

STATEMENT TO BE DEPOSITED IN
CORNERSTONE OF CLOCK AND BELL TOWER.

I have been asked to make some written statement to put in the cornerstone of the clock and bell tower, which my wife and I are building on the Campus of the Michigan State College. The cost will be shared equally by my wife, Alice Burrows Beaumont and myself. The design is by my friend, John M. Donaldson, a distinguished Detroit architect, to whom I am greatly indebted for his sympathetic and artistic assistance. The clock and ten bells are being manufactured by the Croyden Bell Foundry of Croyden, England. A bas relief over the entrance door, representing a young man sowing seed, has been designed by the eminent sculptor, Lee Laurie, of New York. This design has a meaning, which all who see with an understanding eye will appreciate.

The tower is placed on the site of old College Hall, which is endeared to all of the older graduates and students by many youthful associations. In the chapel of this building we assembled daily for morning prayers under President Abbott, and in that room we received our degrees upon graduation. During my time, one-half of the lower floor contained the college library. College Hall is said to have been the first building in this country devoted to agricultural education.

The State Board of Agriculture, by resolution duly passed, has agreed that in consideration of the gift of this tower, no future structure of any sort will be built nearer than two hundred feet.

With this note I am depositing in the cornerstone ,

- (a) The College Annual printed by the College when my class graduated in 1882
- (b) The program of the class day exercise held August 14, 1882.
- (c) The program of commencement exercises held August 15, 1882.
- (d) The program of the seventh reunion of the alumni held August 16, 1882.

I am indebted for these papers to the courtesy of my friend, Doctor Frank S. Kedzie. Our class numbered twenty-eight, many of whom are now dead. Outstanding in my memory among the members of the faculty when I was at college, were President Abbott, Doctor Robert C. Kedzie, Doctor Beal, and Professor Fairchild.

In closing, I may add that this gift is in part recognition of my debt to the College; and in remembrance of the pleasant four years of youthful association with professors and students, which began in 1878, now fifty years ago. Finally the gift is made possible by the generous assistance of my wife.

Dated October 20, 1928.

Detroit, Michigan.