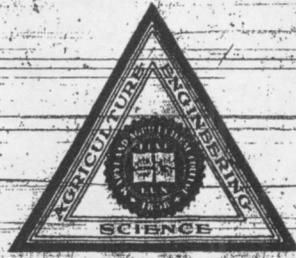


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INFORMAL DANCE HELD

In spite of the fact that it was gotten up on the spur of the moment, the informal dance held in the College Auditorium on November 16 was highly successful. The dance was gotten up in honor of the Washington College football team. Only one Washington College man showed up, however.

The decorations though simple were effective. The walls of the Auditorium were decorated with pennants. The music was furnished by an orchestra consisting entirely of M. A. C. men. These men were Cadets Ford, A., Kahn, Goldberg and Altieri. Refreshments were served in the mess hall at ten-thirty.

Those present were Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Moore; Misses Silvester, Myers, Galt, Hester, Bush, Vandoren, Harden, M., Harden, E., Ball, Atlas, L., Atlas, V., Atlas, J., Young, H., McDonnell, Adams, Truan, Fletcher, Carroll, Brown, Anderson, Gourley and Dove; Messrs. Williams, R. C., Lednum, Coster, Robinson, W., Robinson, C., Parks, Truitt, Davis, M. E., Wilson, L. G., Gray, R. T., Gray, J. B., Knode, K. T., Stephens, Boland, McKenna, Montell, Dale, Greenberg, Brown, Trimble, Morse, Trax, Adams, Healy, Cole, K., Comegys, Cole, W., Ames, Towles and Nisbit.

Twelve volumes and some incomplete ones of the American Mathematical Monthly have been donated to our mechanical engineering department by Prof. S. F. Norris, head of the department of mathematics of the Baltimore City College. These sets are quite valuable and when completed and bound will make quite an addition to the department library. The name of the donor will be placed prominently on each volume. Prof. Norris is the son-in-law of Prof. James S. Robinson, who was formerly at the head of our horticultural department.

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MARYLAND WEEK EXHIBITION

The annual meetings and exhibition of the Maryland State Horticultural Society, the Maryland Crop Improvement Association, the Maryland State Dairymen's Association, Maryland State Beekeepers' Association, and the Farmers' League of Maryland were held in Fifth Regiment Armory, at Baltimore, November 19 to 23 inclusive. The exhibition was under the management of the Maryland State Horticultural Society, of which Prof. Thos. B. Symons is secretary, and the various associations enumerated above.

In the excellence of products displayed this show surpasses all previous efforts of the societies and it was undoubtedly the best horticultural show held east of the Mississippi River. The program called for daily meetings and conferences of the various affiliated organizations, and addresses by public men of note, including Governor Goldsborough, ex-Governor Warfield, Mayor Preston and President Finley of the Southern Railway. In the evenings there were band concerts and a variety of other special features by way of entertainment.

The College was represented by an artistic booth decorated with the College colors and displaying a large number of drawings and photographs showing the work of the students in the various College departments. Much literature was distributed by those in charge of the booth explaining the part that the College and Experiment Station are playing in the education of the youth of Maryland.

Nearly all of the members of the Faculty were at some time present at the show and the Agricultural and Horticultural students were present during the greater part of the week.

Professor Symons deserves great credit for his successful management of so large and so successful an enterprise.

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Y. M. C. A. NOTES

On the evening of November 17 the Y. M. C. A. was addressed by Mr. Grinnell, of Washington, D. C. His subject was "Conservation of Character." He spoke on the excellent advantages which M. A. C. has for both the moral and physical development of her students. He also said that working for the love of it and the desire to do our duty gives us a clearer conscience than working merely for fame.

The Y. M. C. A. on November 24 was addressed by Mr. S. M. Ely, supervising principal of the schools of Washington. He selected as his subject "Education as the Means of Interpreting Religion." His text was "But Put Ye on the Lord Jesus Christ." In the course of his talk he said that we must make our Christianity positive, that it was not enough to have it merely passive.

Truitt says that he is going to change his course to agriculture so that he can write his thesis on "The Growing of Watermelons for Irrigation."

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