As mentioned in the Record of last week, the 1912 meeting of the Washington M. A. C. Alumni Association will be held in Freunds' Hall, 815 Tenth St., N. W., at 6 o'clock, Tuesday evening, February 20th.

President Snyder will be the chief attraction. He will be on hand to discuss the past and present affairs of the college, and to tell of its future. All others who attend will be given a choice between making a one-minute speech, to consist of a college reminiscence, anecdote or joke on a fellow-alumnus, and an exhibition of how to sing, dance or eat soup (no water will be thrown). Other interesting features are being prepared.

If you have ever been associated with the college in any way, you have a perfect right to attend this banquet. Send word at once to Mr. James H. Tibbits, 2348 Eighteenth St. N. W., chairman of the committee on arrangements, as to the number of plates you wish reserved, and who will be with you. Your money's worth is guaranteed.

PORTLAND ASSOCIATION.

The M. A. C. Association of Portland, Oregon, will have a banquet at 9 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Y. M. C. A. Hall. All alumni that can be present are requested to notify H. E. Weed, chairman, or F. E. Mangold, Sec'y.

MAGDA.

The Dramatic Club is to be congratulated on the success of its work in the difficult play given Friday evening in the college assembly. All the parts were exceptionally well presented, and the dramatic action moved along in a point of great emotional intensity. Incidental bits of humor were welcomed by the audience as a relief to the intense tragedy. Schedmann, one of Germany's greatest novelists of the modern "storm and stress movement," has become a figure of international interest through his dramas.

This play, "Magda" (so-called in the English translation from its heroine), was published less than ten years ago, under the title, "Heimat." The problem presented is that of contrast and conflict between differing ideals. "Individualistic striving," "the supreme duty of faithfulness to one's higher self," are phrases used to characterize this and other works of the modern European school. Happily, American writers are not imbued with this extreme spirit, which one critic describes as "revolt against existing social conditions." Its philosophy may be misleading, at any rate, and cautious consideration of it, if any, is most necessary.

The M. A. C. Glee Club will give a concert in the assembly on the evening of Feb. 22.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

FROM HIS SPEECH AT GETTYSBURG.

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation, so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of it as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

"But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or to detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is we, the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced.

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The M. A. C. RECORD.

The Winona team was completely snowed under, Saturday night, by the Oberlin Wind plowders and was left without Sidney Chamblerlain and his team. The final score was 67 to 4. Never in his history did he put up better team work, and baskets were thrown with such rapidity it was hard to tally. Chamberlain and Gauthier each scored 22 points for the team. The visitors were completely out-classed and put up the elementary effort to that played on the home floor in January.

Tuesday, February 13, 1912.

NEITHER Washington nor Lincoln left autobiographies. Had they done so, the sales would no doubt have exceeded those of our most popular novels or memoirs. In the days of Washington, there was not the demand for books and magazines that there is at the present time, and no doubt the beloved Lincoln would have written too modestly to have written about himself, even if he had been urged to do so.

Consider his Memoirs, as did Joseph Jefferson, because of suggestions from publishers, which were answered by offers for serial rights. In this day we would no doubt miss the pleasure of these books, and it might have been more to the interest of the editors and publishers, who are ever on the lookout for "something new", to look over the field ready with the "necessary suggestions."

" Honest Abe" is not without his champions, however, and numerous books have been published concerning his life and career. Among these, one of the very best which has come to our notice is that by Mary Kavanau Shipman Andrews, on "The Perfect Trutbman." February is an opportune time to read this beautiful little volume. It will help one to become better acquainted with the character of Lincoln.

February also gave the world one of its greatest authors. Charles Dickens was born on the 7th of the previous month. His is the recent death of his son, Alfred Tennyson Dickens, in New York City, brings to mind many of the works and works of this great author. "Dickens" Works" have been read by the people of many countries, and will continue to be read for many generations to come. Both the great author and his son, Alfred Tennyson, who was a lecturer of note, died suddenly—the one at his old home in Gadshill, in 1852, the other within a few weeks in New York City.

THE FIRE ALARM.

For the first time in several years, this city was visited by a fire alarm called out Wednesday evening. The farm house was the objective point of the service. It appeared after the alarm was turned in hundreds of students were on the spot. Whether fire or not it was important for the company to do its best.

It was extinguished in a clothes press on the second floor, and was not discovered by the occupants of the house until it had appeared in the corner of the living room below. The department arrived in time to keep the flames from spreading to the other rooms, but considerable damage by water was done to furni-
ture, clothing and carpets. Several of the other plowbers were entangled broken out in the rooms below, but aside from this very little damage was done. Mrs. Hudson and still have a place to live.

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VEGETARIAN MEET.

Nearly 100 vegetarians attended the meeting at M. A. C. the past Thursday afternoon. The sessions were held in the lecture room of the vegetarian building. One of the very best of the talks, and, in fact, the feature of these programs, was the illustrated lecture of Dr. W. L. Williams, of New York City. "The Sterility of Under but the engines proved inadequate. The fire was not entirely extin-
guished until about one o'clock. The estimated loss is $15,000, with $23,000 insurance.

NEW ELECTRIC TRUCK FOR M. A. C.

M. A. C. is to have a new electric truck, to be used in transporting all freight, express, etc., to and from the Lansing station. The truck is to be used only for college work, and no outside orders will be taken. The rated capacity is one and one-half tons, and the speed is 12 miles per hour. The truck will be equipped with the new Edison storage batteries. The machine will be painted black, with the college emblem and monogram on the side in gold. A special body is now being made for this truck, which will arrive about April 21. The outfit was purchased in Detroit, and is known as "The Detroit Electric."
The Delta Club will give a valentine party to their friends on the evening of Feb. 14.

Prof. V. M. Shoemarker spoke before the Ingham County Farmers' Club, at Mason, Saturday of last week.

Women's suffrage won out in the debating club Thursday evening. This ought to be an incentive for more of the girls to enter the debating field.

Prof. Macklin, with 14 men, will leave for Detroit Thursday noon, where, on Thursday evening, a dual track meet will be held with Detroit Y. M. C. A. They will return Friday at 11:00 a.m.

Dewey A. Seeley, in charge of our U. S. weather bureau at M. A. C., gave an illustrated address on Meteorology. Thursday evening of last week, for the short course students. Nearly 250 men availed themselves of the opportunity to hear Mr. Seeley.

There will be a concert at the People's church on Thursday evening, Feb. 15, under the auspices of the February division of the Women's Society. Those to appear on the program are: Mrs. Charles E. Marshall, pianist; Mrs. Roy Moore, soprano; Miss Mary Winans, reader; Miss Bennis, Miss Peck, and Mr. Peck, violinists; Miss Grace Brown, pianolaugue; Mr. Killeen, tenor; Mr. Eazi, violinist; and Miss Lena Bassett, accompanying. Tickets are on sale at the college drug and grocery store.

Prof. Myers spent the greater part of the past week at his home. Quinzi was the cause of it all.

V. N. Taggett, '20, with the B. and O. Railway Co., at Walker-town, Ind., was a college visitor on Feb. 13.

Last Friday night broke all records for the year — and for many years — for cold weather. The local bureau registered 25 below, and the end is not yet.

Prof. Anderson was at Columbus, Ohio, a portion of last week, where he gave an address along dairy lines before the men in attendance at the Ohio State One Week Dairy Course.

The Department of Farm Mechanics has received a set of nearly 100 lantern slides from the American Steel and Wire Co., of Chicago. These slides show the various steps in the manufacture of wire fence, from the digging of ore until the complete product is produced.

President Hutchins, of the University, and President McNair, of the College of Mines, met with President Snyder at the college, Thursday of last week. This was the first of the series of visits as planned at the meeting in Detroit. The three presidents will meet in Ann Arbor in April, and at Houghton in May. The work of each institution is to be gone over thoroughly, and the inspection will, at least, give the heads of these institutions a better knowledge of the courses each is trying to maintain.

A seven pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Harr, Grand River Ave., on Thursday, Feb. 8.

Mrs. Katie Clark Perry, '10, now of Winnipeg, is visiting her old home, near Lansing, and called on college friends the past week.

Pres. Snyder spoke before the Farmers' Institute at Coldwater Friday afternoon and evening of last week. He is booked for institutes Monday, Wednesday and Friday of this week.

The Y. W. C. A. girls were given a stereopticon entertainment Thursday evening in Prof. Pettit's lecture room. The views consisted of scenes enacted at the Geneva Conference the past two years.

Miss Maud Meech, the efficient and popular voucher clerk in Sec. Brown's office, has been obliged to leave her post for the present, and take a much needed rest. She will spend the next few weeks with her brother, at Fort Worth, Texas, returning via ocean, and it is to be hoped the change and a complete rest will prove of great benefit.

Dr. Blaisdell will speak in room 6, College Hall, Thursday, at 1:30 p.m., on "The Art of Macheth." He has also arranged with Mr. C. D. Coburn, of the Coburn Players, to speak Friday morning at 10:45 in the chapel. No doubt a large number of students and college people are planning to hear the Coburn players Friday evening and will be glad to hear these preliminary talks on Macheth.

In a preliminary game, Saturday night, the sophomores won from the seniors in basketball, 21 to 15.

C. F. Herrmann, '97, of Minneapolis, and Leslie Belknap, '99, East Towns, were college callers yesterday.

The short course in fruit growing ends this week. Over 40 men have been enrolled, and the work has been most satisfactory. The boys, it is understood, are planning a farewell and banquet.

The committee on local option campaign, with others interested, held a preliminary meeting at the church on Thursday evening of last week. Plans for a social gathering and supper on Feb. 19 were set on foot, and an attempt will be made to get everybody out.

Mr. Howard Hubbel, of Charlotte, and about 40 of his Eaton county Y. M. C. A. boys were at M. A. C. for a short time Saturday afternoon, when they inspected several of the buildings, and took dinner with Mrs. Fariseman, at club D, at 12:15. At one o'clock a conference was held in one of the class rooms of the Agricultural Building, when Pres. Snyder addressed the boys on the subject, "Working Together." Responses by the delegates were made, and at 2:00 J. A. Van Dusen, State Secretary of Boys' Work, spoke on organisation work. The crowd left on the 3:37 train for Grand Ledge, where, on Saturday evening and Sunday, the fourth annual Y. M. C. A. conference of Eaton county boys was held.
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ABOUT THE CAMPUS.

The weather man is surely getting in good time—Feb. 1, 18° below; Feb. 5, 25° below; Monday, 10°.

Mr. Philip, a former instructor in civil engineering, and the fiancé of Miss. Michaelides, is spending a short time at the Delta Club.

Our team dropped to second place in the inter-collegiate shooting league by losing to Purdue last week by a score of 9157 to 872. Our men scored as follows: Clark, K. S., 175; Hebdur, F. F., 177; Spencer, N. M., 174; Pelbon, H. L., 173; Hammond, H., 181, total 872, out of a possible 1000.

The annual meeting of the People's church was held in the large dining room of the building Wednesday evening, following a bountiful picnic supper at which 132 people took part. In its annual reports showed the church to be in good healthy condition, and the outlook for the future is very encouraging.

The sacred concert given by the military band, assisted by the M. A. C. choir, Miss Margaret Gilroy, conductor, and Mr. Brownfield, violinist, Sunday afternoon, was thoroughly enjoyed by a large audience. Those present will no doubt find the programme more popular with each performance, and we are glad to know that they are to be repeated in two weeks during the present term.

The Round-Up Institute will begin Feb. 27, and continue the greater part of the week. Members of the college faculty will be on hand at the end of the螺oneen sessions, and will speak on practical farm problems. A number of out-of-town speakers have been secured, and the 1912 Round-Up promises to be one of the most successful ever held. L. R. Taft for preliminary announcement.

The short course man to the number of ninety hampeted in the large dining hall of the People's church on Saturday evening. Dr. Bassell was toastmaster of the occasion, and among those who were present were Mr. K. P. Prudden, 75th; Lansing; A. B. Cook, 91st; Owosso; Pres. Snyder, Secretary, Brownfield, Dean Shaw, and Mayor Gunson. The ladies of the church served the banquet.

Howard Evans Weed, '89, is taking an active part in the civic development of Portland, Ore. He averages two lectures a week before various improvement associations, in bringing attention to the Bennett plans for a greater Portland. He is now engaged in the planting of fifteen hundred shade trees and has made thousands for a real estate company. There can be no doubt that Portland is the "City of Roses," when roses are planted by the ten thousand. So far as known, this is the largest order for rose planting ever given.

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