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MANY ALUMNI AT THE ROUND-UP.

The annual round-up institute of last week brought many alumni back to the scenes of college days. For some it was but one of frequent visits, but for many it was the first time they had returned to alma mater since the days of their graduation. Others had not seen the campus for several years.

In all, there were probably 1,000 farmers, with their wives, sons and daughters in attendance, and the program was worthy of their close attention. The feature of the week was the fact that the College possesses no adequate facilities for handling even this number at the general sessions. In each case where some important lecture was being given, especially at the evening session, the large room in the Agricultural Building was packed to overflowing, while many stood on tiptoe in the halls to catch as much of the talks as might be.

Local faculty men and extension workers had an important part in the Farmers' Week, but a number of prominent outside speakers were on hand, among them being Gov. Ferris, State Grange Master, John C. Ketcham, F. F. Rogers, '83, State Highway Commissioner, Grant Slocum of the *Gleaner*, Pres. Charles McKenney, '81, of the State Normal College, and Prof. Clinton D. Smith, formerly head of the animal husbandry department at M. A. C., and now of the Cornell College of Agriculture.

Don't overlook the editorial page.

Strange to say, James W. Helme was not on the program for a speech at the round-up. His ideas would at least have been interesting.

It is reported that L. W. ("Tex") Campbell, '13e, is shortly to be transferred to Milwaukee by the firm for which he works. His success on the big sewer undertaking in West Detroit has brought him to the attention of his superiors in a pleasing manner.

DEFEAT MARS SEASON'S CLOSE.

The close of one of the most successful seasons of basketball ever witnessed at M. A. C. was marked by the defeat of the Green and White five by Detroit "Y" in an exciting game played at Detroit last Tuesday. The score was close throughout, the "Y" quintet not being certain of the outcome until the final minute of play. The ultimate result was 27 to 22.

As was the case in the first meeting between the two teams, the work of the veteran Mazer proved the undoing of the M. A. C. hopes. A score of times the officials detected an Aggie player in the act of fouling, and Mazer made good on 13 of his tries from the foul line. In addition, he caged two shots from the field, giving him a total of 17 of his team's 27 points.

For the first 15 minutes the M. A. C. five played rings around their hosts, but the advantage thus gained was repeatedly offset by the points annexed by Detroit on fouls. Until nearly the end of the first period there was never more than a point or two between the teams, and both were traveling at a terrific pace.

For Capt. Gauthier and Goss, who were back in the game, it was their final appearance, and both played a brilliant game. The team appeared to be weakened by the Ohio trip of the week before, and the playing became rather ragged as the game ended. Boosey, for Detroit, was the real brains of his team, engineering practically every play made. It was his quick and sure judgment that enabled the "Y" five to draw ahead at the finish.

A recent issue of the *Rural New Yorker*, of which H. W. Collingwood, '83a, is editor, contains an excellent article on "Social Needs and Possibilities of Countrywomen," by Dr. K. L. Butterfield, '91, now president of Massachusetts Agricultural College.

'12e.

Fred Hewitt is in the turpentine, resin and oil business in Michigan.

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A MALICIOUS ATTACK.

Considerable discussion was aroused in many parts of Michigan a short time ago by an article credited to James W. Helme, in which the faculty and students, not to mention the State Board and the taxpayers, were severely arraigned for permitting such apparent extravagances as the annual Junior Hops.

In our opinion, the thing for the college people to do is to ignore the attack, so far as is possible. True, some of "Brother Jim's" statements were so incorrect as to be humorous, and some others ought to be corrected before the people of the State, who may not be as familiar with the other side of the question.

The honorable head of the Dairy and Food Department carelessly overlooked the fact that without M. A. C. graduates his record, and even the department itself, would not exist. If all our alumni followed his rules of conduct for M. A. C. graduates, the four or five men who do the work for which Mr. Helme gets the credit would have been following the plow instead of pursuing the festive bacteria or accumulating evidence against merchants who offer "something just as good."

To go further, if Brother James had his way there would be no advancement, no progress in agriculture. The new graduate would hustle back to the old homestead the day after commencement, hang his diploma up over the kitchen stove beside the

almanac and the turkey wing duster, don a hickory shirt and blue jeans, and attempt to justify his recent expenditure of several hundred perfectly good dollars in quest of education.

Under such conditions, the advancement of rural standards, resulting from the work of men like Bailey, Holden, Davenport, Butterfield, and a host of others, would never be even dreamed of. In that event, friend Helme, with his rural paper, would probably be able to make his readers believe anything he chose.

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AND AGAIN, WE REPEAT.

While the balloting on the new by-laws is going on, we wish to repeat the expression of a few weeks ago, that annual reunions seem at this time absolutely essential to the existence of the association. No interest that we can imagine would stand the strain of enduring over a three-year period. It will be necessary to do the thing all over each time if the enthusiasm was allowed to die down, as seems certain to happen if the Triennials are adhered to. Annual meetings are worth a trial.

It is not expected that the entire body of the alumni will ever come back simultaneously. Glad as we would be to see every one, such a large number could scarcely be cared for. The attendance last June taxed the ingenuity of the committee to the limit, and there were but 700 present. We firmly believe that out of the 3,000 and more members of the Association, that 200 or 300 can find it possible to come back each year. Under some such plan as we have submitted, there is the added inducement of knowing, in advance, that one is going to meet the people one is most interested in.

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Worcester "Tech" alumni raised more than \$200,000 in a trifle over two years, to finance a new athletic field. This is an endowed institution. The graduates and former students of Colorado pledged themselves to pay \$5 a year for five years, to put their association on a working basis. Ohio State alumni pay dues of \$3 annually, divided equally between subscription to the monthly, membership, and initiation fees. To our knowledge, eleven alumni organizations, comparable to our own, have annual dues from \$2 to \$5 annually. Where does that leave the M. A. C. Association, as a real, live, growing proposition?

The modern idea of success is not in just getting ahead, but in getting ahead of somebody.

CORRESPONDENCE

T. C. Lewis, '99e, writes of his work in the following interesting manner: "For the past three years, except for eight months with the Southern Pacific R. R., I have been working as a draftsman, designer and assistant engineer with a builder of refrigerating machines of the ammonia absorption type. The great improvement of our machines over others of this type is the anhydrous quality of the ammonia we get in our receivers.

"Literally, we use heat (and heat only) to make ice. There are no machined parts in our intermittent machines, but they are made into a unit, capable of standing a pressure of 750 pounds without a leak by the use of the oxy-acetylene torch. This system of welding should certainly be included in the equipment of the college mechanical department.

"We can easily produce 20 degrees below zero with our machines. I may write a book on the subject of refrigeration some day.

"My brother, Harry W. Lewis, with '00, who used to work all his spare time for Prof. Taft, in horticulture, is now pastor of the Tabernacle M. E. church in Dallas, Texas."

The name of F. B. Cavanaugh was recently asked for in the RECORD. Last week the following letter relative to Mr. Cavanaugh was received from B. F. Kindig, Elkhart, Indiana:

"F. B. Cavanaugh, '09e, who was graduated at M. A. C., and to whom I believe you refer, died on February 12, 1914, at his home in Hebron, Ind. Mr. Cavanaugh had been extensively engaged in beekeeping since his graduation, and at the time of his death was probably the best known beekeeper in Indiana. I am unable to state the nature of his illness, only knowing that he was sick for some two months. He was a director of the National Beekeepers' Association, and had won a wide reputation as a writer and speaker on the subject of apiculture."

To the Editor:

I was much interested in Mr. Torrey's reminiscences published in last week's RECORD. It is not perhaps generally understood today that the idea of educating farmers was much scoffed at in the early days of the M. A. C. Even farmers themselves laughed at the idea of sending their sons to such a school to learn farming. A strong sentiment

was abroad to divert the scheme of an agricultural college from its original purpose and to make it a department of the State University, thus giving that institution the benefit of the land endowment and all appropriations for such a school. All honor to Hon. Rowland E. Trowbridge and other staunch supporters of the college in its infancy, but I do not wish the friends of the college today to forget Alonzo Sessions, a farmer of Ionia county, a member of the House in the early days of the college, who was later Lieutenant Governor of the State from 1876 to 1880, a man of force and influence in his day, and who not only stood stoutly and loyally by the college but sent four of his sons and one daughter there to be educated. I was a boarder at "Saint's Rest" for two years, 1868 and 1869, when the genial mine host Rockwell was steward. The first night I spent in that plain but comfortable old hostelry I slept with Chas. W. Garfield. President Abbot never ceased to be grateful to my father for his strong support of the college, and it was also providential that such names as Williams, Abbot, Miles, Kedzie, and Fairchild gave character to the early days of the institution.

F. A. SESSIONS.

ALUMNUS HONORED BY SULTAN.

Representative Doremus, of Detroit, introduced a bill in the house recently authorizing Lieutenant Colonel John P. Finley, formerly of Michigan, to receive through the war department and to wear a medal presented to him by the sultan of Turkey in recognition of his services among Mohammedans in the Philippines, where he recently was in command of the Moro district. As army officers cannot accept such honors from foreign rulers without the permission of congress, Colonel Finley's wife, who is now in New York city, appealed to Mr. Doremus, expressing the wish that the necessary permission be obtained through a congressman of the state of which her husband is a native.

Mr. Finley was a graduate of M. A. C. in the class of '73, and has made a wonderful record in his army work. He is one of the most popular officers in the service, and it is believed that permission to wear the sultan's decoration will be granted without difficulty.

The Engineering Society held a most successful banquet at the Hotel Downey on Tuesday of last week. Over 150 students and former engineers were present, and enthusiasm reigned supreme.

THE IMPORTANT THING IN COLLEGE.

BY A. C. BURNHAM, '93.

The most important thing for a man to learn in college is something about the fundamental principles governing the conduct of life in the world as it now is—something about how to *vision* his life, how to plan 20 years ahead, discriminating between the things that are essential and the things relatively immaterial; something about an analysis of the conditions, drifts, trends of movements and thought in the world; something about how to set about putting himself in tune with these things.

Yet I do not know of a single college where any effort is made systematically to teach these things.

Suppose, for argument's sake, that an engineering senior, about to graduate, should go to the Dean of Engineering, and ask the Dean's advice as to whether he (the student) should go to the South Sea Islands as a Christian missionary! This might be the very thing the young man ought to do.

The Dean might be the greatest Dean in America, and absolutely unbiased, so far as he knew, and ever so anxious to advise rightly. But would he advise rightly? Probably not. That would be a work for the late Professor James, or perhaps Ralph Waldo Emerson. Or, at any rate, the giving of advice in such a case would be the proper office of a man *trained for that particular work*.

Where there are 2,000 students gathered together there should be a place to go in such emergencies, for, without a doubt, one-half of them will be more or less in need of such guidance.

Our present day business literature is pregnant with a groping effort along this line, for the good of all—to make *life* more *efficient*.

So far as the fundamentals are known, they should be made available, organized and systematically taught, to a slight degree, at least, in regular classes, as a part of the required work of students in all departments.

Don't overlook the editorial page.

The RECORD has just received the sad news that Alvin, the youngest child of H. L. Curtis, of Chevy Chase, Maryland, was run down and instantly killed by a street car, on January 31. Mr. Curtis was connected with the Physical Department from 1903 to 1907, since which time he has been in Division of Weights and Measures at Washington, D. C. On behalf of his many friends, the RECORD extends sincerest sympathy to Mr. Curtis.

YALE ALUMNI METHOD A SUCCESS.

Readers of the RECORD will recall the editorial which appeared a short time ago commenting upon the plan in vogue at Yale for getting the old boys back while classes were in session. It was remarked that a modification of such a plan might be successful if tried out at our own college.

That other colleges have found it a good thing is evidenced by the results shown at Massachusetts Agricultural College. On February 27 and 28, the alumni were invited to return and take their places along with the present generation of students, and a great deal of helpful enthusiasm was aroused in this manner.

G. W. Gilbert, '12a, was one of the many alumni present during round-up week. "Gil" is doing well on a big farm, with stock raising as the principal line. His biggest advance this spring will be the erection of a silo.

F. E. Hoppins, '96a, of Mancelona, returned to the College for the first time in nearly 20 years. To say that he was impressed with the appearance of his old college is putting it mildly. We would like to have more of these "old boys," who have been away so long, come back and see what a real college we have.

Breck B. Lumbard, ex-'07e, is now assistant cashier in the Isle of Pines Bank, Neuva Gerona, Isle of Pines, in the West Indies. Since leaving college he has enjoyed a variety of experiences, having been, among other things, a machinist, draftsman, and fruit rancher.

George H. Ellis, '07e, who is in the Reclamation Service, has recently been transferred from Powell, Wyoming, to Fort Shaw, Montana. He writes that the trolley cars in Billings and Great Falls were the first he had seen for three years.

A large number of Detroit alumni turned out to the game last week. One group of 30 or more succeeded in getting seats together, and gave some of the good old yells.

Don't overlook the editorial page.

Huber Shull, '08a, has written to the RECORD. He is now manager of the poultry department at "Waddington Farm," Elm Grove, W. Va.

The RECORD wants the address of G. E. Miles, an engineer of the class of '96.

What's Doing This Month

This department in the RECORD is designed to assist alumni who plan to visit the college in so timing their visits that they may attend the functions most interesting to them. We believe this will be of interest to former members of the various societies. The list of social functions for February is given below:

- March 13—Debate, Armory.
- " 14—Feronian party, Armory.
- " 14—Forsenic party, Ag. Bldg.
- " 20—Olympic party, Ag. Bldg.
- " 21—Military party, Armory.
- " 21—Ero Alphan party, Ag. Bldg.

HORT. CLUB.

A present student, a former student, and a man who has employed one of our Hort. graduates held the attention of the Hort. Club last week. A. L. Hopkins, of Bear Lake, Mich., has employed R. R. Pailthorpe, '13, for the past two years, and paid him a fine compliment. He said "Pink" got along excellently with the men, held their respect, and got more work out of them than any other manager he had ever had.

Ernest Hart, '14, opened the program with a descriptive talk on "Tree Surgery." He explained in detail the action of various fungi and rots in woods, and showed how trees so affected should be treated. By the aid of slides he illustrated the methods of handling various kinds of operations. In his mind, coal tar is the cheapest and most effective covering for tree wounds. Except for holding cement in place, he believes that bands of tin and zinc are injurious rather than helpful.

H. I. Bancroft, '12, Park Inspector and Forester for Lansing, gave a brief talk on the nursery business. Bancroft was connected with the Ilgenfritz nurseries at Monroe for over a year, and knew whereof he spoke. To those who order trees he says: "Get your orders in early and you will get the pick of the trees. You will have them when you are ready for them, and not have to wait upon delays after your ground is ready."

Allen C. Redding, '83, is another man from M. A. C. who is making good in the mining business. After many years' experience as manager and superintendent of various mines, he is now a consulting mining and metallurgical engineer, with headquarters in San Francisco, Cal.

TRACK WORK TO START SOON.

Capt. Julian and his squad of aspirants for track honors will begin work in earnest, now that the basketball season is over. Twice-a-week workouts have been held for the past month, but the facilities were so poor that two or three indoor meets which had been arranged were called off. With the coming of good weather more interest is expected.

WORLD'S RECORD TO M. A. C.

The local rifle team has at last achieved the coveted honor of establishing a new world's mark in indoor target shooting, by scoring 994 out of a possible 1,000. The best previous mark was 988, which had twice been equaled by the sharpshooters under the skillful coaching of Lieut. De Lancey. The new score will doubtless stand for some time.

Ed. Smith, '12a, who for the past two years has been employed by the government of British Columbia to institute a series of fruit storage and transportation investigations, has recently accepted the offer of a position with the Dominion government at Ottawa, to conduct a similar line of work which is to be launched during the present year by the Federal Department of Agriculture. The offer came to Mr. Smith through the recognition of the importance of his work in the western province, and carries with it most promising possibilities, and what is of more material importance to him a considerable raise in salary. The new work is to be taken on May 1st, after which his address will be at Ottawa.

Dean R. S. Shaw was recently quoted in some newspapers to the effect that people are coming to appreciate the food value of peanuts, and that the time is not far off when the goobers will be an important article of diet. Close to this comes the remark, credited to Prof. Giltner, that people ought to eat more fish and cheese.

Burt Egerton, '10e, is getting ahead in the real estate game in Detroit. He can usually be found at the office, Burrows-Egerton Co., at 143 Griswold, near the City Hall.

Ralph G. Chamberlain, '13e, brilliant student and star athlete while in college, is teaching mathematics and coaching athletics at Ironwood, Mich.

AN OPEN LETTER.

Editor:

I most emphatically cannot approve of the proposed plan for alumni reunions, and cannot conceive that any of the older members can. It is difficult to understand how the latest graduates can like it. I think my case is typical of the others, so here it is: I may meet with the classes of '65, '6, '7, and '8. I have also some very dear friends still living from the classes of '61, '2, '3, and '4, whom I very much want to meet, and I feel sure they might gather from Kansas, Montana, and California if they might be sure of meeting those whom they knew in later classes. But no, they meet in another year, and not more than three can come, and as they meet no others, doubtless none will come.

Whom may I meet? The class of '65 is listed, but there was never such a class. All of '66, save one, have gone to their last reward. Yes, I want to meet Jo Gunnison. Then comes my own class, '67, and the few who remain of '68, a very small and unsatisfactory gathering, for there were many in the ten following classes whom I knew and whom I really wish to meet, but they have gatherings at various other years, when few will come because they can hope to meet but few whom they have known.

But, note the folly of it all, I am to meet four classes about 20 years later than mine, not one of whom I have ever met, or with whom we can have no reminiscences in common. And then another group 39 years behind us, or ahead of us, and no remembrance in common save Prof. Kedzie. They remember him as the dignified Dean of an important department, standing with uncovered head before an immense class of men 30 years his junior. *Our* remembrance of the professor is when he was five years old, when he showed us how he could find words in the dictionary if there were pictures accompanying, and if he could

first get the number of the page where they could be found. When, too, he assured us that he should "hate to be so emancipated as that Mr. Howe." This was soon after the day of emancipation, but perhaps he referred to Howe's physique, which resembled, more than any other familiar object, a match split somewhat more than half its length.

Of what interest are these reminiscences to the class of 1912? And finally the last item on the program, in 1928, the classes of '04, '5, '6, and '07 are permitted to assemble, but are cut off by four years from meeting the Naughty One's they worshipped there, and others who were Naughty Two. No, a grouping of all the older ones together, then a younger group, three or four in all and overlapping for triennial meetings, strikes me as infinitely better.

DANIEL STRANGE, '67.

K. L. Butterfield, '91a, expresses himself as follows: "The new scheme of alumni reunions is, on the whole, a very good one. We are using it in Massachusetts, but I think it ought to be understood that all classes desiring to have special reunions, such as 20th, 50th, and so on, should be allowed the privilege. A reunion, especially of older men, such as these, means much more than just going to the College."

A. H. Voight, '81, of Los Angeles, Cal., writes that he has just returned home from a business trip through the East, during which he met and visited with many former M. A. C. people. Among others whom he saw were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Coulter of Grand Rapids, Herbert Bamber of Philadelphia, and Dr. B. S. Palmer of Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Bamber has been an extensive traveler, his last journey including a visit to Palestine.

O. C. Hollister, '89a, is president of the Looking Glass River Improvement Association, which has for its object the improvement of drainage facilities in Livingston, Shiawassee, and Clinton counties. Mr. Hollister was the first grandson of M. A. C., his father having graduated in '61.

E. J. Rowley, '89a, was a college visitor during the round-up. At the present time he is connected with the circulation department of the *Rural New Yorker*, and reports that he finds many M. A. C. people in various parts of the country into which his work takes him.

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