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# Humphrey of the "Seventeenth."

HELEN WOODS, Music.

"AND the Jackson orchestra! O girls!" Juliet closed her eyes and hummed a waltz in delightful anticipation."

"I'm so glad I didn't have my cream silk made up when papa bought it. It will be just the thing for this." Marion Burtt began to draw on her gloves complacently. "Marjory, be sure and wear your blue. You look like an angel in it."

"I wish to goodness I had something new," sighed Marjory. "I despise my blue, and everything else is as old as the hills."

"The boys will look superb. I adore uniform. A military ball! Doesn't that sound delicious! Bob Worthington will look well. He always does; and I am dying to see Will Craig. But after all, girls—you know who will be the lion of the evening."

"Jack Humphrey!" in breathless chorus from the group.

"O girls—*do* you remember how we used to scream ourselves hoarse for him in the dear old football times?" "And how we heaped fudge on him till it is a wonder the poor fellow didn't die of dyspepsia!" "And how dandy he looked when he gave his final!" "And how we fairly carried him to the depot, the whole crowd of us. We were each so anxious to be the last to say goodby." "And *do* you remember how Juliet cried when we read of his being wounded?"

"Do come back to earth, girls," drawled Nell from the couch. "I never made such a goose of myself as the rest of you did."

"No—Nell never was especially fond of Jack—never since he made those pointed remarks about the valentine she sent him, at the tender age of seven."

After the shout that followed had subsided, Marion said suddenly: "Do you suppose Annis Macalester will be there?"

"The 'Quaker?' Mercy! Do you suppose she will?" Nell sat up suddenly. "Who on earth would give her a bid? Excuse slang, girls."

"I heard her talking of it," said Marion, "and she said she had always longed to see a military ball—and now it had come at last. There was really a little excitement in her voice, and she blushed beautifully when she said it. Why, I don't know—but she is a

mighty sweet-looking girl if—oh! If she only had a little 'get-up' about her."

"Her Quaker costume will look stunning at a military hop. Just imagine her. I think of William Penn and all his ancestors when she appears in that gray silk. Where do you suppose she got it—maybe it's an heirloom!" Stylish Juliet patted a ruffle of her dainty house-gown with a satisfied air.

"Poor Annis! I imagine her shaking and gasping if Captain Avery or Jack Humphrey asked her for a waltz! Well, I hope for her own sake she won't venture near the hop. No, girls, I simply *must* go. Be sure and telephone me when your gown comes up, Juliet dear. I'll be right over. I'm simply crazy to see it. O don't say another word. I can't stay a second longer. Farewell!" And with a dramatic wave of her hand Marion swept out of the room.

"Mercy! I must depart to! O girls! This couch is heaven. Why must I leave it." Nell rose slowly. "Tomorrow night! I'm going to sleep all day. I've been out so much lately I'm nearly dead. You'll see me sailing about in my yellow. That is really the most becoming thing I have. Forgive conceit. Dear me! Poor Quaker! Someone ought to take it upon himself to warn her of the evil to come if she goes to that hop." She pinned on her hat languidly. "Aren't you coming, Marjory? It's past five!"

"I can't help thinking of Annis," said Marjory soberly, as they walked home together. The little mouse never seems to have a good time, somehow. I believe I'll be nice to her if she comes tomorrow night."

Nell shrugged her shoulders. "I intend to have a good time," she said in her pretty drawl." I shant bother myself being nice to people who are out of their element. Oh, here's our house! Goodby, dear. Can't you come up after dinner!"

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Humphrey of the "Seventeeth" rose slowly in his place. His six feet of splendid manhood towered gloriously above the gay company assembled for supper. The brass buttons on his uniform shone proudly in the light of the candelbras, and as his black eyes roved for a moment over the upturned faces, flushed from dancing, the admiring eyes of a hundred well dressed men and women, he looked every inch the brave young "boy in blue" that he was. And the company forgot the astonishment with which a moment before they had noted the girl who shyly placed her hand on his arm and walked slowly in beside him.

Humphrey opened his lips to speak —then closed them again—once more he opened them, and this time he spoke. "Ladies and gentlemen, friends and comrades," he said slowly, and his voice trembled with a joyous feeling, "I shall say but a few words—I cannot say more—for my heart is full tonight. I am glad to be here. Glad to breathe the air of my native land. Glad to be among you, the friends whom I have known all my life, but gladdest of all—forgive me for saying it—to be able to tell you that which now I am for tne first time able to speak of. For I can at last make known to you the gladdest event of my whole life—my engagement to the young lady who is beside me tonight, Miss Annis Macalester."

For the blue eyes that looked proudly up into his, and then dropped to the face of the woman opposite—the little head that was held erect upon a slender neck, on which the shining brown hair was softly coiled,—the small hand with its one flashing diamond, that did not tremble now when she placed it on his arm—belonged to a sweet-faced girl in a gown of shimmering, silver gray.

And the blonde in blue looked across the table at the dark-eyed girl in yellow and their eyes met but neither smiled.

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## Zeta Sigma Public.

The annual public of the Zeta Sigma was held last Monday night and proved an innovation in society publics. For many years past the society has been giving literary programs, and this year it was decided to vary the monotony with a mock trial. The presentation was well received and fulfilled its purpose in amusing the large audience present. The case tried was that of Mary Louise Murphy (Frank R. Hurst) vs. T. George Timby, breach of promise. L. S. Bagley and J. W. Dunning appeared for the plaintiff, and A. J. Helmer and J. Y. Brooke for defendant. Wallace F. Webber held the bench; H. A. Wilcox was sheriff and Earl Webber, clerk. Members of the society served as witnesses and jurors, assisted by several from the audience.

The case devoloped against Mr. Timby was a strong one and he was ably defended. The testimony and pleas offered many chances for humor and jokes on students and faculty, which afforded no little amusement.

The witnesses were, J. L. McBride, Pearl Fuller and H. G. Gaunt for the plaintiff and Hugh N. Ronald, Ray Baker and "Jean Lowther" Soule (Fred Soule) for the defense.

Other cases on the docket which will be tried later on are:

Hooper vs. Bruske, larceny of stove. Grover Cleveland and Chauncey A. Depew, attorneys for Hooper; Bourke Cochran and Wm. Houser, attorneys for Bruske.

Mrs. Harper vs. E. H. Harper, divorce. A. T. Bliss and T. W. Mortimer, attorneys for Mrs. Harper; G. F. McEwing and Geo. Ellis, attorneys for E. H. Harper.

A. P. Cook vs. W. E. Rohlf, board bill. J. T. Ewing and E. D. Pennell, attorneys for A. P. Cook; Claude Colley and J. Clizbe, attorneys for W. E. Rohlf.

On the whole the entertainment given was a success and a pleasant diversion from the usual program.

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# Book Review

"If rule books were ponies
The poorest could ride."

AMONG the many charming and delightful books that the spring season has to offer is the revised, annotated, embellished, de luxe edition of the Alma College Rules and Regulations, printed on white paper with black ink, sewed with red and blue silk, containing vocabulary and copious notes and an introduction by the authors. This dainty little book contains a remarkable versatility and sentiment, being a collaboration by, August F. Bruske, F. N. Notestein, J. W. Ewing, M. C. Gelston, J. T. Ewing, Jay Clizbe, Dr. Harper, A. P. Cook, Mary Louise Allen, Lyda E. Kohn, James Mitchell, F. E. West, et cetera. From beginning to end the work breathes of pathos, humor, wit, love, and other ennobling and enlightening sentiments.

From begininng to end the story it tells cannot but be of interest to any one who desires the full development of his combative, amative and socialistic tendencies.

To any desiring to drink deeply of the Perian spring it is an infallible guide. It is based on years of experience, and it is said that the authors have been six years in the preparation of its pages—the last effort of a similar kind having been completed in 1898. Such care was also taken in the preparation of its pages that eight months were consumed by the printer in getting it on the market.

Under the first chapter on "Admissions and Dismissions," there is a hint dropped of the great possibilities of discovery in the near future. New students are asked to report at the president's office on entering school. The first to find the location of that far famed sanctum will get his name written large. Students are on probation the first three months, according to the third paragraph. An excellent corps of detectives and cops look after this department. Students who have bad eyes, sore throat or weak nerves may be quietly dismissed by the faculty if further connection is deemed undesirable. One can be honorably dismissed from college in case he has paid his board three times and can show his receipts. The chapter on "Rooms and Boarding" is one of rare literary merit and abounds in antithesis, climax, poetical diction. Studies, Examinations and Attendance are discussed from eleven different standpoints. The chapter on gymnasium attendance is one of the rarest bits of fiction in the present generation of novelists. No careful student of Logic should fail to read rule eight.

The death note of I-Tap-A-Kegs is sounded in the chapter on Societies. The theories set forth in this chapter easily overthrow the claim of political scientists that the unwritten constitution is the safeguard of nations.

The last chapter is devoted to a discussion of the life of General Rules, of Conduct, Michigan. This great hero should be the model of every student. The principles that actuated his life are set forth in this chapter. He always respected the regulations of the Ladies Department. He stayed at Wright Hall after meals only on

invitation (which his girl gave him.) He never snored after ten o'clock. Students are here asked not to congregate in the halls or on the lawns. In case the crowd becomes congested at the Museum or Library steps use the Grand Stand. Students should deem it a privilege to pay all damages to property; damages to feelings will take care of themselves. The book says you are amenable to it the minute you strike Alma. If you want to see your girl the first day get a rig and meet her in St. Louis. No permission is advised for this.

Boating or driving parties of not less than three may be formed on Saturdays. In case you go driving always count the horse as one, and since one boat will not hold four persons comfortably, to avoid danger, always have four in your party and get two boats. It's a good plan to divide the lunch before you start.

We predict a large sale for this book. It has all the elements of a seller, including price. It is now in its one hundredth thousand and the demand is growing.

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## A Former Alma Girl Wins.

Alma's athletes are becoming known all over the state, and the past three years has seen her come from obscurity in athletics, to the front place. Another athlete, and this time a girl, who had preliminary training at Alma has won laurels in another school. At the Inter-class meet for girls held at Ann Arbor recently, Miss Emily Stark, who had her preparatory training at Alma, won all the events in which she was entered and came near to breaking the University records. She won the high jump at 4 ft. 2 in., the running broad jump at 14 ft. 11 in., the spring broad jump at 5 ft. six in. and the traveling rings race, besides getting second in the 30 yd. sprint. While in the gymnasium here, Miss Stark's instructors, had occasion to note her unusual athletic ability, and Coach Allen used to declare that Miss Stark could easily break the college records for men, if she had sufficient training.

The University News speaks of her work as follows:

"Miss Emily Slark, '06, was easily the star of the events. She was especially good in the high jump and the spring jump. Although in the high jump she reached four feet, which was until recently the record for women, she showed that it was not her limit and may be able to break the record four feet four, in the near future. In the runs Miss Enyart was easily the best. Her running was easy and straight, and in unusually good time. Miss Stark's record in the traveling rings was excellent and at the end of the twelveth set she showed few signs of being tired."

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# "The Rose Maiden."

J. T. EWING.

MOST notable of recent important college events was the second annual concert of the Choral Union given at the chapel on Tuesday evening, April 14. Cowen's dramatic cantata, The Rose Maiden, was the work selected for presentation by a full chorus with orchestral and piano accompaniment. The soloists were Mr. Marshall Pease, Detroit, tenor; Mrs. Blanche Kingsbury, Greenville, soprano; Miss MayBelle Howard, contralto; Mr. Donald McGill, baritone; and Mr. James L. McBride, bass. Mrs. Josephine St. John was in charge as director. Prof. Milliken led the orchestra and Misses Bushnell and Sergeant presided at the piano.

The argument of The Rose Maiden is as follows:

In response to the entreaties of the Queen of the Flower Fairies, Spring bestows upon her the gift of love and changes her into the form of a beautiful maiden, Roseblossom by name. While wandering through the world in search of one who will respond to the love she cherishes, Roseblossom learns of the sad story of a maiden who, made insane by the desertion of her lover, pines away and dies broken-hearted. In spite of this warning Roseblossom weds a forester with whom she lives in such idyllic happiness that she is unable to survive his untimely death. The fairies sing her requiem and curse Love,

> "Whose joy ends in sorrow
> Whose triumph is death."

Cowen has clothed this simple idyl of love in a beautiful musical dress. From beginning to end the story moves along unbroken on the wings of song. The music throughout is in perfect keeping with the sentiment of the words, without any straining after effects unsuited to the cantata form. Self-restraint, due subordination of individual parts to the whole artistic effect desired, are characteristics of the work.

The interpretation given by the performers showed a true appreciation of the artistic excellence of their material.

The part of Roseblossom is somewhat exacting, but was charmingly taken by Mrs. Kingsbury, whose clear soprano perfectly met all the requirments of the score. "Bloom on, my Roses," was perhaps her most effective number. Mr. Marshall Pease sang the tenor part most brilliantly, his strong and true voice under the guidance of a true artist's conception of his *role*, giving most effective expression to the music of "The Sleep of Even" and "Yea, Even as Die the Roses." The solo for contralto "Yet, Chime They so Sadly" was beautifully rendered by Miss Howard with a finish and dramatic effect that were electrifying. "Where Gloomy Pine-trees Rustle" was sung with excellent effect by Mr. McGill, whose initial appearance before an Alma audience fully met the expectations of his many friends. Mr. McBride, whose singing is always pleasing, was at his best in the duet, between Roseblossom and Spring, "But Hear Me." The work of the chorus deserves high praise. It was nearly always true to tune and time, responding *con amore* to the demands

of the director's baton. In "'Tis Thy Wedding Morning" and the *finale*, the singing was particularly effective in shading and tonal quality.

This necessarily brief notice would be incomplete without words of warm appreciation of the fine work of the instrumentalists. Their rendering of the pecnliar running accompaniments was faultless and the support which they gave to soloists and chorus was sympathetic and adequate in every instance. In fine, the whole performance was a great success, despite the disadvantages of a stage of limited capacity and an auditorium too small to allow either choral or solo work to be fully appreciated, and reflects great credit upon Mrs. St. John, who has labored so faithfully and skillfully to the end that a work of such high musical quality as The Rose Maiden might be given by the Music School of Alma College.

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## Baseball Slang.

The *Yale Record* prints the following humurous account of a game between Yale and Syracuse universities:

"A neater article of the national game had never been put up on the home grounds," "and when the visitors picked up the stick in the final, with the tally standing 2 to 2, everybody from the oldest fan to the youngest paper-seller, was standing on his seat and yelling to the local slab artist to serve up his choicest assortment of roundhouse benders, and keep whatever guy was handling the ash pivoting at delusions. The twirler was up to business, and laid 'em over so fast that the receiving-end of the battery, who wears a bird cage and liver-protecter, looked as if he was shelling peas. The first two victims only tore rents in the atmosphere, but the third guy connected and laid off a flaming grasser which would have made a projectile from a thirteen-inch gun look like a bean-bag tossed from one baby to another. The man on the difficult corner was right there, though, and flagged the horsehide pill with his sinister talon, assisting it over to the initial hassock in such short order that some one yelled derisively, 'That fellow runs like an Orange Street automobile.' The visitors then took the field and the home aggregation came to the bat. Every one was confident that they were going to pound the sphere around the lot; but the opposing team ran in a new guy with a slow south wing, and before they had expected it there were two men down and two strikes on the next guy. But oh, Phoebe! On the next delivery he became the father of a bouncing swat, which landed in the last row of potatoes in the outer garden and enabled him to pass down to the initial hassock, pass the next two buttons and scratch the rubber. Did the crowd go wild? Say, did you ever see a ball-game?"

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# Two Views of the Scrap.

## FRESHMAN.

THE Freshman Class celebrated Arbor Day in a very appropriate manner, in a way somewhat different from preceding celebrations. A few Freshman boys arising from their slumbers some hours earlier than their accustomed time, beheld the banner of the class of '05 waving from the college flag pole, and in short order freed the staff from its burden; unfurling the handsome banner of the class of '06 in its place. The Sophs, noticing the change from the distance, returned, and, after a struggle with the defenders, lowered the Freshmen colors, and put in their place a rag, uglier than the first. The boys in the belfry were captured, but there was not a very long delay before the rest of the class were roused from their beds, and in short order the captives were set free, and a fierce battle was soon in progress.

The struggle raged fast an furious, the Freshmen seeming to have the better of it until the arrival of an old football man, who was imported into the Sophomore class for the occasion. Blood flowed in every direction, most of it being contributed by Mr. Baker, who was finally finished by the masterly wrestling of Williams. With the assistance of the previously mentioned football player, affairs took a different turn, but the Freshmen accomplished what they had intended, the rescue of their classmates. Collars and cuffs lay strewn everywhere, in every stage of annihilation, and among these, Baker's were prominent, on account of their bright red color.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the Freshmen girls, who, besides assisting and encouraging the boys in every way, rescued the brave defenders of the flag.

Anderson, Ronald, Kennedy, and, indeed, all of the Freshmen have reason to be proud of their work. And we must not forget to mention Cooper, who, single handed, kept at bay in an adjoining room six ferocious Amazons, who, but for him, might have turned the day against the Freshmen. After the rush, the Sophs changed their plans, and did not partake of the spread on the river, for which they had planned.

The ardor of the Freshmen, however, was not dampened by the weather, (it had begun to rain during the conflict), for they started out on a ride which was greatly enjoyed, as also was the spread at Stevey's, where they were sumptously treated by Anderson, Kennedy, and Ronald. The final number on the program was the planting of a tree in front of the grove, after which the Freshmen followed the Sophomores to bed.

## SOPHOMORE.

Seldom if ever has class spirit risen so high as on Arbor Day. Not only did each class begin the day with appropriate exercises, but the Freshmen and Sophomores furnished a little more than the ordinary Arbor Day celebration. The Sophomores succeeded in placing their beautiful orange flag

with black numerals, '05, at about 3:30 a. m. to the flag-staff of the main building. While the class adjourned to go up the river for breakfast, the floating pennant was observed by the Freshies, who supplanted it by a large white rag with '06 printed on it with coal tar. Their actions were seen by the Sophomores and then the real fun began. As only four Freshmen seemed to be loyal enough to defend their "colors" the castle was soon stormed, the flag (?) lowered, and the victims bound hand and foot with strips of their colored emblem. No one dared to question the right of possession, until about 6:30, urged on by upper classmen, the Freshmen summoned enough courage to attack their antagonists. They ascended to the third floor of the main building, and here a battle royal was fought. For the second time this year the Freshmen went down to defeat before the Sophomore brawn and muscle. And so the battle ended with a second Sophomore flag floating over the Administration building.

A new classic is announced as forthcoming entitled, "Anderson's speech on concilliation with the Sophomores."

The recent Sophomore-Freshmen rush displayed the spirit of loyalty of the '05 girls. The interesting part they played is known among all the students.

## Tennis.

For some time there has been talk of adding to the facilities for tennis. The athletic association took the matter in hand, and as a result, tennis will receive more attention than heretofore. There are at present two tennis courts on the campus, and these are controlled by the two clubs, the Orient and Crotestant. A committee was appointed to confer with the officers of these two clubs and the result was that the two clubs will be merged into one, retaining possession of the Orient court, while the Crotestant court will be turned over to the athletic association. The association will also construct another court and the two will be kept in condition from the athletic fund. With these courts in working order excellent opportunities will be given for tennis enthusiasts to follow their game.

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ONE of the institutions that has contributed more than any other to the upbuilding and advancement of Alma college to its present high position is the Alma academy. Recognizing that an academic department is an essential to the small college, the founders of Alma college wisely established an academy here and it is this one department which for the past fifteen years has furnised the neucleus for every class that has graduated from the college.

During the financial straits of the college in the early nineties, this department proved the financial mainstay of the institution, and but for it, Alma college might not now be in existance.

During all this time Alma academy has offered a course of study far superior to any high school course, and a glance at the names of the faculty of the academy which heads this article will answer any argument as to the advantage of a high school training over that of an academy such as Alma has.

Today the enrollement of the academy numbers over sixty, and the class which graduates in June will be one of the largest in its history.

Ever since its founding the academy has offered four regular courses preparing students for any of the four departments of college life. These courses have been very strong, having as instructors the college professors in each of the branches. The classical, philosophical and scientific courses claim most of the academy students and the advantages of the thorough and far reaching instruction which they offer have drawn many students.

To meet the needs of those students who do not intend to pursue any of the regular college courses, but who nevertheless desire to have the benefit of a thorough academic training in preparation for life's work, special courses are afforded. Those which have recently been added are the engineering course which is now recognized by all the large schools in science and admits graduates therefrom to the University of Michigan, Armour Institute of Technology, Michigan College of Mines and others.

The normal course in charge of the principal has been patronized by large numbers of teachers and prepares students for first grade examinations.

One of the things which has contributed much to the growth of the academy is its great advantages in material equipment. Students have the advantages of all the college apparatus both in labratories and libraries. They are placed on the same level with college students in regard to the use of gymnasium and dormotories. Students of the academy are allowed to compete on all the athletic teams of the college, and many of Alma's best athletes have been graduates from, or students in, the academy. With Alma's entry into the intercollegiate this department of work, fully as important to the academic student as the the mental, has become of great interest to the students.

All these advantages including the best of instruction from the college professors; the breadth of the causes offered; the opportunity to see real college life in the two dormitories; the use of a library of 18,000 volumes; the great opportunities for athletics;

and the well equipped labratories, have done much to make Alma academy what it is to day. In addition to these and the unusually low expenses, the academy is now offering free scholarships to students with a standing of 90%, provided they be of good moral character.

Perhaps the one person who has been directly and soley responsible for all that the Alma academy has done is Prof. J. W. Ewing, principal. He came to Alma at the founding of the college and has held the principalship of the academy for many years. He has been untiring in his energy and his long previous experience in high school work has made him *the* man for the place.

The academy as it is now is an institution of which Alma can be justly proud, and it will continue its usefullness for many years to come.

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## Pedagogical Lecture.

The department of pedagogy was honored on the evening of April tenth in having for a guest Dr. Jones, president of the State Normal Schools, who lectured on the subject. "Self-activity, Self-consciousness, Self-direction, Self-sacrifice." His address was exceedingly practical and interesting. In the development of his theme, Dr. Jones showed self-activity to be the prime factor in the child's existance, self-consciousness, the second stage of a child's life in which he learns of his own existance, and divines the significance of "I" and "You," self-direction, the stage on which the child constructs an ideal and begins to strive after it, self-sacrifice, the highest state of all, the result of pursuing the noblest ideals. Dr. Jones also spoke at some length of the power of influence and of environment, and proved very carefully to his hearers that the training of a child is one of the most honorable of callings, when the significance of that training is fully appreciated by the teacher.

Following the lecture a delightful informal reception was held for Dr. Jones, who had so kindly come from Ypsilanti for the occasion.

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## NOTICE.

THE next issue of the Almanian will come from the press June 10th. The size of this issue will be double that of the ordinary number, and will contain fifty pages of reading matter. There will be cuts of the athletic teams, the literary societies, the senior class and others. The cover will be in a new and attractive design, gotten up in blue, gold and pink. This number will contain a complete list of the college records in athletics, revised to date. There will be many other features of interest to students, faculty and alumni. Extra copies will be on sale at fifteen cents or two for twenty-five. Alumni must send orders for extras to the business manager before June 1.

THE question has often been asked: "Why not have fraternities at Alma?" Albion, Olivet and other colleges support them, and why not Alma? In the first place it does not seem to the writer that Alma is large enough to suffer any divisions into factions. Cliquism is one of the sure results of fraternalism. Sometimes it is slow in coming, but it surely follows. In so far as fraternity spirit induces friendly competition, in so far as it instills in alumni a loyalty to their college it is a decisive good and should be encouraged. If, however, as is most often the case it sinks college loyalty into "frat" loyalty; if it keeps good men from college teams and college honors; if it destroys the spirit of unity among the men, thus preventing the development of what is best for the intellectual, religious and athletic life of the college; if on the other hand it weakens that life, as it often does in the small college; it is far from being a desired element in college life.

No, Alma is not large enough in numbers for "fraternalism." The interest of every man here is too much centered in the college, to run the risk of destroying that "full together,"

spirit, which every student knows we have.

The time may come when Alma will gain profit from Fraternities; when we will be large enough to weather dangers imminent. At present Alma is one large fraternity. Let's keep it so.

THE Olivet Echo last month published the winning and second orations of the Michigan Intercollegiate Association. First place was won by Mr. M. Musste of Hope college. His oration, "John Sobeski," is one of the finest productions of its kind we have ever read. Mr. Bently of Olivet was a close second and his oration in many points surpassed that of the winner.

Next year Alma will have a representative in this contest, she having been admitted to the association at a meeting held recently. The standards are high, and we must begin early next year with the preliminary contests. Each of the literary societies should even now be getting men in line for the society contests. Let us make a good showing next year in oratory and debating as we have in baseball and football.

THE Almanian will this month enter the libraries of one hundred high schools and academies of the state. An arrangement has been made whereby the college can send this gratis to this number of schools. If this issue is found on the reading table of your high school library, it comes there as a gift from the college and we trust it will prove a not unwelcome visitor each month.

# Y. M. C. A.

## The Greenville Trip.

PREHAPS no undertaking of the Young Men's Christian Association of Alma college, has been so thoroughly enjoyed, and at the same time been produbtive of so much good to the association and students in general, as the recent evangelistic trip to the city of Greenville. At the request of the Christian people of that place, ten men of the college with Chas. D. Hurrey, State Student Secretary of Y. M. C. A., spent five days there, during the spring vacation, from March 25 to 30, holding evangelistic services. The men who went on the trip were, H. N. Ronald, E. Webber, J. L. McBride, Pearl Fuller, Wm. Winton, J. W. Dunning, Frank Hurst, Harold Gaunt, A. J. Helmer and W. Webber. The first four named constituted the quartet, and every man in the capacity of a preacher and a personal worker, the aggregation made up a band of workers ready for business.

The various churches of the city united with us in the work, and the meetings on Wednesday and Thursday nights were held in the Baptist church, and the remainder of the time in the Methodist church. Sunday morning the different pulpits were occupied, and the farewell service was held in the Methodist church in the evening. Two men spoke and the quartet sang at each meeting. Mrs. Willard Kingsbury sang two beautiful solos at different meetings. The plan of the meetings was varied, and Mr. Hurrey or one of the local pastors conducted the after-part of the meeting. Everyone tried to do personal work.

Each night after the meetings we visited the saloons and billiard halls, where the quartet sang and an invitation was given to the men to attend the meetings. Our visits to these places were heartily welcomed, and we were usually urged to come again.

Direct results began to show in the first meeting. There was present that night a young travelling man who had left his home in Canada several years ago and gone to South Africa. His father was a clergyman and was ready to send him to college, but he seemed to prefer a life of adventure, and so ran away from home. He afterwards came to this country and happened to be in Greenville at this time. For two hours after thc meeting he struggled with the problem of his personal salvation, and finally gave himself to God. The sterling qualities which he seemed to possess gave us assurance that his conversion was genuine, aud would last. This alone made us feel that we were repaid for our efforts in Greenville.

Several others decided to become Christians and many, we feel, were quickened in their spiritual life. The time was too short to see many direct results, but nevertheless, we felt that God had used us in some measure for the fulfillment of His great purpose.

But the greatest good was received by us who conducted the services. Every one felt that he had been brought nearer his Master, and wonder-

fully blessed by the few days of special effort in Christian work.

The most general impression received by the fellows was the lack of young men in the churches, and the urgent need of work in their behalf. The church fails to reach them, and the young men seem to regard the Christian life as an effiminate thing, and though they admit that it is all right, they do not accept it. Greenville is not unlike the average town in this respect. Our delegation was a very representative body and the young men were evidently impressed by meeting college men who were Christians. The fellows represented quite a variety of life work which they expect to follow, only five of them expecting to study for the ministry. All departments of college activity were represented as we had with us the ex-captain of the football team, captain of the baseball team, and prominent players on both teams, the editor and business manager of the Almanian, are all active in the Christian work of the college.

The hospitality of the people of Greenville was evident on every hand. They could not do too much, apparently to make things pleasant and to assist us in the work we endeavored to carry on. We were all made to feel that our efforts were appreciated and we came away feeling the joy of Christian service, and inspired to do better work, wherever we may be, for Him who has done so much for us. *Harold G. Gaunt.*

# Alumni.

TO THE ALUMNI:—

IT is with deep and sincere regret that the writer is compelled to relinquish the work attached to the office of Alumni Editor of the Almanian. This is made necessary for several reasons, though the old, familiar one "lack of time," perhaps includes all others. This scarcity of time is not simply an excuse but a reason, supported by conditions which cannot be changed.

We have always believed that a college magazine, be it a daily, weekly, monthly, or an annual, is one of the best mediums to arouse college loyalty, as well as assisting the powers of latent writers in the institution, and also a necessary adjunct to the college. It was with this belief that efforts were made several years ago to establish a permanent college paper at Alma. The little "'97," a small pamphlet of but twenty or more pages, was the first venture and was followed the succeeding year by the annual, "The Almanian." For a year or so, no paper was issued, but then came the revived "Almanian," issued as a monthly, the form in which the representative college paper is now known.

During these years, the writer witnessed with interest and pleasure the progress being made, and realized that if the support of the alumni and former students was received there could be no doubt as to the future growth of the paper and its benefits both to the institution which it represents and to those who have gone from college duties and pleasures to their future work out in the world. Accordingly, the matter of an Alumni Editor was taken up at the alumni meeting in June, 1901. The proposition was adopted, and we gave a large portion of our time the following year to arouse interest among the former students and have them feel that they should support the Almanian by subscriptions and contributions. Last June we realized that the work was taking too much time from our business responsibilities, and, knowing that these would be largely increased the following year, asked to be relieved. The request was refused, and the result has been evident, we believe, in every issue of the Almanian this year.

It is now time that some person should be appointed to look after the alumni notes. The managing editor has informed us that he has written several alumni to take up the work but has received no response. We believe that this is more for "lack of time" than lack of interest,—we certainly trust so. We certainly can truthfully state that no member of the alumni has had less spare time in general the last two years than ourselves. As a rule it has been a case of ten to fifteen hours work per day, and many a time we considered ourselves fortunate to get a small restaurant meal and a few winks of sleep. The majority of the alumni are now in the ministry or are teach-

ing. We know both are trying and laborious professions, but they at least have some variety in line of work, and both have opportunities for literary work in connection with their other duties.

Then, too, nearly all of them have opportunities through correspondence to ascertain the locations and occupations of former sttdents. We have, during the present year, received and written less than a dozen letters. In the first two issues of the Almanian, we put in some items from hearsay, several of which proved to be wrong. If the alumni column is to be of advantage, it should certainly be reliable.

Nor are the alumni lacking in men of ability to do the work. Of the ministers, there are Brooke, '96; Klaasse and Van Page, '97; Bates. Crane, Grigsby, Divine, Long and Stevens, '98; and Porter '99, nearly all of whom have had newspaper experience. There are Mitchell, Eply, Northon, Brooks, Foote, Randels and Bush, who are now teaching, any one of whom would prove to be a good man for the place. There are also others of various lines of business, many of whom have been interested in literary. The Seminary and P. G. men have not been mentioned, but their ability is well known.

Now, we believe that every member of the alumni is interested in his Alma Mater and the whereabouts of former students, and if the situation is known will, volunteer to assist the editors in making the magazine what it should be. Let every one who reads this send in something concerning what he knows of former students and any other matter that may be of benefit, and in this way may be aroused greater interest in the college.

With these words, we would sorrowfully give up the duties of Alumni Editor, but shall assist whenever possible to do so. We trust these words will be received as intended and they may serve to arouse among graduates of Alma efforts to assist in upbuilding the literary work of the institution.

*F. M. McCabe, '98.*

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## Alumni Personals.

Charles Ernest Scoll, '98, has accepted a call to the Presbyterian church at Grayling Mich. The Grayling people are to be congratulated.

Sherman L. Divine, '98, has been called to the assistant pastorate of the Third Presbyterian church of Chicago. This is ane of the largest and strongest churches in the city.

R. L. Lynd, who has the distinguished honor of being the first student to register at Alma college, has accepted a call to the Presbpterian church of Vassar, Mich.

William N. McKee, with '93, who also registered on the opening in '87 has resigned his position as professor of Latin in LaKe Forest academy to take charge of some of the business of the Campbell Investment Co. of Chicago.

Abram T. Van Page, '97, of Marengo, Ill. reports a series of revival services in his town with 350 conversions. He also announces the arrival of a bouncing 12 pound boy, whom he hopes may one day play on the Alma football team.

Within the past month one of Alma's graduates has been given a position of prominence. H. P. Bush, who graduated with the class of 1901, was reelected Commissioner of Schools in Tuscola county by an unusually large majority. Mr. Bush was elected to the position before he graduated from college, and has filled it so acceptably for the past two years that he was reelected for the longer four year term.

Ralph I. Fluelling, '95, has accepted a call to the Methodist church of Newton Center, Mass. "He has," says the Detroit Free Press, "one of the most cultured audiences in or about Boston, the president of Boston University and several of the Faculty being members of his congregation.

# Athletics.

## Track Team.

The past few weeks has seen much activity among the track men, and Davis Field has seen much active work since the spring vacation. It is still a long time till the Inter-collegiate meet, and at this early date but little can be determined as to Alma's prospects. Fuller, will in all probability not be able to enter this year. The injury received in the M. A. C. game last fall, still bothers him and will keep him from hard training at least. It is probably in the indoor events that Alma will show up strongest. Alma has some good wrestlers and they are working hard. Beechler and Angel in the heavyweight, and Hurst and Brown in the middle weight are strong in the two heavier events. Phillips, Preston, Davis and Jennings can qualify in both the welter and light weights, and Phillips should win the club swinging again.

In the sprints all are new men except Phillips. Among those who will try for positions are Howard, Carr, Anderson, Kennedy and K. Allured. Carr showed excellent speed in a football suit last fall and should make a sprinter.

Sweet, Ellis, Kratzenburg, Davis, Jennings, Sweigart and Moon are the distance men. In these events the loss of Schenck will be felt. He should have been a strong man in his second year.

Fuller will be especially missed in the weights, but Johnson, Kratzenburg, Beechler and Cooley are now throwing the hammer over 100 feet and improving constantly.

Hyney, Anderson and Jennings are trying the jumps, but as yet have not approached a standard to insure positions in the Intercollegiate.

Fuller may be able to enter the football punt and Kennedy is also a good punter.

Beechler and Johnson will throw the discus.

Track manager, Hurst, may possibly arrange a dual meat with one of the colleges two weeks before the Intercollegiate meet, June 5 and 6.

The track on Davis Field is not yet completed, but the clay soil of the field which is not yet sodded affords a good place for training.

## Baseball.

If there is anything in indications Alma is going to be represented by a strong base ball team this spring. In the games already played the work has been excellent and the hard schedule for the coming month should end in a series of victories, The team's personal at present is as follows: McBride, Adams, Steep, pitchers; J. W. Dunning, catcher; H. B. Dunning, first base; Helmer, 2nd base, Captain; Whitney, short stop; Davis, third base; Webber, centre field; Hyney, McGill, right field; McBride, Adams or Steep, left field.

The team has new suits this year, which came as a gift from the students and faculty.

### St. Louis Game.

The first game was played with St. Louis April 2nd and was an easy victory for the college. McBride pitched the first three innings and had the batters at his mercy. Adams went in the fourth and was very nervous, allowing St. Louis to score five runs. After that he steadied down and allowed them but one hit. The final score was 19 to 5.

### Mt. Pleasant Professionals.

As a practice game the Mt. Pleasant professionals were secured on April 10. The showing made by the college team was excellent, and at times it looked as if Alma might win. The experience of the professionals, among whom were some of the best professionals in the state, finally won out. McBride had the old-timers down well and received good support. Alma was weak in batting however.

SCORE BY INNINGS.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9—R. | H. | E. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mt. Pleasant | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0—8 | 8 | 3 |
| Alma | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0—3 | 4 | 5 |

Batteries, McBride and Dunning; Becker and Spicer.

### Greenville Game.

On Saturday, April 18th, the team went to Greenville and met the team of the high school. The work of the high school team proved a surprise, and for the first four innings it looked as if they might win out. Their battery work was superb, and they proved unusually strong at the bat for a high school team. Bracey who pitched for the high school, has had some professional experience, and could easily hold his own with any college team.

Alma's outfield was given a shaking up in this game, and Whitney was absent from the inffeld. Errors were numerous, but in the fifth the team started a batting streak that lasted the remainder of the game and finally won out 11 to 5. Below is the individual record of the team and score by innings:

| | AB | R | H | O | A | E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Helmer, 3 b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| W. Dunning, c | 4 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 1 | 0 |
| Davis, 3 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| B. Dunning, 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Steep, ss | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Webber, l | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hyney, r | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kenedy, m | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| McBride, p | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Totals | 40 | 11 | 12 | 26 | 10 | 5 |

Two-base hits, Webber, Steep; three-base hit, Davis; sacrifice hit, B. Dunning; struck out, by McBride 11.

### First Chompionship Game.

Alma was to meet Albion last Friday in the opening championship game, but the drizzling rain that started early in the morning kept up all day. The team stayed over, however, until Saturday, and a clear sky and high wind had the field dry for a game in the afternoon.

Albion came fresh from a series of victories, and succeeded in defeating Alma 8 to 1. The game, however, was very evenly contested and except for the fourth inning it would have been difficult to pick the winner. Albion won on superior batting. Their hits were not many, but they always came at opportune times, and were bunched with Alma's errors. A number of times Alma had men on bases, but the necessary hits were not forth coming. Both McBride and Striker pitched excellent ball. Striker received excellent support from his outfield and several long flies were nabbed, that looked like sure hits. Alma's outfield, on the other hand.

allowed several to get by that should have been outs. Alma's infield showed up strong, and with more experience the outfield will develop greater strength. The team is in no wise discouraged over losing the first game, since the weather has greatly interfered with early season practice; and not enough games have been played to get the team in working order. The men are working hard to meet the hard schedule of May when nine games are to be played.

Albion has a fast team this year and will be strong factors in the championship series. In batting and base running they show the effects of excellent coaching. The score:

ALMA.

| | AB | H | O | A | E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Helmer, 2 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Dunning, c | 4 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 1 |
| Davis, 3 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Whitney, s | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| B Dunning, 1 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Baker, r | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Steep, m | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Webber, l | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| McBride, p | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 0 |
| Totals | 32 | 4 | 27 | 13 | 5 |

ALBION.

| | AB | H | O | A | E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Striker, p | 5 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| McKale, 3 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Church, 1 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| V'H'm, m | 5 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Bliss, c | 5 | 0 | 12 | 1 | 3 |
| Brewer, 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Brail, l | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Matthews, s | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Pierson, r | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 38 | 9 | 27 | 10 | 4 |

| Innings | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Albion | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | --8 |
| Alma | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | --1 |

Runs—Striker 2, McKale, Brewer 2, Brail, Mathews, Pierson—8, B. Dunning—1; Basses on balls—Off McBride 3; Two-base hit—Striker; Passed ball—Dunning; Wild pitch—McBride; Struck out—By McBride 6, by Striker 9; Stolen basses—McBride 2, Dunning, Church 3, Brewer; Time—1:15; Umpire—Hanson.

# Item Box.

**Anecdote of Robespierre.**

"What do you gain by deluging every street in Paris with blood?" asked Dripping Dauton.

"At least I will make a great alley gory," reasoned Robespierre, glancing up at the bloody guilloture.—Columbia Jester.

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**Definition of Poet.**

A poet is a person, who,
At Easter who writes a sonnet,
And sends it to a lady, who
Would rather have a bonnet.

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Mike: (who is teaching Pat to play poker) "Well, what hove ye got?"

Pat: "Four trowels and a black Shamrock."

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The question was asked in a bible examination, "Who was Herod?"

One answer was this, "Herod, a tea tray, was the fourth part of Judea."

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Madge: "He stole a kiss from me."

Mabel: "Well, that was only petit larceny.

Madge: "It wasn't—it was grand."

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**On the Museum Steps.**

Bashful Freshman: "Is kissing a crime."

Experienced Sophomore girl: "It must be. I know some people who die for it."

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Soule, (who just came from home) after Baker has been excused from impromtu work in Zeta Sigma: "I follow suit, please excuse me."

Wilcox: (rising quickly) "I don't think a man should be excused for going home every week and following up his suit."

In practice of Zeta Sigma public:

McBride: "I guess I've been to court as many times as anyone here."

Bagley: "Granted; but you are a long ways from experience in a breach of promise case."

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**A Friend in Knead.**

A girl with her hands in the dough,
Was caught in the act by her bough.
"Now I've caught you," he said.
With a toss of her head
She answered, "Ough, now, I don't knough."

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Teacher: "Well Johnnie was anybody sorry for the return of the Prodigal son."

"Johnnie: "Yes, the fatted calf."

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"I want to be an angel,"
Sang the choir sweetly, solemn.
The editor in the audience said,
"Put an ad in our want column."

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Little Miss Muffit,
Sat at a buffet,
Eating a *bonbon sucre*.
A masher soon spied her,
And edged up beside her,
But she properly frowned him away.

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There was an old priest in Peru,
Who dreamed he converted a Jew,
He woke in the night,
In a terrible fright,
And found it was perfectly true.

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There once was a Freshman named Greening,
Who fell down four flights without meaning,
The janitor swore as he struck the ground floor,
" 'Twill take all the afternoon cleaning."—Columbia Jester.

# Class and Society Notes.

## SENIOR.

In the first Ethics class after the spring vacation, it was hard for Dr. Bruske to rccognize the Senior girls because of their new Easter hats (?)

The Seniors were most pleasantly entertained by the Juniors Friday evening, April 17th at Wright Hall. The entry room to the dinning room was very prettily arranged as a reception room. Later in the evening all enjoyed thoroughly the spread given in the dining room.

Plans are being made for the suitable observance of Arbor day but everything has been left in the hands of a committee.

## JUNIOR.

Miss Louise Strange is steadily improving in health and expects to be in Alma again next year.

J. L. M. in explaining to the society what he knew about law said, "I've been to court as much as any man here." Ronald takes issue with him.

"Strike one!" says the umpire loud and clear
As the batter splits the air.
And again he smashes the ball, O no!
And the crowd begin to cheer.
"Strike three! ' and Jimmy calmly wipes
His hands upon his shirt,
For Jimmy's the boy that fans 'em out
And he's caught by Wirt.

Miss Grawn, with the class last year, was the guest of Miss Higbee during her vacation.

## SOPHOMORE.

On the evening of April third the Sophomores were pleasantly entertained at the home of Miss Pringle. Miss Hafer was present and communications from several other former members of the class were read.

We regret the loss of Miss Kefgen and Mr. Ardis, two of our most promising members. Miss Kefgen is ill at her home.

Mr. Johnson is able to be out again after having been confined with the mumps for the past few weeks.

Mr. Anderson—"I think Iv'e embraced as much as any one in this class."

Miss Allen—"Yes but your embracing is too general."

The girls are showing their class spirit by the display or '05 caps. The boy's caps have recently arrived.

## FRESHMAN.

Prof. M—in Freshman Hist.

Mis—ter Sah! When I speak the name Andrew Jackson, what does it immediately bring to your mind?

Mr. S—The first thing that it brings to my mind is the spread.

Prof. M.—Yes—ah! that's all right, thats one of the great things now name one of the minor.

The class was recently given a very excellent illustration of the oratory of Clay and Calhoun. In those days to use a Prof. Mitchellism, it was more high filuting, more SOPHOMORIC.

N. B. For reserved seats in German I, see Miss Kohn, at an early date.

## KINDERGARTEN.

Mrs. Plum recently spent a short time with her daughter in Ithaca.

The Kindergarten room has just recovered from a short seige of spring-fever—house cleaning. By means of strenous efforts some of the girls "re-

covered," the window seats belonging there.

On Monday April 10th the Kindergarten department welcomed Mrs. Eleanor Periam and her training class from Saginaw as their guests for the day. After spending the morning in sight-seeing in the town, they were met by some of the young ladies, and escorted to the college grounds. Everything about the campus and buildings was shown and pointed out to the guests. Prof. Notestein gave an interesting lecture on Astromony during the afternoon, followed by a short musical under Mrs. St. John's direction. After a dinner in Wright Hall, Froebel society gave a short but interesting program in the Kindergarten room. Miss Bessie Grant of Saginaw told us a story with the piano, illustrating some of their excellent rythm work. Only two quickly did the hour of departure arrive when our guests must leave us for Saginaw again.

## PHI PHI ALPHA.

The present officers elected March 16, are as follows: Pres., McGill; vice-pres., Burnett; sec., Young; treas., Cratzenburg; critics, Johnson and Butler; marshall, Cooley; janitor, McCollum; reporter, P. Allured.

"Anything you want, fellows!" Thus spoke our president as we seated ourselves around Steve's tables. It was a first class affair, nicht wahr?

In place of our annual public, the Zeta Sigmas have accepted our challenge for a debate on May 25th. The question is, Resolved, that the Army Canteen should be restored.

The Phi Phi Alpha attended in a body the "April Term of the Zeta Sigma Court" and its executive committee naturally found their names on the "Panel of Jurymen."

## ZETA SIGMA.

Since the last issue, the officers of Zeta Sigma for the last term, have taken their respective chairs and the work under their guidance is again in full sway. Mr. Helmer received an almost unanimous election to the presidency. His inaugural address was full of interest, presenting a logical argument against the proposed third men's society. Among Z S men his opinion found general acceptance.

The other officers are as follows: vice-pres., Dunning; sec., Brown; treas., Chapman; 1st critic, H. Soule; 2nd critic, W. Webber.

The public now being over, the men of Z. S. will turn their minds and energy to the debate which will take place in the college chapel May 25 between the two mens' societies. The Restoration of the Canteen in the Army, is the question, Zeta Sigma having the affirmative.

## PHILOMATHEON.

The Philomatheons have begun a study of the American authors. Bryant will be the first studied.

Our brother society had a spread a few nights ago but we did not know anything of it until we "heard" them returning from Steves. A certain citizen of the town asked the cause of the comotion on the streets.

The society recently had a picture taken.

We enjoyed a debate a short time ago the subject being—Resolved: A college bred man is superior in culture

and mental attainments to a self educated man. Leader on affirmative, Miss Hawes, on negative, Miss Helen Cook. The affirmative side won.

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## Market Reports.

The following clipped from the Tech. needs no comment:

"Eggs are opening up lively, while coffee, which yesterday was considered very strong, is weak and considerably mixed. Cheese is being traded in to some extent, and is considered on the whole the strongest thing on the market. Sausage shows some signs of life, while beer is steadily going down. It being soon after New Year's, young men are reported as unusually, steady. Girls are lively and generally in great demand, papas are firm but declining, mamma's unsettled and waiting for higher bids, while old maids are going cheap, with no takers. Yeast is gradually rising, wheat is a grain better than barley, and fresh fish are active and slippery.

"Boots and shoes fluctuated more than any other security yesterday, and were constantly going up and down. They remained averagely quiet during the night, and on the market this morning are sold. Owing to the reported cyclones in Kansas, barbed wire lost several points during the night. Contrary to bull expectation, all breadstuffs seem unusually heavy. Ammonia is strong and spirited, tobacco has a constant downward tendency, while mercury is not so high as in the summer months. Silver is close, but not close enough to touch, and there seems to be no change in underwear.

"Stocks are not nearly as much in evidence as they were during the summer months, except soup stock, which is generally weak and very little traded in, owing to the suspicion that it is pretty thoroughly watered." —*Evanston High School Life.*