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The Latest Bulletins.

Two publications that have just been issued by the Experiment Station are bulletins No. 154 and No. 155-156.

Number 154 is on "Some Experiments in Corn Raising," by Director C. D. Smith. Selection of the seed; Thickness of planting; Cultivation; Value of, and changes in composition of leaves, stalks and ears; When corn contains the largest amount of nutriment; Losses in the silo with corn cut at different stages of growth; and Best period for cutting, are the topics treated; and the results obtained are shown by tables and diagrams.

Bulletins 155-156 are bound together and contain the Spraying calendar for 1898, by Prof. L. R. Taft, and a Preliminary report of the State Inspector of Nurseries and Orchards and laws relating to the same, by Prof. Taft and Inspector D. W. Trine. The spraying calendar contains a vast amount of valuable information on remedies for diseases and insect pests of the garden and orchard, including recipes for the various spraying mixtures. The inspector's report contains, besides what is indicated in the subject, a list of nurserymen and dealers in nursery stock in Michigan.

Address to the Y. M. C. A. by Mr. Rose.

Last Friday evening Mr. H. W. Rose of Ann Arbor addressed the Y. M. C. A. on its work. He placed strong emphasis upon preparation for service, especially Christian service; appealed for earnest work among students here, and exhorted all to be helpful in all ways, *now*. He urged, first, the sending of as large a delegation as possible to the Lake Geneva Summer School, and emphasized the value of instruction received there; second, recommended the keeping of "the morning watch" or a quiet hour of prayer before the day's work has begun; and third, systematic study of the Bible by means of classes. Mr. Rose is a very earnest speaker and those who heard him received an inspiration for better work in the future. P. M. L.

Two Tame Crows.

About five years ago Professor A. G. Gulley caught and tamed two young crows that walked and flew and cawed about our campus all summer, apparently very well pleased with their civilized surroundings. When the cold days of autumn came, however, true to their native instincts, they flew away to the south with their relatives of the forests. We thought we had seen the last of our sable friends, but not so. With the first "caws" of spring they came back, and for several days stalked about, croaking and chuckling in unmistakable delight, then went away again. For three succeeding springs the two called on us, but each call was shorter than the one before. Early this spring—it was the fifth of March—just as I was crossing the bridge in front of Abbot Hall, I was startled by a loud "caw" just

above my head. Looking up I saw in one of the large willows about twenty feet away, a crow peering through the branches at me. It did not seem afraid, even when I stopped and looked at it; and I think it must have been one of the Gulley crows. Several times that day and the next I saw this crow flying about the campus alone and heard it call anxiously, sadly, it seemed to me, for its mate of former years. Who shall say that its cry was not a lament for its dead companion?

The Botanical Club.

Dr. Clute, '62, gave an entertaining talk on Florida Plants at the weekly meeting of the Botanical Club on Wednesday evening.

He stated that as Director of the Experiment Station there for four years, his duties were confined more to the dissemination and cultivation of plants having some economic importance than to plants having only a botanical interest.

With the aid of a large map he pointed out the different parts in the State where semi-tropical fruits and

twenty plants that came into flower during the week ending April 13, and compared them with the date the same plant flowered last year.

Mr. Barlow had several branches of apple, pear, plum and cherry that he had forced into flower in his room, and if flower is any indication of what fruit there is to follow, we shall have apples to sell. T. G.

Baseball.

Two games of baseball were played by M. A. C. boys Saturday, one at Kalamazoo, in which our first nine lost, and one at home, in which our second nine defeated Eaton Rapids.

The less said about the game at Kalamazoo the better. It was a loosely played game, characterized by hard hitting and costly errors, in which Kalamazoo led in the hit column and M. A. C. in the error column. M. A. C. seemed also to be the victim of misfortune almost from the beginning. In the second inning Gibson had to retire on account of a sprain, and in the third Warren wrenched his knee so that

Kazoos substituted Calhoun for Sergeant in the box, and he proved a puzzle to M. A. C. during the remainder of the game. Following is a summary of the score:

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	H	R
Kalamazoo,	12	0	0	2	1	3	5	3	*	18	26
M. A. C.,	0	0	4	5	4	0	0	0	0	11	13

Home run, O'Brien. Three-base hits, O'Brien, Waterbury. Two-base hits, Waterbury, Sergeant, Smith, Kennedy. Struck out, Krentel, Kennedy 3, Gould, Adams 2, Hoag. Batteries, Sergeant, Calhoun and Stripp; Warren, Millar and Adams. Umpire, Mayo.

At home it took ten innings to decide the game between Eaton Rapids and our second nine. Quite a large crowd, including several loads from Eaton Rapids, witnessed the game and enjoyed it, too. Eaton Rapids secured a comfortable lead in the early part of the game, but at the end of the ninth inning the score stood 9 to 9. In the first half of the tenth the visitors were shut out, and in the second half the home team scored the winning run.

OTHER COLLEGE GAMES.

Champaign, Ill., April 16.—U. of M. 4, Illinois 3.

Albion, April 16.—Albion 14, Hillsdale 8.

Chicago, April 16.—Chicago 4, Beloit 3.

New Haven, Ct., April 16.—Yale 7, Springfield 4.

Princeton, April 16.—Princeton 22, Franklin and Marshall 1.

Ithaca, April 16.—Cornell 7, Rochester (Eastern League) 12.

Bethlehem, Pa., April 16.—Lehigh 15, New York University 3.

Our Societies.

THE UNION LITERARY SOCIETY.

Program, April 9th, 1898.
Roll call, Quotations from Bancroft.
President's Address, F. W. Robison.
Biography of Bancroft,

S. F. Edwards.
Declamation, Chas. Bale.
Essay, "Huron County,"

G. D. White.
Reverie, G. N. Gould.
Critic's report, F. L. Woodworth.

NEWS FROM MEMBERS.

A. E. Wallace, with '99m, passed the final examination for West Point, but did not receive an appointment. He is now near Denver, Col.

C. V. Fisher, with '00., is planning to return to M. A. C.

S. J. Kennedy, with '00, will not be in school this term. He has a position as cartoonist with a Detroit paper.

H. S. Pinney, with '94, is cashier of the Exchange Bank at Cass City.

L. C. Brooks, '92m, inquires how the Society is prospering and says,—"Give my regards to all of the boys, especially to the U. L. S.

"Shorty" Jones, with '95m, who, by the way is six feet two, promises to make the Society a visit when he comes again to Lansing.

"Your teeth are like the stars," he said,
The maiden's eyes grew bright;
"Yes, they are like the stars," he said,
"For they come out at night."

Ex.



flowering plants were successfully grown.

He commented at some length on the difficulty of making permanent pasture there, and with some specimens from the College herbarium he described the grasses grown for fertilizers and forage crops. Bermuda grass seems to do for the farmer of Florida what timothy and June grass do for the farmers of Michigan. During the dry, hot months of ninety-three, four and five, the persistent greenness of this grass attracted considerable attention here from farmers and others interested in grasses. When mixed with June or Kentucky blue grass it has been suggested as adapted to cover dry, sandy places around buildings.

The methods of propagating, cultivating, harvesting and packing the orange, lemon, lime, grape-fruit, guava and pineapple were given in detail. Since the very severe frost in the winter of '93-4, rendering the growing of all the citrus fruits more or less precarious,—especially in the northern portion of the State—a fresh impetus has been given to the growing of pineapples further south where frosts are unknown.

Prof. Wheeler presented a list of

he pitched at a great disadvantage during the five innings that he remained in the box.

Of the new men, Millar made the best showing. He got three hits, played a fairly good game at third, and did not allow a hit in the inning he pitched, although three runs were made on errors. Norton was a little nervous in the first inning, but settled down to good work after that. At the bat he made two nice singles. Kennedy fielded his position well, except that he was very slow in returning the ball. He made three runs and two hits, one a two-base hit.

Of the older players, Clark, Ranney and Gould went after every thing that came their way, but were not free from errors; Adams fielded his position well, but could not throw, a fact that prompted the Kazoos to steal bases almost at will; Krentel caught everything thrown to him, but shirked one or two ground hits; and Warren was not himself at all.

Three singles, three doubles and a bunch of errors netted 12 runs in the first inning, enough to win most any game; but at the end of the fifth inning our boys were only three scores behind. Then the

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Official Directory.

Y. M. C. A.—Regular meetings Sunday evenings at 7:30 and Thursday evenings at 6:30. C. W. Loomis, President. E. M. Hunt, Cor. Secretary.

Y. W. C. A.—Weekly meetings for all ladies on the campus, Tuesday evenings at 8:00, in Abbot Hall. Sunday meetings with the Y. M. C. A. Miss Russel Taylor, President. Miss Emma Bach, Cor. Secretary.

KING'S DAUGHTERS—Meet alternate Wednesdays. Mrs. J. L. Snyder, President. Mrs. W. Babcock, Secretary.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY—Meets second Friday of each month in the Chapel at 7:00 P. M. T. L. Hankinson, President. O. W. Slayton, Secretary.

BOTANICAL CLUB—Meets Monday evenings at 6:30 in the Botanical Laboratory. B. Barlow, President. Miss Marie Belliss, Secretary.

SHAKESPEARE CLUB—Meets Wednesday evenings at 7:30. Dr. Howard Edwards, President.

COLUMBIAN LITERARY SOCIETY—Meets every Saturday evening at 7:00. Fourth floor, Williams Hall. T. L. Hankinson, President. C. S. Parks, Secretary.

ECLECTIC SOCIETY—Meetings every Saturday evening at 7:00, Fourth Floor, Williams Hall. W. J. Merkel, President. L. H. Taylor, Secretary.

FERONIAN SOCIETY—Meetings every Friday afternoon at 1:00. West Ward, Wells Hall. Jennette Carpenter, President. Bertha Malone, Secretary.

HESPERIAN SOCIETY—Meetings every Saturday evening at 7:00, West Ward, Wells Hall. L. J. Cole, President. A. J. Cook, Secretary.

OLYMPIC SOCIETY—Meetings every Saturday evening at 7:00, Fourth Floor, Williams Hall. George Campbell, President. T. J. Leavitt, Secretary.

PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY—Meetings every Friday evening at 7:30, East Ward, Wells Hall. C. M. Krentel, President. J. L. S. Kendrick, Secretary.

THEMIAN SOCIETY—Meetings every Saturday evening at 7:00, Chapel. Irma Thompson, President. Harriet O'Connor, Secretary.

UNION LITERARY SOCIETY—Meetings every Saturday evening at 7:00, U. L. S. Hall. F. W. Robison, President. C. H. Hilton, Secretary.

TAU BETA PI FRATERNITY—Meetings on alternate Thursday evenings, Tower Room, Mechanical Laboratory. F. V. Warren, President. C. A. Gower, Secretary.

CLUB BOARDING ASSOCIATION—E. A. Calkins, President. Lucy E. Monroe, Secretary.

M. A. C. ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION—F. V. Warren, President. E. W. Ranney, Secretary.

Swimming as an Accomplishment.

J. B. STEWART, '01, UNION LITERARY SOCIETY.

There is no accomplishment of equal importance so easily acquired and so greatly neglected as that of swimming. A person thrown into water, unable to swim and without some means of rescue, has no escape from a watery grave. The frequency with which persons unexpectedly find themselves in the water, through such means as shipwrecks, the capsizing of small boats, falling from ferries and bridges, and the percentage of deaths resulting from such, is sufficient, we think, to call for a short article on this subject.

Let us look at a few instances where men's lives have been saved by the art of swimming. U. S. Grant, when a babe, was saved from a watery grave by his brother's

knowledge of the art; George Washington would no doubt have met his fate when thrown into the Allegheny river had he been unable to swim; and Captain John Smith would never have lived to do the great work he did for the Virginia colony had he not been a proficient swimmer.

Learning to swim is considered in some respects a difficult and dangerous task. To be sure, owing to the shifting of the center of gravity in a person's body, it is not so natural for us to swim as it is for the lower animals; but considering the specific gravity of the human body and the methods of instruction we now have, there should be little sympathy for any person, having an opportunity, who does not know at least how to keep his proboscis above water.

There are two methods of learning to swim; the old, or common method, and the improved, or trolley method. The common method requires the trainer to go into the water along with his pupils, and after placing them in the right position, assist them by holding their heads out of the water with his hand. This method is expensive and, for the timid, not very speedy. The trolley method is less expensive, more reliable, and does not require so much confidence on the part of the student. It consists of a trolley stretched across the pond or bathing pool about three feet above the surface of the water, and a belt which is fastened around the body just below the arms. This belt is fastened to a deeply grooved pulley, which runs on the trolley, the connection being such as to allow the head to be above the surface of the water. By this method a person can stay in the water as long as he pleases with little danger of being exhausted and drowned.

There are many positions which the body may take while swimming, but space permits us to mention only the most simple and important. The oldest and perhaps the most graceful position, is the horizontal, propelled, with the breast stroke. The side position, propelled with the side stroke is practiced more for speed than for grace of movement. Then swimming on the back is a pleasant and useful branch of the art. The chief requisite for its acquirement is confidence.

But the only department of the branch which is at all natural and of which something should be known by everybody, is that of treading. If treading were resorted to in cases of accidental immersion, three-fourths of the resulting deaths would be prevented. The essential condition of treading is that of keeping the hands under water. When a person falls into water, the legs sink and the body assumes its natural position; but generally water splashes over the face, and when the eyes become filled or the mouth covered, it is the inclination of those unable to swim to throw up their hands and make an effort as if to creep on the surface. This effort only increases the danger of the situation.

On becoming submerged one should keep perfectly inactive for a brief time. The head will soon rise; then treading should be commenced with both hands alternately, care being taken not to break the surface of the water. At the same time the head should be thrown back so that only the nose and mouth remain above the water. If this be remembered and put into practice, there is

little need under normal conditions and ordinary circumstances, of any losing their lives by drowning.

The art of swimming is as charming a recreation for women and girls as it is for men and boys, and gives a twofold use to its possessor. As a hygienic agency it occupies a high place in physical culture. While the body is being cleansed, the varied movements impart strength and elasticity to the muscles; and as has been stated above, it often amounts to a life-saving expedient.

The Washington M. A. C. Reunion.

Old M. A. C. was born again last month in the hearts of her students who are sojourning in Washington.

A reunion and banquet was held March 30, and cordial were the handshakes and pleasant the greetings among many who had not met for years. A wide scope of years were represented, the patriarch of the meeting being Mr. Frank P. Davis, of Greytown, Nicaragua, temporarily stopping here, who graduated from the College in 1868, but is withal as young looking and keen of eye as though ten years his junior.

The meeting was well attended and remarkably pleasant, and the viands were of the best—first class, what there were of them, and in the greatest abundance, such as they were.

Mr. Donald McPherson, of the class of 1874, graced the head of the table as toastmaster, and called first upon Mr. Davis to respond to a toast, "The College in the Woods." Mr. Davis described but four buildings in his day. The year of his graduation was a banner year for the College, the number of graduates reaching the enormous number of ten. The previous year there had been but three, and the year preceding that, two.

Mr. James H. Tibbitts, of the class of 1873, responded to the toast, "Ancient History of the College," telling incidents and anecdotes of more than passing interest to those able to look back to such old days. (Mr. Tibbitts is one of the youngest looking men I ever saw.)

Professor Charles C. Georgeson had as a subject, "The future of Agriculture" and his remarks combined wit and sense. He told of the habits of promptitude acquired at the College. The hours of college work ceased at four o'clock and he had noticed with what promptitude the students observed this rule. He had observed too, that the same habit there inculcated had followed many of those who were employed in the government departments in Washington. (Government departments close at four.) "Agriculture," he continued, "is bound of course to extend in the United States. As the population increases the home demand will increase, and no other country on the globe affords the opportunities for successful practical agriculture that the United States does. Forty-four per cent of the breadwinners of the country are now engaged in agriculture. With the increase in population the farmer will get more for his products."

Mr. Frank Benton of the class of '79 had the toast, "Bees."

Mr. W. A. Kinnan of '86 responded very ably to the toast, "The College Bred Man."

Mr. Lyster H. Dewey, of '83, paid a high tribute to the late Edwin

Willitts, speaking in feeling terms of the kind-hearted President who took such deep personal interest in the boys, "his boys," as he always spoke of them, and who never forgot a student's name or face.

Mr. W. A. Taylor, of '88, was given the toast, "Our Alumni in Other Institutions," but most unfortunately for the said alumni in those institutions, Mr. Taylor, who by the way was accompanied by his wife and a Taylor junior—future student at M. A. C., had to catch the last car to his home and was thus compelled to cut his address very short.

Mrs. L. J. Briggs had the topic, "The Co-eds—the Value of the College Course for Women in Practical Life."

Numbers of others were called upon for remarks, until finally the extreme lateness of the hour, the disappearance of everything edible, and the fear that the electric light current would be shut off, drove the members of the party to their respective homes, bearing most pleasant remembrances.

The following students of the College were present: T. P. Davis, '68; J. H. Tibbitts, '73; Donald McPherson, '74; C. C. Georgeson, '78; Frank Benton, '79; W. A. Kinnan, '86; Coie L. Himebaugh, '87; L. H. Dewey, W. F. Staley, and W. A. Taylor, '88; W. D. Groesbeck and G. H. Hicks, '92; W. W. Tracy, L. J. Briggs, and Mrs. Kate Briggs, '93; C. B. Smith, '94; Guy E. Mitchell, with '93; F. A. Hutchins, with '94; A. N. Irwin and A. R. Speare, with '98. The invited guests were Mrs. Edwin Willitts; David Fairchild, who was born at the College and spent most of his childhood there; and the wives of many of the alumni.

GUY E. MITCHELL.

Yale Frolics.

Of the many customs held in reverence by Yale undergraduates none is more popular at this season of the year than that of spinning tops. Every fine afternoon during the last week in February and the first two in March, the upper classmen can be seen spinning tops on the College campus or on the corner in front of the Osborn Hall, the site of the old fence. The students do not appear in public as top spinners until they have perfected the trick. They practice in the dormitory hall-ways, in the campus, in their own rooms, and in other out of the way places on the university grounds until they are able to make the top spin every time they throw it. It is no unusual sight to see from twenty-five to fifty students, big, strapping fellows, many of them seniors, in front of Osborn Hall, with their tops and strings, for an hour or two at a time. They draw a circle, and in that circle place a top or two that they peg away at with the greatest hilarity.

At this season of the year also another craze among the students is rolling hoops. The fun of hoop rolling generally lasts only during the first two weeks in March, and scores of students can be seen pleasant afternoons tearing through the campus, chasing their hoops like street urchins.

Another diversion in which some of the Yale students indulge is in playing marbles. The sedate old professors, who in their early days had as much fun with their hoops

and marbles and tops as do the youthfull generation now under their guardianship, watch the boys during these afternoons and thoroughly enjoy the spectacle.

A few of the more venturesome Yale boys two or three years ago undertook to introduce kite flying as an added amusement for March. It was a great sport for those who engaged in it, and it was thought that it would soon become popular with the Yale boys, but somehow or other this sort of amusement failed to become popular, and the flying of kites has been dropped from the list of traditional horseplays that can be charged to the Yale men. —*New York Times.*

At College.

Mr. E. S. Good spent Sunday in Flint.

May 20 is the date set for the annual meeting of College societies.

The Seniors on the farm are doing research work upon selected themes.

Miss Amy Vaughn is making some very successful tests of flour for Dr. Kedzie.

Miss Katherine Clute spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Mabel Bohn at Charlotte.

William Ayres of Elbridge and Mr. Holmes of Potterville called at M. A. C. Wednesday.

Percy Holdsworth of Ann Arbor, visited over Sunday with his brother Byron Holdsworth, '00.

Miss Marion Clute, who has been confined to her room for several days, is again in classes.

Rev. J. J. Cooper, Bellevue, and J. W. Merwin, Lansing, were callers at the College, Friday.

Miss Grace Newman, Portland, called on her brother Chace Newman, on Monday of last week.

Mrs. Maynard, Portland, and Mrs. Jones, a teacher from Kentucky, visited the College, Wednesday.

Prof. A. B. Noble went to Pentwater Friday, where he spoke at a teachers' association Saturday, on grammar in our public schools.

Advertised letters.—April 11, letters for Miss Hilda Kleinfeldt and George B. Gardner, remained in the Agricultural College postoffice un-called for.

Miss Spencer, teacher of botany in the Ysantil high school, spent part of her vacation last week here, looking over our facilities for teaching botany.

The old benches in the Chapel have been removed. In their stead we have folding chairs in sections of three, much more comfortable than the old seats.

Miss Carey, State Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., will be at the College Wednesday and will conduct the meeting of the association on Wednesday night at 6:30. All women on the campus are cordially invited to attend.

Freshmen student labor for April consists of two series of lectures preparatory to the season's work. One series is devoted to the soil and methods of its management, the other is devoted to a preliminary discussion of the farm crops.

On Wednesday last Mrs. Campbell of the Grand Rapids Ladies' Literary Club, which is very anx-

ious to introduce a course in domestic science into the schools of that city, visited our College and looked over very carefully the work in our domestic science department.

Sunday Morning Service.

The talk in the Chapel Sunday morning by Supt. Laird of Lansing, was one of the most interesting and helpful we have had.

Mr. Laird read a part of the 119th Psalm and took from it his theme, "The entrance of thy word giveth light." He spoke of what the word of God is to various people and of what good it has done. He considers the Bible as the source of all good literature, and the means of building all churches, colleges, and schools—the parent of advancement, education and reform. The word giveth light to see God moving in and through nature. If He can do so much through the lower forms of of nature, what can He not do through nature in its highest form—man.

The Bible gives us light to see the value of an education, the esthetic and moral value, that which is aside from the commercial value. "Education is life itself, and it should have a grand foundation, laid with care." Education shows us how to make the most of life—where the emphasis should be put; it teaches us to measure our ambitions, to follow those which are worthy; it teaches us to succeed—success is usefulness. Finally, the word of God gives us the very best preparation for the work of this century.

Fire Company Drill.

An effort is being made to increase the efficiency of our fire protection. The plan which went into operation last week is to detail eight students from the battalion of cadets, who will drill in two squads three times a week. The College engineer, Mr. Newell, will be chief of the fire department, and Messrs. Gunson and True will each have charge of a squad. These squads, each with hose-cart, hose, and other necessary apparatus, will drill to acquire proficiency in handling this apparatus and will also familiarize themselves with the location of hydrants. In case of fire only these squads will handle carts and hose, but, of course, the other students will lend what aid they can in other ways. Those who drill in the fire squads are excused from military duty.

Commencement Address.

Prof. F. H. Hutton, professor of mechanical engineering at Columbia University and secretary of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, has been chosen to deliver the commencement address this year. His subject has not yet been announced, but as this is the year for an address along mechanical lines, his subject will be something of interest to the mechanical student.

The following is a sign upon a western academy for teaching: "Freeman & Huggs, school teachers. Freeman teaches the boys and Huggs the girls." —*Crucible.*

Old Veteran.—Something on that girl's face reminds me of the war. Did you see it?

Friend.—I did not see any battle scars there.

Old Veteran.—It was the powder. —*Ex.*



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