# The M. A. C. RECORD. 

MICHIGAN STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

POSTOFFICE WRECKED BY THE SECOND ANNUAL BAR- DONALD ROBERTSON'S ADSAFE BLOWERS. BECUE.

The East Lansing postoffice was broken into at an early hour Sunday morning, the safe being blown into pieces and the building damaged to a large extent. Members of the faculty heard the report about 2 o'clock, but thinking that some students were celebrating, paid little attention to it. Alphonso Smith, the college night watchman, was near the postofice at the time and appeared on the scene within a minute after the explosion. He ran to the power house on the opposite side of the campus and telephoned Deputy Sheriff Noah Snyder.
While Smith was telephoning, the robbers grabbed a few packages of stamps of small denomination and made their escape. Within an hour however, Deputies Snyder, Harton, and Blizzard were in pursuit of the burglars, following their tracks along the road to Pine Lake.

Some bills and other papers in the safe were torn into fragments by the great force of the explosion, which also blew out several of the windows in the building Postmaster B. L. Rosencrans is not yet able to estimate the value of the supplies lost. The robbers took several packages of one and two-cent stamps, leaving a big package of high denomination stamps untouched. They broke open the till in the outer room of the postoffice and took all but three cents of the dollar of change left in it.
It is a general supposition that the work was done by amateurs as the charge used in blowing the safe was very much heavier than was necessary to have done the work, the safe being merely a thin sheet iron shell.

An attempt was made to "blow" the safe six weeks age, as former Postmaster C. B. Collingwood found the cracks all soaped up ready for an explosion one morning. It is thought that the burglar alarm frightened the men away the first time, but as the wires of the alarm bell were cut Saturday night it is generally believed that both attempts were made by the same persons.
The sheriff and deputies followed the supposed tracks of the burglars for a long distance and have continued upon the pursuit. The robbers, it is supposed, have located somewhere near Mason. They drove a light colored horse. A bicyele which was used by a third member has been confiscated.

The mechanical department has received two additions to its equipment recently, one being a $41 / 2$ Meitz \& Weiss kerosene engine donated by the Seager Engine Works, and the other a $3000-\mathrm{lb}$ portable crane for use in the machine shop. There was added to the machine shop during the summer a 24 -in Cincinnati shaper.

During the month of September the Botanical department received 225 letters and questions concerning the work.
he initiative taken last year by the student council in establishin an annual convocation is marked in many ways as superior to those indulged in at other colleges. The principal ones are those which justly, entitle it to the name of " barbecue.
Again this year the "blowout" will be held in the hollow in front of Wells Hall and ox and cider will be served to the multitude as usual. Last year President Kurtz of the graduating class presented the sophomores with a silver carving knife to be handed down to the succeeding class at this event. President S. T. Orr of the sophomore class will have the honor of formally transferring the silver knife into the hands of the freshmen.

A large attendance is expected and probably many guests from the city of Lansing will be there

## AUROREAN POW-WOW.

Last Saturday night the third annual pow-wow of the Aurorean Literary Society was held in the Armory.
The decorations were held entirely to an outdoor, Indian-like fall scene. The overhead girders were neatly hidden behind highly colored autumn leaves, being arched to the floor at each girder. The ends of saw-logs were used for seats near the outskirts of the camp. The orchestra was at one side separated from the merry crowd by arches of leaves. A well armed stockade in one corner of the camp presented a rough, dangerous-looking, exterior but those daring to enter were surprised at the comfort the seats and Indian blankets afforded. Several tepees and a spring of cool water made the camp complete. The children of the tribe in their wild costumes presented the programs which were made from genuine birch bark cut in the form of wigwams.
The lights were so arranged that during the "Special" dances they were made to look like mere twinkling stars. This with the whoops of the Indians and the camp surrountings made one think that they were at a real pow-wow.
The patrons for the evening wer Dean and Mrs. Bissell and Lieut. and Mrs. Holley. The college or chestra furnished the music.

On Wednesday Oct. 27 , the Christian Associations will be favored with a visit by Kenneth S. Latourette, traveling secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement. Mr Latourette is to be here in the interests of the Sixth International Convention of the Movement to be held at Rochester, Dec. 29, 1909-January 2,1910 . He will address the students in the chapel at $6: 45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Wednesday.
The Union meeting Sunday even ing will be addressed by Mr. B. B. ohnson, General Secretary at the Lansing Y. M. C. A.

The scholarly address listened to last Wednesday morning in the M . A. C. chapel when Mr. Donald Robertson, of the Chicago Art Institute, discoursed on the Player's Calling, is an event that will live long in the memory of those who hatials good fortune to be present. "The Flayor's Calling,", rather than the Actor's Profesion, is what Mr. Robertson considered the correct title of his theme. "It is a Cilling, and no one should enter the Temple, sacred to Dramatic Art, unless he be impelled thereto by the voice of Divinity; for it is here that we must look when the emotions and the thoughts seek their highest and holiest expression. The titans among men, Aeschuylus, Euripides, Aristophanes, Shakespeare, Moliere, and a legion of others but little less gifted, sought the dramatic form to teach, to entertain or to move the souls of their hearers. In the last analysis of literary expression it is to the dramatic form that we must have recourse. Why, then, should we not earnestly cultivate its rules and principles if we hope to derive enjoyment, wisdom, or the culture which broadens our experience and gives to us a larger comprehension of life's m aninc ?"

Mr. Robertson contrasted the low estate to which the expressive art had fallen as compared with the station which it had enjoyed in many periods of the past, and which it mity again occupy if we but learn to understand its true mission among men. "We are not placed on earth to be amused-we are here to labor cheerfully at our appointed tasks and to seek in connection therewith good and wholesome recreation from the sources that experience and wisdom approve. Life should be bright and joyous with the things of heaven as well as of earth - the Creator so intended and it behooves us as intelligent beings to strive in conformity with His intent."

Mr. Robertson's work now is to so place the theater before the public that all who seek the recreation which it affords may not be disappointed as they too often are when its portals are entered.

The lay-sermon - it may be truth fully so-called-which he preached was pervaded throughout with an earnestness and enthusiasm which deeply impressed his hearers, and, as he said of art-it could not be tanght, it must be felt-touched the heart more than the head. No one ever rose to eminence in the calling who did not profoundly feel the mission he had to deliver and the message he had to impart; for art has a gospel of its own and its traths are as vital for the welfare of humanity as those of Revelation.

To Mr.Robertson, Robert Browning penned the last letter of his life, commending his efforts and urging him to persevere in the course he had chosen; the uplifting of the noble art of expression, that it (Continued on page 2.)

## ALUMNI

James G. Moore, 'o3, is at Mal ison, Wis.

## '04 and '3o.

"Give credit to the class of ' 04 for contributing a student to the engineering class at M. A. C. about 1930. Yours truly,
A. R. Carter,

1425 School st., Rockford, 111." 'os.
P. J. Baker is in the experimental department of the Reo ifetor Car
A. C. Dwight is teaching mathematics and science in the high school at Decatur, Mich. He writes that he was married recently.
K. B. Lemmon is in the coast artillery, U S. A., and stationed at Fort Levitt, Portland, Me.
H. E. Marsh is instructor in physics at M. A. C.
S, E. Race is cost keeper at the Lansing Wheelbarrow Co.
F. V. Tenkonohy is assistant to the testing engineer of the Michigan Central Ry, at Detroit.
Roy H. Gilbert, 'o8, is teaching science in Reed City high school.
Frank G. Born, 'os, visited M. A. C. Saturday, Oct. 16. Mr. Born is now with the Packard Motor Co., Detroit
Among the appointments that have been made in the agricultural department of the University of Maine, J. R. Dice, 'o8, has that of instructor in animal industry.

## 'og.

F. F. Burroughs is draftsman for the M. U. R. at Albion.
W. H. Hartman is instructor in mechanical engineering at M. A. C.
K. E. Hopphan is instructor in mathematics at M. A. C.
C. W. Lapworth is assisting the resident engineer of the Westing-house-Church-Kerr Co. in the construction of the new power house of the Detroit-Edison Co. at Delrav,
J.E. Robertson is teaching mathematics at M. A. C.
W. R. Stafford is taking a twoyears' apprentice course with the Westinghouse Electric \& Mfg. Co. at Wilkinsburg, Pa.
Frank H. Dains, 'og, attended the Wasbash game Saturday. Mr. Dains is with the Canadian Bridge Co., Walkerville, Ont.
Myron B. Ashley, 'og, is testing 400 samples of beets a day-being the beet tester for the West. Bay City Sugar Co., West Bay City, Mich.

## With 'og.

J. Oliver Linton, with 'o9, is actIng as assistant factory chemist for the Michigan Sugar Co., Sebewaing Plant. His address is Sebewaing, Mich.

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## TUESDAT, OCT. 26, 1909.

## INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION.

On Wednesday, Oct. $1_{3}$, Governor Warner appointed a commission on agricultural and industrial educativin. This commission is composed of seven members as follows: Prof. W.H. French, East Lansing; Wellington R. Burt, Saginaw ; Commissioner E. W. Yost, Detroit; Deputy Commissioner Chas. H. Johnson, Detroit; Gco. A. McGee, Cadillac; H. E. Kratz, Calumet, and S. O. Hartwell, Kalamazoo. It is the purpose of this body to investigate the present conditions along industrial lines as they exist in the public schools of the state and to report same to the governor, state superintendent of public instruction and state commissioner of labor not later than Jan. Ist, 1910. It will outline a plan for uniform industrial training in the schools throughout the state.
Under the amendment to the act estahlishing county schools of azriculture any school heing approved by the state superintendent and President Suyder of the State Agricultural Collegre and having 100 acres of land in connection with \$20,000 worth of huilding- shall be placed on the approved list of counts schaols of agriculture atomestic cronoms and manual camo ing.
Professor W: H. French bead of the departnent of agricultural education here, has aloo atosther sppointment from the govertor, that of delegate from Michigan th the Sational Industrial Association th be helh in Mtilwatkec, Dereminer :.

## DONALD ROBERTSON'S ADDRESS

might fulfill its purpose toward humanity, and he regarded as a benefactor of his kind him who contributed his mite to this end.
It is the desire of Mr. Robertson to present before us at no distant dity some such masterpicce as Milton's Comus. His words and performance are an carnest of the pleasure that such a representation will confer. Mr. Robertson was born in Edinburgh, he has traveled far and seen much, is a close observer, cosmopolitan in his tastes and "holds the mirror up to nature, without o'er-stepping its modesty-shows virtue her own feature, scorn her own image - the very age and body of the time his form and pressure," in a manner such as might win the plaudits of the Great Bard himself.

## ALUMNI PROGRAM

The Eunomian literary progran on Saturday evening, October 16, took the form of an alumni program.
Dr. E. A. Seelye, 'of of Lansing, gave an interesting paper on "The Experiences of a Doctor." Mr. E. A. Towne, 'o7, told in a very humorous was of "The First Month of Married Life." A. L. Sobey, 'og, gave a paper on "Power Plant Construction." Mr. G. S McMullen, 'ot, concluded with a very interesting series of "Reminiscences."

Prof. V. T. Wilson acted as critic and his criticism was exceptionally characteristic of his witty, happy personality

Among the guests were inrs. Seelye, Mrs, Towne and Miss Olive Graham, 'os, of Lansing, Mrs. McMullest, of Grand Ledge, Miss Irenc Korison, of Flint, and Miss Hazel Laxton, of Mason.

## Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

## boom contest.

The Y. M. C. A. combination membership and financial campaign opened Oct. 21 and closes Nov 24. There are four teams, the "reds," "greens," "blues" and "whites," under the respective lead. ership of Captains Iddles, Berridge, Rodegeb and U. S. Crane.

Each new man got by a team counts for it one point ; each dollar pledged or paid on dues counts for it a point. Each member of the campaign wears the color of his squad. The returns of the contest are placed on a bulletin in the 1 M. C. A. room each morning.

The teams are inspired by threefold incentive. In the first place the I. M. C. A. hat taken for its watchword " 500 members." In the second place the Association has a ludget of $\$ 113.65$ that must bee raised this year. In the third place a "Feed" is in store for the participants in the campaign ts the aftermath. The wimhing team will beexempt from the expenses of the feed.

## Y. M. C. A. BUDGET FOR 1909-10.

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Magazines
1800
Daily Papers
Office Expenses (Employment,
Stationary, Postage)
Alumni Canvass
Electric Light
Devotional Committee (Outside
Speakers, etc.)
To A. L. Campbell (billsalready paid)

Total 1,11365
To meet these expenses the association will be dependent upon membership dues, faculty and student pledges.

SOME VALUABLE SPECIMENS FOR THE MUSEUM.

The college has recently come into possession of a large and interesting collection of specimens from southern Chili, which will soon be placed on exhibition in the museum. They were collected and donated by Mr. D. S. Bullock (M. A. C. 1902), who has been located for some years past at Temuco, Chili, where he is connected with a mission to the Indians, and has employed his spare time in studying the natural history of the region. While a student at M. A. C. Mr. Bullock showed unusual interest in natural history subjects, and did a considerable amount of special work in the zoological department, where he learned how to prepare specimens of all kinds, a knowledge which he has since turned to good account. Always mindful of the welfare of his alma mater, he generously proposed some three years ago to make a collection of Chilean birds and mammals and donate them to the college museum, with the proviso that they should be mounted and placed on exhibition as soon as practicable. After consultation with President Snyder this offer was thankfully accepted, and accordingly on his return to this country last June Mr. Bullock country last June Mr. Bullock
brought with him about two hundred skins of birds and mammals, together with some birds' eggs and fish, forming a most valuable and instructive exhibit of the animals of Chili. The State Board of Agriculture at its September mecting generously authorized the mounting of the larger part of this collection, and the dried skins have now been shipped to one of the best establishments in the country for the preparation of muscum specimens, whence they will probably be returned within a month or two.
This collection is of unusual interest since it not only contains at large number of beautiful specimens from a distant country, but is also so nearly complete that it illustrates the way in which different birds and animals in two widely separated countries fill nearly the same sphere, doing practically the same work. The specimens come from a region nearly as far south of the equator as we are north of it, and :mong them are hawks, owls, grehes, gulls, ducks, mipe, plover, rails, parrakeets, (unckoos, woodpeckers, swallows, finches, wrens and hummingbirds, mosterf which helong to the same orders and families ats our North American hirds, but two species entirely malike those of the northern hemisphere. In addition there are a few representatives of orders and families peculiar to the southern hemisphere, for example, the flightless penguins, the odd, partridge-like tinamous whose nearest relatives are the ostriches, together with thorn birds and woodhewers which combine the structure and habits of wrens, creepers and and habits of wrens, creepers and
woodpeckers. Oddest of all are woodpeckers. Oddest of all are
four species of small, thrush-like birds which belong to a family peculiar to Chili and Patagonia, and are noted for their weird cries and the habit of carrying the tail turned up over the back in the manner of a barnyard fowl.

Among the mammals is a pair of deer, known as Pudu, scarcely larger than a shepherd dog, and confined to the mountainous thickets, where they are rarely seen. There is also a pair of rare foxes belong-
ing to a species first obtained in 1834 by the celebrated naturalist Darwin and not again found by collectors until Mr. Bullock obtained specimens at Temuco and sent them to the British museum. There is a beautifui otter, similar to our Michigan species, together with a skunk, wo wild cats, several weasels, some water rats, and a variety of wood rats, field mice and bats. One interesting member of the collection is a tiny fish, somewhat like a mudminnow, which is new to science and was named after Mr. Bullock by the authorities of the British museum where his first specimens were sent.

The skins were accompanied with full notes as to the date and place of capture, together with interesting facts on the habits and economic importance of the various species. When it :z remembered that these numerous specimens were collected oftentimes under most unfavorabie conditions, during the scanty leisure obtainable, and that many of them were saved only by working late into the night, we realize something of the enthusiasm which marks the rue naturalist, as well as the loyalty which sons of M. A. C. feel for their alma mater. The college surely is fortunate in securing this valuable collection and it certainly will form an enduring monument to Mr. Bullock's perseverance and energy: He returns to his work in Chili very soon, expecting to reach Temuco about the middle of January, and promises to continue his collections and eventually to send us new specimens of interesting birds and mammals.

Warter B. Babrow:
Zoological Dept., Oct. 22, 1909 .

## ALUMNI.

With '7t.
Arthur II. Hume, student at M. A. C., '70-71, physician at Owosso, is Grand Master of the Michigan Grand Lodge F. and A. M.
C. F. Austin, 'o9, is with the Cuban Sugar Retining Co., at Cardenos, Cuba. His address is Central Nueva Luisa, Jovellanos, Cuha.
S. T. Ingerson, tacher and chemist, is located at Fort Worth, Texas, 1625 Galreston ase.
P. H. Wessels, 'o5, is studying chemistryat Madison, Wis., tosecure an advaniced degree. He is at r930 Menroest.
' 06.
A. E. Falconer, 'o6, is at $\mathrm{Am}_{\mathrm{m}}$ bridge, Pa. Ambridge is the abbreviated for Americiun Bridge Co.
'o7.
Scott, B. Lilly, 'o7, is at "Forest Home," Ithaca, N. N .
E. C. Fowler, 'O-, is with his father, C. A. Fowler, Hanover, Mich.
L. C. Brass, 'o7, is employed in the city engineer's office at Seattle, Wash. He writes that he enjoys the work very much. His present address is $5^{1} 4$ Boren ave.

## 'os.

H. L. Brodic, 'o8, is packing fruit in Hard River Valley, Oregon.
H. D. Ingall, 'oS, is foreman on a poultry ranch at Downer's Grove, a suburb of Chicago.

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While defeat comes hard, some one must lose, and we were beaten by a better, more powerful team, and, while the accident to Exelby in the first five minutes and the forcing from the game of Wheeler and Moore, weakened us considerably and the good fortune of the battle seemed to be with our opponents, we have no excuse for the defeat. We are proud to have been able to fight back on even terms such a team as Notre Dame put on the field.
Outweighed 20 pounds to a man, facing a team of older men and veterans, our team outplayed them all during the first half. Four times the ball was carried to within strik. ing distance of their goal and place kicks attempted. The ball was in Notre Dame territory throughout the half until the last three minutes, when on a fumbled punt by Cortright a Notre Dame end grabbed the ball and took it to the 10-yard line, from where it was forced over for a touchdown. The second half was Notre Dame's, and, principally by the great line plunging of Dimmick and their big full back, Vaughn,
wo touchdowns were scored bring. ing the final score to seventeen. Lemmon at right guard played a grand game. Opposed to Edwards, the Notre Dame captain, who is considered one of the greatest guards in the west, and outweighed 50 pounds, he broke through again and again, making more tackles than any lineman on either team. Stone, at left end, was a power on the defense, downing his man for a loss time after time, and spoiling four attempted forward passes by nailing the man before he could make the pass. Frark Campbell played a strong game at tackle, while Moore played finely during the first half, but was not in condition to last through such a grueling game. Capt. McKenna gained the most ground of any man on either team, going around the end for substantial gains several times, and almost getting loose for a touchdown on a criss cross, being brought down on the 20 -yard line after a gain of 25 yards. His kicking was fine, too, one in the first half going $8_{5}$ yards.

## Line up.



Misses Hazel Peck and Grace Clark of St. Johns spent Saturday and Sunday of last week in Lansing and at M. A. C.

HORTICULTURAL CLUB.
There was a good turnout at the Horticultural Club meeting to hear Secretary Brown speak on "The Home Vegetable Garden." The Secretary is the owner of the prize garden in this community and his ability to describe in a very interesting way how it was made and maintained and the results was demonstrated. He illustrated his remarks to a good advantage with a large map showing the advantage of a special location for certain crops Some of his seasonal difficulties were shown by specimens of celery and parsnips. During the interest ing discussion which followed superfine pears were passed and L . E. Babcock made a few remarks about the variety.
Tomorrow night "The Fruit In dustry of Fennville" will be dis cussed by four of the students from that section, U. S. Crane, C. E. At water, H. E. Knowlton and H. E Truax. Everybody interested in horticulture is invited to come Wednesday evening $6: 30$ to $7: 30$.

Mr. Zeno P. Metcalf former instructor in entomology was married October zoth to Miss Luella Cor rell, at Wooster, Ohio. They will be at home after Dec. 1st, at Raleigh, N. C.
Prof. W. H. French has been appointed by President Snyder to fill the vacancy on the Advisory Board made by the retirement of L. J. Smith.

## Ex. '1o.

Roy Vondett, ex. 'io, who starred in basket ball and captain of team in 'o8, visited the college Monday. He is doing engineering work in Flint.

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## A NEW BELL.

Three bells have swung in the tower in Williams Hall within the last ten days. The old bell which has been ringing for the last th ree years suddenly changed its voice one day of last week and took on a hoarseness that was scarcely audible. It was taken down and the little one which had called the classes together for nearly fifty years previous to its getting accidentally lost was put up in stead. The little fellow couldn't speak loud enough to reach the students who lived in remote districts and the duty of casting a new bell forthwith devolved upon the foreman of the foundry. So Elmer C. Baker, who holds that title, began the task of collecting material and men. Several preliminarics to "the building of the ship" were repeated on a somewhat smaller scale and after the careful and zealous application of four consecutive sections of sophomores a bell was made after the model of the larger and hoarser one.

The sand was carefully dumped, and 10 ! the new chimer was found wanting of metal. A chapper was hung and the tone was beautiful, but everyone had misgivings that a bell with a hole in it could not last long. It was hung, however, in the place of the little one with a history, but the day came when Chas. Ponitz, the sexton, pulled harder than usual and the clear tinkle again gave way to a low hoarseness.
So the duty again devolves upon the foreman of foundry.

A new man has been selected for the Y.M.C.A. Cabinet in the person of James A. Waldron. Mr. Waldron will be Press Secretary.

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## PROGRESS OF

 EDUCATION
## inauguration of dik. E. if

 BRyAN.With elaborate ceremonies and in the presence of a large company of educators, including the presidents of many colleges and universities. Dr. Elmer Burritt Bryan was installed Wednesday as president of Colgate University, at Hamilton, V. D. Brem succeeded the ate Georde E, Merrill its the haul of Colgate, giving up the presidency of Franklin College to take the position.
At the same meeting the degree of LL. D. was conferred on lames Albert Woodburn, professor of his tory at Indiana Unicersity.
Ernest Fox Nichols was inaugurated last Thumshay at Hamover, N H., as the tenth president of Dart mouth College. More than one hundred colleges, Americaln and European. were represented at the ceremonics. Dr. Nichols is a grad-
uate of the Kansas Agricultural College

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ditions of city life.
In another he gives the "causes destructive of tree life, preventatic remedies and suggestions with directions for remusal of dead trees and trimming unsightly once." Hu abo wive to the city of Chiearn some valuable information on the methods of exterminating the Tus sock moth which is very injurious tin tree life. Mr. Prost advocates Sat urday and Sunday afternoon walkin forest and tiekiat M. A. (. an the hasis of domg away with - camp-
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