APPENDIX E.

MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, FACULTY AND STUDENTS IN THE CIVIL WAR, 1861-1865.

(Most of the following pages were copied from Records of Service of Michigan Volunteers in the Civil War, published by the State of Michigan.)

In accordance with a suggestion found in the Speculum, April, 1887, the writer presents the list of names of members of the board, faculty and students who were in the Union army during a portion of the Civil War. To some extent this list explains how it was that the number of students during the period dwindled to forty-eight. No doubt this list contains some errors and is incomplete.

At the reunion of the Agricultural College boys of Ionia county, on the first evening of the year, 1887, Hon. F. B. Morse, L.L. D. '91 an old M. A. C. boy, and a one-armed soldier, responded to the toast, "The boys who left the college to fight for their country, may their example be an inspiration to the boys who leave the college to fight the battle of life." In the course of his speech, which was listened to with the eager earnestness that it well deserved, the honorable justice of the supreme court, touched upon a point that met our hearty approval. He suggested that it would be fitting to establish a memorial in honor of the boys that fought for their country and were left dead upon her fields. Surely we should not forget our heroes, and what heroes could be more dear to us or worthy to be remembered, than they that left the green old campus to which we are so much attached, and marched to fields whose green was to be dyed with their blood. Their patriotism was of so noble a quality that their lives were freely given; let ours not be so inferior as to allow theirs to be wholly forgotten. On that spot where their thoughts turned while trudging on in the long weary march, or while they lay wounded and dying on the battle-scorched fields of Gettysburg, let there be erected some frail memorial that shall implore the passing tribute of a sigh.

See Chapter XVI concerning an edifice in honor of the class of 1861.

George W. Haigh with '62 writes from Mankato, Minn., March 28, 1896: "The recommendation of the faculty to obtain the war records of its graduates is certainly most wise.

"I was associated with Gilbert A. Dickey during his entire service in the army, first in Capt. Howland's company of engineers, which went out under Gen. Fremont. In that company eight students enlisted, Dickey, Prentiss, Clute, A. F. Allen, Beebe, Benham, my brother Thomas and myself; but we were soon discharged, as we were improperly organized, and when Gen. Fremont was relieved from the command of the Department of Missouri, we were retired. The system of signals by means of flags introduced in the army by this company was retained and became of great value to the service. As I remember this part of my service in the army it seems like a fine rollicking outing. Good company, little but pleasant duties, swinging of flags and riding over the beautiful prairies of southern Missouri. Dickey was the first sergeant of this company and he obtained that knowledge of the
commissary department that was so useful to him as commissary sergeant of the 24th Michigan Infantry.

"In August, 1862, we both enlisted in the 24th, he in the regimental non-commissioned staff and I, as first sergeant of a company, had ample opportunity to become familiar with the difficulties and perplexities of his position of supplying rations for a thousand men. There was never a word of fault found with his work in this department, either by officers or hungry privates. His faithfulness in this work soon earned him promotion to second lieutenant of company G; this position gave him more leisure and I saw more of him than before. He became a most excellent drill master.

"You are mistaken (General Catalogue of 1900); he did not fall while storming a redoubt at Gettysburg, but was shot and instantly killed while we were maintaining a difficult line of battle without breastworks and were attacked by overwhelming numbers of the rebels. My position was near the right of the line; Dickey's on the left. During the lull before the attack I went down and had a talk with him and was probably the last person that engaged him in friendly conversation. I found him reading his Bible. We talked a few moments and looked at the lines of the enemy filing through the timber and preparing for the advance. We said 'good-bye' and I returned to my post and soon came the shouting rebels and poor Dickey was no more, and I, wounded, was finding my way to the rear.

"Two years ago I was at Gettysburg, and visited his grave in the shadow of the government monument."


Atchison, Charles: (a) 80-82. Corporal, Co. A, 5th Missouri Volunteer Infantry, 1898. 300 E. 12th St., Kansas City, Mo.

prisoner at Shiloh, Tenn., April 6, 1862. Died of disease in prison at Atlanta, Ga., May 2, 1862.


Barney, Henry Lewis. (a) 57-58, 2nd lieutenant Civil War; farmer, teacher, register of deeds, Cass County, January, 1873-January, 1877. Died June 28, 1911.


Blair, Austin, Jackson, member ex-officio of the State Board of Agriculture, 1861-65; president of the State Board of Agriculture; state senate, 1855; Governor, 1860, and in 1862 widely known as the War Governor; 1866 and in 1868 and in 1870 elected to congress; regent of the University, 1881. Died Aug. 6, 1894.

Blakeslee, Nathan P., 58-60, Oakland County. Enlisted in Company A First Infantry, July 5, 1861, at Ann Arbor, for 3 years, age 19. Mustered,

Bliss, Aaron Thomas, was captain company D, 10th New York Cavalry.

(See his biography in this volume.)


Carpenter, Otis W., 61-62, Delta. Enlisted in company D, Seventh Cavalry, as sergeant, Sept. 6, 1862, at Delta, for 3 years, age 22. Mustered, Nov. 13, 1862. Transferred to company M, Aug. 5, 1863. Taken prisoner
at Trevilian Station, Va., June 11, 1864. Died of disease at Annapolis, Md., Dec. 6, 1864. Buried at Annapolis, Md.


Clute, Oscar, M. S., L.L. D., 1893. President of Florida Agricultural College and director of the Experiment Station, 1893-97; Clergyman. Supt. of ranch, Pomona, Cal. (See Presidents, page 91). (See Members of the Faculty, page 393).


July 1, 1863.

Geo. W. Haas, C, First Infantry, 18 months ago. Mustered out at Summit St., May 26, 1865. Present address; Columbus, Ohio.

Elder, John, as corporal, 8th P. R. Volunteers. Wounded in battle and discharged at Delano, Phila., Nov. 1, 1864.


Foster, C., 12th Michigan, April 4, 1864. Mustered out at Detroit, Mich., April 20, 1865. Present address; Detroit, Mich.


Griswold, P. J., Capt., 6th Michigan, 1866. Mustered out at Delano, Phila., July 1, 1865. Present address; Delano, Phila.

Hill, James, as corporal, 5th U. S. Volunteers. Wounded in battle and discharged at Delano, Phila., Nov. 1, 1864.

Horrigan, John, as corporal, 5th U. S. Volunteers. Wounded in battle and discharged at Delano, Phila., Nov. 1, 1864.

Kilby, Charles, as corporal, 5th U. S. Volunteers. Wounded in battle and discharged at Delano, Phila., Nov. 1, 1864.

Lambert, David, as corporal, 5th U. S. Volunteers. Wounded in battle and discharged at Delano, Phila., Nov. 1, 1864.

Martin, George A., as corporal, 5th U. S. Volunteers. Wounded in battle and discharged at Delano, Phila., Nov. 1, 1864.

McElrath, John, as corporal, 5th U. S. Volunteers. Wounded in battle and discharged at Delano, Phila., Nov. 1, 1864.

McKee, George, as corporal, 5th U. S. Volunteers. Wounded in battle and discharged at Delano, Phila., Nov. 1, 1864.

McKnight, John, as corporal, 5th U. S. Volunteers. Wounded in battle and discharged at Delano, Phila., Nov. 1, 1864.

McLeod, John, as corporal, 5th U. S. Volunteers. Wounded in battle and discharged at Delano, Phila., Nov. 1, 1864.

Miller, George, as corporal, 5th U. S. Volunteers. Wounded in battle and discharged at Delano, Phila., Nov. 1, 1864.

Nelson, George, as corporal, 5th U. S. Volunteers. Wounded in battle and discharged at Delano, Phila., Nov. 1, 1864.

O'Brien, John, as corporal, 5th U. S. Volunteers. Wounded in battle and discharged at Delano, Phila., Nov. 1, 1864.

Patterson, John, as corporal, 5th U. S. Volunteers. Wounded in battle and discharged at Delano, Phila., Nov. 1, 1864.

Pierce, John, as corporal, 5th U. S. Volunteers. Wounded in battle and discharged at Delano, Phila., Nov. 1, 1864.

Price, John, as corporal, 5th U. S. Volunteers. Wounded in battle and discharged at Delano, Phila., Nov. 1, 1864.

Randall, John, as corporal, 5th U. S. Volunteers. Wounded in battle and discharged at Delano, Phila., Nov. 1, 1864.

Richards, John, as corporal, 5th U. S. Volunteers. Wounded in battle and discharged at Delano, Phila., Nov. 1, 1864.

Roberts, John, as corporal, 5th U. S. Volunteers. Wounded in battle and discharged at Delano, Phila., Nov. 1, 1864.

Smith, John, as corporal, 5th U. S. Volunteers. Wounded in battle and discharged at Delano, Phila., Nov. 1, 1864.

Taylor, John, as corporal, 5th U. S. Volunteers. Wounded in battle and discharged at Delano, Phila., Nov. 1, 1864.

Tyler, John, as corporal, 5th U. S. Volunteers. Wounded in battle and discharged at Delano, Phila., Nov. 1, 1864.

Vance, John, as corporal, 5th U. S. Volunteers. Wounded in battle and discharged at Delano, Phila., Nov. 1, 1864.

White, John, as corporal, 5th U. S. Volunteers. Wounded in battle and discharged at Delano, Phila., Nov. 1, 1864.
July 1, 1863. Buried in National Cemetery, Gettysburg, Pa. (See note of Geo. W. Haigh on page 483.)


Haigh, Thomas, 60-61, M. D. (N. Y. College of Phys. and Surg.), 1865; Member company D, 24th Michigan Volunteer Infantry; assistant professor of physiology, 1866-68. Physician. Died in New York, N. Y., June 8, 1871.


Jerome, David Howell. In 1862, he raised the 23rd Michigan Infantry, commandant in camp with the rank of colonel. In 1863-66 military aid to Governor Crego; 1865 member of the State Military Board. State senator, member of committee, 1873 to revise the state constitution; trustee of the Michigan Military Academy; governor, 1881-84. Died 1866.

Jewett, Charles Adolphus, M. S., 1865. Sergeant company I, 8th Michigan Infantry, August 15, 1862; 2nd lieutenant, December 31, 1863; 1st lieutenant, March 27-June 26th, 1865. Township supervisor, 1897-98; president of a Farmers' Club for several years; master of a grange, 1898. Farmer, Hudson, Michigan.


Main, Sidne. 29th Infantry, 29, 1864; On the farms, Tan-


Markham, A. enlisted in company D, 22nd Michigan, Mayville, Mich. Marston, Where he was wounded of the thigh; la
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Leeds, Alex., 58-59. First Lieutenant company H, 6th Michigan Volunteer Infantry; railway postal clerk for 20 years. Dentist, Grafton, W. V.


Manchester, Caleb. 57-58. Member 11th Michigan Volunteer Infantry. Traveling salesman. 436 Maple St., Battle Creek, Michigan.


Marston, William Henry Pickering was a soldier in the Civil War, where he was wounded making it necessary to remove eleven and one-half inches of the tibia; later he founded the Amasa B. Watson Post, Grand Rapids,
Michigan. He died while serving as postmaster of Fitzgerald, Georgia. For other items, see his biography in this volume.

McCreery, William B., Flint. Enlisted in company F, 21st Infantry, as sergeant, April 23, 1861, at Flint, for 3 years, age 24. Mustered, May 25, 1861. Appointed second lieutenant to date, July 10, 1861. Appointed quartermaster, July 25, 1861. Commissioned captain, company G, Sept. 10, 1861. Wounded in action at Williamsburg, Va., May 5, 1862. Honorably discharged to accept promotion, Dec. 1, 1862. Commissioned lieutenant colonel, 21st Infantry, Feb. 3, 1863. Mustered, March 18, 1863. Taken prisoner at Chickamauga, Ga., Sept. 20, 1863. Escaped from Libby Prison Feb. 9, 1864. Resigned on account of disability, Sept. 14, 1864. Died December 9, 1896. Buried at Flint, Mich. In Gen. Thomas's order is the following: "On account of wounds (six in number) received at various times in action, while in discharge of duty, the honorable scars of which he now wears. In accepting the resignation of Col. William B. McCreery, the major general commanding takes occasion to express his high appreciation of the soldierly qualities and faithful discharge of duty which have ever characterized Col. McCreery's actions at the same time regretting the existence of the disability which compels the withdrawal of so valuable an officer from the service." (See Members of State Board.)


Palmer, Oscar, M. D., 57-58. (Columbian Univ., O.) 1864. Member company C, U. S. Sharpshooters, June, 1861. Transferred as hospital steward to 2d U. S. Sharpshooters; assistant surgeon, January 20, 1864. Resigned, October, 1864; house of representatives, 1883-85; ex-prosecuting attorney, Crawford County; medical director, G. A. R., Department of Michigan, 1895-99. Physician, farmer and lawyer, Grayling, Michigan. (See Members of State Board.)


Pinckney, Hazen S. Enlisted in company F, Massachusetts Heavy Artillery. (See his biography in this volume.)


Skinner, Merritt Clark. 57-59. University of Michigan, 1860-61; member company A, 21st Indiana Volunteer Infantry, July 5, 1861-February 10, 1866; teacher, 1866-70; druggist, 1870-74; county superintendent of schools, 1874-76; principal of schools at Albion, 1876-82; clerk of the Noble circuit court, 1883-92. Drainage commissioner and insurance business, Albion, Michigan.


Thompson, Alvaro Jerome Ward. 58-60. Member company C, 32d Iowa Volunteer Infantry, August 14, 1862-June 14, 1865; county auditor, 1881-87. Secretary of the Dakota County Building Association and fire insurance agent, Hastings, Mich.

Tracey, Samuel Mills, M. S., 1876. Member company A, 41st Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, 1864. Editor of the “Practical Farmer,” 1875-77 professor of botany and horticulture in the University of Mo., 1877-87; director of the Mississippi Experiment Station, 1888-97; author of a Manual of Botany for the Use of Elementary Schools in the Southern States, 1900. Editor and botanist, Biloxi, Miss.


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Wheeler, Charles Pay, B. S. In the 174th regiment of Infantry, New York Volunteers. (See Professors).


