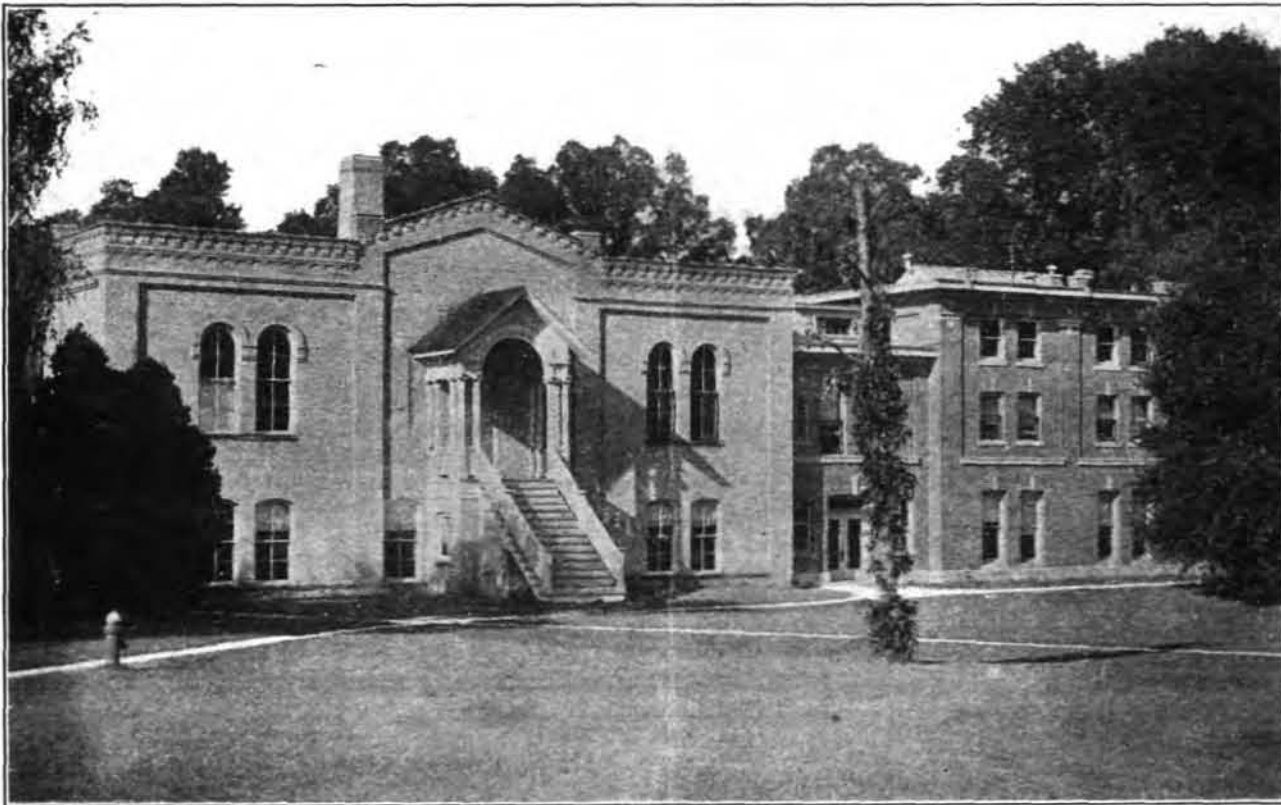


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## A NEW M. A. C. PARTNERSHIP.

The Wilken-Wermuth Company has been recently formed by Frank A. Wilken, '06sp., and Bert Wermuth, '02a, for the purpose of renting orchards.

The first venture of the new company will be with the famous Ward Ferniehurst orchard near Pontiac, which they have secured for five years at a rental of \$5,000 per year. Contrary to the rule in most of such cases, this orchard is large and in excellent condition. There are over 20,000 trees, of which 10,000 are Wageners and 7,000 Jonathans, and the deal is probably the largest orchard renting proposition ever put through in Michigan.

The caliber of the men behind the project seems to insure its success. Mr. Wilken was formerly superintendent of the South Haven Experiment Station, and is now associate editor of the *Michigan Farmer*. Mr. Wermuth is also an associate editor of the *Michigan Farmer*, and editor of the Farm Commerce Department of that paper. The methods employed and the results obtained in each case will be printed in the above paper.

## FINAL NUMBER OF LECTURE COURSE.

Montraville Wood, the popular science lecturer, appeared before a large audience of students and members of the faculty last Tuesday evening in the last number of the lecture course program for this year. The crowded condition of the Armory attested to the popularity of the course of lectures which have been provided by the Liberal Arts Union.

Assisted by his daughter, Prof. Wood gave demonstrations of many scientific novelties, among which were the ultra-violet rays and the gyroscope.

Mr. and Mrs. Jason E. Hammond, of Lansing, Mich., plan to leave early in June for an extended trip through the East.

## JOSEPH A ROSEN, GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL.

Joseph A. Rosen, '08a, is located at 854 Plymouth building, Minneapolis, Minn. He is in the employ of the Russian government's agricultural department, and makes reports on agricultural conditions in the United States, describing new methods of agriculture with the purpose of introducing them into Russia.

Great quantities of agricultural machinery are purchased by him annually, his purchases for last year running over half a million dollars. Mr. Rosen has a family of a wife and one boy.

## THE SPIRIT IS WILLING.

The following letter was received by Henry A. Haigh, '74, in reference to the coming reunion:

Esteemed Classmates:

Your favor of the 15th inst. at hand.

Nothing would please me better than to meet the boys again on the old campus, and have a game of leap frog, but I am too far away to go, and don't expect I will ever be able to visit the old campus again. Would like very much to see the changes that have occurred since I was there. If I lived in the East, I would surely attend. Hope the rest of you will be on hand, and have a glorious time.

Yours truly,

GEORGE W. MITCHELL,  
Corvallis, Ore.

An epidemic of hair-cutting, started last week, appears to have been effectively checked by the faculty and student council. This phase of college life has nearly disappeared from M. A. C., and the sooner it is entirely wiped out the better for the College.

James Wilkinson, formerly with 1906, is at Charlevoix, Mich.

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## ALL FOR THE REUNION.

Dear Mr. Sheffield:

Your letter received, and am pleased to hear from you regarding reunion matters. Will be glad to co-operate with any of the boys regarding Pacific coast matters, and will use my best endeavor to see as many of them as possible, and urge them to be present. I already know of two who told me that they would be there, namely, A. H. Voigt, 81, and H. Arnold White, '92.

GAGER C. DAVIS.

## FOR THE HONOR OF 1905.

The M. A. C. RECORD.

East Lansing, Mich.

Permit me to correct a statement made by our good friend, Mr. Fisk, in a recent issue of the RECORD, and assert that the spirit of the '05 class is more than an echo. That message from Alex. did not ring true. He was always strong at "shooting the bunk," but he usually adulterated it with a higher percentage of facts. He seems to have forgotten that Naugty Five's middle name was "Spirit;" that we demonstrated it by sacrificing the flower of our class before the edict of the College faculty in fighting the last class scrap in order that college tradition might not suffer at our hands; that we kept the name of M. A. C. on the map during the four years in which '04 was dragging out its term of service and while '06 and '07 were learning the paces at our hands; that we set standards in class, society and track work that the younger generations are still shooting at; that we left M. A. C. with the awful fear that it would be compelled to close its doors when the smoke of our four years' of conquest had cleared away, and that we made a solemn pact to return with our families some day and view the ruins.

June 23 is the appointed day for our return. We

understand that the College very happily survived the shock of our departure, but many of us have never been back to satisfy ourselves that it is really true. When the roll is called at Commencement time, we'll be there. Is this bunk? All "contrary" will kindly mail me a postal saying that you are coming, how many voices there are in your family to join us in

Zis Boom Ba, Zis Boom Ba,

Naughty Five; Naughty Five;

Rah! Rah Rah!

and how many will be in on a few old-time stunts in showing Alex. and others that we are "not dead yet."

Fraternally,

ARTHUR J. ANDERSON, '05,

214 S. 12th Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

## COMING BACK STRONG THIS YEAR.

Seven of the members of the class of 1870 are still living. Two of these will be unable to attend the reunion because of physical disability, but the other five expect to attend on June 23.

A letter from Charles W. Garfield, recently received, is authority for the above statement. Continuing, he says: "Don't fill the reunion day with too many planned exercises. The best part of it all, in my opinion, is to get in touch with boys and have a little time for a friendly talk. I felt last year that the formal exercises cheated me out of some of the personal interviews that I so badly wanted, and in discussing the matter with others I found that they felt the same way.

CHARLES W. GARFIELD, '70.

No time like NOW to plan for June 23.

The department of entomology recently received a much appreciated gift from Prof. J. Fred Baker, now traveling in Europe. It is a Bohemian bee-hive, and in shape much resembles the old conical hives of the story books. Prof. Pettit also has some very interesting pictures of Turkish bee-hives, built from mud and sticks, sent to him by Prof. Baker.

The RECORD has received information regarding the address of Mrs. Jennie Woodward, which was advertised for some time since. Mrs. Woodward, a sister of J. D. Towar, was a member of the class of '86. Her husband, a graduate of Cornell University, died at Elma Center, N. Y., on March 10. Mrs. Woodward still resides at that place.

## M. A. C. GRADUATE TO JOIN FACULTY AT PENN STATE.

On August 1, M. G. Kains, '95, will sever his connection with the *American Agriculturist*, of which he has been associate editor for nearly ten years, and will take charge of the horticultural department of Pennsylvania State College. This will be his first agricultural college appointment, barring brief post graduate employment at the Cornell experiment station.

Boys of the nineties will perhaps remember the "major," because he took drill in his senior year, or won the inter-society oratorical contest, or was first janitor of the bot. lab., or inflicted a 27-page "poem" on the audience on senior class day, or taught co-eds to play quitor, or was laundry agent, or actually *worked* in the horticultural department, or combined his love for horticulture and for music by hiding fruit in the biggest brass band instrument—until discovered! It's the same fellow.

Kains' love for horticulture began in his father's and his grandfather's gardens and orchards, and decided him to choose his profession when only fifteen. His father, thinking his inclinations only passing fancy, kept him at high school, where he learned nothing but Latin, Greek, military drill and music. At seventeen he wanted to enter the Ontario agricultural college, but found there was not enough horticulture and too much live stock and dairying to suit him, so he entered business life. After studying horticulture, running his own and supervising the neighbors' gardens and orchards, to the no small annoyance of his business associates, because his mind was not on the business, he became acquainted with F. M. Seibert, '89, who one evening told him of M. A. C. Next morning he resigned a good paying railway position where he was in direct line of promotion and had the "pull." With only about \$100 he entered college, where he worked his way through the four years' course. He declares that he has not yet regretted his precipitate decision.

After graduation he entered Cornell as a senior, graduated with his second B. S. degree, became one of the Woodford orators, was elected to membership in the Sigma Xi Society, and received his Master's degree in 1897. His first appointment was with the department of agriculture investigating special crops—chicory, ginseng, castor beans, bulbs, etc. In 1900 he became horticulturist of the agricultural school at Briarcliff Manor, but two years later joined the staff of the New International Encyclopedia, with full charge of the horti-



M. G. KAINS, '95.

cultural, agricultural and botanical departments. Later he supplied a majority of the articles on horticulture and economic botany for the *Cyclopedia Americana*. In the winter of 1904-5 he took up the work he is now about to leave. Here he has not only had charge of the horticultural and poultry department of the paper, but has edited about 50 books on a wide range of agricultural subjects, and written several books himself.

During the past decade he has been a familiar figure at horticultural association meetings, fairs, and other farmers' gatherings, and has frequently taken part in the proceedings for the latter, generally extemporaneously, but often upon the scheduled program. Pennsylvania has been practically the center of his horticultural activities since graduation, so he will go to his new field well equipped by experience and vision to handle the horticultural work of the Keystone State.

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No time like NOW to plan for June 23.

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After several years of conscientious service in the role of mayor, Thomas Gunson has retired into private life. Jacob Schepers, the genial cashier at the Secretary's office, was chosen as his successor at the election last week.

## FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

The following are excerpts from a letter received from Capt. Mark L. Ireland, '01, now stationed at Ft. Mills, Manila. The RECORD only wishes the observations might have been received at an earlier date, but they are none the less interesting:

Dear Editor:

I am glad to inclose my check for another year's subscription. I am also glad to see that the RECORD is recovering from "hardening of the arteries."

I feel that the new plan for reunions possesses more good features than any other thus far proposed. Everyone seems to be agreed that each alumnus wants to meet those of his own time; that he will be able to return only at intervals; that, generally speaking, he will be able to choose upon which occasion he will return; that a prearranged schedule to offer assurance of meeting many of his own acquaintances is highly desirable; and, finally, that the capacity of our several societies and of the College for entertaining a crowd is bound to be limited to a fractional part of the men and women who have gone forth from M. A. C.

Both the triennials and simple annual plans would be largely haphazard affairs. I believe that the RECORD's plan accomplishes the desired ends, except that I would make that schedule about two- or three-ply, meaning to change it so that the same class would return oftener; as often as the capacity of the entertaining facilities permit.

We meet here and in Manila frequently, Prof. H. W. Reynolds and wife. The professor is at the head of the mechanical engineering department, University of the Philippines. He was at M. A. C. from 1900 to 1904. Mrs. Reynolds will be remembered as Elvine Armstrong, '03. I have been trying for some time to find Ray Kingsley, with '03, and Bob Clute, '96, who for many years has been leading the "little brown brother" in the ways of higher education.

Mrs. Ireland (Irma Thompson, '00), her father, and the youngsters are about to leave for the hills, to escape the hot season. They go to Camp John Hay, near Baguio, in the mountain province, altitude over 5,000 feet, where they have real pines and real strawberries.

Sincerely,  
MARK L. IRELAND, '01.

The large bed of shrubbery just west of the Library has been removed, and the ground sodded over. Rapid spreading of the San Jose scale was the principal cause of its removal.

## DETROIT ASSOCIATION BANQUET.

The Detroit M. A. C. Alumni held their annual meeting and banquet at the Hotel Tuller, Thursday evening, April 23, as the guests of the retiring president, Henry A. Haigh, '74.

After a reception and short business meeting, the guests gathered in the banquet room, where, after a most enjoyable dinner, Mr. Haigh presided as toastmaster. He first introduced Prof. W. O. Hedrick, of the College, who spoke on the relationship of the alumni to their alma mater, expressing the hope that through the efforts of the College and the new alumni secretary a closer bond of union might be effected. He closed with an invitation to be present at the reunion on June 23.

Heartly applause greeted the introduction of President J. L. Snyder, of the College. Knowing the desire of his hearers, he spoke in detail on the financial situation of the institution, giving a complete history of the means of support of the College up to and including the sixth-mill tax. President Snyder paid Mr. Haigh a splendid tribute when he stated that the host of the evening had been of inestimable value to the College by his efforts in its behalf, at the time when the removal of Dr. Beal was seriously contemplated. Mr. Haigh, at that time, personally wrote to a large number of the leading botanists and scientists of the country, asking for their opinions regarding the doctor. The mass of correspondence, speaking of Dr. Beal in terms of highest praise, resulted in a decision to retain him.

Fred A. Baker, '63, and Oscar E. Angstrom, '75, spoke of the value of the early training received at M. A. C. George G. Torrey and George W. Haigh, both members of the first class to enter the College, were honor guests of the evening, showing as much enthusiasm as the youngest grad. present. Judge C. B. Collingwood, of Lansing, just "happened in," and his genial smile was much in evidence.

The meeting adjourned at a late hour, when Dr. C. B. Lundy proposed a rising vote of thanks to the genial host for his hospitality. The officers elected for the coming year are: President, Wm. Lightbody, '89; vice-president, Floyd Robison, '98; secretary, E. C. Krehl, '08; treasurer, Harry S. Reed, '06.

Elmore A. Yoke, ex-'13, now in the oil fields of Oklahoma, in a recent letter enclosed an insect about an inch in length, with the statement that "they call that a fair sized mosquito." Yoke used to be rather truthful, but—

**CASE PROVES AGGIES FIFTH VICTIM.**

Following the route of their predecessors from the Buckeye State, Case dropped in from Cleveland for an afternoon's pastiming, and departed with the smaller portion of a 2 to 1 count. Incidentally the victory made it five straight for the Green and White, but, unlike a majority of the former contests, the visitors appeared to have a slight edge on the locals, being nosed out by the breaks of the game.

Dodge, considered M. A. C.'s best bet in the hurling department, was on the mound for the first time this year, and while not forced to exert himself, retired ten Ohioans by the quick and easy route. He had the game well in hand at all times, the visitors' eight hits being well scattered. Smith, pitching for Case, deserved to win his game, being the best exponent of the spit-ball to appear here this year. But one clean hit was made off his delivery, a triple by E. Chilton in the eighth. He also gets credit for five strike-outs.

M. A. C.'s first tally came as the result of a base on balls, a stolen base, a sacrifice and a balk, not a hit figuring in the inning. The teams battled along on even terms until Chilton's triple, aided by a squeeze play, netted the winning score.

Score by innings:

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M. A. C.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	*	2	3	1
Case .....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	8	2

Batteries—M. A. C.: Dodge and Bibbins; Case: Smith and Bradley. Umpire, Monks. Time, 1:50.

Practically ninety per cent. of the students at the College were actively engaged last Thursday afternoon. Coach Macklin was busy with the baseball squad, Capt. Julian was putting the track candidates through their paces, and the cadet army, under the direction of Lieut. J. B. De Lancey, was working out a problem of offense and defense on the recently acquired Woodbury farm. Those not actively participating were engaged in watching one or more of the activities.

Keats K. Vining, '13a, teaching agriculture at Fremont, Mich., visited the College last week in time to witness the baseball games. Vining is having great success in his work, and reports that he has a large number of future students lining up for M. A. C.

Prof. W. O. Hedrick has been invited to give a two weeks' course of lectures on Rural Sociology before the Ministers' Conference to be held at Alma College, July 20 to August 1.

**WINNING STREAK BROKEN.**

After winning five straight games, the Aggies lost a hard fought game to Notre Dame, at South Bend, last Saturday, by a score of 6 to 3. M. A. C. had the game well in hand until the closing inning, when a cluster of hits and a bit of erratic fielding by the Farmers handed the Catholics four runs, and the game. Miller, pitching for the East Lansing aggregation, appeared to have the Indianians at his mercy until they indulged in the batting rally mentioned above. Dodge featured the game for M. A. C. by getting three hits in four times at bat.

**AGGIES DEFEAT RESERVES IN MEET.**

M. A. C. defeated Western Reserve, of Cleveland, hands down in the first track meet of the local season last Saturday. The final score was 81 to 50. Despite the fact that no sensational records were hung up, the evenness of the two teams furnished a good deal of interest for the spectators. Coach Cortright believes that a week's practice and some good competition will enable the local men to make some better records in the next few weeks.

Mrs. Amy Vaughn Gilger, '97h, received a very flattering notice in a recent edition of the *Toledo Daily Blade*, as the result of an address given before the Educational Club of that city. Mrs. Gilger was a member of the first class to be graduated from M. A. C. in the home economics course, after which she was assistant librarian for a year. She received a Master's degree in 1898, and taught in Chicago for a time. The degree of H. E. (home economics) was conferred upon her in June, 1913.

E. J. Friar, '12a, now food and dairy inspector for Flint, Mich., paid the RECORD a pleasant call last week. Friar happened to be on the campus in connection with his work, which he says takes him out a good deal, and brings him into contact with a large number of former M. A. C. people.

On Tuesday of last week employes of the College perceived another development in the financial situation, when notices from the secretary's offices apprised them of the fact that no salaries would be paid in April. This excepts laborers and members of the experiment station staff.

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## UNWRITTEN HISTORY.

The brief address at the Detroit Alumni meeting by Capt. George W. Haigh, of Mankato, Minn., who entered the College in 1857, and was prevented from graduating by the Civil War, through which he served with distinction, was significant as showing a great and hitherto unknown service performed by the College, and which has been, and still is, of wellnigh inestimable value to this country, to Canada and, to some extent, the entire world.

In the early '80's Capt. Haigh was secretary of the Minnesota Farmers' Alliance, an association similar to the Michigan Grange. About that time a kind of wheat known as "goose wheat" began to appear in various parts of that state. It was supposed to have been introduced from Norway or Sweden, and was favored by farmers because of its hardy nature and large yield.

The millers did not like it, or claimed they did not, and the price was kept down below that of ordinary wheat. They said it might be good enough to feed stock, but would not make good flour.

Capt. Haigh knew that this wheat, later called "macaroni wheat" was good wheat for the farmers to raise, and did not believe the claims of the millers. Samples were sent to M. A. C. to be analyzed for food qualities.

Dr. Kedzie went at the examination with characteristic vigor and thoroughness. He found, and reported, that the wheat in question was richer in food units than the white wheat favored by the millers; that it contained much gluten and nitrogenous elements, making it especially valuable as human food.

This report was sent to every Farmers' Alliance in Minnesota, and to similar organizations throughout the Northwest. The result was a campaign in favor of "macaroni wheat", which in due course brought the grain into general favor, made it recognized by the millers, and appreciated by consumers. It is now generally grown in northern Minnesota, the Dakotas and the Canadian wheat belt. A certain proportion of it is used in every barrel of flour manufactured in Minneapolis. The price now ran-



GEORGE W. HAIGH, '61.

ges near to that of other wheat.

Capt Haigh said that were one to attempt to measure the value of this service in dollars, millions, and perhaps hundreds of millions, would be required to do so. The work might have been done and the result obtained some other way, but M. A. C. DID IT, was the first to attempt it, the work was done thoroughly and beyond dispute, and there is no question of its value.

M. A. C. is entitled to all the credit.

HENRY A. HAIGH, '74.

When T. Fred Baker, '13, resigned to take a position with the California Fruit Growers Exchange, he was succeeded by A. J. Olney, '13. In a recent letter to the Horticultural Department, Mr. Olney says that he has secured a position as assistant in Horticulture in an agricultural school at Lyndon Center, Vermont. He expects to visit M. A. C. shortly.

## PERSONAL MENTION FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

J. D. Towar, '85, and wife spent a few days with us last month. Before returning to their home in East Lansing they were going to San Diego for a short time. We understand that Mr. Towar is making a preliminary study of certain localities in the State of California preparatory to making some one of them his home.

H. Arnold White, '92, is at present located at Santa Ana, California. His address is general delivery. He is the same genial Harry that he was back at M. A. C. when in charge of the Bath House and the Boarding Club. The line of work he is following here is making a "write up" of a certain section or town, publish the work and sell it to the people of the section. He states that he has been very successful in most localities. He enjoys the work and has made many friends.

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