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The Library and the Student.

The student who, early in his college career, fails to learn to use the library, neglects one of the principal sources of culture and instruction. It is a deplorable fact that a large number of students spend several years in college without becoming acquainted with the library. The class recitation and text book are by no means to be considered the only educational agencies in the college. Here, within the reach of every student, is a library of more than 21,000 books; books containing the best thought of every age—books filled with the records of man's triumphs in art, literature, science and invention. The great things and heroic things that have been done in the world are written out for us in these books. Vast stores of knowledge, representing the life-laborers of earth's noblest sons, lie within our reach upon these shelves. All that man has done that was worth the doing—all that makes life beautiful and glorious, is recorded here. But the problem is, How to find what we need without spending too much time at it. Books enough there are, to be sure, but how to find among so many the one book needed—that is the question.

The books in the College library are thoroughly classified and catalogued. There is not a book among these twenty thousand that may not be found in a moment, and so simple is the method of cataloging that every student should learn to find books for himself.

Entering the library and passing down the aisle, we find that upon the end of each book-case, is printed in large letters the name of the general class of books contained in that case. To our left, are works on philosophy, religion, biography, history, fiction, English literature and language, political and social science, art, and books written in other languages. To our right, are books on engineering, agriculture, live-stock, horticulture, botany, zoology, medicine, chemistry, physics and mathematics.

Books belonging to any of the above general classes are arranged together on the shelves in alphabetical order according to authorship. There is but one exception to this general method of arrangement: in the biographical section, the books are arranged alphabetically according to their subjects and not according to authorship.

The general encyclopedias are arranged on shelves between the main entrance and the reading room. The English dictionaries will also be found in that part of the library. All reference books assigned to classes for study will be found on the two lower shelves near the reading room door.

In the north gallery are most of the bound periodicals. Poole's Index will be found there, and by its use the student can readily find articles on any subject he may wish to study, treated by the best magazine writers of the day. In the north gallery, will also be found works on military art and science, and various bound reports—educational, agricultural, etc.

The south gallery contains works on physiology and entomology, besides experiment station bulletins, United States Census Reports, Congressional records, Senate journals, and judicial records.

Near the main entrance of the library is the card catalogue. By its assistance the student may readily find any book in the library that he wants. Suppose he desires Thackeray's *Henry Esmond*. He will go to the card catalogue, pull out the drawer marked "T" (the initial letter of Thackeray), and glancing through the cards which are arranged alphabetically, he will immediately find the cards with "Thackeray, William Makepeace," written across the top. Glancing through these, he will readily find one with "Henry Esmond," the title of the book, written below the author's name. On the margin of the card will be found $\frac{YF45}{T32h}$. The first part (YF 45) designates the general class to which the book belongs, namely, Fiction; a mark corresponding to which will be found printed in large letters on the end of the book-case containing works of fiction. "T 32 h" is the number of the book, and shows its relative position among other books of the

same class. As before stated, the books of any one class are arranged in alphabetical order, according to authors. The "T 32" is the number and initial letter of the author, and the "h" distinguishes the book from others by the same author. Keeping these few facts in mind the student can quickly find the book marked $\frac{YF45}{T32h}$ which is the book he wants, namely, Thackeray's *Henry Esmond*. All this can be done much more quickly than it can be told. But to know this much about the catalogue will enable any student to find books for himself.

Suppose, however, one does not know the authorship of the book he wants, but only the title of the book. Very well. The book is "*Henry Esmond*." Going to the card catalogue, the student opens the drawer marked "H" (the initial letter of the title of the book), and proceeds in the same way as above described, easily finding the card with "*Henry Esmond*" written across the top, and $\frac{YF45}{T32h}$ printed in the margin. This will direct him to the book the same as before. Thus every book will be found at least twice catalogued—according to authorship and according to the title of the book.

Our excellent librarian, Mrs. Landon, and her able assistant, Miss Cimner, are always glad to assist students in finding books and other

desired information. Students are permitted free access to the shelves, though they are not to take books from the library without the permission of the librarian. The library is for the students. The student who, during his college days, learns the right use of books and develops a taste for the best literature, will have gone far towards obtaining that prize which is still "much better to get than gold."

A. T. C.

Major Charles Alexander Vernou.

Major Vernou, recently chosen to the position of Professor of Military Science and Tactics at this College, has had a long and honorable career in the U. S. Army. He entered the service of the United States as Second Lieutenant in a Pennsylvania Cavalry Regiment,

April 2, 1862, and was mustered out as a Captain in August, 1865. He served during the War of the Rebellion in the cavalry corps of the Potomac. On March 7, 1867, after passing the examination required by law, he entered the regular army as Second Lieutenant, 4th U. S. Cavalry. In January, 1868, he was promoted 1st Lieutenant.



MAJOR CHARLES ALEXANDER VERNOU.

In June, 1873, he was transferred to the 19th U. S. Infantry, and was promoted captain in that regiment in December, 1886. In March 1899 he was promoted Major, 17th Infantry, and in June 1899, after over thirty years of service, he was retired at his own request. Up to 1890 he served in the plains west of the Mississippi River. In the war with Spain he served at Mobile, Chickamauga, and in Porto Rico.

The following persons have been elected by their respective societies as society editors of THE RECORD: For the Columbian Society, Mr. W. K. Wonder; for the Eclectic Society, Mr. H. S. Kneeland; for the Feronian Society, Miss Bessie Buskirk; for the Hesperian Society, Mr. E. D. Allis; for the Olympic Society, Mr. W. R. Wright; for the Phi Delta Society, Mr. H. M. Eaton; and for the Themian Society, Miss Gertrude Van Loo. Each has been assigned a department and we hope that much interest will be added to the paper through their efforts.

The republican students of the College organized an M. A. C. Republican Club Sept. 26. Mr. H. P. Baker was elected president; J. G. Aldrich, vice-president; R. M. Norton, secretary; V. M. Shoemith, treasurer; E. R. Bennett, sergeant at arms.

Echoes from the Women's Building

The Domestic Art Department opened for class work Oct. 1 with thirty registered in the sophomore sewing and thirteen in the junior class. Dressmaking is already well begun, and with some Saturday classes an effort will be made to make up most of the lost time. The work at present is a review of the tailor system, with draughting and cutting skirt patterns. The style has not changed materially from last year; thus the pleated backs will still find favor, with the addition of group pleating in the seams around the bottom of the skirt.

A gas burner and an electric iron will be added to the equipment for pressing, and three new machines are expected soon, making six in all. Three new tables have also been added. A Saturday class period will be given to a few of the special students who are preparing more particularly for normal training. The ample room with its perfect lighting is well appreciated.

The equipment for the new gymnasium has arrived and will be set up for use as soon as possible. The examinations were begun last week. The measurements taken are made by the metric system, and are those prescribed by the National Association for the Advancement of Physical Culture.

Practical work has begun in the Cooking Laboratory although the room is not yet completed. The equipment accommodates twenty pupils in individual experiments. The advanced class has been engaged doing up the fruits that are in season and is now preparing for students' dinners to be given later in the term. Each dinner will be planned and superintended by one student, but she will select two other students to act as her cook and waitress. In planning the dinner, respect must be paid to the dietetic value of the menu and the cost of the raw material must not exceed eighty cents for four persons.

The freshman class has commenced practical work in waiting on table in the club dining room. The first section of a dozen students has shown itself very capable. The next practical experience in waiting will be afforded the students at the luncheon to be given to the Federation of Women's Clubs on the day of dedication of the new building.

Mr. Brown, chairman of the Senate committee and Mr. H. F. Buskirk chairman on the House committee on the College affairs visited the Women's Building Oct. 10. Mr. Buskirk was the first member of that committee to visit our dining room, having taken supper with his daughter Wednesday. They have both shown their interest in the Women's Building by visiting it almost as soon as they were in Lansing. The young women of the College feel grateful for the work that they have done for them.

Mrs. Kent visited with her daughter Mrs. J. L. K. Haner Tuesday and Wednesday.

The new dormitory is receiving hosts of visitors every day.

G. L. V.

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For various reasons THE M. A. C. RECORD is occasionally sent to those who have not subscribed for the paper. Such persons need have no hesitation about taking the paper from the postoffice, for no charge will be made for it. The only way, however, to secure THE RECORD regularly is to subscribe.

By a recent action of the Board of Agriculture in consideration of interest in the work of publishing the RECORD, the paper is sent free to members of the teaching force. May we hope that teachers will manifest a larger interest than before, by voluntarily sending in anything that may contribute to the usefulness and attractiveness of the paper. A note through the postoffice, or dropped into the little black box on the left of the door leading into the secretary's office will receive prompt attention. The effort is to reflect the organic and social life of the College, but this can be done only if each person connected with the College will take an interest in seeing that news comes from his work.

We welcome criticism, too. Whether in the shape of praise or blame, we are glad to have it and shall try to learn from it. We do not promise always to alter our course in response to criticism, but we shall try to weigh objections fairly and impartially. For instance, some days ago a complaint came that we had allowed "the ad" of the Women's course and of the business of Lansing citizens to crowd out local news, especially about football. Now we reasoned about that complaint after this fashion: The State has just spent over \$100,000 in installing a new course at this College. In a few weeks over a thousand women are to be present to witness the dedicatory ceremonies. There are here now a large number of young women whose fathers and mothers want to know what is arranged for their daughters. The grangers and farmers' clubs all over the State are anxious to know just what has been accomplished with the large appropriation they worked so hard to obtain. Nothing that has ever been accomplished at the College, except perhaps its original founding, has awakened such general interest as the completion of this women's building. All that we can tell the people about this new building and its purposes, about what has been bought with their money is what they want to know—is news, and must be printed first. Other matters can lie over for a week. Nothing that rounds to the credit of M. A. C.—no achievement in science, no victory in athletics—shall knowingly be neglected in the columns of the RECORD, but we must be permitted to use our best judgment in emergencies. We have reason to believe that the two papers on the Women's Department

were read more closely and by a larger number of people than any other recent issue of the RECORD.

Isn't it about time that the so-called "annual class scrap" were outlawed and some more civilized form of class rivalry introduced in its stead? Each year it has increased in recklessness and barbarity; each year the weight of the opposing forces has enlarged while the obligation on the part of all to participate has been drawn closer; each year it has thrust itself more and more into the open and claimed a larger degree of recognition as an established institution. Now, where is this progression to end? Will it curb and restrain itself? Why should students and faculty wait for some fatal catastrophe—an accident, of course, but an accident easy to foresee—before taking measures to return things to their proper proportions? Why must our release from the increasing tyranny of the class scrap be bought with innocent blood?

It is moral cowardice that alleges as an excuse for inaction that boys will be boys, or that repression only increases the evil. This allegation has been made and disproved every time that strong courage and keen, constructive thought has attacked and overthrown some crying evil either in college or in civil life. The problem is to bring the repression not from without but from within—to foster within the student body the growth of larger conceptions of manhood and the cultivation of greater dignity and self-restraint. When a child becomes a man, he should, with St. Paul, put away childish things. It is this voluntary "putting away" that needs to be called into more vigorous action. The task of moulding and directing public opinion in this matter offers a rare opportunity for real leadership and is one that the higher manhood among our young men can and must undertake. Let those laugh or sneer who will, the class scrap is thoroughly bad and must go.

There is still another side to this matter that we cannot afford to forget or ignore. It has become a common feature of the occasion for the young women to fill the side lines and by their presence, if not by voice and gesture, to lend piquancy and zest to the fray. Leaving out of consideration the effect upon the young men, we cannot fail to deplore the influence which such familiarity with brutality will inevitably exercise upon our young women. When a young woman finds such performances "perfectly lovely," she has already undergone a deadening of feminine sensibility and a coarsening of fiber that no amount of training in the external conventions and elegancies of life can ever atone for. The ideal of womanhood in the civilized world is, not the Roman maid applauding some gladiator's success, nor the mediæval queen of love and beauty crowning her victorious knight, as he stands with his foot upon his fallen foe, but the worker under the Red Cross flag, undergoing privation and suffering to carry her ministrations of pity and tenderness to victor and vanquished alike—the Florence Nightingales and Clara Bartons, who have shed a new glory upon our common humanity through the wealth of their divine pity for suf-

fering, and the strength and steadfastness of their work for its relief.

The increase in the number of persons riding wheels between Lansing and the College and the early approach of darkness at this time of the year call for a greater degree of care in riding, a lower rate of speed, and an absolute observance of the rule of the road. Within three successive days, three accidents, two of them somewhat serious, have occurred here and in every case one man was unmistakably on the wrong side of the road when first seen. An especially dangerous place on the grounds is the walk on the edge of the river from the crest of the hill to the west entrance. Here, immediately after drill, students and others come rushing down in droves and at full speed. In the dim light and against the dark masses of foliage it is impossible to see a wheelman until he is quite upon one, and it would seem wise to require persons going west to leave the path and take the road down the hill.

A well-recognized rule both of politeness and of the College authorities, makes it imperative for a rider on the College walks to give the whole walk in passing a pedestrian. The walks are too narrow for any one to feel comfortable in having a wheelman fly past him on the walk. Dr. Kedzie, on Friday last, was run into and considerably bruised by a wheelman who seemed to have expected the Doctor to give up the walk. These walks were built for pedestrians, not wheelmen, and to allow wheels upon them at all is a concession which wheelmen should, for their own sakes, be careful not to abuse. For the safety of the small children along Faculty Row, a regulation has been made excluding wheels from the walks in front of this line of dwelling-houses.

H. E.

About the Campus.

M. Ercan Rich attended the wedding of her cousin in Chicago this past week.

Mrs. S. M. Bowerman visited her daughter, Miss Lois Bowerman, '04, last Thursday.

Capt. H. H. Bandholtz, a former commandant of cadets, has written from Nagasaki, Japan to friends here that his regiment has been ordered to the Phillipines.

Mr. A. J. Peters, who has charge of the pure seed investigations in the U. S. Department of Agriculture visited the College Thursday for the purpose of looking over the College seed collection. He stated that the M. A. C. seed collection was the best arranged collection he had seen.

Notice.

Meeting of the Farmers' Club, Wednesday evening at 6:30, in classroom, first floor, agricultural building. Thomas Gunson will talk about agriculture in Holland and give a few hints about the Paris Exposition. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. J. B. S.

WANTED—For several gentlemen—Private board with a family living on or near the College grounds. Willing to pay prices consistent with good, plain board. Address "Board," M. A. C. RECORD.

Saturday's Football Game.

M. A. C. won her first football game of the season last Saturday against the team from Adrian. Our team was much heavier than Adrian. Adrian had very hard luck, one of her players being badly hurt and two others slightly so. Some of the time they played without a full back.

The game started with M. A. C. defending the north goal and Adrian the south. Adrian kicked off to M. A. C.'s 10-yard line. Crosby advanced ball 10 yards. After a series of plays in which ten and twelve yards were made each time. A. H. Case made a touchdown. McCue kicked goal. Score, M. A. C., 6; Adrian, 0.

Adrian kicked to M. A. C. 20-yard line. Edgar advanced ball 20 yards. Buckeridge punted over 50 yards to Adrian's 5-yard line. M. A. C. soon got ball on downs and A. H. Case made touchdown. McCue failed on an easy goal. Score, M. A. C., 11; Adrian, 0.

Adrian kicked to M. A. C.'s 10-yard line. Blanchard advanced ball 17 yards. McIntyre then made a 75 yard run around the end for a touchdown; McCue kicked goal. Score M. A. C. 17, Adrian 0. Adrian kicked ball to M. A. C.'s 35-yard line, McCue caught it but was downed immediately. M. A. C. now became careless and Adrian got ball on a fumble on M. A. C. 55-yard line. Before it was advanced 10 yards M. A. C. got it on downs. McCue carried it over for a touchdown and kicked goal. Score M. A. C. 23, Adrian 0. Adrian kicked to M. A. C.'s 10-yard line. McIntyre advanced ball 25 yards. After a series of plays, McIntyre again got the ball and ran 65 yards for a touchdown. McCue kicked goal. Score M. A. C. 29, Adrian 0. Adrian kicked to M. A. C.'s 20-yard line, Crosby advanced it 10 yards. The ball was steadily worked towards Adrian's goal and finally Ricamore broke through the line and ran 25 yards for a touchdown. McCue kicked goal. Score M. A. C. 35, Adrian 0.

Adrian kicked to M. A. C.'s 15-yard line. McIntyre advanced it 35 yards. When time was called the ball was on Adrian's 55-yard yard line. Score, first half, M. A. C., 35; Adrian, 0.

The second half was similar to the first. Our boys got careless from over confidence and fumbled the ball repeatedly, but at no time did Adrian come near our goal. McIntyre, Case, Buckridge and Blanchard were the best ground gainers for M. A. C., while Adrian did not have the ball long enough to show what they could do. Two touchdowns were made in the last half by Phillips and McIntyre. The game was stopped at 15 minutes to 4 to allow Adrian to catch a train.

We may say in general that the foot ball interests are much brighter, and the boys are playing fast, consistent team work. The fact that Adrian's team is weak this year was not alone responsible for the large score, for the boys put up a most excellent exhibition of strong interference, both in the end runs and bucks.

Special mention should be made of McIntyre's two touchdowns from long runs of 75 yards and 65 yards, in which the interference was perfect, Blanchard especially running with him the entire distance, and interfering for him all the way to

the goal line. Case at tackle and Buckeridge's punting were also features.

Time keepers, Horton and Carpenter.

Linemen, Brunger and Miller.

Umpire and referee, Close, Lansing; Bawles, Adrian; alternating by halves.

The teams lined up as follows:

M. A. C.		Adrian
Shedd	Center	Sebring
Olmsted	R. Guard	Harper
Decker	L. Guard	Jones
A. H. Case	R. Tackle	Snyder
Edgar } Phillips }	L. Tackle	Schrader
Ricamore	R. End	Gladden
McCue (Capt.)	L. End	Bowles
Crosby	Q. Back	{ Swift McConnel
McIntyre	R. H'f B'k	Wilcox (Capt.)
Blanchard } McLean }	L. H'f B'k	Lackey
Buckeridge	Full Back	{ Welch Miller

Athletic Notes.

Albion is greatly stirred up over the unfortunate fact that our football boys were relieved of nearly twenty dollars while their clothes were in the dressing room during the game at Albion on the 6th. A letter was received last week from athletic director Brewer, expressing his deep regret over the occurrence, and saying it was the work of boys from the town who came in through the back windows. He gave orders to the janitor to lock the door, but that the latter did not, is shown by the fact that when one of our boys returned about twenty minutes after the players had left for the field, he found it unlocked; and also after the game, the first one back found it unlocked.

The janitor was certainly remiss in his duty, however the thieves effected an entrance. Director Brewer writes in part, "I wish you would see each of the boys and find what they lost, and we will make every reparation possible or reasonable. I am going to call a mass meeting and put the matter before the students." Such an attitude is frank and manly, and no doubt by next week we shall be able to state the satisfactory conclusion of the matter.

The gymnasium apparatus for the Women's Building has arrived and will soon be in position, but classes will not begin until Miss Avery has completed the measuring and examining of the students. Because of the delay in finishing the basement rooms, this work is necessarily retarded to quite a degree.

The work of grading the athletic field begins with this week, and will be finished this fall. The athletic association deserves great credit for the way they have taken hold of the matter. C. O. B.

Notes from Our Religious Gatherings.

Several of the young lady students will attend the Y. W. C. A. convention to be held at Albion the last of this week.

Mrs. Marshall is now instructing the largest chorus class that has existed at the College. The class is practicing several selections for the dedication of the Women's Building.

It is interesting to note the progress that has been made by the student bible-study committee. Earnest work done by this commit-

tee has been fruitful to the extent of getting one hundred members enrolled in the bible classes. This is certainly an index to the character of our students.

Last Wednesday evening, Oct. 10, the Natural History Society assembled in the zoological lecture room, and listened to a talk on "The Pictured Rocks of Michigan," by Professor Wheeler. A few photographs of the most noted arches were passed about. Several names were added to the membership roll.

Chapel exercises on Sunday morning were conducted by Rev. Andrews, pastor of the First Baptist Church. His text was from Isaiah the fortieth chapter and fourth verse. In his sermon he styled the home the nation in miniature, and stated interesting facts regarding the advancement of women to her proper sphere, as a result of christianity.

Dr. Gates, a woman missionary from China, gave a very instructive and interesting address in the Y. M. C. A. rooms Sunday evening, Oct. 14. She passed about a number of articles of Chinese make, such as chopsticks and men's and women's shoes. She is working in the cause of Chinese Missions.

W. R. WRIGHT.

Book Gossip.

To the admirers of J. M. Barrie's "Little Minister," his new book "Tommy and Grizel" will be welcome. It is accepted everywhere as the most important book which he has yet written and is a leader in fiction.

Dr. Cook's "Through the First Antarctic Night" is attracting no little notice in book circles. It tells of adventures in the south polar regions and is the first contribution of such a nature to the literature of our time.

Thomas Nelson Page has a new story, "The Old Gentleman of the Black Stock," illustrated by Howard Chandler Christy. This promises

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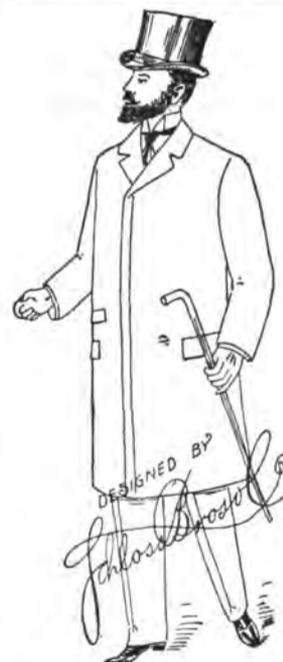
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News From Old Students.

Thorn Smith, '95, is convalescing from typhoid fever at Postelle, N. C.

Earl H. Sedgwick, '97m, has been appointed chief draftsman for the Ball & Wood Company, Elizabeth, N. J.

W. F. Wright, '94, has recently accepted a position in the seed division of the Department of Botany, Washington, D. C.

Fred N. Lowry, '99m, has been appointed draftsman for the master mechanic of the Studebaker Company, South Bend, Ind.

The marriage of Philip T. Shepard, with '01, with Miss Vida E. Thompson, of Davisburg, is announced for Wednesday, Oct. 17.

W. K. Brainerd, '99, is now on the Lansing football team, Lansing's late victory over Detroit would indicate that her team is in excellent condition.

William Caldwell, '76, was a visitor at the College chemical department last week. He was very much interested in the new specimens of beet sugar.

George Odum, '00, who, as was stated in a recent number of THE RECORD, has secured a unique position in Central Africa, is at the College preparing for his work.

L. A. Bregar, '88, writes to have his paper continued. He remarks, by the way, that he and Mrs. B. have received their "second prospective M. A. C. student"—a boy of 12 lbs.

Clyde M. Wolf, with '02, is attending Hill-dale College this year. The *New Collegian* of Sept. 25th states that by the unanimous consent of the team Mr. Wolf took charge of the football team this term.

W. Lee Waing (Sp'l in chemistry, '98-'99) returned from his work as assistant chemist with the Lake Superior Iron Co., at Ishpeming, and has gone to the Kalamazoo beet sugar factory as night chemist.

After spending a pleasant summer with his family on his farm in Hillsdale county, Mr. C. H. Alvord, '95, has returned to his work at the Texas Experiment Station, College Station, Tex. Mrs. Alvord and the baby will remain north until the cooler weather.

H. Caramanian (sp. '96-'98) has written through a friend attending the American College at Constantinople, that he is engaged in teaching at his home, Armenia. He states that this year the first reaper was introduced into his part of the country. It was an McCormick machine and attracted much attention.

S. J. Redfern, '97, has been visiting in Lansing, and renewing old acquaintanceships at the College during the past week. Mr. Redfern has settled down on a farm near Maple Rapids. He states that George Campbell, '98, is also farming it in the same vicinity. Mr. Redfern was accompanied during his visit by his wife.

H. E. Emmons, '78, in writing for a catalogue to his "Old Pard," now a much respected professor at the College, says—My wife is becoming interested in M. A. C. RECORD writings on the girls' department. * * * Think of it! Two girls, one 19, one 17, this fall. Both will graduate from Detroit High School the coming spring. Yours with dignity.

C. H. Chadsey, with '00, and F. S. Curtis, with '01, are now in the employ of the Michigan Lake Superior Power Co. and are engaged in inspecting the laying of concrete in the power house at the "Soo." Says Curtis,—“Although we are well employed, we feel that we would derive more satisfaction from inspecting the contents of text-books at M. A. C.”

Some months ago the Board of Agriculture established a small fund to be used by Dr. Beal in making the botanical survey of the State. Mr. B. Barlow, with '98, is employed in this work near Greenville, Mich. He has recently sent the botanical department some photographs of a newly discovered kind of mushroom found near Fatal lake. These mushrooms are wild and very showy and large. The singular thing about them is, that, though wild, they grow in circles about the trees.

Mr. Chase Newman has received a letter from V. Sobennikoff, '97, who is now in Chelioba, Western Siberia, from which we are permitted to make the following quotations: “Before me are some of the wildest parts of Siberia where mail comes but once or twice a year. I have been ill for some time and am hardly in condition to attend to my business. I am now going to Irkoutsk, and then, after a trip in the Lena River region, shall be at home for a few days in Kiakhta. When in St. Petersburg, I prof. to see a Russian edition of Prof. A. Cook's book on bee-keeping. I bought one and made a present to a person who introduced bee-keeping into the Province of Transvaikal (for the first time in Eastern Siberia) about 2 years ago. Is it not interesting that observations and improvements in bee-keeping made at M. A. C. will have a strong influence upon the bee culture in the vicinity of Baikal Lake?”

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