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THE ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN College and University Physics Teachers held their fourth annual meeting at the college on Saturday, May 15. Over fifty physics teachers were the guests of the college physics department during the day. It was originally planned that the morning would be spent in an automobile trip to Lansing industrial plants and state institutions but this part of the program was given up in favor of the business and educational session. The program held in the physics lecture room was as follows: Report of the Washington meeting of the American Physical Society, Drs. H. W. Randall and W. F. Colby, University of Michigan; The Importance of Mechanics, Dr. L. Thompson, Kalamazoo college; a discussion of laboratory work in first year college courses in mechanics by Dr. D. L. Rich, University of Michigan; Possibilities of Improvement in Content and Mechanics of College Physics Laboratory Courses, Dr. D. W. Cornelius, Alma College; general discussion; Physical Concepts of Electrical Physics, Prof. P. G. Andres, M. A. C. While this was the fourth meeting of the Association, it is the first one at M. A. C., former meetings having been held at the University. The meeting was of particular value in making for a closer acquaintanceship among Michigan college teachers and promoting a better understanding of the character of the work being done at Michigan Agricultural College.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the M. A. C. Association are holding a meeting Saturday of this week at the Alumni Office at which time the final plans for the Commencement program and the alumni reunion activities will be drawn. A number of representatives of local M. A. C. Associations in Michigan are expected.

A SMOKER FOR LANSING and East Lansing business men, faculty and students is being "smoked" at the Gymnasium Friday by the M. A. C. Union. It has as its purpose the effecting of a closer relation between Lansing men and college men. The program is in charge of Dr. W. O. Hedrick, '91, who with Director Brewer is arranging for short talks, and a series of exhibitions in boxing, wrestling, fencing and swimming matches.

SENIOR VETERINARY students made their annual inspection trip on May 4 and spent four days in Detroit visiting packing houses, municipal health departments and the Parke-Davis Company. They were accompanied by Dr. R. A. Runnels, '16, and Dr. O. A. Taylor, '15. They visited the Detroit packing houses under the direction of the Bureau of Animal Industry and the biological department of Parke-Davis Company,

where they were entertained by L. T. Clark, "Stub," '04, and later the Parke-Davis farms and the manufacturing plant. One entire day was spent with Clinton Chilson, '12, in the Detroit Board of Health laboratories and in the inspection of four Detroit creameries with him as guide. The veterinarians were entertained by Detroit alumni and lunched with them at their regular weekly luncheon on Wednesday at the Fellowcraft Club.

SENIOR STUNT DAY was celebrated on Wednesday of this week. The men were attired in football togs, bathing suits, tank suits combined with ordinary clothes, and ornaments such as lamp shades and other paraphernalia to make themselves conspicuous. The girls, as always, were artistically and strikingly dressed. They wore white middies, skirts and shoes, with bright red ties and hose.

THE WEATHER MAN turned off the faucets long enough for the Seniors to have a successful Swing-Out on Tuesday evening, and not a threatened "Swim-Out" as some facetious undergraduate dubbed it. Two hundred twenty-five dignified seniors, in their caps and gowns, led by the band men attired in white flannel trousers and blue coats, marched from the Senior House down Faculty Row to the Women's Building, and past the library to the Forest of Arden, to form their class numerals, and fittingly conclude the ceremony with the singing of Alma Mater.

ANNUAL INSPECTION of the R. O. T. C. unit has been scheduled to begin the first of June, and will last two days. The first day of the inspection will be opened by a review and parade, followed by a formal inspection by the visiting officers. The remainder of the days will be given over to demonstrations of infantry work. The next morning the cavalry will be inspected, and an exhibition given of stable guard duty, grooming saddling, equitation and riding. The artillery will be inspected in the afternoon, and later will give an exhibition of drills on the guns and repair truck.

FIVE SENIOR ELECTRICAL students, with Prof. Sawyer, were entertained by alumni engaged in electrical work at Niagara Falls and in Detroit on May 5, 6 and 7, while on their annual inspection trip. The class went first to Niagara Falls where they were entertained by O. D. Dales, with '03, assistant engineer of construction and research work at the Niagara Falls Power Company. While there they met C. W. Knapp, '12, J. J. Harris, '12, and S. S. Taylor, '22, who assisted in making their stay a pleasant one. Returning to Detroit they were royally entertained by Don Shannon, with '09,

Charles Lapworth, '09, and Hugh Gunnison, '00, of the Detroit Edison Company. Two days were spent in Detroit and besides the Detroit Edison Company's different installations including the Connors Creek plant, they were shown through the Ford and Detroit News establishments.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

CULTIVATING ALUMNI.

The conference of the Association of Alumni Secretaries in Ann Arbor last week brought together sixty-five alumni workers from all parts of the United States. It was a representative American gathering of both men and women of the country's institutions from the University of Maine to Leland Stanford and from the University of Alabama to South Dakota. The big ideas in alumni work and some of the smaller ones which were uppermost in the minds of alumni secretaries and editors were brought to the surface for thought and discussion and many helpful suggestions were presented and garnered in by eager ears.

This was the first conference of the Association in two years and it was astonishing to note the expansion of the "alumni cultivation" idea among American universities and colleges. Two years ago not more than thirty colleges and universities were represented at the conference at Yale University. This year between sixty and seventy institutions of higher education were represented at the Ann Arbor conference. One thing made clear by the attendance was that the necessity of keeping in touch with graduates and former students and the cultivating of their alumni is dawning upon state colleges and universities. It is not new with endowed institutions, but with state institutions, it is something entirely new. However, from the attendance at the conference it surely is a growing idea.

The conference was unusual in another respect as well. This unusual feature stamped the gathering with the mark of progress and up and abreast of the times in every respect. It was the first meeting of the alumnae secretaries, and the representatives of some fifteen women's colleges were invited to regular membership in the Association. As ever, the ladies were in a receptive mood.

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THINK STRAIGHT—AN ADMONITION TO COLLEGE MEN.

One of the soundest and strongest addresses at the conference was made by Mr. Okeson, Alumni Secretary of Lehigh University. It brought out the responsibility of American college men and women in these uncertain and troublous times. Men and women who have had the advantages of college training are the leaders in their

communities both in thought and action. They are the people who are looked upon for the solution of the problems that face the country this summer and fall. To keep America from the rocks of radicalism and keep the keel even and running true is the duty of our college trained men and women—if not a duty accorded them by all of society, certainly one placed upon them by their Alma Maters.

Probably but few of us have seen this duty or realized our responsibility as representatives of America's institutions of higher education. Few of us, probably, have even thought to "watch our steps" in taking sides or asserting ourselves on questions of America's welfare. We would not think for a moment that our American college men are above the mass of American people, but we know that they are with them and of them to the extent that their thoughts and their opinions and their actions may sway a group of an entire community. Mr. Okeson urged that in this impending crisis alumni have constantly in mind this obligation to Alma Mater and that they "think straight." Here is an admonition for every one—"think straight," but especially is it applicable to college men and women—the Nation's trained thinkers.

UNION MEMORIAL BUILDING FUND REACHES \$145,624.00.

Lansing Business Men Interest Themselves and Take Quota of \$60,000.00.

The Union Memorial Building Fund has been climbing and on May 18 had raised \$145,624. Of this amount the total from alumni was \$98,121, students pledged \$38,403 and the total from the faculty was \$9,100.

Twenty-five of Lansing's most influential business and professional men met at luncheon on Wednesday of this week at the Hotel Kerns and made known their desire to shoulder a quota of \$60,000 for the fund. The action of Lansing business men in immediately recognizing the value of the building and its need on the campus and coming forward in that fashion is especially commendable and most gratifying to alumni who have been pushing the project in Lansing. The activity has been headed by C. E. Bement, president of the Chamber of Commerce. He appointed three committees Wednesday, one headed by Ray Potter, president of the Michigan Screw Co. to cover the manufacturers' division of the Chamber of Commerce; a committee of three headed by J. W. Knapp of the J. W. Knapp Company to head the retailers' division and a committee of three for the professional men headed by Harris Thomas, '85.



THE SHADOWS OF OLD WILLIAMS.

Only the "shades" remain. Looking across Williams Hall site toward Wells, from second story window of the Library.

PAINTINGS OF FRANCES FARRAND DODGE '04 AWARDED POSITION.

Mrs. Frances Farrand Dodge, with '04, wife of Arthur C. Dodge, '04, of Cincinnati, has just been honored through the acceptance of one of her paintings for the One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Art Exhibit of the Philadelphia Academy of Fine Arts.

Mrs. Dodge has been doing some exceptional work in painting and the selection of one of her pictures for the Philadelphia Exhibit is evidence of the recognition she is gaining through her brush.

She is especially prominent in art circles in Cincinnati and is this year president of the Cincinnati Art Club.

A. B. CORDLEY '88 HONORED IN OREGON.

Becomes Dean of Agriculture at Oregon Agricultural College.

A. B. Cordley, B. S. 1888; M. S. 1901, retires from position of director of experiment stations in Oregon to devote full time to office of Dean of Agriculture at Oregon Agricultural College. Dean Cordley became professor of entomology and zoology at Oregon Agricultural College and the Oregon Experiment Station in 1895, became dean of agriculture in 1907 and director of experiment station in 1914.

Among the many contributions to agricultural science by Dean Cordley there are three outstanding accomplishments — the

discovery of methods of control of apple-tree anthracnose by use of bordeaux mixture; the development of a method of control of the apple scab by the use of the lime-sulphur spray; and the working out, for Oregon conditions, of the life history of the codling moth and a successful spraying schedule to control this pest.

Dean Cordley's scientific and popular contributions to agricultural literature have been many. Ten Oregon Agricultural College Experiment Station bulletins bear his name as author or joint author.

The work of Dean Cordley as director is warmly praised by college and farmer alike and the station is segregated from the deanship of agriculture because both departments have grown beyond the state of divided responsibility. The School of Agriculture has grown to 888 students with 43 faculty members. The station work has taken firm hold on the people of the state, and Dean Cordley's part in feeding and fertility problems is rated by farmers as of immeasurable value.

—Wilbur W. Weed,
Editor-In-Chief Oregon Countryman.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK EVENTS.

BACCALAUREATE.

For returning former students the Baccalaureate services on Sunday, June 13, will start the 1920 Commencement program. Dr. Gaius Glen Atkins, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Detroit will deliver the sermon at 3 p. m. in the gymnasium. Dr. Atkins has been connected with

the Detroit church for about seven years, and is a well known leader in his denomination in Michigan.

In the evening at seven o'clock, a sacred concert will be given on the campus by the band.

ANNUAL PAGEANT.

The annual pageant, under the direction of the Senior girls, inaugurated for the first time last year, will be one of the most beautiful and spectacular features of Commencement week, and will be staged on the campus on Monday evening, June 14, at 6:30. Appropriate costumes especially designed, dances, vocal and hand music, will make the pageant one of the most attractive and beautiful of all the Commencement features. Every girl in college will have some part, and a number of men will be enlisted to fill some of the character parts. The pageant furnishes inducement extraordinary for alumni to return to the old campus Monday.

Later in the evening, the M. A. C. Union will give a dancing party in the gymnasium for the entertainment of returning alumni.

The farewell to campus ceremonies, in which the seniors will participate, will take place immediately after lunch on Tuesday noon. Proper speeches and ceremonies will mark the formal leave-taking by the seniors to their favorite buildings and campus nooks.

ALUMNI SUPPER.

An informal supper for all returning alumni will be given on Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock, probably at the People's Church at East Lansing. This will give old students an opportunity to get together informally and visit, and committees will be appointed to draft resolutions and nominate officers for the M. A. C. Association for the coming year.

Immediately after the supper a swimming demonstration by co-eds, for the entertainment of alumni, will be held in the Gym pool, admission to which is by invitation. Tickets may be secured at time of registration.

At eight o'clock, the M. A. C. Dramatic Club, under the direction of Prof. King, will present Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors" in the forest of Arden on the campus. Seats will be reserved in advance for this presentation.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Dr. Harry L. Russell, Dean of Agriculture and Director of the Experiment Station at the University of Wisconsin, will deliver the Commencement address on Wednesday morning, June 16, at 10 o'clock, in the college gymnasium. The subject of his address will be "Readjustment and the Farm." Dr. Russell has been connected with the University of Wisconsin since 1896, first as a professor of bacteriology,

and since 1907 as dean and director. He received the degree of B. S. from the University of Wisconsin in 1888, M. S. in 1890, and was granted a Ph. D. degree by Johns Hopkins in 1892. Dr. Russell is recognized as an authority in the agricultural world through his work in Wisconsin, and his appearance on the Commencement program is looked forward to with interest by those in touch with his work.

ALUMNI LUNCHEON AND ANNUAL MEETING.

The biggest strictly alumni affair of the week, in which all returning former students will participate, will be the alumni luncheon and annual meeting in the armory on Wednesday noon. A general get-together jollification with plenty of music and entertainment is the big idea together with the annual meeting of the M. A. C. Association. Seating will be arranged by classes and yells, songs and old-time enthusiasm are going to inflate spirits and generate pep. Six hundred are being planned for. Miss Hunt, director of Club C, has charge of the luncheon. Need we add more?

At 4:30 p. m. "Frim" has arranged for a baseball game between the Varsity and an all-star alumni team. Baseball fans will have an opportunity to yell themselves speechless, without cost.

CLASS REUNIONS.

Returning reunioneing classes are planning their dinners and class reunions at 6 o'clock. Specific information concerning these are being sent to all members of returning classes by their class secretaries. This will give an opportunity to dine and reminisce again with the "old gang."

CAP NIGHT.

Of course the biggest feature of the week from the combined undergraduate and alumni point of view will be the cap night parade and program. A parade by classes, headed by the oldest, will march to Sleepy Hollow for speeches and fire-works. Classes in college and returning classes are planning individual and original stunts during the parade and afterwards.

HOW WE FEEL ABOUT THE UNION MEMORIAL BUILDING.

"The idea of erecting such a monument in honor of the boys who gave their lives in the world war seems to me to be the most fitting way of ever keeping in our memory the great price they paid, that we may continue forever to enjoy the blessings of liberty.

"We sincerely hope that the amount asked for will be greatly over-subscribed. In case the amount is not raised by one subscription around, please call on us again and we will make a strong effort to produce some more coin.

"E. N. Bates, '06."

Enclosed find my own card. I wish I could conscientiously make it more. The fact that it is a memorial building appeals to me strongly. It is little enough we who were not in the army were able to do during the war as compared to the few M. A. C. men who gave their lives. In this light no contribution that we can make amounts to anything in comparison.

"Arthur R. Wilcox, '08."

"I enclose herewith my contribution to the building fund for Union Memorial Hall. I regret very much that circumstances will not permit me to make a larger subscription to a purpose which cannot fail to appeal to every alumnus. It is in the years to come that this memorial will strike the imagination and emotions of those who come after us most deeply. We are still too near the recent war to grasp fully all it means. Time will more fully reveal its meaning and a memorial such as is proposed will serve to symbolize the sacrifices made by our college fellows in the struggle.

"I trust the efforts of the Association may be crowned with success. Note that I am prepared to pay my contribution and upon second thought believe I will expedite matters and herewith enclose check.

"E. A. Calkins, '98."

"IT ALL DEPENDS"—A BOOSTER LETTER.

They say, it all depends on what attitude is taken by all our old grads of '14, '11, '09, '03, '98, '94, all the old boys and girls who don't think of the "old school" very often, and who have been too much involved in home affairs to get back there. The later graduates, they say, have M. A. C. pretty well in mind and can be depended upon to take out the old fountain pen and write down their appreciation of M. A. C. and their hopes for her future in good black and white.

But what about some of us who have been away a little longer?

And right there lies the story.

Shall M. A. C. have a Union Building, a community center for students, alumni, faculty and friends of M. A. C., adequate meeting halls, a proper place for old grads to foregather, a hub of all things social and friendly, or shall she not?

Shall M. A. C. people put forward in plain sight of all, and for the benefit of all, a memorial, expressive and fitting for the young M. A. C. fellows who suffered and died for the United States, or shall she not?

The Memorial Building fund requires \$150,000, and the roll of graduates from M. A. C. runs only a very little way into the thousands. It is not a small matter, a \$5.00 project to be lightly dismissed.

It is for you to answer.

L. C. Milburn, '14.

ATHLETICS.

BIG BAND AND ATHLETIC MEET.

The biggest track meet in the history of the college will take place on Saturday, May 29, when some 35 teams will gather on College field for the combined intercollegiate, interscholastic track meet and school band tournament. Although M. A. C. has played the part of host for these meets for years this is the first time high school and college meets have been combined.

The day's program will start at 10:30, the preliminaries and some of the field events being run off before lunch. Starting in the afternoon at 1:30, an event will be started every ten minutes. High school events will alternate with college ones, the 100-yard dash for high schools being followed by the same college event.

Six cups will go to the winners. The first of these, the Harvard cup, given by the Michigan Alumni of Harvard, goes to the winning team. This cup when won by one school three times in succession, belongs to them. At the present time it is in the hands of the Detroit Eastern. The Detroit M. A. C. Club offers a cup for the first time this year. The winning team holds this trophy for one year, and each victorious team has its name placed on it, the cup to be given permanently to any school which has its name placed three times in succession on it. The M. A. C. Athletic Association will give a smaller cup to the school getting second place. There are two other cups for schools with an enrollment of less than 300.

The visiting bands will compete in the forenoon, and in the afternoon will be on the field to liven things up. Cups for second and third places will be awarded in this tournament.

TRACKSTERS TO MEET DE PAUW THIS WEEK.

In meeting the track squad from DePauw University next Saturday the Michigan Aggie cinder path artists will be up against opposition nearly as great as that offered by Notre Dame last Saturday. The team from the Hoosier state has been wild this year, with a better squad than ever gathered together at Green Castle before.

Although it is strong and well-represented in every event, the DePauw team is probably not as hard to defeat as Notre Dame. In that institution track activities have never been allowed to slump, and athletes who have been under the eyes of the coaching staff for several years are now proving sensations of the middle west.

In planning for the remainder of the present track season and for seasons to come, the M. A. C. track squad is now becoming more active. While the duties are

multiplying steadily, the members of this organization are putting more energy into their work every day, and the first steps in their plan of promoting future track sports are already taking concrete form.

The meet with De Pauw is set for 1:30 Saturday and will be followed up by a baseball game on College Field at 3:30 with the Lansing Oldsmobiles.

AGGIES SUFFER 9-8 DEFEAT BY MICHIGAN.

It all happened in the sixth and seventh innings, for before that time M. A. C. had the second and last game with Michigan sewed up and put away on ice with a five-run lead to clinch the deal. Then an error let in the run that started the landslide, Michigan made seven runs in two innings. Brewer's men fought back with a single marker in the first of the nine, the last Aggie to face the Wolverine pitcher whiffed and the game was lost 9 to 8.

In spite of the cold weather, the crowd which had assembled on the south part of Ferry field was great enough to pack the grandstands, and fill the bleachers before 4:00 o'clock. At a quarter to seven when the game closed four-fifths of this crowd still remained, and in this way was the game stamped one of the closest and most interesting seen in Ann Arbor in some time.

Snider featured the fielding end of the game, when in the fourth inning he sprinted for a foul fly, and after a run of twenty-five yards, caught the ball and turned two complete somersaults. The clever Aggie fielder was given a big hand by the crowd as he trotted to the dugout after the catch.

The baseball played was far from the variety demanded by exacting ball bugs, but the heat of the affair was great enough to keep interest at top pitch every step of the way. Four errors were marked against each of the opposing teams, and while the Aggies made 13 hits in getting their eight runs, the Wolverines got nine runs with only six hits.

M. A. C. FALLS BEFORE OLDSMOBILES.

The M. A. C. varsity baseball team offered but little resistance to the Olds club Saturday afternoon at the field of the latter and as a result, the automakers won their first victory of the season 8-2.

The Olds hurler pitched consistent ball, holding M. A. C. to seven hits which were widely scattered. The Aggies scored a run in the first inning and their final marker came in the eighth. Both runs were earned. Snider was the distinct hitting star of the Aggie outfit, the little right fielder crashing out a long triple and a single. Andrews also got two hits, although one was of scratch variety. Both blows figured in the run making.

AGGIES SURPRISE IN NOTRE DAME MEET.

Springing a surprise on even their strongest adherents, Michigan Aggie track athletes piled up a total of 33 points against Notre Dame, Saturday, while Coach Rockne's squad was winning 84 points. Before the meet, 20 points were the most that were conceded to the Aggies, with Ernst, star sprinter, and Thurston, a two-miler, out of the running.

Fessenden, Aggie freshman, and Adolph, the Green and White distance runner, took a corner on brilliant performances of the afternoon, while Carver, with a first place in the broad jump ran third in the order of Aggie stars. Eighteen of the 33 points won by the Aggies were made by this trio.

When he threw the discus 120 feet 11 inches, Fessenden tossed the weight as far as it has ever been thrown on the Notre Dame field. The big freshman won first place easily, tied the Notre Dame field record and, if his mark made away from home is allowed, broke the Aggie record by six feet nine inches.

MARRIAGES.

MAKEMSON-SMITH.

Walter K. Makemson, '16, and Miss Gladys Louise Smith of New York City were married on April 24, 1920.

WRENCH-FRAZER.

Harry Kirke Wrench, "Prep," with '18, and Miss Ruth Hubbell Frazer, daughter of David H. Frazer of Battle Creek, were married at the bride's home on May 15. "Prep" left college before graduation to enter the service. He was a lieutenant in the 85th Division, and after going overseas was transferred to the second division, with which he saw active service at St. Mihiel, Argonne, and also Champagne, during which engagement he was wounded.

The Wrenches will live at Galva, Ill., where "Prep" will be stationed as purchasing agent for the Baker Tractor Co. of Detroit.

Spring Term Forensic Party will be held June 5. Any Forensic alumni wishing to attend are cordially invited and are requested to communicate the fact to K. A. Weston, Forensic House, East Lansing.

FROM FOLKS YOU KNOW.

C. Lerdo, Durango, Mexico,
April 28, de 1920.

M. A. C. Association:

Dear Sec'y: Enclosed please find my check No. 19, on the State Bank and Trust Co., of Eagle Pass, Texas, for Dls. 2.00, to cover one year subscription to the Record, and I hope if this does not reach you in time, you will not retain any numbers, as I do not like to miss any of them, for they always

interest me and bring back very pleasant memories of my college days, and I certainly enjoy them.

Things were getting along fine in our country, and last year we had a bumper crop of cotton, which at last set us on our feet again after so many losses during the revolution. Today we are in peril of a new revolution brought about by ambitious generals, and for no other reason, and we are hoping it may not spread through the country, for it spells ruin to our interests and a second setback to the country as a whole. However, if your government puts in its good will and effectively stops munition smuggling at the border we are almost sure no revolution can prosper in this country, and all of us working men sincerely hope this happens. Any propaganda to that effect in your country would greatly benefit us, and we would be sincerely thankful for it.

With regards to all of my old profs, and the M. A. C. people who knew me, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,
A. G. Palacio, '07.

Dear Editor:

I noticed in the last issue of the Record that K. B. Stevens was listed under the class of '05. It seems to me that he would resent this, considering what a mean bunch they were, especially about J-Hop time.

I think that I am listed in the directory

as connected with the Dayton Automatic Products Co., but advise that I have not been with the above firm since March, 1919. At present I am president and general manager of a newly organized drop forging company, located here in Dayton, known as the National Drop Forging Co.

—Cass A. Lamb, '06.

KATHERINE WELLS BURNS, '19.

Katherine W. Burns, '19, of Blissfield, daughter of William H. Burns (with '89), died at the Sparrow Hospital in Lansing on May 12, of typhoid fever. Earlier in the year she had suffered from influenza which had left her in a weakened condition, so she was not able to resist the fever. Since finishing her work at M. A. C. she had been teaching arts and science in the Lansing high school.

Miss Burns was well known in college and very popular among her fellow students. She was a member of the Sororian and Sphinx societies and assistant society editor of the 1918 Wolverine.

William H. Burns, Jr., a brother of Miss Burns, was a freshman in college last year.

THE NATIONAL FRATERNITY DISCUSSION.

A PAGE FOR THE EXPRESSION OF ALUMNI OPINION.

PRESENT SOCIETY SYSTEM NOT DIFFERENT FROM FRATERNITIES.

Lansing, Mich., April 30, 1920.

I am certainly glad to note that the long hoped for movement of having national fraternities at M. A. C. is coming to a head. There are of course many arguments for and against any proposition but to my mind the arguments for in this case greatly outweigh the arguments against.

In times past whenever this question has been brought up much mention has been made of the fact that the alumni would all oppose it. After having been out of school and getting an alumni view of the situation I for one do not see why the alumni should oppose such a movement. As we all know the present selection, initiation and housing of the members of the various so-called literary society is almost identical with such procedure among national fraternities in colleges where such fraternities exist.

I feel certain that any returning alumni will be made just as welcome at the Society House whether the name Hesperian appears upon the door or whether a few Greek letters are substituted in its place.

The advantages of national fraternities are more and more apparent the more one gets away from the vicinity of Lansing and East Lansing for you soon find out that the name of one of the literary societies means nothing to you in a strange community whereas the name of a national fraternity carries with it the certain welcome to any one of its thousands of members whether he be from Michigan, California, or Maine.

I have regretted many times that I was unfortunate enough to have attended M. A. C. in the era of opposition to fraternities and I sincerely hope that now the subject

is revived you present members will not let the opportunity slip through your fingers but will bend every effort to get into a good fraternity as soon as possible for I am sure you will all realize the advantages once you are away from college.

—E. J. Menerey, '16.

SNOBBISSNESS DEPENDS ON MEMBERS.

Personally I am strongly in favor of lifting the ban against national fraternities at M. A. C. The various societies now in existence there are in reality local fraternities to which any objections made concerning national fraternities might apply to a greater or less degree. Whether or not a local fraternity or national fraternity fosters snobbishness, or tends to cultivate an undemocratic spirit depends entirely upon the personnel of the membership. I see no reason why the members of a national fraternity should not be as broad as the members of a local fraternity, or as students who have no membership in any such organization.

It seems to me there would be a decided advantage in having these local fraternities nationalized. It would give the student body and the college itself much greater prestige than is possible with local fraternities only.

In my own experience as a graduate of M. A. C. and a member of the Olympic Society, I feel sure that I would have enjoyed very much a membership in a national fraternity which had chapters in the various universities with which I later became connected as a member of the faculty. A large number of M. A. C. graduates engaged in the teaching profession become members of the faculties of other institutions where there are national fraternities. Such a con-

nection would be a distinct advantage to them, in getting well established. I can see many advantages to the nationalization of the local fraternities at M. A. C. and no serious objections.

Hoping to see you next June and with best wishes for the plans under contemplation, I am,

—H. R. Smith, '95.

NOT IN KEEPING WITH SPIRIT OF OUR DAY.

May I have an attentive ear for just a moment? I want to go on record as being absolutely opposed to the movement concerning the return of national fraternities to M. A. C.

The whole business of Greek letter fraternalism is just plain nonsense. It belongs in a class with other pre-war, "cast-aside" absurdities. The spirit of our day and the spirit of the future is one of universal brotherhood. The world should be moving towards the extreme democratic; the uplift of mankind is the aim. What contributing influence could this Greek letter nonsense have towards a universal brotherhood when its very principals are autocratic? Where are we to apply the lessons found incident in the great war if not in our public schools and colleges?

It is my personal opinion that the school having no fraternities is the school the masses should support in the future and they will.

I always look with pity on some of my Aggie brethren when they "hang their heads" in gatherings of college fraternity men. I have made the statement in such gatherings that "M. A. C. gives every man his dues for what he is, not for the fraternal associations he has." If I must belong to a fraternity to enjoy the privileges of associations of college men, let me associate with others. I don't care to contribute to a caste system when what we need in the world is true exponents of democracy.

The editor of the "Rumorometer" asks—"What is the matter with the undergrads? The old timers say there is something wrong." Sure there is buddy! You haven't the dormitories and close associations with all of your fellow men that we had. You are drifting off the campus, into a society house or rooming house and you are missing most of sixty per cent of what a college education should afford—the true knowledge of men through the close associations. That is what fraternities will do for you or you won't be a true fraternity man. It's "brother" first—you know.

I will not say that there are not a few arguments for fraternities which are good. They teach cleanliness—of outward appearance, faithfulness, obedience and sociability. They can, too, be likened to an individual who waits upon opportunity to show good or bad qualities. The individual is good when the opportunity to do evil is lacking. Should he be put behind bars he is penitent but the credit belongs to the bars and not the person. It is an indifferent virtue to be good when one cannot be bad. So with fraternities—judge them not by what they pretend but by what they do when in power. If you do that and review the cases of fraternities when they were at M. A. C.—if you will ascertain how they disrupted athletics in large eastern schools—if you find out how they pledge members before prospects become students—if you can see how action has been taken barring men because of religious difference—if you will look deeply into the matter, I believe you will join the opposition party on the grounds that they exert no influence save for their aggrandizement. Such influence continues to cast a selfish spirit into those we are to educate. It is a spirit of a past day I be-

lieve. May our educational aim for the future be concerted effort to produce men who love all men; men whom we honor for the good, noble things in life which they do for one another. If we do that—our good, old M. A. C. will be fulfilling the purpose for which it is intended.

Yours for a greater M. A. C. always,
—N. O. Weil, '17.

"BIGGEST STEP OF PROGRESS."

Detroit, Mich., May 11, 1920.
Alumni Association:
Reference your recent letter concerning establishing national fraternities at M. A. C. I am heartily in favor of such action and wish to be put on record as such. Believe this the biggest step of progress attempted in some time and hope my fellow alumni also favor such departure.

—Alfred H. Nichol, '17.

"KEEP DEMOCRACY."

"M. A. C. is democratic. Let's keep it so. Fraternities not needed; better keep them out." A. B. Chase, '93, Benton Harbor.

M. A. C. CLUB LUNCHEONS.

Detroit—Every Friday noon at 12:30, Fellowcraft Club, 70 Washington Blvd.

Chicago—First and third Fridays of every month at 12:15, Inter-collegiate Club, 16 W. Jackson Blvd.

Lansing—Second and fourth Mondays of every month, 12:15, Hotel Kerns.

Class Notes

'81.

In a recent issue of the Record an item stated that Byron Smith Palmer was a salesman for the Borchardt Malt Extract Co. of Chicago. He is also an equal partner in this very successful business.

'93.

Elmer B. Hale, formerly of Caledonia, is now living at 40 Banner St., Grand Rapids, where he is interested in the Peoples Savings Bank.

Dwight S. Cole, 243 Lafayette Ave., S. E., Grand Rapids, has recently sent this office an almost complete file of the M. A. C. Record up to the beginning of this year. These will be very valuable for reference in the future, as this office did not have a complete file previous to the last three or four years.

'03.

James G. Moore has moved to 2125 W. Lawn Ave., Madison, Wis.

'04.

S. T. Page lives at 1434 Market St., Jacksonville, Florida.

'05.

Emma C. Baker (with) has asked to have her Record sent to 235 W. 131st St., New York City.

Harry C. Oven of Ovid is managing the interests of the Vaughn Seed Company in Ovid, where they have a large warehouse and also raise some varieties of their seeds.

'07.

Earl Towne, 418 Smith Ave., Lansing, is in the purchasing department of the Olds Motor Works.

'08.

O. W. Stephenson lives at 524 Walnut St., Ann Arbor, where he is teaching history at the University.

'09.

"Al" Sobey has charge of the Industrial Fellowship League of Flint, which is supported by the factories of the city. He may be addressed in care of the league.

'10.

Julius Chapin, "Chape," lives in Traverse City, where he is agent for a farm lighting plant.

'13.

Ray Service was back at college during the Interscholastic Basketball tournament with his team from Monroe high. He teaches agriculture there.

A. C. Mason has been transferred to Orlando, Florida, for work with the Bureau of Entomology. His post office box is 491.

From Jos. H. Hamilton, 400 W. 18th St., Sioux Falls, S. D., we have this, "County Agricultural Agent for Minnehaha County Farm Bureau. This is the largest and strongest county farm bureau in South Dakota. Joseph H., Jr., arrived October 19, 1920."

'14.

Arthur E. Welch, formerly of Scappoose, Oregon, is now living at 455 E. 54th St., Portland, where he is in the wholesale lumber business. "Married and bought a home at above address," he writes. "Latch string out to M. A. C.-ites on the bum or otherwise."

'15.

Albert H. Jewell is resigning his position

as assistant state sanitary engineer of Michigan to become chief engineer for the Kansas state board of health. He will make the change the latter part of June, and will be located at Lawrence, Kansas, care of the University. Jewell now lives at East Lansing.

"Bill" Lavers left the State Highway Department on April 1, and is now county road engineer for Huron county. "Bill" and Mrs. Lavers (Gertrude Thompson, '15) are living at Bad Axe.

I. K. Maystead of Osseo writes, "Still on the farm, specializing in Poland China Hogs and pedigreed grains. At the present time we are completing our Farm Bureau drive with a footing of around 2,000 strong. Pretty good for a back-woods county that never would tolerate a county agent."

John F. Dumke (with), member of the Dumke Floral Company of Ogden, Utah, sends this along with a subscription to the Union Memorial Building, "I was recently east for the first time in ten years, and would have visited M. A. C. if it had not been for a "mutt" of a conductor between Ann Arbor and Chicago. I still have my unused ticket as a souvenir. It makes me sore when I think of missing that trip."

'16.

E. B. More of Marshall was unanimously elected mayor of Marshall at the spring election. "Burnie" is in the automobile sales business in Marshall.

H. L. Lewis of Howell is employed by the Reo dealers of Kansas City to look after their allotment of Reo cars and trucks at the factory.

Olive L. Normington is teaching at Storm Lake, Iowa.

'17.

Dimitar Atanasoff is now studying at the University of Leipsig, Germany. He hopes soon to return to this country to become an American citizen and remain permanently.

Charles Ritchie is spending the summer at the home farm, Cedar Springs, arguing with old Dobin about walking on the rows, and otherwise occupied with other trifling (?) worries.

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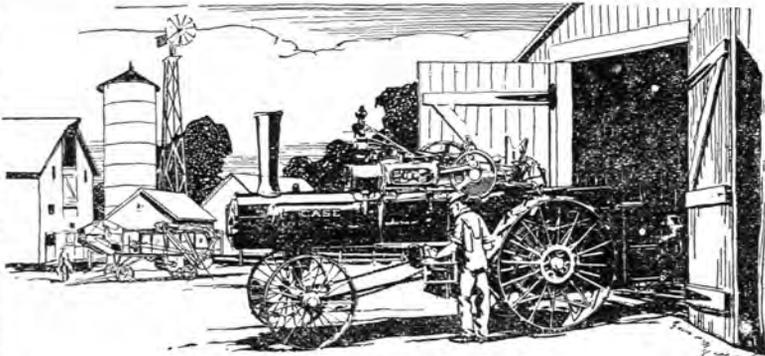
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'18.

Dick Doyle, 163 Clinton St., Mt. Clemens, has left the State Highway department, and is now engineer for a contracting firm in Mt. Clemens.

H. C. Diehl, who has been research assistant with the plant physiological laboratory at Johns Hopkins under Dr. Livingston, will have a change of work for the summer and will return to Baltimore again in the fall. Until October 1 he will be located at Watsonville, Calif., where he will be field assistant of horticultural and pomological investigations for the Bureau of Plant Industry.

Roy Maitland (with) of the Michigan Millers Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Lansing, sends us these, "During my travels throughout the state I very often run across M. A. C. people. Some of those whom I have seen recently are: Ernie Carlson who is working for the Acme Motor Truck Co. at Cadillac. Deborah Cummings is an officer in charge of girls at the Industrial Home for Girls at Adrian. She expects to return to Cornell this fall. Milton Beauchamp, with '18, is a draftsman for the Sarnia Bridge Co., Sarnia, Ontario. While in South Bend last Saturday I saw Ion J. Cortright. He is a salesman for the Oldsmobile Sales Co. I also saw "Chuck" Lord at the game."

'19.

"Trix" Bentley has taken a new position with the Detroit Gas Co. and is at present living at 450 Philadelphia Ave.

Brenard Eger (with) is in business with his father at Ishpeming selling jewelry.

'20.

Hans B. Keydel is at present with his father in manufacturing business, and lives at 599 Mt. Elliott Ave., Detroit.

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