STATE TEACHERS MEETING.

The 53rd Annual meeting of the Michigan Teachers’ Association was held in Lansing Dec. 27–29. Nearly 900 teachers were enrolled, one of whom came from quite a distance. The principal speakers were State Supt. W. W. Street, of Chicago; Prof. J. L. Kenedy, of Batavia, N. Y., and Prof. R. G. Moullon of Chicago University. The program was good throughout, but the topic which created the most interest was the “Rural School Problem” which occupied all the time of W. W. Street. The whole discussion indicated very strongly that the rural schools were needing special attention; that they were not fulfilling their mission as were the city and high schools. Very little, if any, progress has been made during the past forty years. It was contended by many that while there was not as efficient a group of people in the rural schools as there are in the city schools, the rural schools were the ones that were able to be a specialist in elementary agriculture and nature study. In conclusion, the principal gave the following description. Santa Claus was doing double duty in delighting the youngest children with continual surprises and distributing welcome presents to the older children when, by accident, the fracas play upon the platform by Mr. Stanfield was uncovered, and although the character of the little performer did not change his general appearance was greatly modified. After the tree was stripped, the refreshments were served, a fly time had, and the company broke up.

A CHRISTMAS TREE.

Howard Terrace must have at least six chimneys by this time, as Santa Claus visited six homes in the building and bedecked six beautiful and happy children. Nine couples were present to enjoy the evening. Mrs. Florence Moon Day of Lansing will give the address at the first Union meeting of the year in the chapel Sunday evening, Jan. 8.

UNION LIT. PARTY.

On Friday evening, Dec. 23, the Union Lit. Society gave a party to those who remained at M. A. C. during the holiday vacation. Nine couples were present to enjoy the evening. Mrs. Florence Moon Day of Lansing will give the address at the first Union meeting of the year in the chapel Sunday evening, Jan. 8.

To all new students we want to announce that the Y. M. C. A. prayer meeting is held at 6:30 o'clock every Sunday evening in the Union Rooms Williams Hall. Every one is welcome to these meetings.

STATE Supt. W. W. Street, of Chicago, Miss Cecelia Calvo, of State College of Teacher’s Brown, Prof. Tafs, Mr. Kennedy, and Prof. Smith, as guests of the Misses Erna and Bertha. The tree beggars description. Santa Claus was doing double duty in delighting the youngest children with continual surprises and distributing welcome presents to the older children when, by accident, the fracas play upon the platform by Mr. Stanfield was uncovered, and although the character of the little performer did not change his general appearance was greatly modified. After the tree was stripped, the refreshments were served, a fly time had, and the company broke up.

On Saturday evening will occur the first of the series of pre-Christmas trees. The students left for southern California the last week of October, after spending a few days of their vacation in the east. The students left for southern California the last week of October, after spending a few days of their vacation in the east. The students left for southern California the last week of October, after spending a few days of their vacation in the east.

PRELIMINARY DEBATES.

On next Saturday evening will occur the first of the series of preliminary debates. Several new Bible classes will be organized at the beginning of this term in which all who have not been taking BIBLE study work will find an opportunity. The membership at the close of the fall term was 206.

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JANUARY INSTITUTES.

The following two-day Institutes have been arranged for by Prof. Tufs:

ELECTRICAL CLUB.

There will be a meeting of the Electrical Club in the physics class room on Tuesday evening, Dec. 27, at 7:30. The program will consist of reports by H. D. Baker, ’07, on the “Power House of the New York Subway,” and one on “Elementary Mechanical Production of the Electric Current,” by H. E. Born, ’07.
TUESDAY, JAN. 3, 1905.

A HAPPY New Year to all our readers. How did you enjoy your vacation?

ATHLETICS.

Director Brewer has been about the campus nearly all of the vacation, and during this time all the apparatus connected with the gymnasium has been cleaned up and repaired, and much which has not been used for some time has been put in working order. The floor has been dis- gyn for gymnasium work, a new horse has been purchased, and new basketball goals placed.

The following schedule of basketball games for the new term, subject to the approval of the faculty:

Jan. 11, Olivet at Kalamazoo.
Jan. 21, Kalamazoo at M. A. C.
Jan. 27, Grand Rapids at Grand Rapids.
Feb. 4, Alma at M. A. C.
Feb. 9, Detroit Y. M. C. A. at Detroit.
Feb. 11, Detroit Athletic Club at Detroit.
Feb. 17, Olivet at M. A. C.
Feb. 25, Kalamazoo at Kalamazoo.
Mar. 10, Detroit Athletic Club at M. A. C.
Mar. 18, Alma at Alma.

STOCK JUDGING CONTEST AT THE INTERNATIONAL.

Mr. W. E. Skinner, general manager of the International Live Stock Exposition, has announced the results of the contest of the Michigan team.

Two tickets were offered—bronze statues of a horse and steer, one for the horse and the other for the steer, the tickets to be used at the judging contest. A $500 prize was also offered, open to farmers sons under the age of 18, to take part in the contest.

The results as announced showed that the Michigan team was in sixth place. Ontario got in second, winning first, third and tied for fourth. Iowa, Kentucky and Missouri secured a better position, having more such. Have you changed your minds of old friends in your travels? If so, let us hear about it.

In the contest the instructors, who have been largely responsible for the livestock work of their teams are Profs. C. S. Plumb of the Ohio State university, Columbus; Profs. John A. Craig and P. F. Marshall of the Ontario Agricultural College (Lancing), Ontario agricultural station; Prof. W. J. Rutherford, Iowa State college, Ames; Prof. M. M. Cummings, Ontario agricultural college, Guelph; Prof. R. S. Shaw, Michigan Agricultural college, Lansing; Prof. R. K. Kinser, Kansas Agricultural college, Manhattan; and Prof. Andrew Ross, Minnesota Board of Agriculture, St. Anthony's Park.

The above report of the judging contest from the Detroit Record and Live Stock Journal of Dec. 25, shows the relative places given to the various colleges. The work of the Michigan team represented class training. They neither had special coaching nor special time for coaching. Under the conditions, Prof. Shaw is entirely satisfied with the showing made by the team.

It is certainly very gratifying to the friends of the College to note the prominent part taken by M. A. C. in the various enterprise contests held throughout the state. For example, we give below the names of the winners of the various contests held, as well as the graduates who were present and took an active part in the State Horticultural Meetings which was held in the early part of December:

1. U. P. Heinrich, '03, read a paper on "The Peach," Prof. L. R. Taff, State Inspector of Orchards and Nurseries, gave a talk on "The San Jose Scale and how to treat it."

2. Prof. C. D. Smith gave a talk on "Feeding the Orchard."

3. Prof. R. H. Pettit led in the discussion of the cold moth in Michigan. Instructor Thos. Gun- nison read a paper on Vegetables and Fruits, and also gave a talk on "The Fruits." Prof. J. H. Monroe, M. S., in '93, of South Haven, while on a trip through the Mediterranean countries a year or paid considerable attention to the horticultural customs and his address was the result of his observations.

C. B. Cook, '98, a prominent fruit grower of Owooo, opened the discussion on the fruit of the state. He gave a very interesting talk on "Culture and Fertilizers for Small Fruits."

6:00.

It will be remembered that Jas. Satterlee, of the above class left Michigan for Los Angeles, California, some months ago, where he is now located, and the letter which he sent must be the west. It is such a bright, newsy letter that we take the liberty to publish it in full.

"We are enjoying our winter greatly. The weather is much like the winter cot- nation, with the roses and callas, the perspective and hibiscus, in bloom, the fruit laces orange and lemon trees, the frostless nights and cloudless days, make our Christmas weather seem very strange and delightful indeed.

"I called on Mrs. Abbot and she is living on a ranch amid palms and roses near the Old San Gabriel Mission. I am glad to say that the most of the students of the pioneer days of M. A. C. will be glad to know that Mrs. Abbot is in good health, and bearing the years in her new home with the same gracefulness, modesty and dignity that we reared in the long ago. The years of loneliness have only added sweetness and beauty to the well remembered features."

"I also saw Professor Cook at a meeting of the Alhambra Farmers' Club, where he delivered a lecture on "Water Supply and Cover Crops." The talk was listened to with considerable interest. Since the years since M. A. C., and speaks with the same forcible earnestness that made it acceptable to the farmers of Michigan."

With the best wishes for the continued success of M. A. C. and her Record, I am as ever,

"Very truly yours,

"James Satterlee, '01."

Our thanks are due Mr. Henry Geller of the class of '04 for a recent copy of the "Farmer," a very neat magazine published by the Agricultural Club of the University of Roumania. The number contains half-fools of Roumania's new president, Edward J. James, and Dean Eugene Davenport, of the class of 1878. Several interesting articles appear among which are: "Founding a Shorthorn herd," by Prof. H. W. Munford, formerly of M. A. C., and an extended article on "Agriculture in Roumania," by Mr. Geller. This article treats of former and present conditions of the agricultural industries in Roumania, what is being done to improve these conditions and some of the results obtained. There are also tables giving areas planted to various grain crops during years 1849-50 together with the average yield of the same. There is also given tables showing Roumania's export trade to various countries of the world, the balance of trade being a result of two or three years. This article is especially interesting from the fact that Mr. Geller has been closely connected with the agricultural interests of Roumania and also from the fact that he is a M. A. C. man.

102. T. G. Phillip is with the Bay City Evening Times. He reports a very prosperous year.
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A. C. Burnham who for some time has been connected with a publishing house in New York City, has just accepted a similar position at Los Angeles, Cal. Mr. Burnham will be in charge of the traveling sales force of the firm. The consideration is said to be $5,000 per year. Mrs. Burnham and children are spending a short time in eastern Michigan their former home.

Supt. E. M. McElroy, of Three Rivers, while attending the Teachers’ Association last week, called on College friends. Mrs. McElroy accompanied her husband and paid a short visit to her sister, Miss Kerr.

A daughter, Margaret Louise, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Kedzie Plant, on Dec. 20.

Mr. Tower states that the campaign above place as assistant day chemist.

Wis. R. J. West is still at the College the past week. Mr. French is taking evening work each section is best adapted. Investigations prove that Alaska has agricultural capabilities beyond the most optimistic estimate. Station work was upon to use his influence and ability upon the 1st of April.

The RECORD extends congratulations to M. A. C. in '03-

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Wild Bill Hickock, the famous Western outlaw, was among the M. A. C. alumni who attended the meeting held at Lansing last week. Mr. Cook is 37 years old and was born in the Maple River community where he now resides. With the exception of five years spent in Orsco Co., N. Y., his home has always been in Shiawassee County. He graduated at M. A. C. ('88). Mr. Cook is a most enthusiastic young farmer, an energetic worker in the cause of education among farmers, He has for years been a prominent member in the Farmers’ Clubs and a speaker in Farmers’ Institutes. In the cause of primary reform he is no less ardent than his consul, ater Cook, and he may be counted upon to use his influence and ability toward the promotion of a direct nomination bill.

Two interesting reports issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture has been received here for the past week. The author, C. C. Georgenson, class of '78, who is special agent in charge of Alaska Experiment Station, one entitled "Reindeer and Caribou" is treated under the following heads: Geographical distribution, two races of caribon, description, domestic reindeer, and reindeer in Alaska. The report contains seven plates on heavy enameled paper, showing reindeer herd and some of the uses to which these animals are put. The second report is "The Annual Report of the Agricultural Experiments for 1903." Station work was carried on at Sisika, Kena, Copper Center and Rampart. The investigations prove that Alaska has agricultural capabilities beyond the most optimistic expectations expected a few years ago. The authorities are gradually learning what line of work each section is best adapted. Several excellent plates are given, showing samples of barley, oats, early potatoes grown, and also several scenes in and about the various stations.

William Lightbody, superintendent of schools at Whitepine, was in attendance at the State Teachers’ Association held in Lansing the past week.

With '06.

Harry French spent a few days with friends in the city the past week. Mr. French is taking electrical engineering at Purdue University.