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## COLLEGE NEWS.

The news editor is at a loss to know just where to start and what to give in the line of news. Suggestions will be gladly received.

Lansing and the college are at last connected by an electric car line. The first cars were run June 14. At present the line extends only to the west gate; it will eventually be extended to the library.

The poultry department is getting under way. The poultry house is completed and is awaiting its feathered tenants.

A 500 volt ten horse power motor has been ordered for the farm. It will be used in place of the steam engine now used to run the feed grinder, ensilage cutter and threshing machinery.

The short walk recently laid connecting the library with the Abbott Hall walk completes our system of walks. All of the buildings are now connected by handsome stone walks, but still the "farmers" take to the grass.

The hospital building is nearing completion. It is situated north of Faculty row, facing the Lansing road.

Much valuable work is being done in the foundry which was built last fall. The building extends 60 feet east of the mechanical laboratory with a wing for the smelting apparatus at the south side.

The grounds and corridors are being wired for electric lights.

The society at present has thirty-two members, the majority of whom belong to the classes of '96 and '97.

The college has changed much during the last few years. Those who know say that it has doubled in equipment and facilities since 1885.

The dairy school conducted at the college last winter was a success in every particular. Already many applications have been received for the course of next winter.

The interest of our meetings is much increased by the excellent music furnished by the quartet and the orchestra, which consists of seven pieces. The society is justly proud of its music.

The officers of the society the present term are as follows: President, M. P. Carney; vice president, E. J. Heck; secretary, B. H. Davis; treasurer, W. C. Stebbins; marshal, W. K. Vanderhoef. The literary officers are: Orator, E. J. Heck; post, F. W. Lewis; prophet, J. R. Petley; historian, R. L. Clute; editor of paper, W. A. Ansorge; toastmaster, L. A. Wilson.

The personnel of the faculty has changed much within the past few years. During the last five years the college has lost in the neighborhood of forty members of the faculty and sub-faculty, nearly all of whom have been called to better positions in other parts of the country. This leaves but very few who have been here beyond that length of time.

The commencement orators for this year are the following: C. B. Smith, C. J. Foreman, S. F. Scott, L. A. Wilson, R. S. Campbell, G. E. Simmons, J. W. Perrigo, C. C. Pashby. A movement is being pushed by the orators to have the commencement orations replaced by an address by some eminent speaker. It is yet uncertain whether or not the change will be made.

For the older alumni, who may not have been back to M. A. C. since 1886 or '87, it may be interesting to know that another room has been added to our society rooms. Instead of the former single assembly room, we now have a fine parlor, which was made by cutting through from the assembly room into the attic beyond, and fitting it up into a parlor almost as large as the assembly room. At that time also the rooms were all re-furnished and last year a small ladies' dressing room was fitted up at the south end of the entrance hall, so our rooms are much more convenient and commodious than formerly.

At the election, Friday, June 29, W. C. Bagley of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity was elected editor in chief of the *Speculum*; M. W. Fulton of the Columbian Literary Society, business manager, and I. L. Simmons of the Olympic Society, assistant business manager. Hereafter the *Speculum* will be issued on the 15th instead of the 10th of the month as heretofore. A March number will also be issued, thus making nine instead of eight numbers during the year.

A fine white brick building is being erected by private enterprise just west of the College gate. It is to be used as a ladies' dormitory and boarding hall. It is to be hoped that this may lead to the addition of a ladies course.

The society entertained the members of the Feronian Society, Saturday evening, June 23.

The latest Laboratory erected upon the grounds is the Botanical Laboratory. It is a handsome brick structure located just east of the Library, between the Agricultural and Horticultural Laboratories. It cost the State \$10,000 and was erected during the summer of 1892. The laboratory is now finely equipped, having simple and compound microscopes for the use of each student, and all other implements in proportion. There are three rooms which are used as class rooms, all well furnished, and a number of rooms used as offices and store rooms. In the basement is a splendid herbarium kept in a fireproof room. Altogether it is one of the finest and best equipped laboratories in the country. The character and quantity of the work done has kept pace with the improvements in other directions. At the head of the department is Dr. W. J. Beal, with whom you are all probably acquainted. Prof. C. F. Wheeler is instructor in botany and consulting botanist. B. O. Longyear, a "Tic" with '94 is instructor in botany. In subsequent numbers we hope to give a short description of some of the other departments.

## THE TIC.

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ECLECTICS, we extend to you, one and all, a hearty greeting. We would grasp your hands with the strong grasp of fellowship and speak to you words of friendship and brotherhood. We would revive old interests and renew old ties. We would become better acquainted with you, your whereabouts and business, and in turn would have you know more of us as a society at the present time. In short we wish to establish closer and more active relations between the society and its alumni. If we succeed in doing this we shall have accomplished our purpose.

JUST as he completed his work on this issue, our personals editor, Mr. R. J. Coryell, received a call from Hiram Walker of Detroit, to superintend the latter's large Peach Island fruit farms and gardens near Detroit. Mr. Coryell has been employed on the horticultural department here for two years past and the position he now takes is an exceptionally good one, and one of which he is well deserving. Good for "Cory!" All wish him abundant success.

It might be well to say that, of the numerous letters and personals received from our alumni, only a part have been printed in this issue and the remainder will be printed in a later number. So if your personal does not appear this time it is not because of neglect, but it will appear later.

IN issuing this paper we have launched out into a new and uncertain field. It is our first voyage on the sea of journalism, and it is with much hesitation and fear that we hoist sail and set forth. We are not sure of our course, and we know not how soon we may be stranded on the sands of failure, or crash upon the rocks of adversity. But rocks of another kind are less formidable to meet with, and should we be so fortunate as to strike a few of these, it may serve as a means to buoy us up and bear us on. We at least hope to so conduct our ship, that with the aid of signals from friendly ports, we shall be able to anchor safely in the home harbor when our journey is completed.

AGAIN three years have rolled quickly by and the time is near at hand for another triennial reunion of the alumni. It is proposed that we have a genuine old Eclectic reunion this commencement. We believe it is a good idea and can easily be done. Why not? If the alumni will just come back at that time we will do the rest. Quite a number of our boys have decided to come back this commencement, and we hope that every Eclectic who can possibly attend will do so. We will endeavor to see that you are properly entertained if you will come. Lay aside your business cares for a few days, revisit your alma mater once more and see what she is doing. Come back and meet old friends and make new ones; talk over old days and have a general good time. That all may be acquainted with the program for commencement week we give it here complete: Sunday, Aug. 5—Baccalaureate sermon; Monday Eve., Aug. 6—Class day exercises; Tuesday Eve., Aug. 7—Senior banquet and hop; Wednesday Eve., Aug. 8—President's reception; Thursday

Eve., Aug. 9—Society banquets; Friday forenoon, Aug. 10—Commencement; Friday afternoon and evening—Alumni reunion. Let all that can come send in their names and we will prepare for a big Eclectic reunion.

THAT all may know why and how this publication originated we will give a brief account of the same. During preceding terms, the opinion has been expressed by many of our members and local alumni, that something should be done to renew and revive the interests of the old members in each other and in the society. At a general meeting of the society held for this purpose, much enthusiasm was manifested and the following committee, consisting of three students and three alumni, was appointed to start the movement: L. A. Wilson, R. J. Coryell, J. E. Hammond, M. P. Carney, K. L. Butterfield, W. C. Stebins. This committee recommended that a society paper be published, to contain personals, news, etc. Accordingly the society elected an editing board and this publication is the result. We hope the enterprise meets with your approval, and though this issue has been somewhat hurriedly constructed, we trust you will find much in it that is of interest.

WE have started this paper as a non-periodical, intending to issue another number near the end of the term. We do not ask for subscriptions, but the society has issued it entirely at its own expense, only desiring that it should meet with the approval of our alumni, for whom it is issued. The expense of the two numbers this term will be considerable, and if any of its readers think the paper is worthy of financial support, any contributions in that

line will be very thankfully received. We speak of this, not as a hint for money, but because several of the old members from whom we have heard, besides heartily commending the plan of issuing a paper, have expressed a desire to help bear the necessary expense. It has been suggested that the paper be made a periodical with a small subscription price during the next college year. We believe the plan is feasible and that such a paper can be made a great success. If the alumni would like to see this done and wish to support it by a subscription price, the society is ready and willing to do the work. Let us hear from you on this subject. Send all communications to the Editor-in-Chief, and any suggestions you may wish to make we will gladly comply with if possible. Do not hesitate to make known your ideas, for we desire to make it a paper of the alumni, by the society, and for the alumni.

Brother "Tics," let us hear from you. We would like to hear from every man that bears the name "Eclectic." No matter how long you have been out of college or how far away you are now, still an account of yourself will be of much interest to your former college associates. It is no doubt true that when one leaves college and goes out into the world of business strife, he finds himself among very different scenes, with other interests and associates. He is, to a large extent, alienated from his former college associations. But it is always well to take a retrospective view. To hear from a former college friend whom we have not seen perhaps in years, must bring to us pleasant memories of that friend and of old college times. It will bid us forget our cares for a moment, raise our eyes from the business page, and let our minds run back to times long since past and

gone, but the remembrance of which is crowded with the most pleasant recollections. It will cause us to forget for a moment, the present, and in a dreamy reverie, we will live only in the past. You may be located as many are, on the very shores of the Pacific, yet if a word from you reaches some brother "Tic" far separated from you, his eye will brighten and his heart quicken at hearing from an old friend. So let every one write and send in to the Editor an account of themselves since leaving college, and we will publish it. We have received communications from a large number of our alumni. All are aglow with the patriotic spirit, and all abound in enthusiasm for the society and members every where. They also show that "Eclectics" are everywhere at the front. It is indeed astonishing to know how widely they are distributed and with what great success the most have met. They are filling positions of honor and trust throughout the country. All honor to the "Eclectic" and may its powers and strength never be impaired, but may its light shine forth with ever increasing brilliancy.

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#### PERSONALS.

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C. W. Gammon, '78, a charter member of the society, with a Michigan education and a Michigan wife, returned to California and has since been raising and shipping fruit. He is also interested in the nursery business. A girl aged seven and a boy five years old comprise no small part of his bright prospects. Mr. Gammon remembers well the Cedar river and the Peninsula orchard, which are doubtless the least changed of the college scenery since his time. In expressing sympathy for the boys that have to endure Michigan climate he offers flattering inducements to

come to the "garden of California." Address, Walnut Grove, California."

A. W. Troupe, M. D., '81, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, graduated at Rush Medical College in '84; practiced at Springport, Jackson county, Mich.; removed to Pine Bluff in the spring of '88. He is surgeon for the St. Louis & Southwestern railroad, and has charge of their hospital. Dr. Troupe is a member of the National Association of Railway Surgeons, the Southwestern Association of Railway Surgeons, Arkansas State Medical Society, and president of the Jefferson County Medical Society. At Pine Bluff are situated the work shops of the entire system, in which are employed several thousand men.

C. A. Smith, with '81, graduated at the Rush Medical College in '82. He was connected with the hospital department of the Missouri Pacific railroad for several years. He organized the medical department of the St. Louis & Southwestern railroad in '86, and ever since has been chief surgeon of the system. He is located at Tyler, Texas. Dr. Smith is president of the Southwestern Association of Railway Surgeons.

C. W. Clark, '81, is practicing medicine in Cairo, Mich. He is married and has two boys, aged five and seven years respectively. He took the degree of M. D. in 1889, and has been located at his present address nearly two years.

The later classmen may find certain hieroglyphics carved on the window sills of Wells Hall, which if deciphered, would read W. T. L. That is Langley, '82. The west has claimed him as a victim and developed habits in him from which recovery is improbable. In 1885 he went to St. Ansgar, Iowa, and after three years removed to West Superior, where he has been connected with the city

schools as superintendent and principal for six years, and is re-engaged for next year. The mania developed in him is best told in his own language. "I hold some real estate, as all should, in this the City of Destiny, the last *great* city to be built along the Great Lakes. Look at your geography and you will see that Superior and Duluth must be one *big* city, and then come here and you will see why Superior must be the larger city of the two." Prof. Langley sends the following two personals: "G. W. Thompson, '82, I found in Minneapolis six years ago a prosperous lawyer. Three years ago he came here and began his practice and dealt in real estate on the side. He also entered politics here, as he had been schooled in that in Minneapolis. About two years ago he was elected clerk of the circuit court, an important and lucrative position, and will probably be re-elected this fall. He has the name of being a very slick politician, with hosts of friends and no enemies. Mr. Thompson is also interested in some gold mining affairs in Idaho,—mining gold by a new process. Associated with him in this venture is ex-Superintendent of Public Instruction of Wisconsin, J. B. Thayer. Thompson is married to a very fine lady and they have two children as bright as new dollars. Thompson is all right." "H. A. Dickie, with '82, died in West Superior about three years ago, leaving a wife and some children. He formerly practiced law in Dakota and later in West Superior."

Lincoln Avery, '82, graduated in the law department of the U. of M. in '86, and has since been connected with his brother in the practice of his profession in Port Huron. He was elected prosecuting attorney of St. Clair county in 1892, being the only Republican elected, which

speaks well for his popularity, as the county is strongly democratic. The saloon men are brought to time in a way that heretofore was unknown in the county. "Link" is married and has a girl eleven months old. With a loving wife and a comfortable home, he is well contented with his prospects.

E. F. Law, '83, opened a surveyor's office at Sanilac after graduating, and after a few years removed to St. Clair county, where he taught school and followed surveying, part of the time as county surveyor. He served two terms as county school commissioner. In '92 he graduated in the law department of the U. of M., and now with Alex. Moore, a Tic. of '89, is practicing law in Port Huron. Commercial law is their specialty, besides which they have a very fine collection business.

A. C. Bird, '83, is situated on a 260 acre farm at Highland, Mich., and loans money as a side issue. He was married five years ago. He is one of the prime movers of a farmers' club, and last winter entertained members of the college faculty at a very successful farmers' institute held under the auspices of their club. The farmers' clubs organized an Association of Farmer's Clubs last winter, of which Mr. Bird is secretary. The college points with pride to one that follows its teachings so successfully.

E. A. Burnett, '87, was engaged in farming and teaching school from '87 to '89. At that time he accepted a position as assistant in the agricultural department of his Alma Mater, and afterwards filled an assistant professorship in the same department. In May, 1893, he resigned and returned to farming, and in May, 1894, he took charge of the farms of Hiram Walker, at Walkerville, Ont. These farms

aggregate about five thousand acres of cleared and pasture land and two thousand acres of timbered land. Prof. Burnett has not said a word about getting married yet.

George S. Jenks, with '90, is book-keeper for the Oakland Hotel Co., St. Clair Springs, Mich.

B. L. Jenks is in the lumber business at Cleveland, Ohio. The firm is known as Jenks, Barnes & Co.

W. W. Morrison, '90, is cashier of the First National Bank of Bryan, Ohio, which position he has held for the last three years. Will says, "The scales now register 174 for me and I am still growing. At the M. A. C. exhibit at the World's Fair I found a register with a long list of names, some familiar and some not, but all of them had a good look to them just the same."

E. A. Cooney, '90, is at the head of a Co-operative Creamery Co., at Nunica, Mich.

J. H. Hooper, with '90, was at the Houghton Mining School for about a year. After leaving the mining school, he was employed by an English company in prospecting for copper at Isle Royal. From there he went to Leadville, prospecting for a firm, and soon entered the Colorado Mining School at Golding. After he had been there six months, he accepted an offer from the Butte and Boston Mining Co., at Butte, Mont., and has been with them ever since except about three months of last year when he spent a vacation in a foot ball course at Ann Arbor. His record there put him among the leading players of the country, and Yale has made him flattering offers. He is making a success as a practical miner and receives a salary of \$150 per month. His address is Room 17, Bennett Block, Butte, Mont.

At the college are: H. P. Gladden, '85, assistant in horticulture;

H. E. Harrison, '88, assistant to the chemist; A. T. Stevens, '93, assistant in agriculture; B. O. Longyear, with '94, assistant in botany; R. J. Coryell, '84, assistant in horticulture. In Lansing are J. J. Bush, traveling for Vehicle Manfrs.; H. D. Luce, in the drug business; Charles Whitmore, farming; L. C. Gibbs, with '92, traveling for the Capitol Investment Co.; W. L. Kirby with the Hart Milling Co.; J. E. Hammond, '86, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction.

J. D. Towar, '86, is assistant agriculturist of the experiment station at Kingston, R. I., where his services are well appreciated and rewarded by increases in salary. Besides experimental work Prof. Towar is teaching the breeds of live stock in the college and expects more work for the college with the coming of the branch of dairy husbandry. He was married in 1889 and has one son, James DeLoss Towar, Jr., "that I will wager a month's salary can not be excelled by a son of another Tic. in any of the points that go to make a perfect and beautiful child."

J. E. Hinkson may be found at 26 Thompson street, Ann Arbor, where he has been for two years in the medical department. A letter received from him rings with patriotism for the society, and for its members' hearty friendship—a friendship that is appreciated more than ever after comparing it with the ways of the University. The support of "Hink" can be counted on every time.

B. O. Johnson enjoys a good practice as veterinary surgeon at Benton Harbor, Mich. After spending two years at M. A. C. as a special in veterinary, he entered the Chicago Veterinary College in '91 and graduated with honors in '92. Dr. Johnson assisted in the preparation

of the veterinary exhibit of the college for the world's fair, which attracted so much attention while there. In the fall of 1893 he was married to Nellie Closson, and is now living in their new home where the "Tics" will always find a welcome.

### OUR PROGRESS.

Not a few of the old students at M. A. C. have ever had the opportunity of returning to their Alma Mater to look over cherished scenes of college life, renew pleasant memories of bygone days, and note the progress of our pioneer of agricultural institutions.

Occasionally we meet one who was here in the seventies and has not been here since. In those days he saw the museum on the third floor of college hall, in the west half of the north room—that is the west half of the room now occupied by Prof. Holdsworth as a drawing room. The library and reading room was on the first floor, occupying the north room. The physical and chemical laboratory occupied the north part of the building now used for that purpose. In fact outside of the last mentioned classes, all others were held in College Hall.

In 1879 the Botanical Laboratory, which was burned 1890, was built. This seemed to start a movement for building, and on the grounds where the boys, previous to 1881, had played ball, the Library and Museum building was built. This gave opportunity for growth to these two departments as well as in the entomological department. Who says they have not improved it? The three have more stored away now in some little nook than constituted the whole then.

The boys who were here along in the eighties, as far as '85, will remember the melon patch. This land is now occupied by the forcing house, and to the northwest of it, on the other side of the hedge, stands the Horticultural Laboratory, and exactly west is the new Botanical Laboratory. South of these, just beyond the farm house, is the Agricultural Laboratory; southwest of this is the Veterinary Laboratory and south of where old "Saints' Rest" stood is the Mechanical Laboratory and boiler house. All of these having been built since the date first mentioned, speaks of no little progress.

But all improvements have not been in buildings. The lawns and drives have been much beautified; walks of cement now replace the ones of gravel or mud. Then as we move out on the farm we find in No. 3 all the old rail fences have disappeared, and the land is now laid off into plats, surrounded by well-kept drives. As we go back toward the river we do not find the old rail fences and ruts along the drive, but instead, a beautiful row of trees on either side and a well-graveled drive, with one along the side of three and five, forming as attractive a place for visitors as any on the grounds. All the old fences that divided No. 4 into small fields, have been replaced by wire ones, which now divide it so that all the fields extend to the river.

The farm drive, as it is now called, extends across the C. & G. T. R. R. to sixteen, and to the railroad has wire fence on either side with a row of beautiful shade trees.

Space will not allow me to mention more of the improvements, but a visit here at the alumni meeting in August, will present these and many more.

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