none such brothers. April 6.

Who are, according to the bills issued by the United States and the Antipodes will favor M. A. C. with two performances on the above date. They are reputed to be the greatest, grandest and, consolidated shows in existence and surely M. A. C. is fortunate in being favored with a visit from them. On account of "rapid transit" they will be here earlier than announced in "last record."

Athletics.
The usual spring housecleaning is going on in the athletic department. Apparatus will be overhauled, cleaned, and put in shape for the spring events. About twelve or fifteen students will be at work on the field twice a day. This will put the players in shape for baseball and track. A curling club will be put in just north of the river bridge and the road at this point raised several feet. This, it is hoped, will prevent the usual rush of water over the road during heavy spring rains. The foot bridge near the west entrance to the grounds will be placed also during vacation. In the improvement of the field the same general plan will be followed as last year, no permanent improvements will be started until the close of this spring's sports.

The base ball candidates will return to Friday, March 29, so that until college opens several days of good practice can be had. Practice will be given twice a day and this will aid materially in putting the players in shape for the early games.

M. A. C. has always been a little behind other schools in this regard, the usual number of annual tour of a week or ten days' practice before our team starts. By the above arrangement it is hoped to overcome this to a certain extent.

New England Alumni.
The Secretary elect of the New England Alumni Association reports a rousing good time at their first meeting on March 5th. The banquet, held at the New American House, Boston, was enjoyed by twenty-four guests. The speeches were all short, spicy, and reflected not only credit to the institution but loyalty as well. Dr. Edwards made an especially happy toastsmaster and Sevey says "you would know it was a Michigan crowd by the way they yelled and sang." Following is the program as carried out:

Toasts.
Dr. Howard Edwards, President Rhode Island Agricultural College, Toomsday.


III.—"Conditions of Leadership in Modern Agricultural Education." W. D. Hardy, '99.

IV.—"And These Were Giants in Those Days." (Dr. Abbott), A. B. Peabody, '71; (Dr. Mills), A. G. Gulley, '86; (Dr. Willets), L. O. Brooks, '92; (Dr. Fletcher), P. H. Wessels, '95.


VI.—"The M. A. C. Alumnae." Harriet Moore, '96-'98.


IX.—"The Days That Are No More." N. A. McCune, '91.

X.—"The Days That Are To Come." Dwight Sanderson, '97.

At the banquet the idea of a permanent association was unanimously endorsed. Prof. A. G. Gulley, horticulturist at the State Agricultural College, ex- comedian, who is the oldest M. A. C. man in New England, was selected as chairman. G. C. Sevey, associate editor of "New England Homestead," was secretary, and Kenyon L. Butterfield, editor of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, treasurer. The officers were instructed to draw up a constitution and by-laws for endorsement at the meeting in May.

The details for arrangement for the next banquet were left in the hands of the officers.

CHEESE COURSE.
The last of the short winter courses closed on Friday, March 8. The total number of men taking the cheese making this year is 17. Below is given a list of their names and addresses:

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Jackson Association.
A meeting was held at the Hotel Blackman, Jackson, on Friday, March 7th, with the purpose of preparing for the organization of a Jackson county M. A. C. Alumni Association. Among the graduates present were John I. Breeck, '81, E. J. Frost, '95, W. K. Sagendorf, '99, H. W. Flynn, '99, B. C. McAlpine, W. C. Bennett, F. L. Johnson and H. S. Hunt, '95, and W. D. Carpenter, '96.

A very pleasant evening was passed, and it was unanimously decided to make a campaign to find the addresses of all the alumni in Jackson county, and to hold another meeting soon to complete the organization of the Jackson County M. A. C. Alumni Association.

The sentiment expressed at this meeting seemed to indicate that the banquet next May prepared to renew acquain-
tances with classmate and old friends. This proves that our alumni in that county are growing in numbers and are wide awake. Let's lend a helping hand when we can.

At the banquet J. I. Breeck acted as toastmaster and responses were as follows:

"Growth of M. A. C."—B. C. McAlpine, '95.

"M. A. C. in Athletics."—L. B. Hitchcock, '07.


AN EVENING IN THE HOUSE.

Through the kind arrangements of Mr. Schantz about ninety invited from the women's department spent an instructive and interesting evening in the capitol. The sub-freshmen and junior students present were Visiting Representatives. A special car was chartered, leaving the college at 5:30, and at the capital Representatives, Schantz and Sergeant Williams welcomed the host. The heat of the room would have overpowered the visitors had it not been for the energy with which business was despatched. Before the close of the session some of the sub-freshmen felt ready to recite the roll call from Abrams to the remote W's.

At o'clock business was set aside and an ovation given to the guests. The speeches by Representatives Harless and Norton were witty and complimentary, and excised general merit. Dr. Snyder in a short direct address sketched the work done by the girls of M. A. C. and that House that their interest and welcome was fully appreciated.

The memory of the evening will long live in the minds of the teachers and girls present to most of whom the experience was a novelty and revelation. All came away respectful to Rep. Schantz and his colleagues for the courtesies extended to the visitors.

Mr. Rosecrans is employed in our post office.
CONFERENCE FOR RURAL PROGRESS.

Men who represent the deepest thinkers in rural New England met at Boston recently when steps were taken to form a conference for rural progress. Some of the questions to receive attention are—Agriculture in Schools, Federation of Churches, etc. Among those prominent in the organization of this conference we notice the names of A. G. Guller, Pres. Butterfield, L. A. Chilton, E. D. Saunders, Edwards, W. H. Judd, M. D. J orsey, and G. C. Sevrey.

Speaking of the meeting the New England Homestead has the following to say:

"Wonderful possibilities are within the reach of the newly formed New England conference of rural progress. Elsewhere in this issue we have found a detailed account of the initial meeting held at Boston last week. All the New England states were represented by one to eight men, who in turn stood for different state organizations, working for rural improvement."

This bringing together of agricultural college presidents, experiment station masters, state grange officers, secretaries of boards of agriculture, presidents of agricultural societies, etc., they can talk over problems of mutual interest and outline a more effective line of co-operation than has ever been possible before. The earnest efforts of the National Agricultural Union are preliminary steps, and the enthusiasm and unanimity of feeling there expressed will make it possible for the work to proceed. This was manifested by the representative assembly at the Boston meeting, and the enthusiasm and unanimity of feeling there expressed. If the great and knotty problems of New England are to be satisfactorily solved it must be through systematic and co-operative effort, intelligently directed. The plan is the best thing for the community."

THE MONTHLY EXERCISES OF THE SENIOR CLASS.

The faculty have recently fallen into the practice of permitting the seniors to indulge in the poetical pastime of original declamations once a month. Last Wednesday a program of such exercises was filled by a division of the class. No. 1 ascended the rostrum, wriggled his vest in an excruciating manner by way of obeisance, when he appeared to have forgotten his place, and waspromptly driven from the platform. Men were degraded for wearing plug hats and anathemas against the wearing of tweed suits, with habiliments of modern cut, by the college authorities. Each one in the audience was indeed surprising. But, in common with most of the others, failed in giving due amount of gesticulation expression to their well written orations. Each one in the audience was indeed surprising."

The discourse of No. 4 was ex- pressed in the same dog-and-pony show. The discourse of No. 5 was a pleasing performance and the harmonious rendering of a hymn by the college Band, which is best criticised by quoting from the remarks of one of the small boys of the College, who inquired if it was usual to play the "Deduction" on such occasions."

[The above was written for the Bubble, the first edition of a paper ever published at M. A. C., bearing the date of May 30, 1862.]
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ABOUT THE CAMPUS.

Olie Burk '05 was at M. A. C. a couple of days the past week. Geo. B. McMullen '05 of Grand Ledge called on college friends recently. A daughter was born to Prof. and Mrs. Sawyer on Saturday morning.

Mrs. Gracey will have charge of a class in free hand drawing during next term. Prof. and Mrs. Burrows are again occupying their campus home on Faculty Row.

Instructor Watson of the drawing department will not return next term, but will probably take a trip to the west.

Two of our sub-instructors are experiencing the joys and mysteries of canoeing during the respite from toil and labor.

Mr. Ellis and Mr. Musselman have been employed by the botanical department several days during vacation.

Wire netting has been placed across various "sheep paths" just to remind you that cement is good to walk on.

The Michigan Schoolmasters' Club meets at Ann Arbor March 27-30. First session Thursday -8:30 a. m.
The legislative committee having in hand the matter of incorporation of the M.A.C. community, visited the institution Wednesday of last week to further determine the advisability of such a movement.

The senior work in millinery during the term just closed gave most complete satisfaction, partly because of the greatest interest and enthusiasm shown in the work, and largely on account of the period being changed from the spring term, as heretofore, into the winter term.

This enabled the young women to complete their final exercises into tasteful and useful new hats just in time for the Easter season.

With '97,

James B. Wilkinson has been with the Lincoln Electric Co., Cleveland, since the 1st of March. He is now drafting, but expects soon to have work in the testing department. He enjoys his new work very much, but Cleveland does not compare with Detroit for cleanliness, he says. "Jim" is planning on being at M.A.C. commencement time soon. His address is 2605 Center street.

Stapler Evening News.
Southern Farm Magazine.
State Republican.
Stockbridge Brief.
Traverse Bay Eagle.
Wallace Farmer.
Western Society of Engineers Journal.
Western Swine Breeder.
Williamson Enterprise.
Wilson Bulletin.
Women's Home Companion.
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AGRICULTURAL WEEDS.

In the Michigan Farmer of Jan. 19, Dr. Beal has an article on the subject, and explains some of the ways in which new weed seeds are introduced. It is surprising to note the many ways in which these seeds may be carried and that they have come and come to stay in the garden. It is interesting to know that on a new farm in any part of the state there are not more than 55 kinds of weeds, all native and the farmer must combat. At the present time there are within the borders of Michigan something over 200 kinds, many of them having come from foreign countries.

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