 30—Military, Armory. |
| " | 30—Grand Rapids Club, Ag. Bldg. |
| June | 2—Dorian, Ag. Bldg. |
| " | 3—Delphic, Pine Lake. |
| " | 3—Ero Alphan, Armory. |
| " | 9—Forensic, Ag. Bldg. |
| " | 9—Sororian, Armory. |
| " | 10—Ionian, Ag. Bldg. |
| " | 10—Feronian, Armory. |
| " | 14—Alumni, Armory. |
| " | 14—Delphic, Armory. |
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Aggie Rifle Squad Wins National Intercollegiate Contest.

The M. A. C. Rifle Team won the intercollegiate rifle match in Class A by nosing out Washington State by one point. In the 13 matches shot M. A. C. totaled 12,998 points out of a possible 13,000 and in this count another record is hung up. Washington State's total was 12,997 and Norwich University came in third place. Other colleges in Class A are Cornell, State University of Iowa, Massachusetts Agricultural College, U. S. Naval Academy, West Virginia University, University of California, North Georgia Agricultural College, University of Illinois, University of Pennsylvania, University of Vermont, and Minnesota University. The University of Michigan headed the contest among Class B colleges. Recommendations are now rife—and good reason can be given therefore—that anyone on the outside who wants to get in fast company with shooting irons should journey to the State of Michigan.

The accompanying cut shows the men on the team who made this enviable record: Top row—J. A. Berry, '16, Aberdeen, Scotland; H. W. Sheldon, '17, Greenville; A. J. Patch, '17, Moscow. Second row—Sergeant P. J. Cross, U. S. A.; F. H. Utley, '19, Iron Mountain; R. D. Kean, '17, Stanley, N. Y.; E. H. Pate, '17, Lansing; M. M. Harmon, '19, Stanley, N. Y.; Lieut. Ira Longanecker, commandant. Bottom row—R. W. Berridge, '17, Hudson; S. W. Harmon, '17, Stanley, N. Y.; R. A. Pennington, '17, Pewamo; R. M. Shane, '19, Rapid River; M. R. Freeman, '16, Flushing.

Of the men on the team, R. A. Pennington and R. D. Kean hold the special distinction of having gone through

competition, shoot from sitting and kneeling positions.

Sergeant P. J. Cross, who has been



THE RIFLE TEAM.

the entire 13 matches without a miss. M. M. Harman, Berridge and Freeman were also among the high men.

The men did all their shooting this year from the prone position but from the records made it looks as if there would need to be a change next year, in order to make the match interesting. In anticipation of this change, Lieut. Longanecker is having the men now shooting in the inter-company

coaching the rifle team, deserves much credit for the way the boys have kept up. The statement has been made that this rifle team has given M. A. C. as much valuable publicity as any football team ever turned out.

The members of the team, in recognition of their accomplishments will receive silver medals from the National Rifle Association and also watch fobs from the college.

A STUDENT LETTER TO THE ALUMNI.

"To dance, or not to dance (Shakespeare, pardon), that is the question. It is a very real question to many a young man and many a young woman who comes to M. A. C. for an education. It is decidedly not the province of any college club, society, fraternity, or other group, nor even for the entire body of students, nor yet for the faculty to pass on the rightness or wrongness of dancing for all or any portion of the students. It is indeed questionable if even ecclesiastical bodies are justified in condemning dancing in a sweeping manner. And it is not my purpose to discuss here the evil or the benefit of the dance as regards the individual.

"But there is a problem at M. A. C. that should be met. The alumni have such a view of the inside and the outside of college that they are in a good position to make valuable suggestions, I believe, on the solution of the problem.

"The problem is compound. I will suggest its phases. First, in large part as a result of the institution of the dance, parties are gradually becoming more and more expensive. Again, in most societies, if not in all, there are some members who refuse to dance; I am confident that there are more who must stifle their consciences in order to trip the light fantastic. These, nevertheless, must help "pay the fiddler." Third, There is a marked tendency to turn everything into a dancing party. Picnics are no longer picnics, they are lake-side

dances. Even the technical clubs are beginning to give dances. This tendency cannot but make the college world colder than ever for the nondancer. Fourth, the nondancer is by just that much an underisable in the literary societies. You demur; but the fewness of nondancers in the societies proves it. The society wants to make a good show. Its biggest, most ostentatious showing is made at the dances; and it can only make a good showing if all its members turn out—a thing impossible if some do not dance. And on the other hand many men because of the dance-bred expense of the societies, others from scruples of conscience, and some for both reasons, decline to join societies whose influence could do them much good and to which, except in the dance, they would be a credit.

"Now the question is not one of morals—that has its place—but it is a question of democracy, justice, fair-play, relative proportion, even of honesty. Can the importance attached to the dance be lessened? Is there a substitute, partial or complete, that will appeal to both those who do dance and those who do not? Cannot the societies be big enough to meet the needs of both classes. The dance has many good points; but aside entirely from any evil it may possess morally, it has enough faults, e. g., mental stagnation, to make it desirable to have some alternatives. Is there anything that requires less initiative and originality in its preparation than a dance?"

"What suggestions have you, the alumni, to offer on this question of amusements in college? Cannot the dance assume a more justly proportioned rang among these amusements? Look the question squarely in the face and help solve a problem that is puzzling many of us.

"A. SENIOR.

"P. S.—While I was writing this an underclassman came in especially to ask my roommate's opinion and advice in the matter; he was in a serious quandry."

NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION AWAKE.

The following word was received from Theo. A. Stanley, '86, of New Britain, Conn.: "The New England Alumni Association has awakened from its long sleep and will have a banquet at the Hotel Worthy, Springfield, Mass., Saturday, May 6th. * * * Kindly extend the invitation to all alumni in the N. E. States or any others interested in our Association."

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, The Heavenly Father has seen fit to take from this world the mother of our beloved brother, W. E. Frazier. Be it hereby,

Resolved, That the members of the Eumonian Literary Society extend their most sincere and heartfelt sympathies to the members of the bereaved family. Be it further,

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, and one published in the *Holcad* and *M. A. C. Record*.

(Signed)

H. C. RATHER,
F. M. WILSON,
L. O. STEWART.

There will be a Faculty Recital given by Miss Mabel Louise Leffler, pianist, assisted by Miss Florence Bird-sall, violinist, and Miss Louise Freyhofer, accompanist, in the parlors of the Woman's Building, Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.

NEWS AND COMMENT

President A. F. Hess of Adrian College conducted chapel exercises last Sunday morning.

Miss Elida Yakeley, registrar, attended a meeting of college registrars at Columbia University last week. She expected to visit Washington, D. C., also, making a ten days' trip in all.

Dr. J. B. Dandeno, former assistant professor of botany at M. A. C., now inspector of elementary agricultural classes for the Ontario Department of Agriculture, called at M. A. C. a week ago Monday.

Dr. deZeeuw and wife and the two children are quarantined with scarlet fever. All of them have light cases however. Several more students were taken to the hospital with this disease last week and in consequence efforts were redoubled to check the spread.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Detroit M. A. C. Association, the following officers were elected for the coming year: Floyd W. Robson, '98, president; H. B. Gunnison, '00, vice president; B. J. Monahan, '07, treasurer; E. C. Krehl, '08, secretary, and C. H. Chilson, '12, assistant secretary.

Mrs. Noble, wife of A. B. Noble, who was assistant professor of English at M. A. C. from 1889-98, expressed great pleasure at her first visit to M. A. C. since they left, when she called for a short time last week on old college friends. Prof. and Mrs. Noble live at Ames, Iowa, where he is professor of English literature at the State College.

Interest in the German Club has been revived at M. A. C. and meetings are now scheduled regularly every Wednesday evening at 6:30 at the L. E. Woman's Building, Tuesday at nesday, however, the club meets in the lecture room of the Entomology Building at 7 p. m. to hear an illustrated lecture in German on "German Schools."

The Liberal Arts lecturer, Seumas McManus, had a very interested audience at the College Armory last Tuesday evening when he took them in a "Merry Ramble 'Round Ireland." He showed many beautiful scenes of Ireland and told many witty stories. One of the striking bits of information that he let fall was the fact that between the fifth and tenth centuries Ireland was the educational center of Europe, several of the colleges having an attendance of six or seven thousand students.

M. A. C. was represented by fifty men at the Detroit intercollegiate luncheon held at the Hotel Statler last Thursday noon. Henry A. Haigh, '74, represented the College at the speaker's table. E. C. Krehl, '08, in report-

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NEWS AND COMMENT.

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ing the meeting said: "In one respect M. A. C. seemed to be lacking and that was that we had no good songs to sing compared to some of the other colleges. However, this was somewhat made up for by the volume of noise we were able to make when it came to yelling."

The following girls were honored by initiation to the Omicron Nu last week: Seniors—Bessie Turner, Lansing; Alice Kuenzli, Nevada, Ohio; Anna Rutherford, East Lansing; Dorothy Lewis, Lansing; Bessie Halstead, Grand Ledge. Juniors—Edna Tusing, Lansing; Louise Halladay, Clinton; Ester Parker, Coldwater; Nellie Fredeen, Norway; Martha Goltz, Montague; Emily Castle, Mt. Clemens; Eugenia Armstrong, East Lansing; Anna Carson, Tecumseh. At a banquet held at Club C last Friday night, officers were elected for next year as follows: President, Emily Castle; secretary, Nellie Fredeen. According to the constitution of the national organization these officers of the Alpha Chapter act in similar capacities in the larger unit. Florence Stoll and Pauline Coppens, retiring president and secretary, Paulina Raven and Miss Castle attend a national conclave of Omicron Nu this week at Ames, Iowa. Mrs. Peppard, who is at the University of Chicago, accompanies the party from there.

ALUMNI NOTES

'79.

A circular recently received discloses the fact that Eva Coryell McBain, the first woman to graduate at M. A. C., is occupied during the summer, as proprietor of the "Lakeside" at Coryell, on the Les Cheneaux Islands. Her winter address is 435 Crescent St., N. E., Grand Rapids. Mrs. McBain has a son who will soon enter M. A. C.

'88.

Fred H. Hillman, botanist with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, spent a few hours at M. A. C. last Wednesday while on his way from visiting friends at Ionia, to his home at Washington.

'92.

"Ewingcroft, R. F. D. No. 61,

"Ross, Mich.
"I see that Harry, or H. Arnold White, wants to hear from some of the '92 boys. Well, I guess he is no more anxious than I am. When one can only sit, or lie on a lounge, and look out and see a world of work he would like to do, he naturally thinks of the days when he was willing to 'take on' four or five in a 'scrap,' and of the friends of those days. I always grab the RECORD as soon as it comes I suppose the rest of the boys think

like I do, that their lives are so 'hum-drum' that no one cares to hear about them. Again, there are those who are so busy they hardly have time to write, like Dr. (Baby) Baker, though I know he can write a very interesting and jolly letter, as I received such an one from him after he got home from a 'Ford' trip across the state, in which he 'picnicked' under the walnuts at Ewingcroft one noon.

"'Shorty' Batesman was out to visit me a few minutes last winter while he was attending an engineers' convention in Grand Rapids.

"I was visiting Dor Stowell the first of March. He has a son most as tall as he is but he does not seem to have 'got' any of his father's noise, as Dor has all that yet. Dor also has a daughter and a wife as hospitable, if not so vociferous about it, as he himself is.

"I occasionally see W. J. Herron, who is in the Customs House in Grand Rapids. If wishing would do it, you would all have a 'Ewingcroft' Baldwin apple on 'Buck.' "

'05.

W. C. Bennett (e) structural engineer at 643 Webster Bldg., Chicago, was a caller at M. A. C. last Monday.

'06.

Belle Farrand Rahn, who is with her husband at Elbing, Germany, writes that Dr. Rahn had been drafted twice, and twice recalled on account of there being too many men. The next and final call was expected April 15th. Mrs. Rahn says also that peace is expected sometime this summer or fall.

'10.

Edward C. and Hazel Taft Lindmann of East Lansing, are the proud parents of a daughter, Elizabeth Taft, born April 17th.

'11.

A daughter, Barbara Jane, was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Urquhart of Detroit, on April 17th.

The editor couldn't possibly better it so here it is in Jimmy's own inimitable diction: "Kindly announce through the RECORD in the dignified phraseology befitting the occasion and with the polished vocabulary of an editor, the following facts: Born, today, April 16, 1916, one 8½ lb. son, James Grant Hays III, to Jimmy Hays, '11, and Mrs. Jimmy (Bessie Andrews, with '14). Everybody closely concerned doing well. And nobody exactly pining away with grief.

"Yours,

"JIM."

"We are just about to move to Albuquerque, New Mexico, and the RECORD should be sent there, care District Forester for the time being at least. By 'we' I mean Ruth and myself and two Ag. freshmen, '34 and '36 respectively. I am being transferred to the office of the District Forester for Arizona and New Mexico and will be in

the branch of operation which has to do with the business management of the National Forests. My assignment there is that of executive assistant. Living just off the campus of the University of Arizona we hear lots of favorable comment on the M. A. C. Rifle Team and feel mighty proud of them and their perfect scores. They have won the respect and even admiration of these U. of A. men who take considerable interest in shooting. We are glad to claim them as ours of old M. A. C. Mrs. McKibbin is going East about June 1, and will no doubt attend Commencement. I don't expect to be able to come until later, probably in August. The loss of the Engineering Building was terrible, of course, yet I know that, as with us, a thrill of pride must have gone through every alumnus at the spirit shown by the old school, both its heads and its students in bearing the loss and undertaking the rebuilding. It's fine to know that such men are behind us.

"Very sincerely,

"C. W. McKIBBIN, '11."

'12.

Ed. Smith (a), who is with the Canadian Department of Agriculture at Grimsby, Ont., sends the following interesting item: "The usual attendance of men students at the Ontario Agricultural College is 450. At the present time this college, which is the largest agricultural college in Canada, has but 120 such students, the balance being with the colors. During the winter a body of 120 students enlisted to make up the 56th O. A. C. Battery, Canadian Field Artillery."

'13.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Culby (Clara Jakaway) of Benton Harbor announce the arrival of a son, born Friday, April 21st.

'14.

Born, to Emmett L. and Ethel Peabody Raven, on April 17th, a 10-pound boy. Raven is instructor in agriculture at Crosswell, Mich.

'15.

H. C. Zierleyn (e), who is in the contracting department of the Chicago Bridge and Iron Works, is at present located at 811 Washington St., Petersburg, Va.

F. A. Bloom, who is with the California Fruit Exchange at Wichita, Kan., writes as follows: "We have moved our offices from the Schweiter Bldg., to 204 to 208 Union Station. This is one of the finest union terminal stations in the Southwest and our offices are just upstairs from the main lobby. Four different railroads run in here, and more than 40 trains a day stop here. Many of them stop from 10 to 15 minutes, so I am making this an open invitation for any M. A. C. man passing through Wichita to drop me a line telling what train he is on and I will be only too glad to come down and have 10-minute visit with him. Everything is doing fine down

here. Business is good and we are showing big increases in sales of oranges and lemons each month over the corresponding months of previous years. There are two other M. A. C. men in this part of the country. Bowditsch, with '94, and Fisher of baseball fame, of '95. Bowditsch is Kansas representative for one of the big rubber companies, and Roy C. Fisher is one of Wichita's leading physicians. Fisher exemplified the characteristic M. A. C. spirit a few weeks ago by winning the big Y. M. C. membership contest, and incidentally a brand new automobile. If I remember correctly, Fisher's team brought in over \$2,000 in new memberships. This is all the more remarkable as Fisher is one of the busiest men in Wichita. The three of us had a little reunion not long ago, and if we can find another M. A. C. man, we are going to form an M. A. C. Association of Kansas."

ALUMNI LUNCHEONS.

CHICAGO.

Every Wednesday at 12:30 p. m. the M. A. C. Association of Chicago holds a luncheon at the New Morrison Hotel, Clark and Griswold Sts. Any M. A. C. men who happen to be in Chicago at this time will find some friends here and a hearty welcome.

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