Distinguished Visitors.
A party from the University of Illinois, consisting of Prof. Eugene Davenport '78; Prof. P. G. Holden '89; Dr. Burrill, professor of botany; Prof. M. A. C. Abbott, Mr. Turner Carrell and Mr. Fred Hatch, four members of the University of Wisconsin, and Mr. Llewellyn, professor of civil engineering, were visiting our College. They were accommodated in double rooms; and Krentel caught Davenport '78; Prof. P. G. Holden '89; Dr. Burrill, professor of botany; Mr. Fred Hatch, four members of the University of Wisconsin, and Mr. Llewellyn, professor of civil engineering.

Two Games Lost.
"Monday afternoon of last week we helped Hillsdale score her first victory for a great many years," Kalamazoo said we used the words we used in the Raccoon one year ago today; they tell part of the story. The game was started by a base hit by Norton and one by Schwartz. Considering the number of bases on balls in this game, and the brilliant fielding that our boys kept their opponents' score down to 10. The first three men were out. Derew caught well for Hillsdale and threw accurately to Depew, having an error on a low throw by R. W. Case, who put up a very satisfactory game, both in the field and on bases. Armstrong, another new man, played a perfect game in right field, covered his territory well and batted strongly for a man with so little practice.

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Decoration Day Exercises.
In honor of the soldiers who died in defense of the Union in the late war of the rebellion, memorial day will be appropriately observed at this college May 30, at the college armory.

The College Volunteers Have Returned.
Company E of the 31st M. V. L. I., in which were six M. A. C. students, returned Friday night at midnight. They were about the same in the first inning, Kalamazoo would have been shut out in that inning; as it was, the last three were out, enabling us to win any ordinary game, before the first three men were out. It was too much of a shock to keep these up, when the team played a plucky uphill game.

The boys were somewhat dissatisfied that Norton was not chosen, because of Captain Ranney's resignation, and this may have had something to do with their playing. Mr. Ranney was protested by Albin because he played last summer on one of the northern resort teams and received his board while there. The protest was not sustained, Jackson said, probably because nearly every college in the association has men in the same list. Notwithstanding the protest, Ranney caught the ball according to the letter of the rules, were ineligible to play, and Mr. Calhoun declared to avoid further trouble, resigned.

His resignation necessitated several changes on the team. His position as captain was filled by the election of A. C. Krentel, and his position at second base was played by W. K. Case, who put up a very satisfactory game, both in the field and on bases. Armstrong, another new man, played a perfect game in right field, covered his territory well and batted strongly for a man with so little practice.

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Best M. I. A. A. Records.
It may be interesting to know that nearly all our best athletic records have been made within the last three years, and that eight of these were established last year. We think of Leapord Burnett '92 as our greatest all-around athlete, and consider the work he did for the college and the number of times he took the all-around medal, he is worth all the esteem we give him; yet only two of his records remain unbroken. Most of the records now stand as being made by men who have trained according to modern methods and for tour or two events. We give below a list of the best M. I. A. A. records, by whom made and when: 100-yard dash—10 5 4 seconds, by Kalamazoo; 200-yard dash—23 5 4 seconds, by Russell, M. A. C. in 1893.

Track of Experiments.
The Agricultural College offers the following report of its successful competitors in this contest:

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subject interesting to all, especially to farmers whose soil is sand.

He explained how injurious it was to overcrop land and asserted that we will have to grasp some new method of farming or quit the business. Small farms are growing old and farmers are beginning to see that the fertility is not what it once was. The natural fertility, caused by accumulation, during past ages, of the ever-decaying leaves from the forest, is declining.

What is to be done to restore the fertility? Mr. Woodman gave some very good hints on this. He said that if everything in the line of refuse matter should be spread on the land as fertilizer. Many farmers burn up matter that could well be used for this purpose. If a farmer should keep enough stock on farms to use up all our surplus hay and grain; thus it may be converted into fertilizer and go back into our own soil instead of some other man's.

In most cases it should be well rotted before being spread on the ground, although a light coat of straw spread over a meadow or pasture causes the grass to grow more rapidly and makes a thicker sod, which is very valuable as fertility is returned to the soil.

Mr. Woodman thinks clover is one of our best means of restoring fertility, no matter if the insects do not bother it. He says that the roots strike deeper into the ground and draw more fertility to the surface than most other plants. If there is an abundance of rainfall during the summer, it is a good plan to plow a little and sow to rape about the middle of June. Insects do not work in such clover as bad as in that sowed in the early spring.

Of the different kinds of clover he asserts that mammoth red has borne the best test, that is for all purposes. Crimson clover probably ranks fourth; it is an excellent plant to be grown in the north where it has no use for its roots. Its roots are too long, and to plow up an Alfalfa mixture which is three years old, is about like plowing among the roots of a grub oak thicker than Professor Smith's.

Mr. Woodman stated that beans and corn, if turned under when green, enrich the soil as much as a good coat of well rotted manure. He gave one process for enriching the soil which I believe would be a good one for some of our farmers to try. Sow soy in the fall of the year, plow it up early in the spring, and sow to rape about the middle of May and continue the process for four or five years. The rape makes splendid pasture, therefore the land may be of some value while its fertility is increasing. He cautioned farmers to be very careful not to leave that manure in the stables in a position where the water from the eaves could drop down on it, and advised that farmers realize the loss occasioned by being careless about such seemingly small matters. This ended Mr. Woodman's talk.

Prof. Smith of the Michigan Agricultural College was introduced as second speaker. Sugar Beets was his topic. This subject was perhaps more interesting to farmers than anything through the whole institute, judging by the number of questions asked Mr. Smith.

Professor Smith said he had visited California, Nebraska, and all the other states where sugar beets were being grown and declared that Michigan's prospects for leading the industry are better than any other state. (Applause). What is necessary for a good sugar beet locality is good black loamy soil and rainfall. Michigan has both. (Applause). Clay soil is not adapted to the industry, for causes the beets to grow in a spragly form and is very difficult to clean from the roots.

Mack soil grows too large beets and is not generally used for such. He thinks the ground for beets should be plowed quite deep, but adds that it all depends on the fertility and hardness of the soil. The seed should be from beets, bearing high test and free from weed seed, and fifteen pounds should generally suffice, as when the rows are twenty inches apart. The reason for putting so much on each hill is to make certain that no breaks occur in the rows.

Where ground is full of weed seed it is well to sow turnip seed with the beet seed; turnip germinates more quickly and one is enabled to see the rows better. In this way the weeds appear out before the beets appear above the ground. He stated that it would be unprofitable for farmers to use the common grain drill for sowing beets. The drills used sow two rows at a time.

Prof. Smith cautioned farmers not to let beets get too large before weeding and thinning. As soon as the can be easily seen the work should commence. They should be thinned out to one single beet per square inch. The first time through they should be thinned out to one person working seven and one half hours a day, seven and one half days to weed and thin an acre of beets. The first time through is the hardest part, for after they get large enough to shade the ground little care is required. He said that the pulling and topping costs about five dollars per acre, but predicted that in the near future, some American ingenuity would appear in the form of a beet harvester. The harvesting time is most critical of all businees, A heavy rainfall, when they are ready to harvest, is liable to cause a second growth.

By careful figuring, Prof. Smith proved that it does not pay for farmers to grow sugar beets where they have more than five miles to haul them. Persons living two or three miles from the factory can haul four or five loads each day but those living five miles cannot move more than two loads per day. The cost of mulching an acre of beets varies from thirty to forty dollars per acre, and the net profit runs from ten to thirty dollars per acre.

Numerous questions were asked both speakers of the session, who answered very satisfactorily, showing that they had a thorough knowledge of their subjects. One question was asked Prof. Smith which may be of interest to some. Would the sugar beet industry be a profitable one if the bounty were removed? He proved that farmers would realize from three and one half to four dollars per ton if there were no bounty at all.

This ended the afternoon session and the meeting stood adjourned.

Life may be a stage, but its more like a court house, from the fact that it is full of trials.
Mr. Enoch Banker, of Jackson, whose name appears in the first catalogue of this College as assistant to the president, visited M. A. C. Tuesday.

In the preliminary ladies' tennis singles last week, Misses Garfield, O'Connor, Crosby and Nolan. The semifinals will be played this week; Miss Garfield against Miss Crosby and Miss O'Connor against Miss Nolan.

The freshmen had no difficulty Saturday morning in defeating the sophomores at baseball. It was by the merest good luck that the latter scored two runs; while the freshmen ran the bases almost at will until they had run up a score of 35.

The Last Military Hop.

The last of the series of military hops was enjoyed last Friday evening by nearly 200 young people. The music, floor and all appointments were such as to make the party a delightful one. Just before ten o'clock Lieutenant and Mrs. Bandholt arrived and immediately were surrounded by a host of friends, who, a moment later, came forward to welcome them each with a rousing cheer for their guests. Then the dance was resumed and continued until eleven-thirty. Among the out-of-town guests were H. W. Hart '97, M. F. Loomis with '93 and Misses Bees Carlmand and Linda Evesich, of Corunna.

Entertained the Faculty Ladies.

The Feronians entertained the faculty ladies in their society rooms Thursday afternoon with the following:

Piano solo—Miss Cornel
Recitation—Miss Mabel Bristol
Glimpse of the Southern Negro—Miss Monroe
Piano solo—Miss Rich

Critic's Report—Miss Rosbon.

Bobby—Say, Poppy, what's political economy?

"Never to buy any more votes than you absolutely need."—Miss Monroe.

Recitation—Miss Mabel Bristol.
Piano solo—Miss Rich.
Piano solo—Miss Cannel.

The semi-finals will be played this week; Miss Nolan against Miss Misses CPR and Miss Evesich, of Corunna.

In the Eclectic Society oratorical contest last Saturday, J. A. Bulkeley won first place.

Prof. and Mrs. J. D. Towar will live at Backus Cottage during the remainder of the school year.

The College band furnished music at the sacred concert in the Baptist church, Sunday evening.

The young ladies will give a musicale in the chapel Friday night, May 26, at eight o'clock. All are invited.

The Kings daughter's week will meet with Mrs. W. J. Beal Wednesday, Lesson, Isaiah 49th and 50th chapters.

Last Tuesday morning we were favored with chapel talks from Hon. Jason E. Hammond '86 and Hon. William L. C. Brooks '92.

The twelfth annual field day of the M. I. A. A. will be held Friday and Saturday, June 1 and 2, on the Hopkins campus. The college will close Friday afternoon to permit of the attendance of the students. See ad.

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