THE SHORT COURSES.

It would be no more difficult task to photograph a cyclone, showing its motion and force, than to give, in a few brief sentences, the inner word picture of the men attending our special courses now drawing to a close and the work they have undertaken. The courses themselves have no existence except in the men attending, and find that usefulness measured by the personalities of these men.

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institute lecturers and delegates
for the best ten-ear sample of corn
more in corn growing machinery
on Wednesday morning and offers
held on Wednesday and Thursday
schools.

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there will be addresses by Hon. P.
H. Kelley and others . upon rural
fruit growing. On Friday evening
noon, a Corn session will be held
talks upon clover, alfalfa and soil

day forenoon will be devoted to
H. S. Earle and D. Ward King as
G. S. Kern of Rockford, 111.,
University, might be of some
interest to readers of the Raccoon,
are interested in establishing the
moral status of athletics at M. A. C.
"The carrying into elaborate and
highly artificial practice the enfee­
dling theory that no team can do its
best except in the presence of hosts
of applauding friends is still another
of the lesser evils of football. Worse
preparation for the real struggles
in the contexts of life can scarcely
be imagined. The orator, advocate,
preacher, surgeon, engineer, banker,
tradesman, craftsman, admiral, gen­
eral, or statesman, who cannot do
his best in the presence of a
sym pathetic crowd is distinctly a
second class man.”

J. B. DABNEO

Y. M. C. A.

Regarding the senseless practice of
rout ing” at games, a quotation from the Annual Report (1902-4,
p. 20) of President Eliot, of Har­
vard University, might be of some
interest to readers of the Raccoon.
The report reads as follows:
"The state convention at Battle
Creek, Feb. 14-16, has a success in
every way. The delegates, num­
bering about eighty were enter­
tained in the Sanitarium in a most
elaborate way, a banquet being given
Tuesday night. Dr. Kellogg
gave those present a pleasant three
hours' trip to the Orphanage under
his care and to his magnificent home,
in which he has done so much for
homeless children. At the latter
place the new Sanitarium drunk
called “No Coffee” was served.

Religiously the convention accom­
plished a great deal, the spirit of
prayer and meditation being very
evident. The practical work of the
different associations of Michigan
was discussed in every meeting;
the stress being laid upon the
financial department and the neces­
sity of operating associations as
business institutions.

Reports were received from many
associations which show a great
increase and bright prospects for the
future. Adrian will soon move
into a new building, while Lansing
has over $30,000 towards her new home.

M. A. C. was represented by
Messrs. Ford, Hurrell, J. E. Fink,
E. P. Robinson, and Harst.

The stockholders of the Book­
buying Association, at their meet­
ing Thursday, voted $30 of the
association's surplus to the Student
Relief Fund.

An effort has been made with
good success to establish a relief
fund for needy students. The rec­
cent fire prompted this action. Our
friends in Lansing have made gen­
erous contributions and the family
and students have also done well.
Several contributions have also been
received from alumni and outside
students. It is impossible to state
at present the exact amount raised.

The sums contributed will be
loaned to worthy students and
especially to those who have suf­
fered loss by the fire. Generously
disposed alumni and other friends of
the institution by contributing to
this fund will be able to do a great
service to a worthy class of students
who are often compelled to drop out
of college for the want of a little
ready money just at the right time.
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The Y. W. C. A. meeting last Thursday evening was a song service, conducted by Cornelia Fisher.

Several hundred pictures of Wells Hall, taken at different stages of the fire, have been sold about the campus. Some of them are exceptionally good.

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A ABOUT THE CAMPUS.

No class exercises on Feb. 22.

Mr. Collingwood returned from a business trip in the West on Thursday of last week.

The note concerning Mr. Beaudry in our last issue should have given his class as '82.

Mrs. Phillips, of Davison, was the guest of her daughter, Miss Bennie Phillips, '05, over Sunday.

Parker says the cars run tri-weekly. Run one week and try to get back the next.

Prof. Bogue will speak on "The Farm Wood Lot" before the Farmers Institute held at Mason on next Friday.

The bright sunshine of Saturday awakened the blue jays. Several congregated in front of the Library building and cried lustily.

Quite a number of college people are taking advantage of the moonlight nights for coasting on the big hill in Collegeville.

Mrs. F. C. Kenney returned with two younger children from Coldwater. The evening, however, when they had been staying during the illness of little Irene.

In spite of the fact that numerous other parties were on Friday evening of last week, there was a very good attendance at the open house at Women's building. Fires were lighted in the parlors and the young people sat around them, told stories, played games and, with music, passed a very enjoyable evening.

Do not forget the Athletic Carnival tomorrow evening. Let us all go to the Armory and spend an enjoyable evening.

Quite a number of the special students taking the creamery course left today to attend the State Dairy Association which is held in Grand Rapids.

Tuesday evening, Feb. 28, Mr. Alvarez will give a talk before the M. A. C. Foresters on Philippine trees. Mr. W. A. Hopson will speak of the trees at Belle Isle.

All men who, on account of the fire, have lost any equipment belonging to the Military Department, either guns, swords or drill regulations, book reports, loss reports immediately to the Department.

E. T. Jaubb and wife were guests of the former's sister, Mrs. W. W. Wells, a few days the past week. Mrs. Wells also entertained her father, W. H. Jaubb, and cousin, Miss Iva Clock, over Sunday.

Mrs. G. J. Elliott who was obliged to leave College several weeks ago on account of an attack of appendicitis, returned Friday to pack up his effects. He returned home, Hickory Corners, for a time at least.

Eleven guests enjoyed a six o'clock dinner last Wednesday evening, given in Club C. in honor of the birthdays of the Misses Clara Campbell, H. Canfield and B. Maynard. The table decorations were red and red heart valentines served as place cards.

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Prof. and Mrs. Shaw, and Prof. and Mrs. W. O. Hedrick, acted as chaperones at a very enjoyable party given by the Freshman Society at the College Armory, Friday evening, Feb. 17. The Mission M. Kot- ris, C. De Roos and Mr. Frank Smith, of Grand Rapids, and Mr. Drellitt, of Detroit, were among the out of town guests.

Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock the occupants of the Women's Building were given what they termed a fire drill. The fire alarm was sounded at the hour stated and each caught up their wraps as they left their rooms. They came down the stairways, passed out of the front door and entered the basement door. The building was vacated in just two minutes. While it is sincerely hoped that the young women may never be compelled to leave the building on account of fire, the drill prepares them for an emergency.

The Tau Beta Pi gave several of the junior class their preliminary initiation Thursday of last week. The directors chose an open spot of the library building and set their men about building a snow fort. One was to begin with a series of lectures at Cassopolis on Monday, the 15th, was not able to meet any of his appointments until Friday at Adrian.

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The State Horticultural Society will meet at Paw Paw Feb. 23-24. Prof. Taft gives a talk before the society on "Practical Points in Spraying."
ATHLETICS.

The Sophomore-Freshmen meet on Saturday was an exceptionally interesting one, resulting in a victory for the freshmen 3:15 to 4:30. The events were as follows: 25 yard dash, Pearson, '08, 15:1; Brucker, '08, 2d; Thatcher, '07, 3d; Hur­dles, Brucker, '07, 1st; Thacher, '07, 2d; Close, '07, 3d; Shot put, Prins, '07, 1st; Thacher, '07, and Holdsworth, '08, tied for 2d. High jump, Prins, '08, 2d; Pearson, '08, tied for 1st. High dive, Gongwer, '08, 1st; Small, '08, 2d; Kratzke, '07, and Rogers, '07, tied for 3d. Pole vault, Small, '08, 1st, 5 ft. 10 in.; Crisp, '08, 2d, 5 ft. 9 in.; and Thacker, '07, 3d. Wrestling matches were all won by the Sophomores. Messrs. Brown, Wright and Wain have been the victors.

Two relays were also pulled off, one consisting of eight men and the other of five men. These were also won by the Sophomores.

In the fencing event, Reid won 15 of the points, winning three firsts. Gongwer in the high dive won 1st, and the pole vaulting by Small was also a feature.

No one can afford to miss the Athletic Carnival to be held in the gymnasium at 7:30 prompt. The Sophomore-Freshmen meet at 5:30, and plenty of tickets will be on sale.

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