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MICHIGAN STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.


LINCOLN MEMORIAL.
Arrangements have been made for holding in the armory at 1:00, Friday afternoon, memorial services in honor of the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

Congressman Duncan McKinlay, of California, will be the principal speaker. Dr. Beal, who was at Harvard at the time of the assassination of Lincoln and was a personal friend of Robert Lincoln, also a student at Harvard, will give a few reminiscences. The band and chorus will furnish music.

THE STATE LIBRARY.
One of the many advantages of the college and one which is coming to be appreciated more and more is its easy access to the State library which, with its 20,000 volumes, is a valuable supplement to the college library. This has now become doubly valuable from the fact that the college has recently become associated with the State library by this arrangement patrons may draw books from the State library upon filing a card signed by the college librarian. This entitles the bearer to a two year's membership and may be renewed for an additional year. Patrons possessing these cards may draw books for a period of two weeks and may have them renewed for an additional week.

Like our own, the State library contains comparatively little modern fiction, but it is especially strong in general literature, State history, and books dealing with political and economic questions. Its law library is one of the best and it has an unusually complete magazine file both of current numbers and bound volumes most of which include all back numbers. Bound volumes of magazines may be drawn for a period of one week only.

Ordinarily the library is open from 8 to 12 and from 1 to 5. During the legislative session, however, it is open continuously from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. which will give college patrons unusual advantages this winter.

'00 Eng.
C. W. Bale is at Portland, Ore., acting as assistant civil engineer at the Willamette Iron Works.

'89.
A pamphlet comes to our desk describing a series of appreciation lectures by Howard Evarts Weed, one of the best and strongest of the State libraries. The four lectures, taken together are designed to cover the entire field of civic and economic improvement, and comprise such subjects as, A More Beautiful America, The Need of Parks and Playgrounds, The Improvement of the City Lot, More Beautiful Cemeteries, and Trees, Shrubs and Flowers. Mr. Weed is a practical landscape gardener of Chicago. His address is 1713 Railway Exchange.

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The long felt want for a suitable official college insignia bids fair to be supplied ere long by the student council, which is now working out a design for an official pin to be worn by alumni and members of the senior class. The lack of such emblem has, without question, been a serious drawback in unifying alumnus spirit and interest. In the absence of such insignia graduates have had nothing but society badges by which to show their loyalty to the college and these, by the very nature of their associations, tend to form a sectional feeling rather than unite the alumni into a band with common interests.

Considerable interest and investigation has been made to bring about the adoption of some official emblem deserving commendation.

FOUND.—A fountain pen. Call at library.

ADVANCED DEGREES.
The question of the present status of advanced degrees is exciting considerable interest and interrogation in alumni circles. In the Record last May, shortly after the changes which had been recommended by the committee were adopted by the faculty, there appeared a detailed statement of the conditions under which advanced degrees may be conferred.

For some time the professional degree of master of agriculture has been conferred upon graduate applicants who were residents of the state, who had distinguished themselves in practical agricultural pursuits, and whose thesis or master's oration was approved by the committee on post graduate degrees. Since then, on condition that they present an acceptable thesis or master's oration on some subject, connected with their methods of farming or gardening.

Under the ruling of last May changes were made in the conditions and provision made whereby the degrees of civil engineer, mechanical engineer, or electrical engineer may be conferred upon graduate engineering applicants.

To become eligible for this distinction five years must have elapsed since graduation from college. In the case of the engineer five years must have been spent in active engineering practice since graduation and in the case of the civil engineer five years must have been spent either in active engineering practice or in agricultural pursuits. The present student must have been associated with the college for at least one year and before the degree is recommended an acceptable thesis, technical paper or address must be presented. The applicant for advanced degrees in agriculture or horticulture must have been associated with the college for five years and the fruits of research conducted by him or by the efficiency of their work in teaching and in research an acceptable thesis or master's oration on some subject connected with the promotion of agriculture or horticulture.

The essential difference between the present arrangements and the former censure agricultural degrees is the eligibility of teachers and experiment station workers to receive this degree and the removing of the state residence restriction.

To receive the M. S. degree the applicant must be a graduate of this college or some other institution legally qualified to confer the degree of B. S. or B. A. and must spend an academic year at the college. Under the ruling of last May the examination has been abolished and the degree has become one which may be conferred upon graduate students in any state college or other institution.
It is peculiarly fitting that this college should take more than ordinary interest in the celebration this week of the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. Charles Darwin, two characters who stand out boldly on the pages of history, and who people we take pride in showing our appreciation of the two emancipators, the one lifting the burden of slavery from this nation and thus upholding our inherent principle that "All men are born free and equal," the other freeing science from the bonds of creed and dogma; but as a college we bring up into almost personal touch with each of these great men.

It was Lincoln who, weighed down by the greatest cares that any man ever had to bear, sold and tormented by political enemies and with his great heart bleeding for the suffering of others, took time to consider and sign the bill which congress in the very heat of that great struggle had found time to frame and pass giving to the Negroes the same share of the public domain for the founding and endowment of universities and colleges of the colored race.

It was Darwin who, broken in health, in the face of opposition of church and creed, with almost no adherents and a host of critics, cooly worked out the principles of the Origin of Species against almost insurmountable obstacles and gave to us the key of science which unlocks the enigma of the development of plant and animal life.

To this college and colleges of like nature comes the opportunity to allow to the students the opportunity on Friday next of showing their appreciation and admiration of two of their greatest patron saints.

ADVANCED DEGREES.

On graduation of the engineering course of this or other institutions giving as a part of their course of instruction a prescribed academic year's work at the college. The requirements as to examinations and thesis are similar to those of the M.S. degree. Prof. H. K. Volden is chairman of the committee on advanced degrees.

During the internatium at the Notre Dame game the football team was pummeled by the College of the Holy Cross. During the armory Thursday evening. A speaker has not yet been secured.

A preliminary to the game arrangements were made to have the fans of the college wear the red "R" sweaters were awarded to those who lost the first time last season. Two "R" sweaters were awarded to the seniors defending the juniors 16-5. By winning one more game the seniors will win the championship. Those who lose three classes will be tied.

BOOK ON DRAWING WELL TAKEN.

Extensive notices are appearing in the various scientific and engineering magazines regarding "Notes on Practical Mechanical Drawing" by Prof. Wilson, of the drawing department, and Prof. McMaster, of the University of Illinois. The book is a revision of Prof. Wilson's book published two years ago, and was intended primarily for use in the upper classes at M.A.C. It has, however, already been adopted as a text book in several schools where the following classes. The book contains a great deal of material and practical information and should be in every man's library.

The book is published by the publishers.

BIENNIAL INVENTORY SHOWS MATERIAL GROWTH.

The annual report of secretary of the State Board of Agriculture now being sent out contains in the biennial inventory the result of the material growth of the college as well as the increase in attendance. From this it appears that the valuation of land, buildings, and equipment has passed the million dollar mark, being $1,017,077. Of this amount $905,102.67 represents the value of the college property, and $66,974.33 is the experiment station property. The total value of college buildings is $672,563.76 and of buildings, and equipment, including machines, $2,189,335.50, the department of zoology and geology, including museum, $31,180.35, chemical department, $24,693.05, physical department, $18,169.98, veterinary department, $14,409.63, bacteriological department, $21,660.21, botanical department, $8,309.08, women's department, $8,499.21 and the Horticultural Laboratory, $70,927.00.

Other departments such as drawing, etching, etching, sculpturing, etc., and the different offices, the valuation of which is less than $5,000, make up the balance.

Of the experiment station investments, $6,000 is in lands, $11,475 in buildings, $6,000 in equipment, $61,424.46 in laboratory and office equipment, etc.

As the last inventory two years ago, the total valuation of college and experiment station property was $1,429,791.24, an increase of $373,857.09 during the two years. These figures do not include the agricultural building now in process of erection.

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ABOUT THE CAMPUS

The Aurorian Pow Wow, the annual Indian party of that society, was held in the armory Saturday evening. As is the custom at these events the setting was Indian in every particular. The college orchestra furnished the music.

At their winter term ten o'clock Saturday evening, the Eunomians entertained their friends with old games, interspersed with music, both by orchestra and quartet. An old country fireplace in one corner of the room furnished the light for the party while all gathered around to listen to fireside stories. Dr. and Mrs. Blaisdell and Prof. and Mrs. Wilson kindly acted as patrons.

Fully 500 people were in attendance at the band concert given at the Armory on Wednesday evening last. Six numbers were given of which the "Avril Chorus" from Il Trovatore and "Behind the Scenes" by Bucalossi were the most popular. During the intermission Prof. King gave readings from the "Merchant of Venice," and to those who have seen the Professor only in short-sketches it was a revelation of his dramatic talent. Limited as he was in time he so knit the play together by brief and comprehensive summaries and without scenery or assistance he portrayed the leading characters and carried out the plot in a way to make it clear as well as fascinating to even those not familiar with the play. It is generally conceded that the band is one of the best if not the best cadet band in the country.

Two associations, the chorus and the debating society, have become affiliated with the Liberal Arts Union. It assumes the financial responsibility of the first and will give moral support and backing to the other.

The Union Literary Society held its annual meeting Friday evening, the election of officers being the order of the day. The society has been held recently which Mr. Howe (M. A. C. '93), expert in agricultural education, office of experiment stations, Washington, D. C. The appointment comes as a result of a civil service examination held recently which Mr. Howe passed with a high grade. The position is one far for which Mr. Howe is especially well fitted having had several years experience in teaching both in this and other states in addition to his work at M. A. C. and is in full sympathy with the move. He will assume the responsibilities of his new position not later than March first. His family will remain at East Lansing until spring.

Plans are being worked out for an athletic circus to be held in the early spring for the benefit of the Athletic association. The arrangements will be in charge of a committee of the different clubs.

The lowest barometric pressure on record at the Lansing office of the State Board of Health was recorded last Thursday night. The reading was 28.04 which would indicate that this vicinity was the center of the storm area. A light rain fell during the night.

Invitation has been extended the athletic department to send a relay team for competition at the annual Pennsylvania Invitation Relay Races April 23 and 24. Whether or not it will be accepted depends on how the relay team shows up in practice. Last year's team lacked but a yard of winning the mile relay at the conference meet at Chicago. Of this team three are back this year and Jack Kincheloe, a faster man than Griffin was last year, but who could not compete in the conference because he was not entered, is eligible for entrance and should help to round out a whirling team. It must be conceded that the outlook is very bright, and that the team which will represent the college this year, barring accidents, is not only the best which the college ever turned out, but is an aggregation of "all stars" which may not be duplicated in many years to come. In view of these facts it would seem that if the college is to enter fast company now is the time to strike.