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The Present Crisis at the M. A. C.

"No part of this or any other appropriation shall be available in case a sum in excess of \$35,000.00 from any or all sources shall be expended in any fiscal year for the maintenance of the mechanical and engineering department."—Proviso attached to Section 1 a of the bill to provide assistance for the Agricultural College.

The above clause is the one which has tied the affairs of the Michigan Agricultural College into a hard knot, figuratively speaking, and which has brought the authorities of the institution face to face with the greatest crisis in its history. No one now denies that the present situation is indeed grave.

The climax came last Wednesday, when the May meeting of the State Board of Agriculture was held at the College. At that time it was lack of action, rather than action, which featured the session. No contracts for the coming year were issued, although these documents are long past due. No actions involving the expenditure of sums of money were passed, the time being given to discussion of ways out of the difficulty.

Most interesting of all was the motion which ordered the treasurer of the Board, B. F. Davis, of Lansing, to negotiate a loan of \$75,000.00, provided the attorney general ruled that such a move was legal. The members expressed considerable doubt as to the legality of such a proceeding, but claimed that they already had the loan placed, in case a favorable opinion was

given. Last Saturday it was learned that Attorney General Fellows had declared the loan could not be made.

In the RECORD for November 4, 1913, a history of the case was given, and this is here reprinted, and brought up to date. It is certain that a great many alumni of M. A. C. are rather uncertain regarding what has been done and why, and it is intended to give some sort of an idea of the position in which the College finds itself at this time.

Immediately upon the passage of the bill by the legislature, the members of the Board foresaw the probability of complications, and set about finding exactly how the College stood. A thorough examination of the legal aspects of the case was made, including an exhaustive study of all legislation having to do with the affairs of the institution. The findings were summed up and presented to several state officials, and are, in effect, as follows:

It was found that in 1862 an act of Congress, the First Morrill Act, provided for the granting of public lands to the various states, the proceeds

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SAD TALE OF THE MAN WHO MISSED HIS CLASS REUNION.

We readily admit that the following idea is not our own, but was discovered in another alumni publication. However, the idea was too good to pass over, and we have used it, giving due credit to *The Reveille*, of Louisiana State University.

The man (class something or other) was provoked. Also, he had an important business engagement for June 23.

He had neither time nor money to go back to the commencement reunion. He was tired of receiving commencement literature. Yes, without a doubt, he was provoked.

He reached out to toss the latest offending epistle into the waste basket. His arm turned over the bottle of ink, which spread over an important map which lay on the desk, spilled down the front of his new summer suit. Seeing that the map was ruined, he determined to save the suit, and rushed to the washstand, jerking on the water with a wrench which broke the faucet and caused the water to pour in an unchecked stream over the floor.

Desperately he struggled with the faucet. He had no time to answer the ringing telephone, thereby losing a big job.

The water spread, ruining some expensive drawing paper, and trickled down to the rooms of a hair dresser on the floor below, who came up forthwith, bringing a policeman. The man explained and the policeman called a plumber.

The man grabbed his hat and made a dash for home, kicking the dog that followed him. Said dog bit him so effectively that he was forced to get an auto in which to ride home, and on sending for a doctor he learned that he would have to take the Pasteur treatment.

He was still hoping that his important business engagement for June 23 would be kept, when a messenger brought this communication:

"Will be impossible to meet you on June 23. Am going to M. A. C. to attend the Reunion."

ELEVENTH ANNUAL MAY FESTIVAL WELL ATTENDED.

Two full houses greeted the artists of eleventh annual May Festival at M. A. C. last Friday afternoon and evening. A large number of Lansing people were present at both concerts, helping to fill the spacious pavilion of the Agricultural Building to capacity.

Each of the soloists was in excellent voice, and proved to be of exceptional ability, as stated last week. It is hoped that the people at M. A. C. may have an opportunity of hearing each of them again.

The afternoon program was as follows:

- (a) I Send My Heart up to Thee. *Bach.*
- (b) The Song that My Heart is Singing. *MacDermid.*
- (c) The Crying of Water. *Tipton.*
- MR. ORMSBY.
- (a) Elegy. *Van Goens.*
- (b) Ungarische Rhapsody. *Popper.*
- MISS POPPE.
- Dearest Night. *Bachelet.*
- MISS STEVENSON.
- Prize Song (Meistersinger). *Wagner.*
- MR. ORMSBY.
- (a) Air. *Hure.*
- (b) Am Springbrunnen. *Davidoff.*
- MISS POPPE.
- (a) Her Love Song. *Salter.*
- (b) Slumber Song. *MacDowell.*
- (c) Burst, Ye Applebuds. *Emery.*
- MISS STEVENSON.
- (a) Barrack Ballad. *Bell.*
- (b) Smuggler's Song. *Kernochan.*
- (c) Mother O' Mine. *Tours.*
- (d) Danny Deever. *Damrosch.*
- MR. MIDDLETON.

In the evening Haydn's oratorio, the "Creation," was rendered by the College chorus of 175 voices, assisted by Miss Stevenson, Mr. Ormsby, and Mr. Middleton. Great credit is due Mr. Fred Killeen, who has directed the work of the chorus for the past few years.

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A CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING.

Friends of the College never had a better opportunity to do something for the institution than is presented to them by the present critical state of affairs. A chance is now offered to every alumnus, former student and friend of the Agricultural College to get behind and push a movement that is really worth while, and one that is of supreme importance to the people of the state.

No one will deny that the College is probably in the most critical stage of its history, a situation beside which the one of 1858, when a movement was instigated to sell the property at auction was subdued, fades into significance.

The institution is without funds, the members of the teaching force are unpaid, and outstanding bills cannot be met. If the Supreme Court should decide against the College, absolutely nothing will remain. In that event, a special session of the legislature, to undo the previous mistake, will be the only thing that can save the College from closing its doors.

How would any alumnus or former student of the M. A. C. feel in that event? How would it seem to picture the walks overgrown with grass, the campus deserted and neglected? Can you bear to picture the buildings closed, neglected and silent with the oppressive silence of desertion? Gone all the boisterous, happy-go-lucky student life; gone the earnest, willing teachers. A once famous and prosperous educational institution, devoted to the interests of the state at large, closed and deserted in this enlightened twentieth century, the desks and equipment which should be pro-

moting the interests of Michigan covered by a layer of dust.

It is not a pleasant picture.

Now as never before, have the friends of M. A. C. a chance to show the fine quality of their regard for its welfare. There are two things to be done, in which every man and woman can and must play a part.

First. The Governor of the State of Michigan should be earnestly and respectfully urged to call a special session of the legislature. A crisis like the present one is a poor time to play politics, and only the interests of the state, as represented by one of its largest institutions, should be considered.

Second. Each member of the legislature must be urged to pass the Act of 1913 without the \$35,000 engineering limitation. This is no time to consider petty jealousies, to irreparably injure the whole because of a single part. Each member of Michigan's legislature should be asked to cast aside such small feelings and consider the matter in a broader, more progressive light. With the advancement of the Agricultural College will come an advancement of the agricultural interests of the state. These things go hand in hand, and a blow at the one must necessarily injure the other.

There is no doubt that this matter and the problem of its solution are the most important things that you, as an alumnus of the College, have ever had to consider. The reunion, important as it is, is completely overshadowed and sinks out of sight, as compared with the future of our College.

It is time for you, each one, to get busy. The slightest delay may hasten the trouble. See your duty, and proceed to do it, for the sake of the College and all that it means to us, its alumni.

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Dr. Nelson S. Mayo, '88, manager of the veterinary department of the Abbott Alkaloidal Company, of Chicago, will go to Europe this summer in the interests of that company. He will also attend the International Veterinary Congress, to be held in London in August.

No time like NOW to plan for June 23.

Demonstrations with a power lawn mower have been conducted on the campus recently, and some can foresee the passing of the familiar horse-drawn mowers which have kept the lawns neat in recent years. The power mower requires the services of but one man, and it is claimed that it will cover as much ground per day as both of the horse mowers now in use.

THE PRESENT CRISIS AT THE M. A. C.

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from the sale of which were to be placed in a fund. This fund was to be invested in such a way as to draw not less than five per cent. interest, said interest to be apportioned to the state institutions provided for in the way designated in the Morrill Act. The Michigan legislature in 1863 expressly accepted this grant by two acts, thereby binding the people of Michigan to observe the terms of the Morrill Act, one of which mentions "the mechanic arts."

The situation last spring was somewhat different than that in 1885, when the Federal government advised the Michigan Agricultural College that there was danger of forfeiting this grant, owing to the fact that no department of engineering had been established. Steps toward providing such a department were immediately taken, as shown in Act No. 42 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1885.

A common point in all the legislation which has heretofore been passed regarding the Agricultural College is the term "mechanic arts." Particular attention has always been exercised to assure the presence of that important item.

In 1890 came the Second Morrill Act, followed in 1907 by the Nelson amendment. Both these acts were intended "for the more complete endowment of the colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts." And the State of Michigan, through its legislature, accepted these acts and bound itself to support the embodied provisions. The methods of expending these amounts were well defined, but in each case "the mechanic arts" was a part of the act. The Second Morrill Act gave \$25,000. The Nelson amendment increased this to \$50,000, which, with the \$70,000 now accruing to the college from the original Morrill Act, gives the college a total income of \$120,000 from the Federal government for the purposes of education alone. The moneys used for the support and maintenance of the experiment stations are not included.

Legal advice given the State Board has been to the effect that the Federal department having these moneys in charge insists on a fair and proportionate disbursement of them, and that no department shall be favored to the exclusion of any other. A failure to maintain this proportionate efficiency may result in a withdrawal of Federal support.

The board decided that it would be impossible to maintain a proportionate efficiency if the expenditures for the engineer-

ing department were to be limited to \$35,000 per annum. It appeared further that any attempt whatsoever to limit any department would result in the utter demoralization of the department, its faculty and student body.

The State Board, in its statement, contests the right of the legislature to limit the expenditure of Federal funds, and also denies the constitutionality of the "\$35,000" clause. The present status of the case is best summed up as in the copy sent to the state officials, viz.:

(a) We (the State Board) shall continue that department as now conducted, and as it may legitimately grow and develop.

(b) We shall, as nearly as may be, in view of the accounting difficulties inherent in such cases, limit the annual expenditure of state funds in this department to \$35,000.

(c) For the remainder of the necessary expenditures we shall use a sufficient portion of the funds of the Federal government.

This program was followed until about the middle of March, when a notice was received from Auditor General Fuller that the College had overdrawn the funds for the engineering department, and that no more money was available for the College. This, in spite of the fact that a sum of nearly \$100,000 was on hand to the credit of the College in the state treasury at the time.

Mandamus proceedings to compel Mr. Fuller to show cause why the College should not have its money were at once instituted by Judge William L. Carpenter, '75, representing the State Board, before the Supreme Court. The case was heard on April 7, and it was confidently expected that, in the interests of the people of the state, a decision would quickly be forthcoming. The passing of six weeks, with no word from the supreme bench, has brought matters to a critical stage, and necessitated the attempt to obtain a loan sufficient to pay the salaries of the faculty and sub-faculty.

Approximate estimates give the following idea of the College affairs at the present time:

In case the Supreme Court upholds the act, a special session of the legislature will be necessary, with the alternative of closing the College. If the College is returned to the tenth-mill appropriation, it will have about \$8,000 to run it from July 1 to January, 1915. At the end of the college year, the College will be \$97,000.00 in debt, and will have but \$24,000.00 to pay on account.

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A LETTER FROM NEBRASKA.

M. A. C. RECORD,
East Lansing, Mich.

My Dear Sir:—I am reminded by Professor M. G. Kains, recently elected to the chair of Horticulture at Pennsylvania State College, that very little has been heard from M. A. C. men in Nebraska recently. This is not because we lack interest in the old college, but because of our interest in other things which always need to be done next.

We were greatly pleased to receive a visit from President Snyder last winter, in connection with several university presidents who came to Nebraska to look over the situation and advise the people of the state relative to the desirability of building up the University on a single campus or of building two separate plants three miles distant from each other. We hope that this or some other mission will bring President Snyder often to Nebraska.

As many readers of the RECORD know, Professor H. R. Smith, '95, transferred his affiliations from the University of Nebraska to the University of Minnesota about a year ago, although he comes back to see us frequently, and is reported to be prospering in his new location.

Professor George W. Hood, who is with us in horticulture, came from M. A. C. last summer, and often speaks of the conditions there. Professor Hood is making good at the University of Nebraska, and we would be glad to have more men of his character in the institution.

Mr. W. P. Snyder, a brother of President Snyder, has also been with us for ten years, after taking his master's degree at M. A. C. Superintendent Snyder is in charge of one of the largest and most important substations of the University, having three sections of land and large experimental interests in live stock and in crop production. Some of the best experimental work of the Nebraska station has been done at the North Platte farm.

Dr. Bessey, '69, head Dean of the University, is our oldest M. A. C. alumnus and the best known M. A. C. man at the institution. Always popular in his work, his popularity increases with the years, and although his splendid services to the University would have warranted his retiring long since, he prefers to stay in the harness, and does not expect to leave us for many years yet.

My own connection with the University now dates back for fifteen years, more recently as Dean of the College of Agriculture and Director of the Experiment Sta-

tion. Since coming here, the work of agriculture has grown from one of small importance to perhaps the most important work of the University at present, although this would not be acknowledged by the members of the other colleges. With the years of growth, the students have increased, the registration of the present year being 43 per cent. greater than of the preceding year, with about 550 students registered in college or graduate work in agriculture and a greater number registered in the secondary school which is connected with the college.

The University feels that it is on the eve of a period of splendid development, when the question shall be settled as to whether one or two plants shall be built up. An appropriation of more than \$2,000,000 was made by the last legislature, to be available within the next six years, and the question of whether one or two plants should be developed was left to a referendum vote of the state. In case it is decided to build two separate plants, one on the city campus and the other on the University farm, one-third of this \$2,000,000 will be available for buildings and permanent improvements for agriculture at the farm campus. This, with the buildings already on hand, will give us a plant considerably exceeding \$1,000,000 in value outside of the investment in land.

I should greatly appreciate being present at the reunion on June 23d, but I fear my present plans will not permit me to do so. I send my best wishes to the class of '87, and others who may be present. I am.

Very truly yours,
E. A. BURNETT, '87.

HERE THEY COME.

"I expect to attend the reunion this year. Can you inform me if there is an M. A. C. bunch going from Chicago, and if they are making any special train arrangements?"

"E. R. GRAHAM, ex-'06.

"Terry, S. D."

W. R. ("Doc") Walker, '11e, until recently connected with the signal department of the D. U. R. in Detroit, has written to the RECORD, and we note that "Doc" is now a member of the firm of Smith and Walker, dealers in fine groceries and meats at 1649 Grand River Ave., Detroit.

Your friends will be at the Reunion. Will you?

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BASEBALL INVASION OF OHIO GREAT SUCCESS.

M. A. C., 4; Oberlin, 2.

M. A. C., 13; Western Reserve, 3.

M. A. C., 5; Ohio State, 3.

The baseball squad from East Lansing went through northern Ohio like a troop of Mexican rebels advancing on the capital, and returned home last Friday with three games added to their winning list. Prospects for winding up the season at a fast gait are now bright, and the team will go into the remaining five games determined to keep the rest of the slate clean.

Oberlin was the first team to fall before the Aggies. This team, conceded to be one of the strongest in the Ohio conference, was powerless before the pitching of Miller and Weeder, while M. A. C., having found their batting eyes again, fell on the offerings of Wallace for eight clean hits, including a home run by Griggs and a three-base clout by Fuller. Miller pitched shut-out ball for six innings, but a trio of hits in the seventh sent him to cover. Weeder, who succeeded him, allowed no hits, and struck out two of the six men who faced him.

The score by innings: R. H. E.
M. A. C. 0 0 1 0 0 0 2 0 1—4 8 1
Oberlin 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0—2 4 3

M. A. C.—Miller, Weeder and Rowley.
Oberlin—Wallace and Nilson.

Nineteen singles, well bunched, combined with five errors by the opposing team, proved to be an excellent recipe for victory, when tested out by the M. A. C. team against Western Reserve at Cleveland. It was so good that thirteen runs were scored before the Aggies grew tired of marathoning around the paths. The final score was 13 to 3.

In spite of the bad condition of his hands, Bibbins was back in the game and performed perfectly. The real feature of the game, however, was the bombardment turned loose by the top end of the M. A. C. batting order. Sixteen hits were registered by the first five men, Dodge and L. Chilton grabbing a quartette each in six trips to the plate. The Reserve team got enough hits to win an ordinary game, but Weeder, who was officiating for M. A. C., kept them well scattered and struck out seven batters.

Ohio State furnished a stiff battle for Macklin's crew, but when the runs were counted at the finish, lacked three of having enough to win. Dodge, pitching for M. A.

C., struck out ten men, and contributed to winning his own game by introducing a triple and a double at opportune times. Fick and L. Chilton also kept up the hitting which characterized the trip, the former getting a home run and a double as his portion. Bibbins played a stellar game behind the bat, accepting seventeen chances without an error.

M. A. C. got after Cook in the first inning and drove him to cover. Richmond, who took up the burden, was hit freely in the second, but got better as the game progressed.

The score by innings: R. H. E.
M. A. C. 1 3 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—5 9 2
Ohio State .. 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 2 0—3 6 2

SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF M. A. C. ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND.

Featured by the presence of three college presidents, the seventh annual meeting of the New England M. A. C. Association was held May 15 at Springfield, Mass.

Following a delightful hour spent in meeting and renewing old friendships, an elaborate six-course banquet was served at the Hotel Worth.

Ray Stannard Baker, '89, the retiring president, acted as toastmaster, and kept things moving all the time. He called first upon each of the three college presidents for remarks.

President J. L. Snyder told first of the life at M. A. C. and the activities of the past year. The many advances in educational and recreational work were well portrayed during his talk.

President Howard Edwards of Rhode Island A. C. and President Kenyon L. Butterfield of the Massachusetts A. C. replied with reminiscences of life at the Michigan Agricultural College.

After several college songs had been sung, the toastmaster called upon several people for impromptu remarks, among them being Mrs. J. L. Snyder, Dr. W. J. Beal, I. H. Butterfield and Dr. Charles E. Marshall.

Officers elected for the following year are: President, Theodore Stanley, '86; secretary-treasurer, G. C. Sevey, '03a.

The following people were present: Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Baker, Dr. Beal, President and Mrs. K. L. Butterfield, I. H. Butterfield, Prof. and Mrs. W. D. Hurd, Prof. and Mrs. C. S. Hicks, F. C. Kenney, Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Marshall, and Arao Itano, all of Amherst; Mr. and Mrs. Edwy B. Reid, Mrs. Mary Ross Reynolds, and Mr. G. C. Sevey of Springfield, Mass.; President Edwards, R. I. A. C., Kingston; Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Stanley, New Britain, Conn.; Prof. and Mrs. A. G. Gulley, and Prof. and Mrs. A. T. Stevens, Storrs, Conn.; Mr. John B. Stewart, Windsor, Conn., and President and Mrs. J. L. Snyder, representing the Michigan Agricultural College.

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NEW ENTRANCE RULING.

One measure passed by the State Board of Agriculture at its recent meeting deserves special mention, and should be quite strongly impressed upon prospective students with whom any of our alumni come in contact. It is as follows:

"Resolved, That residence in Michigan for the purpose of registration shall be determined according to the constitutional provision governing the residence of electors; that is, no one shall be deemed a resident of Michigan for the purpose of registration in the Michigan Agricultural College unless he has resided in this state six months next preceding the date of his proposed enrollment, and no person shall be deemed to have gained or lost a residence in this state while a student in the College. The residence of minors shall follow that of the legal guardian. The residence of wives shall follow that of the husband. Aliens who have taken out their first citizenship papers and have otherwise met these requirements for residence, shall be regarded as eligible for registration as residents of Michigan. Discretion to adjust individual cases within the spirit of this rule shall be lodged with the Secretary, with the right of appeal to the State Board of Agriculture."

The following penalty was then imposed:

"Whereas, The State of Michigan, in a liberal and generous spirit, extends the privileges of the Michigan Agricultural College to students from other states and countries at but a moderate advance in fees above fees charged residents of Michigan, and,

"Whereas, It happens from time to time that persons not legally resident in Michigan attempt to take advantage of the College by registering from Michigan in order to save the small difference in fees, and,

"Whereas, No penalty whatever has heretofore attached to such procedure, the only re-

quirement being, when discovered, that the student should re-register at the proper fee; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That hereafter the burden of registering under proper residence shall be placed upon the student, and it shall be the duty of each student at registration, if there be any possible question of his right to legal residence in Michigan, under the rules of the State Board of Agriculture, to raise the question with the registration officer and have such question passed upon and settled by the proper officers of the Michigan Agricultural College, previous to registration. Any student who registers improperly under this rule shall, when discovered, be required to pay not only the proper non-resident fee, but shall be assessed as an addition to the annual fee for that year, the sum of \$10.

"Resolved further, That before any student's registration is accepted by the departmental registration officer, such officer shall place in the hands of the prospective student a copy of this regulation and also the rules of the State Board of Agriculture with respect to the determination of residence."

Don't for a moment get the impression that there is to be no reunion this year, as a result of the College finances. This is just the very time that the Col-

lege most needs to have visible evidence of the support of its children. If you haven't already planned on being among those present, do so now. Come to the big reunion and get some of the enthusiasm we are going to need, and need soon.

Irving Gingrich, '02a, who has been instructor in the Department of Music and Art in the Carbon County High School at Price, Utah, during the past year, writes to the RECORD, to say that he expects to attend school in Chicago this summer. He does not expect to remain at Price next year.

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