An Enjoyable Party.

The officers of the battalion are to be congratulated upon the success of the first military hop of the season. Two hundred enjoyed the twenty numbers on the dance program last Friday evening. The music was good; the room was pleasantly decorated with bunting, flags and potted plants; the floor in the best of condition. Among the guests from outside were Misses Pauline Cram and Alice Cooper of Grosseville, Miss Clara Black of Flushing, Miss Mae McNiel of Springfield, Mesdames Kedzie and Landon acted as chaperones.

Facts About Michigan Flora.

At the meeting of the Botanical Club last Tuesday, the attendance was large and an interesting program was carried to the end. The first number on the program was a talk by Prof. Wheeler on "New Michigan Plants," which gave a history of the work done in compiling the various catalogues of Michigan flora. Not only 1100 species were known. The state catalogue published in 1874 by Prof. Wheeler included 1176 species in this state. Since then 233 plants have been added to this list; it is interesting to note that during the same period of time, a large per cent of the new species found have been introduced from Europe or the northwestern part of our own country.

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Bees and Mountaineers.

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Special Short Courses.

Next term the College will offer five short courses beginning January 2 and ending February 22. The courses are: (1) The Ames college of agriculture and home economics will be offered in each a part of the work in the Home Economics and Agriculture Department. (2) The short course in cheese making will be offered in the Department of Home Economics. (3) The short course in cheese making will be offered in the Department of Home Economics. (4) The short course in cheese making will be offered in the Department of Home Economics. (5) The short course in cheese making will be offered in the Department of Home Economics.
It is a hundred years since Tallyrand proposed to the world a universal system of weights and measures. The year was 1812, six years since Napoleon. It is a hundred years since Quincy Adams made his famous report on the metric system; and twenty years since its use was legalized by Congress. It is used by over twenty nations of the earth, numbering altogether more than four hundred millions of people. And yet we adhere to the old English measures, the disadvantages which have caused us still too much trouble to require any extended notice.

In long measure we progress swimmingly so far as twelve inches make a foot and three feet a yard, then we have to cut it in half, and get half yards, half feet, or half inches, and have to use thirty and a fourth as a multiplier or divisor, we lose all confidence in the great pyramid. I say pyramid because you know Prof. Smyth in his somewhat fanatical book on "Our Inheritance in the Great Pyramid" proves by the length of the base of the pyramid, which by the way is not all there is to the pyramid, is the time when man came from heaven as the measure for man.

When we come to weights we are all adrift. There are three kinds of ounces and three kinds of pounds, which is capable of being turned into a long ton and a short ton, to say nothing of stones, of eight, sixteen, and thirty-two pounds. A measure we are also confronted by a pleasing variety of names, such as stick measure, struck measure, looking bushel, and barrels of almost any capacity. The quart is as variable as the ounce. A quart in wine measure is equal to the English three-quarters cubic inches, in dry measure sixty-six and one-fifth, and in beer measure seventy and one-half cubic inches. The quart, therefore, has one merit, that of favoring the poor, for the laboring man gets a twenty-five per cent. larger drink in his groiner than in his pocket.

The old system is full of absurdities but they can be reconciled or ignored as we choose to look to the system to that its employment requires so much useless labor. When time is as valuable as it is in this country the system of weights and measures is not needed and the only way we could accomplish the result by pointing off a decimal place.

When we need a decimal system so badly and are constantly striving to make one out of the impossible English system, why, we have two main gropings, stretch forth our hands and take what the French have given us. The French provided the system of weights and measures is the desirable thing of the times and we could not consistently and constantly conduct France, Austria, and the rest to give up their convenient system for ours. If we could do it in the United States we would make twenty-one points in it. The use of metric measures is not the same as the Klonlein system, and for practical purposes they are practically the same as the Klonlein system, and for practical purposes they are practically the same as the Klonlein system, the smaller Gradus will not have to be used very much. And so we go on about it, and the sooner we can get on with it the better speed of the system will be established.

The Metric System of Weights and Measures.

R. S. Reid, Eclectic Society.

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lar friends of mine. Don't worry if I don't write often, as it is almost impossible to get stamps up here even after the letter is written. You see we are fifteen miles from town and can go there on no excuse whatever.

May 1.—I have been running around trying to get a stamp, but haven't found one yet. We are having Krag rifles issued to us and haven't found one yet. We are having Krag rifles issued to us and whenever.

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OCTOBER 24, 1899.

The rainy season is coming on. It hasn't rained much yet but the thunder and lightning are plenty. About 4 o'clock last night there was a clap of thunder that just lifted. I thought at first that the 8-inch shell had exploded. This shell was one fired by Dewey did not burst. The niggers found it and brought it up here, and it is now in the church where we are living.

I wish I had been at home during the sugar season. I will be there next year, I guess. So far I am glad I enlisted for I have seen lots that I would not have seen otherwise, and am just as sure to come home as I was to come home. Give my love to all.

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News from Graduates and Former Students.

H. H. Mills with 79, is now located at Whitter, Cal. 

Elmher J. Rowley '90 has moved from Greenville to Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Myrtle Moore with '82 is taking the medical course at Ann Arbor.

C. H. Todd '85 is a farmer and stock raiser at Wakeman, Ohio. For two years he has been president of the local farmers' institute.

Otie R. Cole with '98 has just been heard from. He is in the Philippines and at time of writing, August, has just sighted land from the transport.

George L. Flower '89, Detroit assistant in the U. S. Coast and Geodetic survey, has been engaged since early spring on a survey of the Yukon Delta, Alaska.

James Briley '96 is a student in the medical course at the U. M. and rooms at 101 S. Thayer St. One block away are Foreman '94, Rigterick '57 and Richmond '98.

O. C. Hollister '90, enlisted in Co. E, 31st M. V. L., May 8, 1893, and was discharged April 31, 1899. Since that time has been chief clerk at department headquarters, Adjutant General's office, Matanzas, Cuba. He writes: "Am enjoying the best of health and spirits, busy fifteen out of the twenty-four hours a day, and am coming back to M. A. C. some day to take an M. S. degree."

At the College.

Miss Clara Ohland with '01 will spend a week at the College.

Miss Ellen R. Rushmore left for the east last Saturday evening.

Miss Norma Searing '01 visited relatives in Mulliken over Sunday.

Miss Margaret Snell '02 spent Friday evening and secured over 2000 pounds of lumber of all kinds.

Miss Clara Ohland with '01 will return.

Ex-Pres. Lewis G. Gorton called on the heads of the board of examiners in Isabella county.

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