NEW ENGLAND ALUMNI BANQUET

The third annual banquet of the New England Association of M. A. C. Alumni was held at the Commonwealth Hotel, Boston, Friday evening, March 5. It was by far the best session of this young organization, there being 36 present. The best previous record was the skidoo number 23. President Snyder was the guest and leading speaker of the evening. Major W. H. Underhill and P. M. Harwood, who were present, will be remembered as giving instruction at the college, the country organization, and the latter in agriculture. Others present were Rev. A. B. Peebles, F. W. Bickford, East Boothbay, Mass.; F. S. Payne and wife, Dan­stable, Mass.; Prof. L. A. Clinton and wife, Kingston, R. I.; L. C. Sanderson and wife, Durham, N. H.; President Howard Edwards and wife, New Haven, Ct.; Prof. A. G. Guile and wife, United States Navy Yard, Boston; Dean W. H. Odom, President of the Business College at Springfield, Mass.; and Major A. T. Stevens and wife, Storrs, Ct.

The address of President Snyder was well received and carried the members back to the never-to-be-forgotten days at the Alma Mater. His remarks reminded some of the hard work they did mentally and physically, others of the special courses in campus strolling, and still others of the campus they had in the carpet. He explained very carefully the marked progress of the institution within recent years and aroused the loyalty of the alumni for the institution. College yells, songs, and orchestra music added in making the evening enjoyable.

Prof. L. A. Clinton, who is director of the Connecticut experiment station, acted as toastmaster of the evening. He first called upon President Butterfield of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, who spoke facetiously on the work done by the Roosevelt commission. Following President Snyder, Prof. Clinton called upon Dr. Edwards, president of the Rhode Island Agricultural College, who made the members feel they were back in College Hall, taking German or English. Then came Messrs. Guile, Wessells, Goldsmith, Waite, Harwood, Wilson, Lickley, and Brooks for brief toasts.

There was a brief business session when the secretary-treasurer’s report was read. It indicated several important matters taken up during the year. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, L. A. Clinton; Secretary-treasurer, C. Sevey; toastmaster for 1910, E. D. Sanderson; Durham, N. H.

Following President Snyder’s address, the college orchestra will furnish the music.

Wednesday-morning session will be the New England Society, and at 11:15 at the college Prof. Fergusson will give a demonstration in pork judging, where after W. P. Wilson will speak on Hog Cholera and its Prevention, followed by a practical demonstration by Dr. Marshall.

The evening session will be held at the Hotel Downey.

Thursday morning at the new building, the Auricle Association will be held at the Hotel Downey in Lansing this week. An annual college function, and receives the support of the students, the faculty and the nearby towns and cities. The Liberal Arts Union have placed the college on a firm financial basis; and it is now “up to” the students to make it a success as far as the music is concerned. By recent faculty action, all persons who take chorus work this year will be given two credits—and the chorus management have decided to give these two credits to persons who enter and finish the year’s work. If you are interested, you are urged to enter the chorus. We need your voice and you need the training.

R. A. Turner, President.

The Ohio State University has received a gift of $10,000, the income to be used for the aid of poor students.
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1909

TO DECIDE DEBATING TEAM.

The last preliminary debate, which will decide the team to represent
the college in the annual debate with Ypsilanti next May, will be
held in the chapel Friday evening on March 19.

The contests now have the question well in hand and will put
up a debate which will be interesting.

The idea is that this debate will decide the official team should serve
to fill the baccalaureate sentence.

The teams are as follows:

Affirmative—J. C. DeCamp, W. R. Walker, L. R. Lyon.

BIRD ARRIVALS.

The comparatively mild winter led several species to remain here which usually go far south and return early in March. Robins, which were seen in some numbers in certain parts of the city, and a few of these, together with song sparrows and crows, were seen and heard all through January and February in this vicinity, while at least one bronzed grackle or crow-blackbird remained about the college campus most of the winter.

This makes it difficult to determine just when the northward migration begins, especially when the species actually begin, but there was a considerable increase in the number of crows about March 23, and robins and song sparrows appeared in some numbers on March 6 and 7. The first bluebirds and meadowlarks were seen on the 7th inst., the first red-shoaled crickets on the 10th, and red-winged blackbirds and mourning doves usually come to the campus a few days after the 10th.

Brown thrashers and meadowlarks do not usually come to the campus until about April 20, while the eastern kingbird has not been sighted here on the campus until the 25th.

Returning alumni and those acquainted with past conditions are often asked about the college remark upon the rapid growth and the extent of the improvements contemplated in the settlement about the college, now dignified as a city of the fourth class by virtue of a special act of the legis-

lature in 1907. This action was brought about at the request of a majority of the citizens of the community who believed that their inter-

ests could be much better consen-
t by such some organization.

The improvements desired, and which the continued growth made necessary for the general health of the community, were an adequate drainage system, a sewer system, and a water works system. These
changes will be for better or for worse, to uniform sidewalks, and, of far greater necessity, some general plan of munici-

pal improvement with officers with authority to carry out these plans. The need of these improve-

ments was still further emphasized by a decision that the college had no authority to furnish water and sewer privileges to private parties on the grounds, which it was doing to some extent.

In the terms of the act the col-
lege campus is included within the city limits but, as state property, it is very little under the control of the city while, as it already has its own water and sewer systems, it is under no obligations to the city for furnishing these utilities. Di-

rectly, then, the college is but little benefited by the city. Indirectly it is benefited by the betterment of the surrounding sanitary conditions, the consequent betterment of the wholesome and the healthful condition of the general upward tone of the community.

On the other hand the city receives no tax from the college in return for such services as it renders.

It should be remembered that the city is the result of the college rather than the reverse. It is only in comparatively recent years that year round homes have been erected about the college and even now the majority are rented by students and year round servants. When the college then the city probably could not exist, while on the other hand the college could, by providing more dormitories, and dwellings for its faculty, continue with its present enrollment but under great disad-

vantage. In other words, the college is greatly indebted to the city, as is its proper to be interested in any public improvements which tend to add to the comfort and healthful surroundings of its student.

In fact, with its present dormitory facilities the college can accommodate a much larger number of students than if it were a residential college. Outside those houses are in Lansing practically all of the student do not remain in the East Lansing private families and room-

ing houses.

The question which has arisen with the organization of the city regarding the taxation of property held by a large number of the city, one which is commanding consider-

able attention. Several of these societies own real estate in East Lansing. One has a valuable prop-

erty, others live in rented houses, and still another owns a house situ-

ated on the campus on a plot of

ground rented from the college for a term of years. Those properties, the city claims the right to tax. On the other hand the societies claim exemption on the ground that they are educational associations such as authorities differ and the decision in this case in all prob-

ability will stand as a precedent for years to come, neither side feels dis-

posed to yield, and the outcome will be advertised in a friendly suit to de-

termine a course to be pursued in the future.

ASSOCIATION NOTES.

R. Walker, L. R. Lyon.

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Next Thursday evening occurs the annual election of officers of the Young Men's Christian Association, and it is the desire of all those interested in the organization that as large a number of the fellows be present as possible. A great deal of the interest of the organization on the campus depends on the effi-

ciency of those who are selected to hold the executive work, and a large attendance that evening will help to insure that the proper men will be elected.

Next evening those students who arrange the annual election will be called to a change of program, which will interest every one. A few years ago there was a custom of having a "monotic night" the latter part of the year, and it is the desire of those several students chosen to take charge of the meeting for that week.

Sunday evening this term will be given over to the Philippine Mission study class that has been conducted through the year by Prof. Myers. This course has been one of the most interesting and suc-

cessful missions conducted at the college, and all those who enrolled at the start of the term have been keenly interested throughout.

Necessity men involved in the service of the Philippine Mission and of the college have met with each other in this work, and each man has been given features of daily life in the islands.

On the other hand the objection to being given over to the Phillipine Mission as a part of the program for that week is the consequent betterment of the comfort and healthful surroundings of its students.

SACRED CONCERT.

The following is the program to be given by the band at the armory on the campus next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The band will be assisted by Mrs. Roy Moore, soprano; Mr. W. R. Shedd is engaged in engineering work at Rockford, Ill. His address is 624 Grove St.

H. S. Hunt, of the above class, was a college caller last week. His present address is 420 W. Mason street, Jackson, Mich. He is en-

gaged in civil engineering work, and spent some time in the east last sea-

son superintending the construc-

tion of a hydro-electric power plant.

A. T. Barber is with the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co., at Detroit, Mich. He is working in the drafting

department.
The Chicago Alumni of Cornell University are planning to raise funds to erect a dormitory at their Alma Mater.

The Eunomians held their annual freshman oratorical contest in their rooms Saturday evening. E. E. Hutchins was awarded first place and J. S. Brady second. Prof. Ryder, Mr. Hensel and McClellan kindly acted as judges.

The annual Thesbian German party was held in the armory Saturday evening and was fully up to the usual high standard of these parties. Several out of town guests were present, among whom were, Miss Ethel Howe of Owosso, Miss Dora Danner of Stockbridge, and Miss Zoe Coleman of Grand Rapids, former members of the society. Fischer's orchestra furnished the music.
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