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How May Alma Be Improved?

(Discussion Continued from November Issue.)

BETTER SCHOLARSHIP.

A. J. Helmer, '03.

THE editor has asked me to write a few words on some of the ways in which Alma may be improved along some one of the lines in which her activities are engaged. Some of my friends may be surprised at the branch of work which I choose to write upon. The few lines which I shall write may be in part a confession of some of the many mistakes which I made as a student, they may be in part caused by a change in view; but I think that as a whole they agree with my student views of the subject, although modified by my short experience as a teacher. I should like to see Alma improved in scholarship. Say what you will about athletics and society, literary and Christian duties (and all these have their places) the essence of a college is her scholarship. That is the thing by which the world judges

her graduates. What I have to say is a criticism on the student body. Alma has turned out brilliant graduates. Alma has brilliant men in classes now, but the general standard of scholarship in classes is not as high as it could be. However hard a professor may strive to raise this standard he will not succeed unless the class in general is with him. If he does succeed against these odds he has used energy which may just as well have been conserved and used in other directions. I criticise my classes in High School for trying to "bluff," but even the more mature students of College are far from being free from this fault. If students would spend the energy and time, which they use in criticising professors, in additional study, they would accomplish more and standards of classes would be more easily raised. I am sure that I have the sympathy of Prof. J. T. Ewing in the following statement—The standard of classes cannot be raised very easily if many of the members

are taking twenty-three or twenty-four hours of work. You may get what is contained in the text book and carry this amount of work, but you certainly cannot pursue investigation to the extent that a college student ought. I am doing the research and library work now that I should have done in college. I do not like to criticise in print the system of classes in vogue, but a word might not be amiss. I believe that a greater thoroughness in work can be secured and the standard of the classes raised by making more subjects five or at least four hour a week subjects. Alma must not be satisfied with a collegiate scholarship lower than the best, if the college is to continue progressing. Students, Faculty and Alumni should unite to secure this end.

COLLEGE BROTHERHOOD.

J. EARLE WEBBER, '05.

THOSE of us who have not been out of College long enough to have forgotten, know that the fundamental principle of "Sociology" is, "Man is a social animal." He may have religious instincts, he may be endowed with instinctive appreciation for the good and beautiful, but above all he has a desire for companionship with those of his kind, and the individual who estranges himself from his fellowman and seeks to live in this world independent of his brother, is either insane, or a freak.

Exclusiveness breeds narrowness

and selfishness, friendly association develops broadness, sympathy and unselfishness. The world is sadly in need of education upon this high ideal of the brotherhood of man, and Alma can have a share in that education. This spirit of the brotherhood of man should be fostered and exemplified in the college world and thus its students will be trained to go out into the larger world, to live this high ideal.

Everything is favorable at Alma for the proper development of this principle of association. The student body is composed of individuals with common aims and purposes; and one man can be in friendly contact and association with every other. To be sure each student may have his individual inclinations and aspirations, nevertheless there are enough points of contact, so that the senior may be a friend to the first year prep; the freshman a friendly associate of the commercial or the kindergartner in close companionship with the dignified junior, or conceited sophomore. No separate organization is necessary to develop this fraternal spirit. It should prevade the entire college.

This friendly association in college, will enable the students to enter into sympathy with one another, and will develop a love for the other fellow. This college brotherhood will expand into a world brotherhood. Endowed with this spirit of brotherly love taught him by his Alma Mater, the graduate will go out a broad, practical,

loving man of the world. One may suggest that a larger endowment would result, in a great advantage to Alma, another declare for more buildings and better equipment, while another calls for a larger and better faculty, but better than en-

dowment, more to be desired than larger equipment, and of more importance than a better faculty, is this spirit of fraternity—this thing which will make better men and a better world.



Advantages of A College Course Outside the Curriculum.

P. J. Allured, '07, and
H. N. Morse, '08.

There are at least two ways of attaining practically every result in the field of human endeavor. The aspirant for military honors may enlist in the ranks and work his way up, or he may apply for appointment at West Point. The end striven for and oftentimes attained is in each case the same. And it is so in every line of activity. A man preparing for business, law, or medicine may go to work in a warehouse, or in a lawyer's, or doctor's office and thoroughly prepare himself by practical experience. That is the older and in many lines of work, the more common method. But modern thought and progress sends the young man to college or university and turns him upon the world, a more broadly cultured, more symmetrically developed man. Common-sense would indicate, and experience has proved, that, by the first method a man may acquire all the practical knowledge necessary to become a successful

business man, lawyer, politician or even minister—successful as the world counts success. Many of our greatest men have been developed in that way. Men have still the same pursuits, but today we see thousands of young men attending college and universities to prepare them for their respective vocations. Obviously then, unless the colleges possess some advantages besides those contained in the curriculum, the years of the average man's college course could be spent to much better advantage in the school of the world.

It develops itself into this question: "What, if any, are the advantages of a college course outside of the curriculum?"

Perhaps the first advantage to present itself is that of independence. Going to college necessarily causes a cessation of home ties, old friendships, old habits, old associations. The young man is thrown upon the world and forced to shift for himself

or trust to the tender mercies of his companions. New ties, friendships, habits, associations are quickly formed. Whatever of manliness a fellow has, is here developed. Many a fellow, who, while at home, has been a ne'er-do-well, listless, half-hearted worker, is when thrown abruptly upon his own resources, forced to make his own decisions entirely without parental counsel. This develops him into an earnest, whole-souled, young man, steadfast of purpose and firm in conviction. We know of no atmosphere, no conditions, more suited to accomplish this end than the typical small college.

Another very important sphere of college life is the foundation of friendships. Many a man's college chum becomes his life-long friend, who spurs him on to greater efforts. And a man makes not one such friendships, but many. In the classroom, the reception-hall, the literary society, or the athletic squad he encounters men as steadfast and earnest as himself, and the spirit within him seeks and affiliates with the kindred spirits around him. What a wealth of Christian young men, the small college possesses from which to pick one's friends. In the hurly-burly of everyday business life, few men have the time or the inclination to make many intimate friends.

Not only does one thus derive inestimable benefit from his personal friends, but also from daily intercourse with the student body at large. To imbibe the views of the

young life that is teeming with the very ideas one needs; to come under the broadening influence of the men around you, looking on very conceivable side of every question—that alone is an advantage not to be overlooked. Contrast in this one respect the man who spends the best years of his life, the years most susceptible to outside influences, in a ware house, or stuffy office, learning a trade or profession, with the college-bred man.

The former must content himself with his own or his employer's views on questions of the day, and perhaps the views of associates similarly situated, supplemented by the newspapers available. The tendency is decidedly toward narrow-mindedness and prejudice. The college man on the other hand, in the broad discussions characteristic of a gathering of college students, is free from this tendency and is enabled to take an equable, comprehensive view of affairs. Surely it is imperative that our citizens be thus broad-minded.

Passing from the benefits derived from contact with our equals, we must consider the results of contact with superior minds. Among the total number of college students there is always a certain percentage of exceptionally bright men to whom the rest naturally look up, as approaching close to their ideals, in one line or another. The average student especially in the smaller college, is privileged to throw himself directly and more or less continually into the sphere of influence of these

more talented students. This close and continual contact of the less developed mind with the highly organized one, cannot help but quickly raise the standard of character in the former, and offer a wide field of usefulness, by his example, to the latter. How often we see this illustrated. The country-bred fellow enters college, awkward and carelessly clothed, so full of verdure that it emanates from him in every word or move. Or, again, the youth from the city enters, his head swelling with egotism and self-importance ready to criticize any system or rule and to advise, accordingly. As the school-months pass by, he begins more and more to see himself as he is. He rises out of his narrow rut and becomes broadened and cultured, and may soon possess the manly qualities which God expects of him. Of course, the studies play an important part in the development of a college man, but the qualities which make a man popular, which make him a leader who will be followed, and above all, the knowledge of human nature, can never be gained through any course of study. In fact without these qualities, he can never utilize his book-knowledge and class-room thinking, enough to pay for the time spent upon them.

This fact leads us to the fifth point, that of the benefits derived from literary societies. Of course, this may seem to touch only a small percentage of the whole student body and to be more or less exclu-

sive. However, it lies largely with the student himself whether or not he may enjoy the privileges of the literary society. If he shows himself to be of good character, ambitious, working for a purpose and possessing ordinary working literary ability, nine cases out of ten he will be asked to join. As any conscientious student may be so equipped, the discussion of this point will apply to nearly everyone who is a credit to his Alma Mater.

The training in a literary society acquaints each member with parliamentary drill which is of value to him, whatever organization he may join in the future. It teaches him self-control, self-confidence and concentration of thought, all of which are absolutely essential to successful public speaking. It gives him an increased interest in all literature and oratory. It keeps him posted on all current topics and the debates broaden his knowledge and views of all questions of local or general interest. As his abilities of speech and thought are strengthened, his opportunities of usefulness to the public in writing or speaking are increased. But whether or not a man expects to engage in public life, if he becomes successful to any marked degree in his life-work, the public will continually demand of him the expression of opinion, be it in private conversation, an address, a toast at a banquet or an article in a magazine. The literary society trains the student for all this public and private intercourse with those

about him.

Finally, let us consider the benefits of the library and gymnasium. Either of these may do the student an infinitely great or small amount of good, depending upon his ambition. The college library, if it consists of no more than 20,000 volumes will supply a field of knowledge of such practical aid to the student that, if he takes advantage of it, it will double his general efficiency. His reading fills out the ragged places in his general knowledge and the more solid and systematic is his reading, the broader and more applicable will be his education.

The benefits of the gymnasium need not be dwelt upon. Here, if system and moderation be applied, the student develops physical qualities, which are essential to pure sound thought and which add so much to the personal magnetism of a leader among men. The gymnasium supplies a delightful and adequate substitute for the work on the farm and around the house which, whether it is pleasant or not, builds up the physique, necessary to withstand all the burdens and cares and to enjoy all the privileges and pleasures which one meets in later life.

Not all the advantages of the college course outside of the curriculum have been touched; we have dis-

cussed only such important ones which affect the average college man. Of course individually, men will receive other benefits according to their individual temperament. But these general advantages which are open to college men are not available in any equal degree for the non-college man. And so in summary, let us consider the advantages of college life leaving out the benefits derived from the class-room. His training fosters the spirit of independence in him, and vastly broadens him by the facilities of forming friendships and associations. The contact with men of superior endowment lift his mind and soul to higher planes. The library gives him a field of exhaustive research along various lines, and the gymnasium furnishes the physical training necessary for a symmetrical, full-orbed man.

In conclusion let me quote Prof. Hall of Harvard, "College is a place for high ideas, high opportunities, high ideals. It is a place for work, but also for freedom, for association, for good-fellowship. Songs do not originate in professional schools. Coming between the long drill of school and the long warfare of professional life, college is peculiarly the place for elasticity of mind, for election, for growth of purpose."



IT WOULD SEEM SO.

(By the Chairman of the "Knockers Club," being also a Licensed Crank).

Y E Class Spirit in Ye Local Co-ed Institution is not manifested in anything material.

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Y E Youthful Orators swell with pride to hear Ye College Walls resound Ye Silver-edged Words.

Y E Ever-plugging Plugger plugs Ye Brains with plugs to barter for an A.

Y E Hollow-eyed Freshman thinks that Ye Work is virtue in a man.

Y E Sacrilegious Aspirant for Ye Wisdom's Golden Crown might seem to think that Ye Chapel is Ye Short-cut to Ye Prize.

Y E Bachelor Professors might stop to think that Ye Matrimony is bliss.

Y E College Faculty must know that Ye Weather Man has lots of sport with Ye College Rules.

Y E Wicked Stiddies will have to answer for Ye Wickedness.

Y E Examinations are the terror of Ye Careless-minded Offspring of Ye Anxious-minded Ancestors.

Y E Almanian Item-box will die of Ye Literary Death for Want of Ye Literary Food—(they say).

Y E Football Heroes, sweaterless, must feel Ye Wounded Pride to hear Ye Scrubs sing, "I got mine, boys, I got mine."

Y E Boiler-house Supervisor must be honored by Ye Professors' Daily "Calls."

Y E Neighboring Farmers no longer keep Ye Fatted, Feathered Fowls.

Y E Ardent Papas and Ye Loving Mammams no doubt know that Ye Local Institution is Ye Safest Place for Ye Wayward Sons and Daughters.

Y E Deluded Seniors think to have attained Ye Lofty Summit of Ye Heap, but Ye Local Institution's Custom places even Ye First-year Preps on Ye par with Ye Black-robed Dignitaries.

Y E Scribe has in mind some more of Ye Crank-squeaks, but Ye Modesty is putting up some Howls which are louder.

“1906”==Is it Wise to Make Resolutions.

“Of Course!”

“Yes?”

“Sure!!”

“Why?”

“Well—!!! Just think a Moment!

Then Read” :—

“I WILL pay my debts.”—Cooper.

“I WILL —; no I won't either.”
—Taylor.

“I WILL get married and settle
down.”—Pennell.

“I WILL give the girls a few pri-
vileges, I hope.”—Allen.

“I WILL do right after this.”
—Finleyson.

“I WILL study some till exams
are over.”—Potter.

“I WILL—won't I, Margaret?”
—Casterlin.

“I WILL, if I want to.”—Wallace.

“I WILL jolly the boys if I like,
so there!”—Vision.

“I WILL be a third-gonger no
longer.”—J. T.

“I WILL not stiddy, 'cause I
promised.”—Gaunt.

“I WILL be a poet, sure.”—Cobb.

“I WILL——oh pshaw, you've
guessed it already.”—
Withey.

“I WILL be game.”—Pollard.

“I WILL never give in to 'em.”
—McCollum.

“I WILL take life easy.”—Injun.

“I WILL——let me think—eh—eh,
tell you later.”—Bastone.

“I WILL be serious this year.”
—Sutton.

“I WILL be heroic.”—James E. M.

“I WILL not be giddy any more.”
—“Edith.”

“I WILL skip once in a while this
year, since my class rec-
ord is good.”—Carr.

“I WILL do strange things, no
doubt.”—Paul.

“I WILL be a sport.”—P's Brother.

“I WILL take a brace.”—Grandpa.

“I WILL——Oh, give me room!”
—Bounce.

“I WILL, now really, don't you
know?”—Smith.

“I WILL, Rood” (lovingly).—
Markham.

“I WILL Hunt.”—Morse.



Among the Colleges.

M. A. C. is to have a new memor-^{ial} recently printed an architect's cut of
ial building, if present plans materi- it.
alize. It is to be a large building
and will be a beautiful addition to
the campus. The M. A. C. “Record”

The Seniors at the Agricultural
College are society people, it is evi-

dent, for hardly a "Record" is published which does not print the menu of an elaborate spread.

Again M. A. C.'s winning orator is a lady. Miss Gertrude Peters will represent the college at the Michigan meet at Alma, March 2, with the oration, "The Development of a National Conscience." A peculiar fact in the marking shows she received fourth rank in composition, third in delivery, but first in the summary. The winner in delivery received seventh in composition, the winner in composition receiving sixth in delivery.

Hillsdale's choral union presented "The New-born King" as its Christmas Cantata.

The "Collegian" of Hillsdale, is expressing the "awful forbodings" of the students there as to the college's inevitable rank in the oratorical meet at Alma. We would recommend more sanguine hopes.

Hillsdale's chapel has been entirely remodelled and improved.

The Olivet "Echo" came out as an alumni number on December 20, and is a most commendable issue. Read it. It's on the exchange table in the library. It contains descriptive articles of eight northern colleges.

Olivet students are pleading for college songs—skating songs, sleigh-

ing songs, good fellowship songs, and others.

The Olivet "Echo" remarks that the football team won all the games played at home and lost all on other gridirons. In another place it complains of lack of enthusiastic support. Don't the two statements conflict a little?

We consider the Kalamazoo "Index" the most artistic college magazine on our table.

According to the "Index sporting editor the all—M. I. A. A. football team has four Kalamazoo men: Rooks, guard; Phelps, quarter; Kimmerle, half-back; Post, full-back. Enough said.

It is said that two bright young Kazooites delivered addresses on the twin subjects, "Young Men—how to get them," and "Young Men—how to hold them." Co-eds attended enmasse and crowded gentlemen out of seats.

A college polo team is doing wonders at the "Kalamazoo Palace Roller Skating Rink"(!).

Baptist political economists are striving to solve this:

"If a man receives his wages of \$10.50 on Saturday night and, on his way home, walks past the innumerable suds palaces on the north side of Main street, how much of his week's wages does he give to his loving wife at 10:50 Sunday a. m.? Also, what is the relation of the amount of his wages to the size of his head on Sunday morning?"



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THE Subscription Manager begs
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tions. He desires to close his ac-
count with you before the end of
the semester.

THE fact that many of the col-
leges have held their oratorical
contests causes us to look forward to
the date when Alma will entertain
the representatives and delegates of
the various schools at the annual
contest. The time set by the consti-
tution of the league is the first Fri-
day evening of March.

We learn that the local oratorical
committee already has plans for this
meet under consideration. It is well
that they have, for we want to give
the delegates a royal time. Accord-
ing to the custom of the colleges a
reception will be given, probably at
Wright Hall, in honor of the orators
and their friends. This is the first
time that Alma has had the honor of
entertaining the colleges, so let the
good Alma spirit be manifested.

WE learn that no action has been
taken as yet regarding a
baseball coach for the spring season.
Are we to attempt another series of
games without a first-class profes-
sional coach? If so, what is the use
of the boys spending three months
of careful attention and effort upon
the sport. Theoretically, it can be
said that the main purpose of base-
ball in a college is to furnish a good
wholesome sport. There is no doubt
that such is a worthy purpose, but it
is by no means the whole purpose of
a college athletic association, when
it schedules a season's games. The
fellows that play and the students
that watch the game are desirous
of a showing. Alma's unenviable
record of always losing a high place

in the intercollegiate series is getting to be too old a story to be interesting. Let's have a coach upon whom the student body can depend and from whom the baseball men can expect worthy assistance. The manager informs us that the outlook for a good team is excellent. A good team and a good coach might make Alma's spring athletics take a different turn. As far as expense is concerned the college need not have expended much more at the end of the season than last year, for this year the football coach has not been retained for the winter months. The college is looking forward to a successful season. The authorities owe the team, and the institution some material support in this matter. We sincerely hope to learn in the near future that the desired action has been taken.

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WERE it not getting to be a worn joke, the Almanian would take pleasure in adding an opinion to the now numerous and as yet uncatalogued list of suggestions regarding football. Though we place ourselves in the fire-line of ridicule, we might however venture to say a word. Alma is typically American, we believe, and not only that, but extremely optimistic. Recognizing this, we make bold to say that football has NOT become outrageously brutal, that football IS

a manly sport, that football does NOT deserve the untimely death which a thousand preachers, reformers, high school superintendents and "dyspeptic" college presidents would inflict upon it. We would not be radical. In fact we might compromise with the unfortunates who oppose us and say that to high schools football often proves a detriment. (And yet we look to high schools for college material, and accordingly we would be disappointed to see the academic lads entirely deprived of an opportunity of learning what a touch-down means). We might further compromise and say that there is too much "professionalism" in university football. But really we would dislike very much to say that college football has existed long enough. We are not blind to the "faults of the game." No, indeed! But we might add that we are also not blind to the fact that the "game" is not wholly at fault. So let us add as "our suggestion:" let the "game" stand as it is; but purify the morals of the average coach just a little. Raise the standards of the average rooting aggregation just a little. Brighten the eye-sight of the average referee and umpire just a little, or if necessary, add another official that the present rules **MAY BE ENFORCED**, rather than making more rules to be disregarded.

THE J. W. Ewing Memorial Library endowment is a movement that especially commends itself to the attention of the Alumni of Alma College. It is proposed that an endowment fund be raised among the many friends of the late Professor Ewing, the interest of which will be used to maintain a memorial library of Pedagogy and one-half of the fund to be used in starting the Library. The Committee who have the work in charge will find loyal support from the members of the Alumni Association.

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THE Constitution of "The Almanian Publishing Co." is worthy of the hearty support and subscription of every student past and present. We are confident that the appearance of this document in print will add to its effectiveness.

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ALUMNI NOTES.

L. S. Brooke "96" and W. H. Long "98" spent a part of the Holidays at their former homes in Ithaca.

"Bloomsburg, Pa., State Normal School Educational Tour"—this is the heading of the announcement card descriptive of five days in Washington, D. C., which the students and faculty of the Normal enjoy. Prof. J. C. Foote "00" is the manager of the tour.

The day we do not know, but the month was August, 1905, and the name is Weston T. Johnson, Jr., and his father was a "Sr" of 1899. There is another White-face in Japan.

Geo. Elkfeld, commercial "1903," has a position in the Auditor General's Office at Lansing.

Geo. Davis, ex-commercial 1904, has a similar position in the State Capitol.

John Booth "02" who is taking a post graduate course at the university visited Alma during the Holidays.

Miss Burnett, Kg "05" is teaching the second grade at East Tawas, where she will be under the superintendency of L. J. Butler "05."

Prior to taking the Superintendent's position at East Tawas, Mr. Butler has been teaching the Sciences in the Caro High School.

Rev. C. E. Scott "98" pastor of the Albion Presbyterian Church delivered two excellent missionary addresses at the District C. E. Convention held in Alma, December 1st and 2nd.

Misses Hastings and Lauderbach of "05" teachers in the Harbor Springs Schools, spent the Holidays at their homes in St. Louis and Cass City.

J. Earle Webber "05" general educational and industrial manager of Omena, Michigan, spent the Holidays at his old home in Linden and at Birmingham, Detroit and Alma.

Israel Himmelhoch, "ex 07" Columbia University Law, spent the Holidays at his home in Caro.

The Class of 1904 held their reunion at Wright Hall on the evenings of November 30th and December 1st. Misses Higbee, Schmidt, Morton, Strange, Bair and String-

ham; Messrs. Hurst, Winton and Prof. Randell's honorary were in attendance. The favorite class songs "Napoleon", "4000 Years Ago", "Dr. Stringham's Daughter Nell" and a new Erin melody by Hurst were rendered in excellent style. The Dean of Wright Hall who in former cycles attended the various doings of the class was a welcome guest of the re-union. "Regrets for absence" are extended to Messrs. Swigart, Dunning, McBride and Stormzand.

Rev. R. H. Sidebotham '96" has an excellent article in the Assembly Herald for November entitled "The Great Advance in Fusan." Fusan is becoming the Seattle of Korea.

Chas. Long, ex-02, Michigan College Medicine "06," spent the Christmas holidays at Greenleaf, Michigan where he served as practitioner in the absence of a local physician.

Orill Reichard, ex-03 and Bellevue College of Medicine "05," has be-

gun the practice of medicine at Ashley, Michigan.

R. L. Beechler "ex-04" coached the Mt. Union College football team at Alliance, Ohio, during the season and will resume his studies at the U. of M. with the opening of the second semester.

Ray Baker, '03 of the Manistique High School, spent the Holidays at Alma, with his parents.

Miss Ethel Sober, ex-07, now of the Normal at Ypsilanti, spent her vacation at Alma.

Miss Kate Bair '04 spent the Holidays in Alma.

James McBride '04 visited friends in several Michigan cities at Christmas time, making a short visit at Alma.

Miss Velma Sharp, music '03, was in Alma for her vacation, returning to Detroit where she will graduate this year from the Michigan Conservatory of Music.



About the Campus.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA.

The Choral Union presented the cantata, "The Holy Child," in the college chapel on the evening of December 18, under the direction of Mrs. St. John. A large audience was present to enjoy the best musical event given this year by the pupils of the music department. In addition to the cantata several selections were rendered. Among them were

vocal solos by the Misses Grace Messinger and Essie Hooper, and the Messrs. William Cooper and Paul Allured. The solo parts in the cantata were excellently given by Miss Dora Alexander, and the Messrs. Herman Morse and Lucius Bagley. Miss Cheeseman of the music department and Miss Swigart were the accompanists of the evening. The chorus this year consists of the following persons: Sopranos—Misses

Messinger, Jackson, Mosher, Clubb, Tennant, Farrel; Altos—Misses Hunt, Montigel, Dunham, Bristol and Palmer; Tenors—Messrs. Cooper, Eyer, Carr, Ewing; Bassos—Messrs. Sutton, Allured, E. Allured, Cook, Rohns.

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PROF. J. W. EWING HONORED.

The late dean of the school of pedagogy, Prof. J. W. Ewing, is to be honored by a memorial consisting of a pedagogical library to be placed in one of the alcoves of the library building. The faculty decided to start a fund for this purpose, presenting their proposition to the students just before the Christmas recess. A hearty response was immediately made, and many contributions have swelled the amount then given. A committee of the faculty, students and citizens, consisting of Dr. A. F. Bruske, Rev. A. J. Funnell and William Cooper, have charge of the matter in Alma. Prof. James Mitchell, Prof. Geo. Randells and Sec. A. P. Cook are a committee to bring the matter before the attention of the public elsewhere. It is proposed to give the citizens of Saginaw and Ionia an opportunity to help in this effort, the late professor having been well known in these cities during several years of service there in the public schools. Contributions have already been received from these places and elsewhere, where the professor was well known in educational circles. The committees in charge will present

their reports before the board of trustees in June, 1906, and it is hoped that by the next September this valuable memorial will be established in the college library.

We would express to the faculty the appreciation of the student body in regard to this action. To Alma's first and oldest professor, whose loss is deeply felt, this memorial is a worthy tribute.

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ZETA SIGMA PUBLIC.

The Zeta Sigma Society will give as its public this winter a mock trial in which every member will participate. The usual order of public is departed from in this instance and an effort will be put forth to amuse the college public rather than to present a program of orations, essays, criticisms, and the like. The committee in charge inform us that one of the students will be tried for a serious offense which implicates many of the student body. College customs, rules and some of the organizations will be brought into the lime light, and remarkable exposures will be made that, it is hoped, will reveal some occasional faults, and suggest some needed reforms. The society hopes to present the public in the very near future unless the many exhibitions and entertainments planned for the mid-year make it seem advisable to postpone the program to a later date of the winter.

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SENIOR PLAY.

The senior class does its annual "stunt" in the form of a class play

this year. The romance which will be staged in the college chapel sometime in February, is entitled "Watanna" being an Indian affair from beginning to end, made burlesque by the addition of local hits and college jokes. The work of art is the result of William Cooper's effort. He has been chosen by the class as director of the preparations, and it is assured that he will win for himself prominence among the great actors of the country. The whole class will be represented in the play, and additional talent will be imported for the occasion. The class are pleased to announce that "Porter J White" has consented after a long consideration of the matter to assist the class and take one of the leading parts. He will be in Alma on several occasions to participate in dress rehearsals. The drama will be rendered in the most original and primeval style, costumes to be strictly "Injun" and most elaborate. Further advertisement, we are informed, will acquaint the public with particulars of the stunt.

MID-WINTER ATHLETICS.

First Basketball Game.

The first basketball game of the season was played with the Mt. Pleasant Normal team in the College gymnasium December 16. It resulted in a victory for Alma by a score of 15 to 14. The game was closely fought and neither team had much advantage over the other. The visitors displayed the better team

work, but allowed Alma to win by a close margin. Both teams played rough ball and fouls were frequent. Billings and Parker did all the basket work for Mt. Pleasant, and for Alma the scores were made by Marshall, Stull and Betts.

Line-up.

Alma		Mt. Pleasant
Stull	Forward	Kane
Betts	Forward	Billings
Marshall	Center	Demery
Helmer	Guard	Parker
Allured	Guard	Cluley

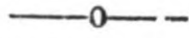
Baskets from field—Betts, 3; Stull, 2; Marshall, 2; Billings, 4. Baskets from foul—Parker, 6; Marshall, 1. Officials—Anderson of Alma and Tambling of Mt. Pleasant. Time of halves, 20 minutes.

OPENING ADDRESS.

At the opening of college after the holidays, L. A. Sharp of the city was chosen, to address the students at the first morning exercise, and the discourse which the students were privileged to hear was interesting, inspiring and masterly. He spoke extensively of "Brawn, Intellect, Character, greatest of which is character." Though the students have heard many an address of similar theme, they never have heard a talk from the chapel platform which was more original in ideas.

He spoke of the craze for football which was making men forget that "the chief end of man is the head end." He criticised with equal skill the person who narrows his development intellectual pursuits. Brawn and brain do not make the fully

equipped man unless the heart is trained to the higher things of life. The world needs manly strength, manly minds, but most of all it needs the man, honest and true to himself and his brother.



ITEMS OF THE MONTH.

Get busy on exams.

Ray Moon has returned to his college duties.

Ray Chatfield of Bay City visited in Alma last week.

Several new students entered school after the holiday recess.

Raymond Beckwith of Ionia did not return for the second term.

The reserves received jerseys as honors for the season's work.

Ernest Wray Oneal, fourth in the Lyceum series, lectured Jan. 17.

Dr. E. N. Transeau spent New Years with Will Cooper in Detroit.

Hugh Ferguson has gone to Ferris Institute for the remainder of the year.

Reed Chambers has returned to college after a vacation of about a month.

The time is at hand for the exhibitions of the sophomore and junior classes.

George Timby '03 of Hibbing, Minn., is spending a three weeks vacation in Alma.

Since vacation the students have found much enjoyment skating up and down the Pine.

Wrestlers have been busy since vacation. There will be some excellent contests this winter.

Miss Kate Booth has recovered from her recent illness and is able

to take up her duties of the School of Art.

Miss Eleonora Bushnell has returned from her trip abroad and again takes charge of the instruction in piano.

If you have any fancy turkey feathers, give them to Cooper. He is property man for the "Senior Dramatic Company."

We learn that Albion college received a Christmas gift of \$10,000 which will be used in remodeling the college hall.

Miss Essie Hooper has been assisting in the English department of the college in addition to her work as librarian.

It was recently announced before the students that Rev. Chas. E. Scott of Albion, who is so well known at his Alma Mater, will soon go to China as a missionary.

"Billy" Karkeet, commercial '05, and general mining hustler of Virginia, Minn., has been visiting in Alma. He has been employed as assistant cashier of the Commodore Mining Co. of the northern city.

Miss Allen spent the vacation in Chicago; Miss Gelston in Bloomington, Ind., and in Chicago; Prof. Mitchell, in Chicago; Prof. Pennell in Alma; Prof. Randells in Ohio; Miss Inglis in Lapeer; and Prof. West in Lansing.

The Science Club has enjoyed several lectures within the past month, one of the most profitable ones having been delivered by Prof. E. N. Transeau upon the "History of Niagara Falls." The new stere-

optican is a valuable addition to the laboratory.

William Cooper has resigned the presidency of the Y. M. C. A. intending in the near future to leave college for some ten or twelve weeks. He will spend this time in Arizona where strong atmosphere braces weak lungs. Paul Allured succeeds him as Y. M. C. A. president.

The annual debate between Zeta Sigma and Phi Phi Alpha will take place on Feb. 18, if present plans are followed. The question is, "Resolved; that free trade is a better economic policy for nations than protection". It promises to be a lively contest.

Zeta Sigma officers for the term are: President, Howard Potter, '06; vice president, Harold Gaunt, '06; secretary, Robert Craig, '08; treasurer, Harry Bastone, '08; first critic, Fred Soule, '06; second critic, Geo. Sutton, '08. The society is looking forward to the stag banquet Feb. 22 at which many alumni will be present.

Rev. Morey, who has been conducting religious services at the Presbyterian church has also addressed the students at the chapel exercises each morning during his stay in Alma. His talks have been a

source of much enjoyment and profit. The faculty discontinued prayer services and social events at the college out of interest in the evangelistic meetings.

The oratorical contest, to take place January 29, will be a lively one. It will be a battle royal fought by Herman Morse, George Sutton, Blake McDonald and Francis Cobb. The orations were submitted January 12, to out of town judges. We would be pleased to see the winning man given the hearty support of the whole college, that he may represent us before the state orators, March 2, in a credible manner. Help him to win the medal.

The athletic association met early in Jan., at which session Erle Casterlin reported the result of his effort at the recent meeting of the M. I. A. directors. The proposition which he worked most strenuously to carry through was that of allowing a preparatory student who had played four years of collegiate football, an opportunity of two years' play on the team during his college course. The proposition was opposed by several of the colleges and no action has yet been taken, though Mr. Casterlin still hopes to make it a standing rule.



WHAT THE SCISSORS DID.

WILL DISAGREE.

A simple young fellow named Ed,
Was told that the hairs on his head,
In twelve months, about,
Would surely fall out,
"All right, let them quarrel," Ed said.
—Kansas City Times.

ECHOES FROM THE GLEE CLUB.

Home Home
Swee Tswee Tome
Be it Averse o Hum Bull
There Snow Play
Sly Comb.

—Index.

THE PONY.

The Pony is my helper, I shall not flunk. He maketh me to have good translations and leadeth me to much glory.

He raiseth my standing, and leadeth me in the paths of knowledge for credit's sake.

Yea, though I plod through my books of German, I have no fear.

For thou art with me, thy art and thy words comfort me.

Thou preparest my lessons for me, in spite of my teachers.

Thou crownest my head with fame, my morals run high.

Surely applause and recognition shall follow me all the days of my life.

And the Pony shall dwell in my house forever.—Exchange.

—o—

A STAR-BOARDER'S REJOICING.

"I found an oyster in my soup.

It caused me much surprise,

I had to stop and give a whoop.

I gave my spoon a little swoop,

I saw the oyster rise,

I found an oster in my soup.

The bivalve tried to loon the loop,

I saw it with mine eyes,

I had to stop and give a whoop.

I know I must have been a snoop,

But I will tell no lies

I found an oyster in my soup,

I had to stop and give a whoop."

—o—

Kazoo's rising local editor is responsible for this spasm:

"Curtain rises on the Alma-Kazoo tragi-comedy. During the first act all the team seemed to be in a state of coma and Alma took a mean advantage of their torpor in scoring a brace of touch downs on them and would have taken another before they awakened had not a merciful time-keeper stopped the slaughter. Between acts Rufe administered to each man a cup of tobasco sauce mixed with a pint of jolt paint with the gratifying result that the Presbyterians viewed our goal line only from a depressing distance thereafter while the big Kim scuttled behind their goal posts twice. Mort Postum put us a point to the good by kicking both goals. Alma 11, Kazoo 12.

—o—

GATHERING OF THE SHORTS.

Miss Jennie Short spent last week with her cousins, Misses Myrtle and Alice Rundt.—Chagrin Falls, O., Exponent.

EXPLAINED.

"Say, paw."

"Well, son?"

"What is the silly season?"

"The silly season, son, is when the light is low in the parlor, and mush talk is being indulged in."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

—o—

BOOMING.

"How's your son's business?"

"Booming."

"What's he doing now?"

Playing bass drum in a band."—Kansas City Times.

—o—

GENUINE SYMPATHY.

Stranger (entering private office)—Say, can you let me have \$5 for a few days?

Broker—Why, I don't even know you.

Stranger—I am related to you by marriage. I married your divorced wife last week.

Broker—Poor fellow! Here's \$10.—Chicago News.

—o—

PHILOSOPHY IN COLORS.

When you get blue, don't snivel

And berate Fate—instead,

Just get some bright vermilion

And go and paint things red.

Buffalo Evening News.

—o—

BROTHER DICKEY'S PHILOSOPHY.

Dar's plenty er wise men in de worl', but dey so busy admirin' deyse'f you can't attract dey attention.—Atlantic Constitution.

—o—

There is a sneaking feeling in College circles that two of our professors are guilty of the heinous crime of robbing the "Index Joke Box."

—Kalamazoo Index.

—o—

A witty young man from Alma
Loved a pretty young co-ed named
Thalma,

So he sent her a cat,

Wrapped up in a mat,

With a note, "I've a feline for you."

—o—

There was a young fellow named Bruce,
Who studied as hard as the duce;

But on Saturday night

He relaxed just a mite;

And from studious pursuits cut luce.

—Ex.

Said Miss Black who was thirty and coy,
 "Don't you dare kiss me Archibald Foy!
 Don't do it—it's bad;
 I shall holler for dad."

What she did was to holler for joy.
 —Ex.

—o—
 Mrs. Hoyle—The paper says that
 there is a short story famine.

Mrs. Doyle—Don't you believe it. My
 husband has a new one to offer every
 night.
 —Judge.

—o—
 "Do you have matins in this church?"
 asked the High Church visitor of the
 verger of the village church.

"No, indeed," replied that dignitary
 with scorn. "We has oil-cloth, and right
 up to the chancel, too!"—Ram's Horn.

—o—
 Son-in-Law—I hope, sir, you will for-
 give me for removing your daughter
 from her parental roof.

Father-in-Law—With all my heart, but
 I warn you never to do anything that will
 cause her to return.

—o—
 Willie—Pa, who was Shylock?
 The Father—Goodness, boy! You at-
 tend church and Sunday-school every
 week and don't know who Shylock was?
 You ought to be ashamed of yourself!

—o—
 "He claims to have invented a camera
 that makes people prettier than they
 are."

"How is that?"

"By simply making the lens flatter."
 —Ex.

—o—
 "What makes you weep?" the old man
 cried,

"Your eyes, I fear, are weak."

"Oh, no!" the little boy replied
 "The onion makes me leak."

—o—
 "Percy tells all he knows."

"A great talker, eh?"

"Oh no—Deucedly quiet."

—Smart Set.

—o—
 Sing a song of Highballs,
 A stomach full of rye.
 Four and twenty key-holes
 Dance before his eye.

When the door is opened

His wife begins to chin,

Well! isn't this a pretty time to let a
 fellow in? —Yale Record.

She—Did you come in during the
 course of the play?

He—Yes, the second course, I was the
 supe. —Lampoon.

—o—
 "Well!" he muttered, butting his head
 on a landing as he fell down the elevator
 shaft, "as Mr. Kipling would say, 'This
 is another story.'"—Harvard Lampoon.

—o—
 Bob—"What is that fool Saphead
 cackling about?"

Tom—"He has just laid a wager."

—o—
 Every man thinks that his train of
 thought should have the right of way.

—o—
 Now, this is my ambition;
 I'll say it, frank and blunt—
 A nice long row of figures
 With a dollar mark in front.

—o—
 Genius is the title often bestowed on a
 man who gets along without working.

—o—
 Instructor—What is the meaning of
 the word "confab"?

Shaggy Haired Pupil—It comes from
 "confidence" and "fable." It's the beau-
 tiful little story the bunko man hands
 you when he's ropin' you in.

—o—
 The coat doesn't make the man, but
 the lawsuit makes the attorney.

—o—
 Before the germ theory was promul-
 gated, the habit of dying still existed,
 but life was pleasanter.

—o—
 Estelle—I said a word last night that
 made Clarence the happiest man on
 earth.

Eileen—Why, I didn't know you were
 going to refuse him!

—o—
 Silently one by one in the infinite note-
 books of teachers
 Are noted the little zeros, the forget-
 me-gots of the juniors.—Ex.

"Now I want you to keep as far as possible
 from that Jones boy. He is the worst one
 in school."

Bobby: "I always do. He is at the head
 of the class all the time."—Globe.

—o—
 College students are a good deal alike
 after all. Some are fired by ambition, some
 are fired by patriotism, and some are just
 fired.—Ex.

Relationships in Ireland are rather far-fetched sometimes. For instance: "Do you know Tom Duffy, Pat?" "Known him, is it?" says Pat; "sure, he's a very near relation of mine—he once wanted to marry my sister, Kate."—Ex.

—o—
"Oh, I wish I could act!" cried the hero.

"So do I, gov'nor," came a voice from the gallery.—Selected.

—o—
"Can any little boy tell me how David prevailed against the giant, Goliath?"

Pupil: "Brute strength never isn't in it with the feller with a pocket full of rocks."—Selected.

To kiss the Miss you ought to kiss,
Is not to kiss a Miss amiss;
But to kiss the Miss you ought to miss,
And to miss the Miss you ought to kiss,
Is to kiss a Miss amiss.—Ex.

—o—
"If wishes were horses, beggars would ride."

But half of the truth this reveals:
If wishes *were* horses, the beggars *would* ride

And—wish they were automobiles.—Life.

—o—
The girl of the period, seldom comes to a full stop, until she finds the young man of the interrogation point.—Ex.



Additional Local.

Miss Kefgen and Miss Dilman returned to college duties last week.

Sophomores gave their annual oratorical exhibition in the chapel last Saturday evening.

Geo. McEwen, formerly of Alma college, now at Iron Mountain, was in the city January 19.

Ray Campbell of St. Ignace was initiated into Zeta Sigma and N. L. Williams into Phi Phi Alpha recently.

The debate to be held between Zeta Sigma and Phi Phi Alpha will be contested by Messrs. Casterlin, Potter and Soule, opposed by Messrs. Cobb, Morse and McDonald.

The basket ball team went to Mt. Pleasant, January 19, for a return game with the Normals, which resulted in a victory for Mt. Pleasant, by a score of 20 to 10. Both teams played fast ball, but Alma was out-classed in team work. In the first part of the game, Marshall's men had the Normalites going, and at the end of the first half the score stood only 12 to 8 in Mt. Pleasant's favor. The best of feeling prevailed during the game and Alma received the best of treatment. This makes a game apiece this year, and a third game will be played here sometime next month.



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