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## Booker T. Washington Will Not Address Us.

It is with extreme regret that we announce that Booker T. Washington will not be able to deliver our commencement address. The following letter from him will explain the situation:

PRES. J. L. SNYDER,  
Agricultural College, Michigan.

Dear Sir:—I have been looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to my visit to your Institute, but I find just at this time that all my plans have been interfered with.

A number of friends in Boston have very kindly arranged for Mrs. Washington and myself to visit Europe, sailing from New York May 3; for this reason it will be impossible for me to be with you at the time I intended. I am sure you will understand the circumstances thoroughly, and will gladly release me from the engagement made. I am not sick but my friends feel that I must leave in order not to get sick.

These friends feel that I am in need of a rest, and while I hardly feel that I can spare the time away from Tuskegee's work, yet at the same time I yield to their entreaties to take a short vacation.

It is always a severe trial to me to ever disappoint an audience and I assure you that I should not do so did I not consider it absolutely necessary. At some other time I hope to serve you.

Very truly,  
BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

## An Opossum for Ingham County.

The Zoological department of the College has just come into possession of an opossum which was caught at Holt, Ingham county, about the 29th of last month. This is an unusually interesting accession to our collection from the fact that the opossum is a typical southern animal and southern Michigan is commonly regarded as the northern limit of its distribution. There are traditions to the effect that it was once not uncommon in this vicinity, but so far as can be learned this is the first specimen actually taken in the county. The animal is not rare in Wayne, Washtenaw, Monroe, Lenawee, and other counties along the southern border, and we have a record of a specimen taken last fall in Ottawa county.

If any of our readers know of specimens taken in other counties, especially outside of the southern tier, we should be glad to get the facts in each case. The specimen just referred to has been prepared and preserved in the College collection. W. B. B.

## Your Money or A Day's Work.

A meeting of bicyclists was held in the Chapel Thursday afternoon to formulate plans for improving the bicycle path between the College and Lansing. It was decided to proceed at once to procure funds by subscription at the College and in the city, and then to rush the work to completion. The following committee was elected to secure subscriptions: L. L. Appleyard,

L. A. Driscoll, W. R. Bradford, Miss Ellen Rushmore and J. A. Bulkeley. Prof. J. D. Towar was elected to take entire charge of construction and he began work on this end of the path Saturday.

The movement should receive the support of every rider in College. The ride to Lansing is a pleasant one and one frequently indulged in when the path is good. Lansing wheelmen have frequently expressed a desire to help improve the path and we shall look to them for liberal contributions. Then come down with your subscriptions. We have a good thing; let's push it.

## To Attract Song Birds.

On the 22d of February the State Board adopted Mr. Watkins' resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$50 for the erection of rustic bird-houses about the College grounds. Forty-eight such houses have been constructed and most of them have been put up. They are small, inconspicuous, and painted as near as possible the color of the tree in which placed. It is the intention of Prof. Barrows, who has the matter in charge, to construct one or two larger houses for martin colonies.

## The Forward Movement.

Dr. George W. Gray, of Chicago, spoke in Chapel Sunday morning on the work being done among the abandoned classes of our large cities by "Social Settlement" workers. The work of the social settlement, he said, is broader than that of the church or of educational institutions. Each of these appeals to only one side of life, while the social settlement touches all sides. The church is losing its hold on the abandoned classes because it is moving away from them; the social settlement worker is gaining because he moves down among them—eats, sleeps, lives there. Interesting incidents were related by the speaker to illustrate the work of these settlements.

## Commencement Orator Secured.

The College has been fortunate in securing Judge A. S. Draper, president of the University of Illinois, to give the commencement address on the morning of June 16.

## Eclectic Faculty-Night.

The Eclectic Society entertained the faculty Saturday evening. A short address of welcome was given by President W. H. Flynn, after which other members of the society rendered an excellent program.

A reading—"The Bush Christening," by R. M. Agnew, was followed by "Current Events," by D. B. Finch. The events chosen were well selected to interest a college audience.

Mr. Bulkeley's paper on "Australian Poetry as dependent on Australian Scenery" was an excellent production, full itself of poetic feeling. The dominant note of Australian poetry, according to Mr. Bulkeley, is sad, gloomy—like the poetry of Edgar Allen Poe.

At this point in the program the

members of the society responded to roll-call with quotations from Australian writers.

An instrumental duet by Mr. Bowles, on the piano, and Mr. Mills, on the double-bell euphonium, was received with deserved applause.

Then followed a speech by G. M. Bradford, on "Men who have done their duty," and a declamation by A. J. Decker.

The last number on the program was the "Faculty Paper," by L. H. Taylor. It was original and full of witty local hits that were fully appreciated by the audience. The visit that followed gave the final touch to an evening happily and profitably spent by all who attended.

## The Week in Athletics.

Ideal weather and the arrival on Monday of the trainer, Max Beutner, gave a wonderful impetus to athletics last week. Every afternoon, from 3 to 6 o'clock, the track and the diamond were swarming with candidates for intercollegiate honors and lined with interested spectators. Track, hurdles, hammer and shot were all in use, a tennis court was marked out in the armory and a horizontal bar erected near the track. Mr. Beutner has taken hold of his work with a vigor that has shown beneficial results already—order has come out of chaos; new and unlooked for material has been discovered; and a mutual confidence between trainer and athletes has been established. There are many more candidates than can take part at field day, but this is just what is wanted. Only by sharp competition and careful training can the best material be brought out.

The enthusiasm among track men has not detracted any from the interest taken in baseball. We are out for the baseball cup this year, and Coach Furgeson, who left Saturday to join the Toledo team in Detroit, says we have the team to win it. It was feared that the greatest weakness would be in the box, but if this proves true it will be on account of inexperience, for Beebe and Severance are certainly showing good form and Stroebel has been doing some good work.

The infield is probably the best seen on an M. A. C. diamond in years. Kennedy is taking everything—high, low and wide—at first; Ranney and Norton are the same strong team at second and short that made that part of the diamond dangerous for opponents last year; and Decker, a new man at third, is picking up all sorts of hot hits and is also batting in good form. Krentel will probably do most of the work behind the bat, although Schwartz is catching and batting well. The latter's principal weakness is slowness in throwing to bases and in getting under foul hits.

In the outfield Murphey at center, is a decided "find." He hits well, gets around the bases in good shape and covers his territory well. Gould, in right, is batting in his usual form but needs to work off fifteen or twenty pounds of superfluous adipose tissue. Left field has not yet been satisfactorily filled. Wolf is working hard but lacks ex-

perience. In the two weeks remaining before our first game he will probably be able to fit himself for the position. However, it will not do for any of these men to "lie down," for Leavitt, Case, Grove, Boone and others are coming up in manner that makes them dangerous rivals.

The Athletic Association held several meetings last week, authorized the purchase of a wrestling mat and blank cartridges, adopted a black sweater for athletes, and took steps toward the adoption of a green monogram to be worn only by athletes who subsequently take part in intercollegiate events and by members of the present senior class who have taken part in such events.

## New Baseball Uniforms.

Spaulding's general agent measured the members of the baseball team for new suits, last Friday noon. The new suits will be similar to the old—white shirts and green caps and pantaloons. The caps, however, will be what are known as the Boston pattern, slightly different in shape from those now worn by the team.

## But Few Peaches This Year.

Roland Morrill, of Benton Harbor, an authority on horticultural matters, after making a thorough investigation of the peach prospects for the coming year, reports that half the Michigan crop will be grown within a radius of ten miles of Benton Harbor. He also says that the price of peaches in this State will range from \$2.50 for common fruit up to \$5. T. S. Gurney, of Hart says that in Oceana county orchards on high ground will produce a few peaches, but that those on low or wet ground are entirely killed.

## Other Colleges.

Albion college has a new pipe organ.

Reed's Field, the Olivet athletic ground, will be fenced this year.

Williams college has received over \$300,000 in money during the last seven years.

A memorial chapel, costing \$100,000, is soon to be erected at Leland Stanford university.

The University of Wisconsin athletic association is talking of electing a graduate manager.

Kalamazoo won from Albion 9 to 4 in the first intercollegiate baseball game of the season.

The U. of M. won a debate with Chicago a little over a week ago. Last week Chicago won a similar contest with Columbia.

Andrew Carnegie, the steel king, has offered to give \$100,000 towards the erection of a library building at Pennsylvania State college, provided that the state make provision for its maintenance.

A man would be a good deal more likely to awake to find himself famous if he were not so fond of sleeping late.—Puck.

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

FERONIAN SOCIETY—Meets every Friday afternoon at 1:00, West Ward, Wells Hall. Teresa A. Bristol, President. Frances Farrand, Secretary.

HESPERIAN SOCIETY—Meets every Saturday evening at 7:00, West Ward, Wells Hall. F. N. Lowry, President. J. H. Skinner, Secretary.

OLYMPIC SOCIETY—Meets every Saturday evening at 7:00, Fourth Floor, Williams Hall. E. R. Russell, President. G. E. Chadsey, Secretary.

PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY—Meets every Friday evening at 7:30, East Ward, Wells Hall. A. B. Krentel, President. G. Wideman, Secretary.

THEMIAN SOCIETY—Meets every Tuesday afternoon at 4:00, Phi Delta Theta Rooms, East Ward, Wells Hall. Lula Pepple, President. Maggie Snell, Secretary.

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## Shakespeare's Women.

CORAL HAVENS '00, THEMIAN SOCIETY.

It seems somewhat trite to recall to your minds that in studying the Shakesperian dramas we are to discover human nature "portrayed in all its varying moods." It was a matchless genius that could do this, that could make so many characters live, each one distinct and consistent; and more than either of these to portray so faithfully the nature of womankind—a nature, we are apt to say proudly, that the masculine mind cannot understand. But study Shakespeare's plays and then tell me if one type of womanhood has not been represented, and one that you do not recognize.

Miranda, Perdita, and Imogene represent idealism so essential to the

beauty and grace of character of women. Miranda has spent her childhood on a desert island, shut in by the sea and sky,—a fearless, happy life. The storm gathers, but with it comes her lover, her prince; but if he were not a prince, we still feel that she would be a queen among women.

Viola, Olivia, and Rosalind are types of romantic women. Who does not love Rosalind, so free, so bold, yet withal so pure and womanly? And what more fitting than that she should find her love in the entanglement of the forest?

In striking contrast to these we have the more deeply impassioned women: Ophelia, the northern girl, whose calm outside and strong affections become her well; Juliet from the south, impulsive and fiery. Her love is not mild, but comes in an instant like a flash of joy and is henceforth her very existence.

With more commanding sweep of character and intellect, we have Cleopatra; marvelously beautiful, powerful; poetical yet sensuous, cunning, insidious, keen in her understanding, yet gorgeous in her imagination. She was born to conquer and it was fitting that her lovers should be masters of the world; none others would seem suitable.

In tragic life three women stand out prominently, representing the power of the affections upon the feminine nature. The mother love of Constance becomes the medium of a grief that shakes her entire soul. Then there is the wifely devotion of Desdemona and the filial affection of Cordelia.

Compare these with Lady Macbeth who seems so utterly devoid of tenderness: she is ready for treason and murder; conscience and sensibility seem to have left her, but she cannot kill Duncan because he looks so much like her father. The weakness of woman was fully restored; mysterious fears of the unseen come back to conscience and with them was the "mind diseased" to which no medicine can minister. Lady Macbeth is a woman awful in her nature; but still the terrible in her is sufficiently tempered by the human to give the imagination an interest in her destiny.

The women of untragic life in Shakespeare are of great variety, manifold in gradation, infinitely diverse in quality and character. Some are sportive as the Merry Wives of Windsor. Beatrice is prominent among this class but is also a shrew; then there is Katharine, the shrew proper. Representing women of the common walks of life are Dame Quickly, Juliet's nurse, and poor, simple Audrey.

The heroic element is not made very prominent by Shakespeare. Queen Catharine and Portia are in a sense heroic, but such a character as Joan of Arc or Florence Nightingale he has failed to interpret.

Shakespeare's women are drawn from life, drawn as nature makes them in substance, soul, and form. Each has the individualism of reality—the distinctness of personal existence. They are not as they literally would be in the world of fact—but they are as they should be poetically in the world of genius. In Shakespeare we have womanhood fairly and broadly given—not satirized, not flattered; but with the soul of poetry and the truth of nature; and in Shakespeare, as in nature, womanhood shines forth as the grace and the glory of humanity.

## A Diverted Nutting Expedition.

T. H. SPINDLO '02.

It was Saturday afternoon and the senior boys had met for a nutting expedition. Each was provided with a roomy bag for nuts, a long-hooked stick to pull down the boughs, a plentiful supply of provisions, and an abundance of good spirits. Buttons was the leader in this as in everything else; he was also the general valet and attendant to each individual of the party.

After much wrangling the route was decided upon by Buttons' taking his bag and stick and marching off in the direction of the Hill woods. No one thought of going without Buttons, or of allowing Buttons to go without him, so all quickly followed.

Within a short time they were gathering nuts and rapidly filling themselves, their pockets and their bags. But this work soon grew uninteresting and tame; there was no great effort required, no excitement, no danger, nothing but nuts. Buttons was soon lying among the leaves almost asleep, and some of the others came to him to know what was to be done next.

"Why! nothing. You've got your nuts and what more do you want?" said Buttons lazily.

"Oh this is too tame and slow," said one, "let's go for the rabbits."

All suddenly agreed to go for the rabbits, and when Buttons hinted at the close proximity of the keeper everyone laughed at the idea of a keeper catching them. Seeing that nothing else would please them Buttons consented to go; he also good humoredly took upon himself the dangerous position of "watcher."

The sport was so exciting that no one noticed the flight of time until the rapidly increasing darkness warned them that they must go. Bags and sticks were hurriedly gathered up and one boy was just on the point of calling for Buttons when out of a patch of bushes, not twenty yards away, dashed a large loose figure carrying a stout cudgel. Everybody recognized the dreaded keeper, and on the instant made a dash for the narrow path leading through the copse. Here only single file was possible and away they went like madmen, hearing the heavy tread of a weighty pair of feet close behind, and feeling the heavier thumps of their own heartbeats. Soon the gap in the hedge was reached and the leader took a vigorous spring to clear the ditch below. The next boy also jumped; but what was wrong? The leader, instead of leaping over the ditch, was now floundering in mud and water at the bottom, the second boy had also failed to clear and was excitedly assisting the leader to flounder. Each boy was too close behind the next in front to see what happened and each one jumped, with the result that in a twinkling all were combined in a muddy, struggling mass of arms, legs, hats, sticks, and nut bags, in the deep ditch, and there, at the top of the bank, stood the "keeper;" but he did not appear at all angry, he seemed amused and began to giggle, then to laugh, and at last burst out into a long, loud roar, which echoed from one end of the woods to the other, and after relieving his feelings by a mad series of leaps, whoops, and yells, he quietly got down and helped out each saddened hunter, who, as he gained the full use of his senses,

recognized Buttons as his assistant.

On examining the spot next day a strong wire was discovered stretched across the ditch, and, although nothing was said, it was a noticeable fact that in all future expeditions into the woods Buttons was not allowed to go far out of sight.

## A Word to the Students From the Trainer.

Having been honored by President Snyder with the appointment of athletic coach for the coming season and having looked over the material at hand, possibilities and facilities, I am firmly convinced to be able to lead the M. A. C. team to victory. In order to do this, I must ask for the support of the competing athletes, the faculty and the student body.

Let me assure the members of the team first, that it is the height of my ambition to be successful with the charges under me, that I will not spare time or pains to improve their athletic ability, but I must ask them for their good will, to trust entirely in my advice and to let me have their absolute confidence. I request the athletes to keep me in touch with all their affairs, as health, condition, class studies, etc., so I can be of use to them and prevent in time any trouble that may result in losing a good athlete. No matter how small some little accident may be, I would prefer to know it, as it is a great deal easier to remedy small matters than to rectify big affairs.

I respectfully request the members of the faculty to notify me immediately in case a member of the team falls back in his studies. Having gained the confidence of the students I hope to be able to use my influence in this direction. I believe it as absolutely possible and necessary that a good athletic should be a good scholar.

The student body I beg to show their interest for the team and their welfare. Let the students come out every day, witness the practice, notice the improvements and cheer your brothers, if you see good success and results.

My long experience in College athletics has taught me that interest shown by the student body is the greatest stimulus for the performers. Let the students not forget that the team does not only represent themselves, but strives for the glory of our College, and that the members are representatives of the student body, and that it is your college duty to encourage them. Every student should make it a point of honor to become a member of the Athletic Association. The price is low enough to enable everybody to join it. Athletics, no matter how economically managed, cost money and our athletic association needs more than we have at hand. I can faithfully promise you good results and to lay a sound foundation for future athletic success, if you all help us morally and financially, and it shall be the goal of my ambition, when my term is over here, to see every student of this great college enrolled in the roster of the Athletic Association.

Respectfully,  
MAX BEUTNER.

Sweet Sixteen—And do you have to expel students often?

College Prex.—Oh! no. Once is usually sufficient.—*Wrinkle.*

**News from Caramanian.**

H. Caramanian with '00 has given up agricultural work and begun teaching at Tchoroum, Asia Minor. He has one assistant and receives three Turkish pounds a month, which equals sixteen or seventeen American dollars. This seems a small amount but is really quite a liberal income, for a man can live well in Asia Minor on two dollars a month.

**At the College.**

H. W. Dey '02 entertained his father over Sunday.

L. S. Munson is out on his annual fertilizer collecting tour.

Professor Wheeler found spring flowers in the woods Sunday.

Miss Edith Hadley, of Fenton, visited her sister at College last week.

Mrs. Gunson was well enough to be brought home from the city hospital Sunday.

Miss Dunstall, of Ypsilanti, spent her vacation week at M. A. C., as the guest of Miss Ronan.

Miss Helen St. John, of Ann Arbor, spent her vacation week at the College with Mrs. Bird.

Five members of the senior class have been making up back work in the dairy during the past week.

The Hesperians entertained the Feronians last Saturday evening with literary program and dancing.

Miss Keller entertained the senate finance committee at dinner in the cooking laboratory dining room last Monday.

Allan H. Stone '99m and Charles W. Bale '00m were initiated into the Tau Beta Pi fraternity Thursday evening.

Prof. C. D. Smith spoke on the subject of sugar beets last week at Wayland, Holland, Sparta, Shelby and Fremont.

Sergeant Greening, of Toledo, a member of the 10th Ohio Volunteers, visited his sister, Mrs. A. L. Westcott, last week.

Misses Keller and Rushmore accompanied Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Towar on a visit to the Towar sugar bush Thursday afternoon.

The Natural History Society will hold its first regular meeting for the term, Wednesday evening at 6:30, in the Zoological lecture room.

Miss Lilian Wheeler goes to Detroit today as delegate to the State convention of King's Daughters. She will read a paper on "Our Motto."

It is estimated that 1,500 took advantage of the excursion from Hillsdale and intermediate points last Wednesday. Several hundred of these visited the College.

Messrs. Thomas Marr, of Berrien county, A. E. Palmer, of Kalkaska, and E. A. Holden, of Lansing, executive committee of the State Grange, were at the College Wednesday.

The King's Daughters elected the following officers last Wednesday afternoon: President, Mrs. Blunt; vice president, Mrs. Vedder; secretary, Mrs. Barrows; treasurer, Mrs. W. O. Beal.

At the freshman class-meeting Friday noon Arthur Peters was

elected treasurer. It was decided to challenge the sophomores to a local field day to decide any doubt of physical supremacy left by the "scrap" last fall.

**Australian Eggs.**

Australian eggs are now shipped all the way to London, England, and are sold there for "fresh laid." These eggs pass across the equator and through the Red sea. The steamer takes five to six weeks from the island continent. They are laid at one end of the earth and sold at the other. These eggs are shipped by the Australian poultry keepers to their London cold store, in refrigerated chambers, and sold in London when eggs are scarce there, and, hence, very dear then. Thousands of dozens are in ordinary card-board divisioned boxes, which they filled with dry pea husks. The shipments are made from November to January, this being the spring and early summer season in the antipodes.—*National Provisioner.*

**Degrees Taken by U. of M. Faculty Members.**

Of the 222 members of the faculty 46 have taken upon examination, the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Fourteen won the degree at the University of Michigan, five at Cornell, four at Johns Hopkins, four at Harvard, and one each at Chicago, Yale and Allegheny College. Nine took all of their academic degrees at a single institution, namely, seven at Michigan and one each at Harvard and Johns Hopkins. Sixteen received the doctors degree at foreign universities—five at Leipsic, two at Jena, and one each at Freiburg in Baden, Bonn, Glasgow, Munich, Vienna, Marburg, Berne, Zurich and Berlin.—*U. of M. Daily.*

**The Probable Reason.**

Mrs. Hornbeak.—It is a pity that Jasper Doolittle has amounted to so little since he graduated with high honors at the academy. The title of his oration was, "Hitch Your Wagon to a Star;" and I remember how eloquent he was—so that everybody kept saying what a bright future he had before him. I wonder why he has never followed out that motto, himself?

Farmer Hornbeak.—Oh! I guess he did, in a certain way. Probably he hitched his wagon to a star, but forgot to put in the end-gate.—*Puck.*

**Things I'd Like to Know.**

Is a paste diamond a shamrock?  
Is a woodshed a chop-house?  
Is the X-ray ten-colored?  
Can people with "silver threads among the gold" be said to have a wealth of hair?  
—*L. A. W. Bulletin.*

**Wise and Otherwise.**

Love is a game that generally ends in a tie.

No woman is ever quite so old as her dearest friend says she is.—*Puck.*

The minister yearning for marriage fees is looking for a chance to tie two.

"Are Baptists allowed to dance?"  
"Of course. Didn't you ever hear of the 'dip'?"—*Harvard Lampoon.*

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