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## NEW HONORS FOR DEAN CORDLEY.

Dean A. B. Cordley, of the School of Agriculture of Oregon Agricultural College, was recently appointed by the Board of Regents of that State to the position of Director of the Oregon Experiment Station, according to an article in the $O \cdot A \cdot C \cdot B a-$ rometer.

The appointment was made after a careful consideration of several other highly recommended candidates, and Dean Cordley was selected because of his broad training and long experience in all of the phases of agriculture, and his complete familiarity with the work of the college and experiment stations.

Coming to M. A. C. from a farm home, A. B. Cordley was graduated in the class of 1888, followed by two years as assistant in zoology and entomology. He later went to the Vermont Experiment Station, gaining an insight into the work. While at this place he made investigations on butter fat and cream separation by centrifugal force, and was all ready to issue a report when the now famous "Babcock test" was published from another station.

- In the years that followed he was successively employed by the Department of Agriculture, by the Michigan Agricultural College, and in 1895 he accepted the appointment as professor of Zoology and entomology at Oregon, which position he held until 1907, when the School of Agriculture was established and he became Dean.

Dean Cordley's record at Oregon has been one of consistent service and usefulness, and his many friends among M. A. C. people will be gratified to learn of his welldeserved reward.

Recently L. H. Bailey, '82, resigned as director of the Experiment Station at Cornell. To help the Michigan Agricultural College maintain her full quota of directors, Dean A. B. Cordley, '88, has been made director of the Oregon Experiment Station.

FORMER M. A. C. STUDENT IN ACTION AT VERA CRUZ.

Many of the younger alumni will remember H. G. Bowerfind, who was a freshman with the class of 1914. At the time he was in College, Bowerfind was representative for the Detroit Tribune, and left at the end of his first year to take a position with the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

In 1912 he took the examination for the position of assistant paymaster in the U. S. Navy, passing number one in a class of 133. As soon as his standings were approved, he was assigned to the U. S. S. Prairie, and was with that vessel during the recent engagement at Vera Cruz, Mexico.

## ALUMNI BASEBALL FANS--ATTENTION.

The first game with the University of Michigan will be played at East Lansing on May 16th. As both teams are unusually strong this year, the game will undoubtedly be one of the best of the season. Sisler, the wonderful left-hander for Michigan, will be opposed by Ralph Dodge, M. A. C.'s southpaw, and the game will probably develop into a pitchers' battle. If you drop your cares for a day, plan to see this game.

## M. A. C. BESTS PURDUE.

The local debating team won the decision from the orators of Purdue University last Friday, on the affirmative side of the question, "Resolved, that the states should enact laws for the compulsory insurance of workingmen against injury and death in the course of employment." The negative team met the Hoosier debaters at Lafayette, and lost, making it an even break for both schools.

President Thomas C. Blaisdell, of Alma College, was a local visitor this week.

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## WATCHFUL WAITING.

While the administration at Washington has pursued a policy of the most careful procedure with regard to the Mexican situation, and thereby brought into common parlance the term "watchful waiting," the authorities of the College and friends of the institution have carefully and sanely observed the trend of events pertaining to the critical situation in which the Agricultural College finds itself.

Extreme credit is due the men who are so carefułly and conservatively administering the slender resources of the oldest State Agricultural school. Even while an air of suspense is felt upon the campus, there is unlimited confidence in the stability of the institution, and a feeling that all will yet be satisfactorily adjusted.

While the recalling of all field agents and the temporary cessation of the extension work has been looked upon by some as being significant, and foreshadowing the closing of the College, it may be safely said that the move has no such end in view, nor has the possibility of the institution closing its doors been more than remotely considered. The prevailing sentiment is that the College must continue, at all events.

Viewed in a calm light, the abandonment of the extension work is but the removal of a part to save the whole. When the tree cannot derive sufficient sustenance from the earth, some of the branches are removed, with the result that those remaining continue to thrive. It will be so with the M. A. C. The broadening issues of the past few years may have to give way to the best interests of the College itself, but in the end they will be replaced by newer and stronger growths, adding to the beauty and development of the parent tree.

## AS THE TWIG IS BENT.

From time to time there have appeared in the columns of the RECORD articles relative to the vocational direction of young men. Coming from the pen of a man-a graduate of M. A. C.-who has had a wide experience with all sorts and conditions of young men, we believe they are worthy of more than passing mention.

To say that probably eighty per cent. of the men who enter upon the third year in college do not know just what they want to do is not, we believe, an exaggeration. At any rate, the above statement applies to a great majority, and those who have, as they think, decided upon their life work often have no conception of the difficulties they are to meet, or how to meet them.

In view of these facts, it seems that some of Mr. A. C. Burnham's ideas are worthy of serious consideration in connection with M. A. C. If there is good common sense in them, they could doubtless be applied to the young men at our College as successfully as those at any other institution.

## DUPLICATION OF COURSES.

Without a very searching investigation, it has been discovered (?) that there is duplication of work between the University and the Agricultural College. Strange as it may seem, it is a condition which has existed for a number of years.

The Agricultural College has a Forestry Course. It has been successful. This fact, however, has not prevented the establishment and maintenance of a similar course at Ann Arbor, nor the appropriation of funds for its expansion.

The Agricultural College also has a course in Landscape Gardening, but that fact did not deter the university authorities from including a similar course in the curriculum of that institution. However, nothing has been heard regarding the discontinuation of those courses.

We would not go so far as to say that the funds of the University should be held up because of the above conditions. We would even be so charitable as to suppose that these departments were filling a real want, and should be encouraged for that very reason.

No time like NOW to plan for June 23.
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## CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor:
I notice that my subscription has expired, so here is my dollar for another year.

It may interest M. A. C. people to know that Bert Shedd, the football star of a few years ago, was elected supervisor of Tekonsha township this spring, and that I have been justice of the peace for the past eighteen years. Incidentally, we both belong to the "hickory shirt and blue jeans" crowd.
B. O. Withall, a special at the College two or three years ago, is on a farm right near me. Lutie Keep Martinson, with '09, also lives here.

> Yours very truly,
> GEORGE W. DAVIS, '92,

Tekonsha, Mich.
Dear Editor:
There may or may not be duplication between the University and the engineering department of M. A. C., but I want to say this: If any department of the Collegeor any college-is doing the efficient and inspirational work it should do, it is because efficiency and inspiration are present in the head of that department, and come into definite, personal touch with the students of every grade.

The undergraduate student has perplexities about his studies that he never feels quite right about until he has a personal and kindly explanation by the highest authority the campus affords. One or two such interviews may serve him for a whole course in that department, but they are of untold inspirational value, and should be definitely planned for by the College and the State.

Now, if the engineering departments of the University and the Agricultural College were to be merged and crowded into one institution, this personal contact between the individual student and the head of the department would be totally impossible, even in an office capacity. Students like to see the professor work-they know then that he can.

Let us hope that the money affairs will be straightened out somehow, but in a way to preserve and expand the engineering courses. If there is duplication, it has long existed, and has been a mighty good thing.
F. D. L., '06.

Frank Sandhammer, '13a, agricultural teacher at Hart, Mich., was a campus visitor Friday and Saturday of last week.

## NORTHEASTERN MICHIGAN BANQUET.

The second banquet of the Northeastern Michigan M. A. C. Association was held at the Bancroft Hotel, in Saginaw, last Saturday evening. Thirty-six members and friends were present, an unusually large proportion of the members in that district.
E. C. Peters, '93, president of the Association, acted as toastmaster, and skillfully introduced the speakers of the evening. Prof. F. S. Kedzie, of the College, came first by right of seniority, and gave an inspiring talk on the present situation at the College. Several humorous references added to the enjoyment of his talk.

Prof. Thomas Gunson, of the Horticultural department, gave the members an excellent talk on college friendships and things worth while. Mr. Gunson showed that he has lost none of his old-time power to hold his hearers at all times, and left a number of good thoughts with each one.

Alumni Secretary Sheffield was also present and made brief mention of several topics of interest to the alumni, among them the project to save College Hall to the alumni and the importance of the coming reunion at the College. Several others gave impromptu talks.

The Northeastern Michigan Association appears to have a brilliant future before it. In the short business meeting it was voted to set the annual dues at one dollar, and to issue membership cards in return. If the M. A. C. people of each locality would show the spirit evident at Saginaw, the number of associations would be increased many times.

Now come the sophomore Ags., armed with "bug-nets" and cyanide bottles, blithely pursuing the festive butterfly across the College farm.


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## ANNOUNCEMENT.

Fred Hewitt, with '12, and at present engaged in brokerage business in Bay City, has announced his coming marriage to Miss Hazel Frazier, of Chicago. They will be married in June, and will reside in Bay City.

## THE DETROIT BANQUET.

President Snyder and Prof. W. O. Hedrick attended the banquet given to the Detroit M. A. C. Association by Henry A. Haigh, '74, last, week, and report a "corking good time." The detailed account of that meeting has not yet been received, but will be given to Record readers in next week's issue. Watch for it.

## CHAS. E. BESSEY, '69, WRITES ON TIMBER CRUISING 50 YEARS AGO.

A recent issue of the Daily Nebraskan contains a comprehensive and interesting account of experiences encountered by Dr: Charles E. Bessey in the Great Lakes region neary half a century ago.

In one case he was one of a party sent out by a land company to estimate the amount and quality of timber on its holdings, as well as the facility with which the timber might be removed. A report on the agricultural possibilities of the land was also included.

The crude notes of the early surveys were all they had to guide them. In estimating the land, the members of the party, three in number, divided each tract into forty-acre and eighty-acre areas, measuring the distances by pacing. Pocket compasses were used to aid in getting the directions, but a little practice enabled the men to keep a line quite accurately.

It was necessary for the men on this survey to keep three things constantly in mind. Walking along, the cruiser kept account of his pacing with one portion of his mind, with another he was counting up the number of big trees on his left hand, estimating the number of feet they represented at the same time, while the third portion of his mind did the same thing with the trees on his right. It some times happened that, through an error, two men estimated the same tract, and it was interesting to see how nearly their reports agreed.

The final report included statistical summaries and many detailed maps to show the distribution of the various kinds of timber encountered.

Mosquitoes were the greatest trouble.

Despite the careful use of mosquito netting, the pests managed to work their way in, so that the faces of the men were badly swollen much of the time. They suffered also from lack of good water at times, sometimes having to camp beside a pool of water as brown as coffee from the decayed leaves and twigs in it. By boiling the water, however, the danger of disease germs was eliminated.

Except for an occasional bear, deer, or some wolves, little was seen of the wild animals with which the regions abounded. Although Indians were rather numerous at one point, most of the cruising was done some distance from the reservation, and they experienced no trouble on that score.

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## DRAMATIC CLUB.

"A Scrap of Paper," the farce comedy given by the M. A. C. dramatic Club last Saturday evening, was thoroughly appreciated by the crowd which packed the Armory. The members of the club have developed rapidly under the training of Prof. King, and deserve credit for a fine showing.

Dr. W. C. Bagley, '95, Director of the School of Education in the University of Illinois, last month addressed a conference under the auspices of the Women's League of the University on "What to Consider in Choosing a Vocation."

Mr. Hughes, principal of Bay City Western High, visited the College last week, in company with C. S. Langdon and A. M. McVittie, both '11a.

The prevalence of war talk during the past week brought out the military spirit. When talk of forming a provisional battalion of volunteers was started, the men could scarcely get to the military office fast enough. While it is hoped that it will be unnecessary for any of the students to leave their work, there is no doubt that many of them would go, and it is pleasing to feel that M. A. C. is always ready to do her share.
C. A. McGee, formerly with '14, is now living in Saginaw, where he has a position with Wickes Bros., the large engineering firm of that city.

## UWhat's Doing Chis 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.

> May 1-Aurorean, Agricultural Bldg.
> May 9-Hesperian, Armory.
> May 16-Athenaemum, Armory.
> May 23-Eunomian Picnic, Pine Lake.
> May 23-Military Ball, Armory.
> May 30 -Trimoira Picnic, Pine Lake.

## THREE IN A ROW FOR MOGGE'S MEN.

Last week was distinguished locally for the super-abundance of baseball games, three contests being offered for the approval of local fans. The most enjoyable feature of the series, from an M. A. C. standpoint, was the fact that each of the games was won by a good sized score, which left no doubts as to the caliber of the home hopes.

Ohio Wesleyan proved to be the first victim, simply because it was scheduled first. Incidentally, it was the closest game of the three, and was featured by the work of the M. A. C. players on the bases. With only six hits to their credit, Mogge's crew managed to pile up five runs. The Aggies had four stolen bases to their credit. Peterson went to the mound for M. A. C., and was effective in all but two innings. He got out of a bad hole in the second when two passes, a man hit, combined with a couple of errors and a hit, produced but two runs for the visitors.

Blake Miller was sent to the firing line for Macklin's men in the second encounter, that with Western Reserve, and showed the Clevelanders so much stuff that ten of them returned silently to the bench after taking their three swings. Beside holding the visitors to six hits, one of which was questionable, Miller secured two hits and three runs in three trips to the plate. As far as real baseball went, this game was the best of the season, only one error being recorded. Fick, the freshman shortstop, had a big day, garnering a triple, two doubles and a single in four trips to the plate. Incidentally, he put across three of the local's runs. The game showed that M. A. C. has as likely a bunch of youngsters as has ever reported for baseball at the College. Some big league stuff was shown in the seventh, when Miller and Fick pulled off a success-
ful double steal, Miller scoring and Fick going on to third.

Bethany College, from West Virginia, had a bad first inning, which brought about their downfall. After the visitors had scored one tally in their half, the Aggies came back strong, batted clear around, and had collected seven markers before the third man was put out. From then on to the finish the fans watched some real baseball. Only one run was scored by the locals in the remaining eight innings, while the visitors put over a pair. Weeder, who pitched 1916 to the class championship, was sent in for M. A. C., and pitched a cool, heady game. His ability adds another dependable hurler to Macklin's staff. Fuller was the leading swatsman in this game, having a perfect day at bat.

The scores:
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M. A. C. ..... 00012031 *- 7131 Wes. Resv. ... $010100000000-160$

THIRD GAME.


Case School, of Cleveland, comes for the only home game this week, on Friday. Some stiff opposition is expected in this game. M. A. C. will open their road season at South Bend next Saturday, playing Notre Dame.

Mrs. Charles W. Garfield, of Grand Rapids, who has been critically ill for some time, is reported as considerably improved.

## AGRICULTURAL TEACHERS MEET.

The meeting of High School Agricultural Teachers, held at the College last week, brought back a large number of M. A. C. graduates and former students. The feature of the meeting was a paper by C. S. Frey, '11a, of South Haven, which put the idea of bigger and better service into definite form, and created a deep impression on all who heard it.

More than a score of those present were former students of M. A. C., among them being R. A. Turner, '10, C. S. Frey, A. McVittie, C. S. Langdon, of '11, and K. K. Vining and Frank Sandhammer, of '13.

George W. Dewey, '11, who for some time has been associated with the work in fruit storage and transportation in the United States Department of Agriculture, has been appointed superintendent of the Idaho potato station at Jerome, Idaho. This station is under the horticultural work of the Department of Agriculture, and Mr. Dewey will be under the same men that he was in this fruit work. The position carries a good increase in salary and a permanent home. He writes that the house he is to live in is heated, water is pumped and cooking is done by electricity.

Some of the friends of O. W. Schleussner, '12, who has been located at Laredo, Texas, are wondering where he is now. This town is right on the TexasMexico line, and recent newspaper dispatches state that considerable fighting has been done in that vicinity.

In the April Journal of Agricultural Research, in a scientific publication issued by the Department of Agriculture, is an article on the "Longevity of Eycnospores of the Chestnut Blight Fungus," by F. D. Heald and Max W. Gardner, of '12. A pretty good start for Max. In another article in the same magazine, reference is made to some work by D. F. Fisher, also of '12.
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Lisle E. Prescott, 'ıze, has returned to East Lansing as an instructor in the physics department.

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