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W. Y. C. A.

Maie Louise Reed led the last meeting of the term, Thursday evening, Dec. 12. She took for her subject the life and works of Alphonse Custodis Chimney & Brick Co., of Peoria, Ill., which proved to be one of deep interest to those present. The attendance was good.

ELECTRICAL CLUB.

The Electrical Club at their Tuesday evening meeting listened to an address on the "Law of Contracts," by Mr. King of Lansing. They intend to study up the business and legal qualifications that an engineer shall have before he can practice in the electrical side of his education. They have taken up for their first study the New York plan of the gas route and the details of its construction.

ALUMI.

A. C. Bird is to receive the appointment of State Dairy and Food Commissioner. Mr. C. L. Little, a graduate of the class of '93 will be his deputy.

E. J. Rowley is at present farming near Harvard, Kent Co. Mr. Rowley has made two trips to the Canadian Northwest and is so pleased with pro-pects there that he will sell as soon as possible and move that territory his home.

S. F. Scott is now assistant to Prof. A. B. Prescott, director of the chemical laboratory at Ann Arbor.

With '91.

John F. Nellist, with the class of '91, a civil engineer at Grand Rapids, Mich., was a visitor at the College last week.

With '98.

Rufus W. Landol is with Sears, Roebuck & Co., Chicago.

With '99.

W. K. Brainard spent a few days with College friends the past week. Mr. Brainard is professor of dairy and animal husbandry at the University of West Virginia. He is also secretary and treasurer of the West Virginia State Dairy Association.

With '02.

Lee B. Landol is with the American Tin Plate Company of Muncie, Ind.

With '04.

J. A. Priest while attending the Association of Farmers Clubs in the city called on College friends.

E. O. Elmer was a College visitor the past week. Mr. Elmer was also attending the Association of Farmers Clubs.

J. H. Prost has just finished a very successful season's work with Mr. O. C. Simonds, Landscape Architect of Chicago. Mr. Prost will spend the winter in Chicago studying landscape drafting and designing.

Arthur Adelman spent a few days at the College the past week. He will spend the holidays at his home in Chesaning, after which he will return to work at Washington.

With '05.

Mr. George Rae who was with the class of '05 is spending a few days at M. A. C.
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While the certificates granted students state Monday, Jan. 2, as the time limit for returning, it is generally understood that date is a legal one. It is not certain what, in the way of classification or special examination will be done. This policy appears as though understood as it should have been before college closed, but we hope this will not be the case. Students perhaps come back on the Saturday preceding New Years day, they do not know how the certificate will be re-issued. We have re-registered them on the 2d of January. The dormitories will, however, be closed on the 6th of January, but so that all may get settled and ready for work on Tuesday, Jan. 5.

WITH THE PASSING OF THE FAIR.

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ABOUT THE CAMPUS.

We are in receipt of a copy of the Industrialist, published by the Kansas state agricultural college, which presents a fine half tone cut of the winning team in the recent corn judging contest at Chicago and also one of the instructor in charge of the team, V. M. Shoemaker, a graduate of M. A. C. class of '01. We give below the description of the trophy won by the above team, and also quote two paragraphs from the Industrialist:

"This trophy is of bronze and glass, thirty-six inches high. The trophy has a triangular base ornamented with corn grouped around scales, typifying the exactness and accuracy needed in modern corn breeding." In the center are three glass cylinders to contain three ideal ears of corn. One side of these cylinders stands a bronze statue of an Indian chief in war dress, representing the original conditions in the corn belt. On the other side stands a bronze statue of Charles Willard Cook, father of Albert E. Cook, who purchased the Brookmont farm when it was a wild prairie roamed over by the Indians. The statue of Mr. Cook, Sr., represents the spirit of energy, skill and accuracy of the modern corn breeder. Carving the trophy is a bronze globe representing the world the position of which, supported by the ears of corn, indicate King Corn as the foundation of the prosperity of the world.

"The students were given five samples of corn of ten ears each, three samples to be judged as pure-bred types and two representing farmers' corns regardless of type. It was required that the first, second and third best ears be selected and the reasons given for the placing."

"This is a great victory for the K, S. A. C., and speaks well for the character of the instruction received at this institution, and is a special compliment to Asst. V. M. Shoemaker, who teaches the corn judging, trained the boys in their work, and had charge of the winning team at the International."

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LONG-RANGE FORECASTS.

The following letter, signed by Prof. Willis L. Moore, chief of the U. S. Weather Bureau, is self-explanatory and vigorously defines the limitations of the work of the Bureau regarding long-range forecasts:

"It is the opinion of the leading meteorologists of this country that public interests are injured by the publication of so-called long-range weather forecasts. These forecasts are based upon such predictions as relate to severe storms, floods, droughts, and other atmospheric phenomena of a dangerous or damaging character, and the persistent efforts of certain men to forecast these conditions upon the basis of personal gain, have reached such proportions that it is deemed advisable to make a public statement. The statement is in the true spirit of disinterested devotion to the advancement of that science along useful public welfare. Such publications are calculated to be positively injurious to agricultural, commercial, and other interests.

Men of this class find that for which they have predicted has so far gained the confidence of the public that they will not be at a loss to make use of the opportunities so presented. This is much easier to make the spray cover and stick to a leaf than to an apple. An orchard in the vicinity of the College was selected for the spray experiment, and on Oct. 15, 1904, three trees were picked and the fruit sorted as carefully as possible without cutting open each apple. One tree (No. 3) was unsprayed because of its location, being difficult to spray, and the young larvae also fed on the fruit as against 86.24 per cent of the wormy apples, 76.6. Tree II—Sprayed twice, per cent of wormy apples, 15.97. Tree III—Sprayed in sprayed orchard, per cent of wormy apples, 42.5; Trees IV and V—Unsprayed in unsprayed orchard, 89.3 per cent wormy apples.

Tables giving hand record for 1904, number of larvae entering apple 1904, and the egg laying of the second brood 1904, are also given. Mention is also made of the natural enemies of the moth, fungation of the orchard, and spraying has not been a menace. Two illustrations are given of the coding of the moth and one of a leaf of bark showing cocoon. The bulletin is No. 222.

C. P. Reed, '04, attended the State Meeting of Farmers Clubs held in Lansing as delegate from the Tyrone Farmers Club of Clinton county. He and Will Grogan, delegate from the Tyrone Farmers' Club, also in Livingston, called at the College.

The Y. M. C. A. building for the city of Lansing is now a settled home, as the required amount ($50,000) has been subscribed, thus making all pledges binding.

On Wednesday evening of last week the official thermometer at the College registered 18 degrees below zero which is three degrees colder than at any time last winter.