

# THE TIC.

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## COLLEGE NEWS.

Do not forget the society reunion Thursday evening, Aug. 9.

The senior class will fish (?) at Park Lake, Saturday, Aug. 4.

The Eclectic Quartet serenaded friends Monday eve., July 23.

There are thirty-nine students attending the summer school this term.

V. V. Newell, '94, will take the position of foreman of the shops vacated by Mr. Groesbeck.

Prof. P. B. Woodworth is receiving the congratulations of friends on the advent of a son and heir.

The Eclectic Quartette are practicing to take part in several of the exercises during commencement week.

The class of '94 will graduate about twenty members. We presume that they make up in quality what they lack in quantity.

At a recent meeting of the Natural History Society, H. W. Lawson was chosen president; J. E. Niswander, vice president; and G. L. Stewart, secretary.

A. G. Gulley who left here a few months ago for the Vermont Agricultural College, has accepted a position as professor of horticulture at the Storrs Agricultural College, Connecticut.

Another change in the commencement program is the separation of the senior class day exercises from the senior hop. The first is to occur Monday evening, Aug. 6, while the hop will be on Tuesday evening.

Ansorge and Petley rusticated at Pine Lake a few days recently. It is supposed that certain fair campers on the banks of the lake pined for

their presence, consequently the happy sunburned appearance of the boys at present.

The cadet battalion is having drill in the extended order at present and any drill night they may be seen charging over the hill at the President's house at an imaginary enemy. Their enthusiasm usually carries them into the immediate vicinity of danger, for the pears are not as yet legitimate forage.

The Eclectic orchestra will furnish the music for the commencement exercises and the Alumni reunion. They intend to do justice to themselves and the society and are busily engaged in making life a burden to the industrious student in the vicinity of the society hall.

The State Board of Agriculture are turning their attention to athletics, not that they intend to become ball players or circus performers, but they look forward to the establishment of a series of contests that shall stimulate athletics here, at the same time they will discourage inter-collegiate contests. We wish them success in the first part of the plan at least.

At the meeting of the Students' Organization held Friday, July 27, the following officers were elected: R. Fisher, president; J. S. Mitchell, vice president; H. W. Hart, secretary; E. E. Gallup, treasurer; M. I. A. A. representative, C. H. Alvord; local field day manager, W. A. Ansorge; base ball manager, Prof. Vedder. The members of the Legal Board are W. C. Bagley, G. L. Stewart, C. Tallman, C. P. Close, P. V. Ross and Geo. Baker; of the Auditing Board, W. C. Stebbins, E. J. Heck and I. L. Simmons; of the

Purchasing Committee, W. O. Hedrick, J. H. Kimball and C. H. Robison.

The college loses two good men in Mr. W. D. Groesbeck ('92) and Mr. V. H. Lowe ('91). Mr. Groesbeck who has been foreman in the machine shop for nearly two years past, has accepted a position in the patent office at Washington at a salary of \$1,200. Mr. Lowe, who has been assistant postmaster here for the past six months, takes a position in the experiment station at Geneva, New York, at a salary of \$1,000.

The freshmen and sophomores indulged in an interesting little fracas the other evening. For more than three hours they tore each other's hair and shirts and drenched each other with water. The sophomores can testify that there is nothing that will wash the enthusiasm out of a fellow so quick as being held under the business end of a four inch hose. The classes are now looking for \$75 to pay for the three lengths of hose destroyed.

A change has been made in the commencement program. Instead of the eight orators, three of the number have been chosen by the faculty to deliver orations at commencement. For the others will be substituted an address which will be delivered by the Rev. C. H. Beale, formerly a Lansing pastor, now of Boston, Mass. Those chosen to deliver the three orations are C. B. Smith, L. A. Wilson, and C. C. Pashby.

At the union meeting of the societies held Friday evening, July 13, the following program was rendered: Piano solo by Miss Loa Renner; recitation by Miss Bertha Wellman; story by L. D. Sees; a selection by the Eclectic Quartet; oration by J. W. Rittenger; poem by C. J. Foreman, sermon by H. E.

Ward; characterization of Hawthorne by M. W. Fulton; college paper by F. L. Reynolds. The program was an excellent one but the pleasure of some of those in the back part of the room was somewhat damaged by the low delivery of one or two of the articles.

## PERSONALS.

The following is an extract of a letter from Charles L. Lawton of the class of '88: "I wish to congratulate all good eclectics for still being upon earth, and extend to each and all a most cordial right hand. For myself I can say but little, only that I have been among the mines and at exploring ever since leaving the college; first in northern Wisconsin, then in the northwestern part of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and from one and of the ranges to the other. Finally I came away off down here in the 'Tar Heel' country where I have been for nearly two years. With no end of work always on hand I have traveled so far in life. During all the years past there has been no change in the 'singleness' of purpose, and in the future as in the past I expect to travel on alone; there is not the ghost of a chance otherwise. And now one word to all good 'Tics.' Beware of locating in the 'sunny' south. 'Distance lends enchantment.' For a 'Yank' it is not so sunny as one might wish, though for those on their native soil it is good enough; therefore better stay north of the 'Mason and Dixon Line.' Again, with kind wishes to each and all, I am

Fraternally yours,  
CHARLES L. LAWTON.

Mr. Lawton is superintendent of the Bessemer Mining Co., of Bessemer City, N. C.

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AUGUST, 1894.

OUR first launch appears to have been a success, and emboldened by a successful beginning, we continue our cruise with less trepidation and fear.

NOTICE the change in our editorial staff, Mr. H. P. Gladden having taken Mr. Coryell's place as personals editor, Mr. Coryell having moved from college.

IN response to the request we made in our first issue, quite a number of our alumni have written to us concerning our new venture, THE TIC, and about society matters in general. Without exception they have spoken great praise for our paper and expressed a strong wish for its continuance. Most of these are men of the later classes. As yet, however, we have not heard from a sufficient number to warrant us in continuing the publication of the paper during the ensuing year as a periodical with a regular subscription price. Although we hope and do not doubt that most of those from whom we have not heard are pleased with the paper and would like to see it continued, yet we have no assurance of the same, unless we hear from you directly on this point. We have heard from but few men of the earlier classes. To determine this, ye editor proposes the following plan. That THE TIC be published once each college term, to be an eight paged paper devoted to the interests of the Eclectic Society and its alumni, and to be supported by a subscription price of twenty-five

cents a year, and that the assurance of one hundred and fifty subscribers be required before the first regular number shall be published. To decide whether or not this plan shall be adopted we propound the following questions to each alumnus, and request each one to kindly answer them as soon as convenient:

Are you pleased with THE TIC?

Would you like to see its publication continued according to the above plan, and if so will you promise us your subscription of twenty-five cents a year for its support?

Will you kindly give any suggestions you may wish to make regarding the paper?

We trust that every one will comply with the request to answer these at once and if the plan is approved and the one hundred and fifty subscribers forthcoming, the society will proceed to issue the paper and the subscription can then be sent in.

AGAIN we wish to strongly urge the matter of coming back to the reunion this year. We have heard from a considerable number of the old "Tics," who say they will surely be back at that time. We would like to receive the same message from a large number of others. We believe it will pay the alumni to come if they possibly can. The college has greatly changed since many of them were here, and they will surely be interested in the progress and improvements made. The programme for commencement week is a good one and is so arranged that the alumni can be present at the principal events of the week without being long absent from their homes and business. They can come on Thursday, August 9, and return Saturday, being absent from home only two days altogether, and can still be present at the three most important events of the week, society reunion, commencement exercises,

and alumni reunion. The alumni exercises, we understand, are to be especially interesting. The street car running between Lansing and the college each half hour, will enable those who cannot secure accommodations at the college to sleep in Lansing and come out to all the events. This fact alone will make the visit much pleasanter than it would otherwise be, as we are now practically a suburb of Lansing. Let all who can possibly do so, come back, and we are sure they will not regret it.

EDITORIALS and college news are purposely shortened to make room for personals which we are sure will be of more interest to the old members.

#### ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.

Wm. R. Rummler, '86, attorney, 901-4, Unity building, 79 Dearborn St., Chicago.

M. J. Foster, with '92, is station agent of the L. S. & M. S. R. R., at Summit, Indiana.

C. A. Dockstader, '81, is a member of the firm of Hall & Dockstader, druggists, Three Rivers, Mich.

V. S. Hillyer, '91, mechanical engineer, 803, Michigan Trust Co. building, Grand Rapids, bachelor.

Geo. C. Monroe, '91, farmer, dairyman and fruit-grower, South Haven, Mich. Married, February 14, 1894.

Chas. S. Guile, '79, after graduation, took the law course at the U. of M., and is now practicing his profession at Bellaire, Mich.

L. C. Colburn, '86, in addition to being professor and director of the engineering department, is also professor of mathematics in the University of Wyoming, at Laramie. He is doing most excellent work in his departments and has also found time to do considerable outside engineering work of importance.

He writes of his family: "In this state, women as well as men vote, so I have added another girl to my flock that I had when at M. A. C. Although born on the eve of Cleveland's last election, I am bringing her up to see the errors of his ways."

J. A. Wilson, Jr., of "base ball fame," has been in the employ of the Cutler & Savidge Lumber Co., of Wabbsford, Ont., since leaving school.

Frank E. Rood, with '87, is engaged in peach growing and peach nursery work, at Covert, Mich. He was married in 1889, and has two boys. The family is just an acre—four Roods.

Thad. Ashton, with '91, went west in the spring of '88, to Shelton, Neb., where he is now engaged in stock raising. He was married in the spring of '92, to a Shelton girl, and now has one child.

F. T. Hatch, with '93, is one of the few who have gone east. He is a student in the medical department in the University of Vermont. For the summer he is assistant city engineer of Burlington.

H. R. Breck, with '93, spent last summer in England, and most of the past winter traveling in the west. He is now at Paw Paw, engaged in the oil business, and reading law during leisure moments.

F. W. Ashton, '91, studied law in Bryan, Ohio, for a year and then entered the U. of M. graduating in June last. He expects to go to Grand Island, Neb., where his "shingle" will be put up.

Geo. Grover, '81, is now located at Hartford, South Dakota, as station agent of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha R. R. He was married in 1891 to Miss Hattie B. Smith, of Springport, Mich. He writes: "Am very happily situated and my work



is pleasant and congenial. I am quite infatuated with this country. It has the most wonderful soil I ever saw, a dry, healthy climate, and, I firmly believe, has a great future before it."

J. J. Benjamin, with '87, is a member of the Genesee Produce Co., and at present has charge of the selling branch which is located at Worcester, Mass. He enjoys living in the delightful New England climate. He is married and has two children.

H. N. Jenner, '87, has been a member of the drug firm of Rule & Jenner, Goshen, Ind., for the past five years. "While the drug business is not a short cut to riches, yet I am doing well." He has two children, a girl two years old, and Henry Jr., aged six weeks.

Fred B. Smith, with '91, has devoted most of his time since leaving M. A. C. to teaching, filling in the vacations by working on his father's farm in Chippewa county. He was married in September, 1893, and is now living at Bay Mills, where he is principal of the schools.

H. L. Bunnell, '90, after graduation, remained on the farm until fall, when he went to St. Louis, Mo., and secured a position as assistant engineer in the sewer department. He remained there until July, '91, when his father's illness compelled him to return home and give his attention to the farm. Last fall he went to Oakville, Washington. The past year he taught the Cedarville school. He now has a fine claim within six miles of the railroad and the Chehalis river. He says: "Since leaving M. A. C., I have much to be thankful for and little to complain of, and the prospects were never brighter than to-day, here in Western Washington. Chas. Udell is at Jefferson, Ohio, on the farm. Howland has

been sick ever since leaving M. A. C. For over a year he has been confined to his bed in Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland. He stands his sickness with Puritan courage, and his letters are always cheeful. Bailey Smith, with '88, is quite a prominent man in this country. He has been County Commissioner of Thurston county, and is now engaged in the shingle business at Cosmopolis on Gray's Harbor."

Harry Doty, with '91, went into Pingree & Smith's shoe store, Detroit, where he remained two years. He was then sent to Chicago as assistant manager of the branch house there. A year ago he was given full charge of the house. He is married to a Chicago girl.

Ed. Gregory, with '91, accepted a position in a bank at Topeka, Kansas. Later he entered the employ of the Detroit National Bank. July, 1893, he went to Ash Forks, Arizona, to accept a position with B. Lantry & Sons, R. R. contractors, who are building the Sante Fe, Prescott & Phoenix R. R. At present he is at Prescott, having charge of the supply department.

Dr. A. E. Bulson, '88, writes: "I have been located in the city of Fort Wayne, Ind., for a period of two and one-half years, limiting my practice entirely to diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. My friends say my success from a professional as well as a pecuniary standpoint, has been almost phenomenal, to which I have nothing to offer except to say that I am highly satisfied and am still 'sawing wood.' I am very happily married and have a most pleasant home. To further add to my happiness, a bright, healthy boy came to us last February, as a welcome addition to our little family." Dr. Bulson is a member of several prominent medical societies and is pro-

fessor of laryngology and rhinology, in the Fort Wayne College of Medicine. He is also doing journalistic work as one of the editors of the Fort Wayne Medical Magazine.

Geo. A. Waterman, '91, graduated at the Chicago Veterinary College in 1886. He is now professor of veterinary and physiology at the Storrs Agricultural College, Conn. His "latch string" is always out for Eclectics should they wander eastward.

C. L. Crabbs, with '87, was engaged in the mercantile business for a few years after leaving M. A. C. In 1886 he entered the university of Illinois, graduating in 1890 from the school of civil engineering. For the past two years he has been assistant engineer in charge of the location of the Metropolitan Elevated Railroad in Chicago.

H. A. Hopkins, with '91, writes a most entertaining letter from Washington, D. C., where he is engaged as private secretary to Congressman Richardson. If space permitted, the letter would be given entire. He was deeply interested in the nomination of Justin R. Whiting as governor of Michigan, for his *daughter's* sake. It would be interesting to know if "that little *band* of hope I am running all by myself" is enlarged to include "two hearts that beat as one," now that there is a change in the political slate.

F. C. Davis of '86 in a letter to an old Eclectic, writes in substance, as follows: "My present occupation is that of an architectural draughtsman. During the past four years I have been employed in the same place with from one to four draughtsmen under me. I am located at Lincoln, California, about two miles from the old "Placer" mines of '49 fame. Many a man has made his fortune here in days gone by, but

now a miner cannot make wages working a mine. As to family surroundings, I am blessed with a wife and a little daughter nearly two years old. I often think of the many happy days that I passed at M. A. C., and especially the social entertainments up in dear old Eclectic Hall.

J. J. Jakway, with '86, after trying successfully several business ventures, is now pleasantly located on the old farm at Benton Harbor, and engaged in raising fruit and truck for the Chicago market. This he believes, is his true calling. The returns are very satisfactory, and the possibilities beyond anything he has yet tried.

Arthur Merchant, with '91, has spent most of the time since leaving M. A. C. on the farm at Jonesville, Mich. He regrets exceedingly his inability, through failing health, to finish his course here, and would like to say to all brother Eclectics who are undecided about finishing their course, "to finish it if possible, as successful farming is becoming a greater scientific problem year by year, and the crying need of today is for farmers better qualified to look after their interests, political as well as agricultural."

R. B. McPherson, '90, after graduating here, entered the University, but left soon to accept a position with Alex. McPherson & Co., bankers, at Howell, Mich. Last fall he took a trip to the Pacific Coast, spending most of his time in Arizona and Southern California. He says: "Both Greg. and myself are still reveling in the happiness of single life, though from the present outlook Greg. will come under the matrimonial wire an easy first; while for myself the title of the old song, 'Just as I am,' suits me to perfection."