THE PORTRAIT FUND.

The success of the movement for an oil painting of Doctors Icel and Cook, which the Alumni Executive Committee undertook to direct a few weeks ago, has rather gone beyond the expectations of this committee, so far as promptness and enthusiasm of responses from the alumni is concerned. The amount contributed has come to exceed somewhat $700, and almost daily new contributions are received. The numbers of those who have contributed are approximately 300, and doubtless many more will become supporters of this undertaking before finally the contracts for the paintings are let.

Not the least part, by any means, of the many gratifications of this whole movement are the numerous letters of endorsement, felicitating the committee on effecting an opportunity to, in this way, celebrate the memories of these revered men. Indeed, the whole movement seems to have been taken by the alumni as an occasion for a species of appreciation offering, and if the words of praise and regard which have almost invariably accompanied the subscriptions could be preserved as perfectly as well the features of these men by the proposed paintings, a regal tribute would indeed have been perfected.

We are printing in the issue of this week some of these letters, and we suggest that they will find a warm response from the hearts of many of our M. A. C. families who may read them.

The answers of the alumni to the questionnaire with respect to a permanent alumni secretary have been almost uniformly in approval. We contemplate later the compilation of all these answers, and of making a formal statement of the conclusions arrived at by this test of opinion. Some plans have been communicated to us with regard to the nature of this secretaryship, its purpose and its functions. A notable instance of this sort came from a committee of the Chicago M. A. C. Alumni Association, which was appointed to design plans for some affiliation of all the local M. A. C. alumni associations. We hope other suggestions will come in, and that some plan may be evolved for eventually making the conception a success. Plans directed toward this end should be formulated at once, since the pleasures and haste of alumni day makes that occasion unsuitable for bringing any constructive work to pass.

The Executive Committee will gladly welcome any suggestions from those interested with regard to the alumni secretaryship, and with regard to the annual meetings of the alumni associations.

Very sincerely,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

MRS. GUNSON AT REST.

Mrs. Thomas Gunson passed away at her home on the campus Tuesday, April 1, after many years of pain and suffering. She was born in Scotland nearly 63 years ago, and for 22 years has been a resident of M. A. C., during which time Mr. Gunson has been connected with the college.

Though Mrs. Gunson had been an invalid for so many years, and thus unable to mingle with those about her, she has always exerted, in her quiet way, the influence which makes for better things in the lives of our boys and girls. No one has ever visited her home, or come in contact with her life, without having been benefited thereby.

The funeral service was conducted from the Union Literary Society building at 2 o'clock on Thursday, Rev. Horace Cady Wilson, of the First Presbyterian church, officiated, and was assisted by Rev. William Stearns, of the People's church at East Lansing.

A large number of both college and Lansing friends were present to pay their last respects to the deceased, and to extend sympathy and aid to Mr. Gunson at this time. The floral offerings were most beautiful, and proved in only a slight way the esteem in which Mrs. Gunson was held.

Mr. Patten sang two solos, with Miss Freychofner at the piano. Mrs. Gunson was laid to rest in Mt. Hope.

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Grateful acknowledgement is hereby made by the executive committee to the following subscribers:

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Mrs. Katherine G. Briggs.
J. D. Stannard.

ALUMNI

JAY D. STANNAARD writes from Roswell, N. M., where he has been engaged in some special work on the Pecos River for the Reclamation Service. He plans to spend the summer in work in Southern Colorado, on the upper watersheds of the Rio Grande. Mr. Stannard states that he is in good health and in accord with the movement to establish a portrait fund and wishes to see it succeed.

We quote from a letter written by John J. Bush, of the above class: "I derive much pleasure from the weekly visit to the Rec room, though many of the names appearing therein are strange to me. If the exacting duties of the automobile game will permit, I will be at the reunion in June. As every one sooner or later visits New York, I would like all the old boys who may chance to be in this neighborhood to look me up. I am very busy farming on Broadway, but can always manage a little time for any of the old friends, and would be glad to explain all the full buildings and other sights of the metropolis." The business address of Mr. Bush is 414-420 W. 39th St.

HERBERT L. FAIRFIELD has recently been appointed superintendent of masts by the Yazoo and Mississippi Ry. Co., with headquarters at Chicago. Mr. Fairfield, who was an M. A. C. student in '91-'96, was for a number of years railway postal clerk at Los Angeles. He is a son of E. B. Fairfield, '71, who died in 1896. Mr. Fairfield's Chicago address is 135 Park Row.

GEORGE SEVERANCE, now superintendent of the Western Washington Experiment Station at Pullman, has been elected head of the department of agriculture, and acting head of the extension department at Pullman, Washington. Mr. Severance was formerly professor of agriculture at Pullman, and resigned to accept an important position with a land company in Alberta. He is spoken of as one of the best known agriculturists in the northwest.

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We are in receipt of the quarterly bulletin of the Stephenson Training and Agricultural School at Canmet, Wis., of which D. S. Bullock is in charge. A system of free extension work has been organized by this school, and an attempt is being made to help the farmer by cooperating with him along the various lines of endeavor. The work is fully explained in this bulletin, and a complete statement of the work done since July 1913 is also published, with suggestions as to spring planting.
Dear Mr. Field,

I take pleasure in enclosing my contribution towards the purchase of the oil paintings of Prof. Cook and Prof. Beal. I trust this will be of some use in illustrating the portraits at some future time.

Arthur Jones, '81.

St. Paul, Minn.

I feel sure that every alumnus of the M. A. C. will be delighted to assist in such an undertaking, and shall be glad to know what sum will be needed for the purpose.

H. R. Smith, '85.

Pasadena, Calif.

Your interesting mission reached me here, Mrs. Garfield and I are domiciled with my classmate, Henry G. Reynolds. I am in complete sympathy with your suggestion concerning Dr. Bean and Prof. Cook, and will be glad to cooperate with fellow alumni in the line of your purpose. I will forward my subscription to your G. R. M. A. C. organization, with request that it be given attention. I know the living members of my own class will be happy to contribute, but it seems to me the thing to do is to carry on the agitation you have suggested, and at the triennial commencement the project in the meantime. I will assure you of the hearty cooperation of the class of '70.

Has the college a good portrait of Prof. Fairchild? I always neglect the success of the college with the pioneer efforts of Abbot, Fairchild, Kellogg, Miles and Cook, and Prentiss. Their faces should be made familiar to all generations of boys and girls of the M. A. C.

Thank you for writing me, and always command my service in promoting the welfare of or preserving the genius of my Alma Mater.

Yours faithfully,

Chas. W. Garfield, '70.

[Signature]

DEAN GILCHRIST RESIGNS.

Dear Gilchrist,

I have been informed that you have been appointed as Associate Professor of Botany, and have presented her resignation as Dean of Home Economics. As you are about to leave the close of the present college year. As the board has had no notice hereon, her resignation has not been acted upon. As the position at Wellesley is, however, a very desirable one, it is very probable that she will be released in order to accept.

Miss Gilchrist has been in charge of the women's department at M. A. C. for 12 years, having begun her work in 1897. The women's department had then been occupied but one year. During her stay at M. A. C. many important changes have been made, and also many improvements brought about, as well as substantial growth in the number of students in her department. That Miss Gilchrist has been most successful in her work at M. A. C. is evident from the fact that the number of students has increased 125 per cent.

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ABOUT THE CAMPUS

Two of the senior girls have elected poultry husbandry for the spring term.

The course in textiles is being repeated this term for the benefit of those seniors in home economics who have not had opportunity to take it.

Miss Hazel Long, director of physical training for women at M. A. C., from 1908 to 1910, has been spending the past week with college friends. Miss Long is now in charge of the girls’ gymnasium in the public schools of Davenport, Ia.

The Michigan representatives at the National Marketing and Farm Credit Conference, which was held at Chicago, April 8 to 11, were Senator Hutchins, Representative McNaughton, Hon. C. J. Monroe, Sec’y A. M. Brown, Dean R. S. Shaw, Dr. Eben Munford, J. H. Skinner, and others. Mr. H. E. Young, ’02, editor Farmers’ Review, was very prominent in the management of the conference.

The college appropriation bill, calling for one-half mill tax, has been held up by the Ways and Means Committee of the House, said committee going on record as not favoring a mill tax. The members state that they are not against appropriations for specific purposes, and the “needs” of the institution will be considered. Just what this means to our hopes and aspirations we are unable to say. Members of the Board meet the Committee tonight to discuss the situation.

Mrs. A. Abbott is building a home on Sunset Lane, immediately north of Field Agent White’s property.

About ten of the senior Hort’s, spent Wednesday and Thursday writing civil service examinations in pomology and plant breeding.

The fine beef tree nursery of Albot Hall is undergoing a treatment by tree doctor P. L. Allen a senior Hort, and professional tree surgeon. The case is attracting the attention of all pasersby.

J. W. Chapin, ‘10, who has been in charge of the agriculture in the high school at North Adams, has been chosen as county agriculturist for Branch County, and begins his new work the first of April.

Dr. D. G. Shaffer has purchased the very pretty building site in the grove northwest of Dr. Nottingham’s property, and has already begun building operations. Prof. Wilson is also building a house on the lot purchased by Dr. Nottingham, and will make his home here, having sold his property on Grove St. to Mrs. A. Abbott.

While on business in Lansing last week, A. J. Doherty, of Clare, member of our State Board of Agriculture, suffered an attack of acute indigestion, in his rooms at the Hotel Downey. A doctor and nurses were summoned, and for a time his chances for recovery looked rather doubtful. He was removed to Battle Creek Sanitarium Saturday, and at last reports was on the gain.

A baby daughter, Dorothy Eliot, came to gladden the home of Instructor and Mrs. Emmons, Friday morning of last week.

The gymnasium in the Women’s building has been in the hands of the painters during vacation week, and has been put into fine condition. The soft tan shade on the walls gives the room a very pleasing appearance.

Mr. B. B. Adams spent his vacation accompanying a corral of live stock on its way to the Upper Peninsula substation at Chatham. The car left Lansing, April 2d, and reached its destination April 5th. Mr. Adams reports that he enjoyed the trip, except for the snow storms and the midnight calls of new arrivals in the sheep pens.

During the past week Mr. W. F. Raven, live stock field agent, made a trip to the Upper Peninsula, to confer with those in charge of the Newberry State Hospital, and to give advice concerning the management of the farm which is operated in connection with that institution. Mr. Raven also met with an organization of men at Manistique who are interested in the development of the dairy conditions of that locality, which are comparatively new. At both these places Mr. Raven gave assistance which was very much appreciated, and letters have been received expressing the hope that the college extension staff would be increased, so that all such requests for assistance in farm management could be taken care of.

The Horticultural Department have a quantity of extra fine Sir Walter Raleigh seed potatoes for sale. Prof. Sanford, of the forestry department, speaks before the Hort. club Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. Subject, “Rejuvenating and Renting of Orchards.”

Robert D. Graham, of Grand Rapids, is now president of the State Board of Agriculture, and Mr. A. J. Doherty, of Clare, senior member, were both returned to office for terms of six years on April 7.

The editor recently called on Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sours, in their home in Cadillac. Mr. Sours is the popular county surveyor of Wexford, and finds plenty of teaching work to fill in his spare hours. There were four candidates for said office in the primaries, but Mr. S. won out handsily. He will return in September and complete his college course.

An evidence of the influence of the widespread agricultural movement, which has been taken up by all branches of the press, great commercial enterprises, as well as schools, colleges and experiment stations, is seen in the daily mail of the office of dean and director. An approximate average of one hundred pieces of first class mail are received in this one office, which include questions on all branches of agriculture, requests for men to manage farms, letters from city men who contemplate moving to farms, and numerous requests that it would be hard to classify.
Parents of young men who are leaving home to go to Detroit will be interested to know of a new department that has recently been installed by the Detroit Young Men's Christian Association.

It is called the Inter-City Work Department, and its purpose is to get in touch with young men immediately upon their arrival in Detroit and to place them comfortably located in proper boarding houses—that they receive all the assistance possible in obtaining positions, and that they get in touch with the right kind of friends and connections.

It is a recognized fact that many young men are led astray on their arrival in the city, due to their not knowing where to locate and with whom to associate.

It is the desire of the Detroit Young Men's Christian Association to see that these young men secure boarding and rooming places of the proper characters, and that they are lined up with fellows who will be a benefit rather than a menace; fellows who will take friendly interest in seeing that these strangers are made to feel at home in the city.

Also that invitations are given and accepted to attend church and sessions of the Sunday School of their own denominations.

An organized force of seventy-seven fine young men in Detroit and the surrounding counties are on the ground with this new department and will render the service needed.

It is desired that it be thoroughly understood that this is purely a place of helpfulness and friendliness, with not the slightest obligation upon the recipients, either as to fee or membership.

Quick action is impressed upon the "Key Men" who do the visiting in Detroit, for it is recognized that far more lasting benefit can accrue to the party called upon within forty-eight hours after he reaches the city.

All young men are made most welcome, and they will find on their arrival the proper place to lodge for a night with the confidence of being put in touch with parents and friends who will be there to welcome them.

Parents and friends are invited to send notice of the coming of their sons, giving Detroit address, and they may be assured that prompt attention will be given to all requests. It is the desire of this department to establish another branch in each town or hamlet within at least a hundred miles of Detroit, or in those places whither the greater part of travel is toward that city. Two hundred such "Key Men" are now appointed, and the names of seven hundred young men leaving for Detroit have been sent in.

The Detroit Young Men's Christian Association is again offering a prize of twenty-five dollars, to be given at commencement to the student doing the best piece of literary work during the year. This work may be either in the form of story, essay, poem or drama.

The judges, of which there shall be three, will be of known literary and musical ability, and be selected by the English department, and in no way connected with the college. One of the above named judges will, of course, have no advantage in this contest.

The manuscript must be submitted not later than May 15. In many cases, students in English classes will enter this contest manuscript for credit as written work in connection with the classes.

Any who are interested should take this matter up with his or her teacher at once, and arrange to enter the contest. Someone will win. You have a chance.

E. C. Green, with the U. S. Dept of Agr., writes Dr. Hedrick as follows:

"Here are my contributions to the portraits of Dr. Beal and Prof. Cook. If larger amounts are desired, let me know."

"I have just accepted a position with the Brazilian government, and plan to leave at a very short time. Coroata, where a new cotton experiment station is to be located. Coroata is about 100 miles south of S. Luiz do Maranhao, on the north coast of Brazil. There is no railroad, and conditions there are primitive in the extreme. It is a south of the equator, therefore somewhat warm. Outside of malignant malaria, beri-beri, and yellow fever, there are no diseasess there to speak of. I anticipate an interesting adventure, at any rate, and there may be a great opportunity there with the cotton plant. Of course, I am leaving my family here in Washington, where they may be reasonably comfortable.

"I retain my connection with the U. S. Dept. of Agr., by building commission as "collaborator" while abroad, and making collections for our government."

About a dozen and a half Hort. students spent the vacation printing orchards. Some went as far as a suburb of Chicago.

"Cucumbers as a cash crop" is the title of a four-page circular just issued by the experiment station. It was written by Walter Postiff, L1t, by request of there to be selected. Postiff has grown this crop on his farm on commercial scale for several years.

The historic pear orchard west of the residence of Pres. Snyder is being cut down. It has very largely served its purpose, and was an expense to maintain, especially since the harvesting of the crop was so uncertain. The land will be used for ornamental trees and shrubs.

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