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CHERRY HILL FARM

A Magnificent Gift to Accompany the \$100,000 Addition To Endowment Fund.

MR. AMMI WRIGHT THE DONOR

Story of How the money was Raised and President Bruske's Plans for the Future of Alma.

Several years ago Mr. Ammi W. Wright, the generous and well loved father of Alma College, offered to increase our endowment by the sum of \$25,000 provided the synod of Michigan would raise an additional \$25,000. The synod accepted this task and succeeded in raising \$10,000 to date. Last year Mr. Andrew Carnegie, the "iron master," offered the college, as an addition to its endowment fund, \$25,000 provided that the college could raise \$75,000 more. Doctor Bruske went to consult with Mr. Wright in regard to the matter. Mr. Wright added to his pledge of \$25,000 a further sum of \$15,000, which with the amount raised by the synod made up \$50,000 of the \$75,000 required to secure the pledged amount of Mr. Carnegie. Here, for nearly a whole year, was that great amount of \$75,000 up in the clouds out of reach for want of a \$25,000 magnet to draw it down. But last week rumors began to fly, students were seen imparting mysteriously gained information to one another, and faculty members walked about the campus smiling! Why this? It was due to the fact that on Friday morning Dr. Bruske in response to a communication from the well known lumberman, Mr. Thomas Merrill, who is a trustee of the college, went to Saginaw and by Friday night that wished for magnet was drawing interest to the credit of Alma college. This addition of \$100,000 to our endowment was consummated on Friday night. The next day our President communicated the news to Mr. A. W. Wright. Mr. Wright was profoundly moved by the fact. In the ensuing conversation he mentioned his knowledge of Dr. Bruske's hopes for the future of the school, of the hope that Alma might provide sometime a course in industrial education whereby poor students might absolutely work their way through school, and depart with the best possible collegiate education. The conversation closed with Mr. Wright extending to Alma college the gift of Cherry Hill Farm in order that Dr. Bruske may begin his industrial experiment as soon as may be.

Dr. Bruske announced this pleasing bit of news in Chapel last Tuesday morning. His countenance was beaming in that good old way which everyone has read of in books but seldom seen. He had known these facts for some time, you understand, and had realized what they meant to Alma. The student body sat with vague expressionless faces and made never a sound. It was new to them and they couldn't grasp it. But when the announcement reached the point of Cherry Hill it began to assume all the earmarks of good news, and at the close of the little speech the undergraduates broke into applause instinctively.

Freshmen lately from the "old farm back home" stood about the corridors wondering how far it was

to Cherry Hill and how many cows the college would keep. The lower point of the farm lies across the river directly opposite Wright Hall. It extends up the river to the hill, well remembered by every alumnus or student who has ever canoeed, where a farm house and buildings stand near a solitary cherry tree. The buildings are all in fine condition, although the house must be enlarged to accommodate the fifty or sixty students who will room there and do the farm work, crossing the river to attend recitations. The college will take possession in all probability about March 1. The farm will be conducted by a foreman and his wife, who will reside at Cherry Hill. The college office of course will direct the financial affairs of the farm. An attempt will be made to supply all the needs of Wright Hall dining department from the farm. This can be easily done and the quality of board offered will no doubt exceed that of any other institution in the state. A fine dairy will be conducted by the college, thus removing the difficulty of securing fresh butter and milk.

NEWS OF DAVIS FIELD

More New Material Continues to Arrive Making Team Stronger and Heavier.

LARGE SQUAD OUT EVERY DAY

Blackfield will be Swift and Heavy—The Line Also Loods as Though It Would be Formidable.

Still the good things continue to come Alward and the coach, squad and rooters rejoice. Monday "Steve" Hill returned to join the team. "Steve" made a record for himself last year while playing center position and, as, he was the heaviest man on the team, weighing close to 200, a great deal depends on his return. Harper will try him for tackle position and with his line smashing, which is hard to equal, he will make a fine mate for Ferguson who will it is likely, fill the other tackle position. Two others, new men, have joined the squad; Young of Owosso, who has played the high school game and Brown, who came up with Hurst, last week.

Horst, another A man, joined the squad last week Monday. Horst has played the game two years, being a member of the '04-'06 teams. This season he comes back ten pounds heavier and Coach has been giving him a try out at center.

Every day finds from twenty-five to thirty men on the field and Coach Harper is working the squad in hurry up style. Every day they get into formations, working on a bunch of new plays and for a few minutes they take to the grass for a bit of sharp tackling practice. Already there has been some scrimmage work and new men are being initiated with the usual bumps. Last week on Monday one of the new ones received a smash on the shoulder while attempting to tackle the burly John D. and a broken collar bone, which will put him out of the game for the remainder of the season, was the result.

At present it looks as though Dan Duncanson had a lead for the quarter position but the final placing is uncertain.

Write the Alumni Editor.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS

A Man of Broad Education and One Who Has Had Great Success as a Teacher.

THE COURSE HE WILL GIVE

Though Here Only a Short Time Professor Adams Has made Many Friends—Success Seems Sure.

Last year Mr. A. W. Wright endowed a Chair of English Speech in honor of Professor Mary C. Gelston, who taught nineteen years in the Latin Department. A thorough search was made for a man who could fitly fill a chair so dedicated. The President has at last secured Professor John Quincy Adams, who for three years has been instructor in public speaking in the University of Illinois. Professor Adams has the following conditions for his position. He is from the U. of M. He has a department in 1894; from the Law Department in 1898; 1900-1901 was Professor of Law and Oratory in Central University, Kentucky; assistant to Professor Trueblood of Ann Arbor in the summer of 1901; instructor in Rhetoric and Oratory in Penn. State College, 1901-1902; Professor of Rhetoric and Oratory in Franklin and Marshall College and in the affiliated Theological Seminary, 1902-1903; instructor in public speaking in the University of Illinois, 1903-1906. 1906 to March, 1907, was spent in research in English Oratory, Library of British Museum.

Professor Adams will take charge of the Rhetorical Department of the college. Four courses will be offered: Freshman year, Gestures and Voice Culture, three hours a week; Sophomore year, Debating, three hours a week; Junior year, Oratorical Composition and Delivery, three hours a week. Senior year, Shakespearian Interpretation, three hours a week. The first three courses will be required of all college students, the last is elective. However, the great work of his chair will be to coach debating teams and oratorical contestants. Alma will engage in three debates this year, putting two teams in the field. Besides these will occur the annual debate between Zeta Sigma and Phi Phi Alpha for the silver cup.

The college library is unfortunately weak on the subject of oratory, for the reason that the enthusiasm here for oratory and debate has been of comparatively recent growth. A Library of Oratory is one of the present pressing needs. It is estimated that at least \$200 must be spent in order to obtain adequate equipment.

Although he has been here but a short time, Prof. Adams has made many friends. His personality is pleasant and he impresses one as a man of experience and great ability. What will be accomplished remains to be seen but we predict that under Prof. Adams the students will work as they have never before at Oratory.

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Chapter 1.

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When the team goes away get a rig at the Wright House Livery and enjoy yourself. The roads are fine and the horses are the kind you can drive with one hand.

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Mrs. J. T. Gaffney can show the occupants of Wright Hall something about patterns. For further particulars see Wright Hall reporter.

If you are thinking of paying your bill see Prof. Cook. The college additions in these columns and we can send Mr. Cook to you as one

who has the interests of Alma so much at heart that he will take all you can spare and ask no questions.

Stiddies can see the latest in diamond rings by taking a trip to Stephen Lane Folger, 180 Broadway, N. Y.

If you are thinking of dying see Convis and Convis.

To be continued.

NOW GET TO WORK

A Chance for All to Place on Some Debating Team or In Oratory.

PERHAPS IT WILL BE YOU

Make the Effort—Whether You win or Not, You're Ideas Broaden—What You Are Here For.

The interest in oratory is one of the real live things at Alma. It has been furthered by intersociety competition and by the efforts of ministerial students who have wished training, to say nothing of the efforts of Dr. Bruske in keeping it alive. But an oratorical coach has been hoped for through the last few years. Now that we have a man in the Chair of English Speech who is to devote himself to putting out debating teams and polishing our orators, in addition to his regular rhetorical work, there should be no lack of material. Several of last year's contestants will enter the local contest, which promises to be splendid. Two debating teams will be sent out by the college next semester and it behooves college men to get to work. Join one of the literary societies and learn what debating is, and then get practice and try for a place on one of the teams. If you get nothing else you will get the ability to assimilate knowledge and the power to express your thoughts in forceful language. It's all worth while, and it means no great demand on your strength or time.

A FRESHMAN'S HEAVEN

A mossy bank, a murmuring brook, A wide spread elm, a wise man's book, A singing bird, a saucy squirrel, A velvety hand, a brown-eyed girl.

ANOTHER NEW SONG

"Hannah" Gets Busy With His Pen and Writes an Ode to the Football Men.

NEW TUNE AND A CATCHY ONE

Can't we Have a College Songbook? Won't Some One Please Get Busy This week and write a Song.

TO OUR TEAM.

Tune: Where the Morning Glories Twine.

Here in dear old Alma we have a team

Better than we've ever had before. They're going to win the pennant—Must have it now.

See what we've got upon the field. There's dear old Captain Helmer Who always makes his downs, Nothing can stop him in the line. Line, backs, and quarter, stars every one,

Surely they'll never call for time.

Chorus: Now the same coeds are watching And the boys are with you, too. They'll never be quite happy till They see you smashing through.

Football boys, you know we love you There's no other team above you, And we want you now to show—What Alma can do.

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Here in dear old Alma Coach Harper leads,

No one quite like him in the state. Kennedy and Brewer, back to the bush,

Jesse has all the tricks—just wait, Long kicks and passes (you never saw the like)

Work to perfection every time; Trick plays and fake things, winners everyone!

Coach Harper's boys break any line.

The song above, written by Ralph McCollum, '10, is the second new one of the year. This, as well as the one by Graves, is ineligible for the prize. But it deserves one; the tune is a very catchy and popular one, and the words are inspiring. Surely there are more songs as good as this waiting to be printed. Write a few more and we will have a college song book. Submit your efforts to our critical judgment. "You may get the prize." "Do something for your college."

CLASS ROOM TID BITS

Dan Duncanson can explain in French how easy it is to go from Jerusalem down to Jericho on a ladder.

Prof. Clizbe (in Freshman Bible): I beg pardon, Miss er-er, how did you say your name is spelled?

Co-ed:—H-U-G—
Prof. Clizbe:—Yes, hug what?
Co-ed (hurriedly):—Hughes.

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OUR INCREASED

ENDOWMENT.

The event of the past week was of course the announcement that \$100,000 and one hundred acres of land have been added to the endowment of the college. The endowment now amounts to something like \$355,000. What that means to Alma it is impossible at present to estimate. The students and alumni have ever been loyal to their school. Loyalty is the common thing here. But to this loyalty has been added a feeling of joy, of pride, of (how shall we express it) confidence in the greatness of Alma. To attend a small college is some ways a privation, in others a privilege. But to love a small college, to note its good points and its faults, to hold in one's mind an ideal of what that college should attain to, and then, all morning, to see that ideal carried out by one long stride far toward realization, that is what this added endowment means to the faculty and students at Alma. As Dr. Bruske has said, Alma will henceforth stand in a different light before the world. Alma students admire their President because of what he has done.

CONCERNING ALUMNI SUBSCRIBERS.

The response the management of the Almanian is meeting with is certainly most heartening. Every mail brings in letters of congratulation from alumni and friends. Not only that but subscriptions are coming in well, and we believe no Alma College publication ever had as large a paid up circulation at this time of the year as the Almanian has at present. We want every old student who is at all interested in Alma to receive this paper. It is a little hard sometimes to locate the old grads and some we have lost track of almost altogether. If you will help us in getting their addresses we will be most grateful. We want to make our alumni columns of such interest that the Almanian will become a necessity. Now the only way to do this is for every alumnus to write our alumni editor. Also if you know of an old student near you, who is a little out of touch with the college, send a line to the Almanian. We will send him the paper. He will be interested and thus the paper will grow in number of subscribers and in its sphere of influence. See the point?

Do not neglect to drop a word or two to Wallace Webber. He can't always locate you but you can always get him at Ithaca, Mich. Your

old class-mates will be glad to hear of you and you of them.

Another point which we would impress particularly is that of subscriptions. When these are sent be sure to add exchange if necessary!

Y. M. C. A.

4:15 Sunday afternoon, Sept. 22d, found the majority of the fellows, old and new, gathered in the Y. M. C. A. room in Pioneer Hall, for the first afternoon meeting of the year. The topic, "A Welcome to Old and New Students," was handled by Mr. Marshall in a way which certainly made everyone feel at home and glad of the opportunity to be back. Many of the new men spoke for the first time and expressed their desire to take a stand for all that was right and do their share of the Y. M. C. A. work this year. Mr. Horst is the leader for next Sunday and the topic is "The Ideal Athlete." Come! Don't miss this opportunity of coming into closer touch with one of the really good things of the college.

We want your membership. We can put you at work. The Y. M. C. A. offers many different lines of endeavor. Are you interested in Sunday School work? The Y. M. C. A. conducts eight within a radius of four miles of the college. Bible study? We will soon have a number of classes under way. Mission classes? You will hear more of them shortly. Turn out, get interested, "acquire the habit."

The topic for the union prayer meeting next Wednesday is "Are the Ideals of Jesus Christ Practical?" Reference found in Matthew V: 43-48. Mr. Sutton will lead. Come prepared to say something yourself. Don't wait for the spirit to move you.

Y. W. C. A.

The topic for Y. W. C. A. October 6th is "The Lord's Day—How to Keep It Holy."

Miss Landis, the state student secretary, visited Wright Hall last week and led the Mid Week prayer meeting last Wednesday evening.

ABOUT YELL MASTER

Last week an article appeared in the Almanian regarding the election of a yell master. Since then Almanian reporters have been busily interviewing prominent faculty members and students with the intention of getting their opinions on the subject. One and all they are in favor of the idea. The one precaution they insist on is that the election be carried on thoughtfully and that pains be taken to elect the man who will really fill the place. Because the opening reception of the year did not occur till last Friday it was not possible to get the opinions of the girls on the question. We will hear from them next week. Below we print what different individuals have said.

Coach Harper: "By all means elect your yell master. Then he'll do good work."

Prof. Mitchell: "I am very much in favor of the idea. However, the question should be thought over with the view to finding the best

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LAST YEAR'S STUDENTS

Who Have Dropped Out of the College Without Completing Their Courses.

AT OTHER SCHOOLS OR WORK

The Almanian Would be Glad to Hear From Them—Write the Editor a Letter and Send News.

Many of the men and women who were popular at Alma last year are not with us at the opening of the 41st semester. Besides the graduates some have left before finishing their college course in order to enter Universities, Professional Schools, or accept positions. None of these students have lost their love for Alma nor has Alma lost her interest in them. They are located as follows:

A. R. Moon, '09, has left Alma to accept the Y. M. C. A. Secretaryship at M. A. C. Alma men are popular at the "Farmer school," Moon being the third man from Alma to hold that position.

"Doc" Eisman is in the city of Detroit studying medicine. Paul P. Rohms, '09, will enter the University of Chicago for the fall quarter. He will become a chemical engineer. "Joe" Magidsohn, Alma's nifty third baseman, has entered the U. of M. Pioneer Hall misses the "Hall Room Boys."

E. Blake McDonald, '09, has entered the U. of M. to study for the ministry. Success, "Scotty." Benjamin B. Howell, special, will attend the U. of M. His predilection is for the law. Paul Delavan, '09, of this city, will also enter the big school at Ann Arbor with scientific work in view.

Returning students met with two large surprises. One is that C. Pauline Smith is engaged in school teaching west of the city. Another is that "Dick" Compton, well known to the class of '08, is teaching at Ada, Mich., and will enter college again next year.

Duncan Dearing, '10, will not return to college this semester. Walter T. Pollard, '09, is at home in Elroy, Wis. It is probable that Mr. Pollard will go farther west this year.

man for the place."

Pres. Bruske: "I see no objection to the plan. I may see objections later."

Captain Helmer: "I am in favor of electing a yell master."

Geo. D. Sutton: "It's the only thing to do. He ought to be elected at the first mass meeting."

Geo. P. Horst, Pres. of Senior Class: "We need organized rooting, and it can only be secured by the electing of a yell master."

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A THOUGHT ON THOUGHT.

By Preston Bradley.

As many different faculties as there are of the mind so there are as many different ways in which to train and educate that mind. Or borrowing from the Sacred Writ as "one star differeth from another in glory" so does one mind differ from another. No great universal rule for the culture of the mind can be made which is large enough in its scope to be applicable for the culture of every mind. As each river has its own bed though perhaps there may be various tributaries all are fed from the same source. So as each mind has its own identity there is no universal law which can be given which can encompass within its borders all these various and distinct minds. True it is that there are common rules of psychology as regards certain universal laws of the mind yet there is taught to us by that same psychology that every mind is a mind of itself. It works within its own sphere and that alone. When we awaken from our lethargy and realize the truth of this then we can readily see where some of our most boasted and talked of systems of education are failing in their application today. They are general in

every detail. And all an exponent of them can be is a follower in the old rut. A book and not a life is their only teacher. We know because he said so and we think so because he thought so is their only philosophy. Where then is there room for what you might say or what you might think? If somebody else has said it or thought it then it will be all right but if not, beware. What can such a system do but narrow down the capabilities of a human mind instead of broaden it? It makes a dwarf where there might be a giant and buries a potato where you might plant an acorn.

Learn to know things that are not told you. This should be the principle imbedded way down deep in the heart of every student. Only by following out this principle will you ever be able to produce anything new and it is a possibility for each of us to become a creator. Emerson says in his essay on "Self-Reliance." "Familiar as the voice of the mind is to each, the brightest merit we ascribe to Moses, Plato and Milton, is that they set at naught books and traditions, and spoke, not what men, but what they thought." Why should you, a person endowed with a mind which is capable of fostering within its self every wave of human emotion diminish the possibilities of that mind by being content to sit in a passive attitude fanned and lulled by the gentle zepthers blowing from the southeast quarter of a "has been." Be an "is now." While our friend Emerson says again in the same essay "A man to be a man must be a non-conformist." O yes, you will be misunderstood. What great man was ever understood. The fact that they are misunderstood makes them partially great and the rest of their greatness is made up from the fact that they are not even understood. What about Pythagoras, Plato, Galileo, Jesus and Luther? Misunderstood? Yes. Because they were not afraid to come out on their own nideas and turn their backs on other's thoughts, looking all the while toward the great light of their own inner selves and it was this light which loomed up in the radius of their own power of attraction enabling all who came into it to see what men all down the ages have longed to see—the shining of a noble soul. Such is our mind. The sweetest toned instrument in all the human orchestra. Why should we let its strings grow rusty until its tone is impaired? May we learn to appreciate the fact that it is ours and does not belong to another. Then we shall realize the paramount importance of thought for did not the Wise Man himself say:

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ABOUT THE CAMPUS

Helmer is the mainstay of the 2nd year German class. Miss Bruske always says, "Mr. Helmer, do you agree with that?"

Sailors are proverbially poor horse-men. Is the same true of faculty members? If ,an undergraduate should go riding and fail to keep the buggy right side up he would never again be granted a "permission." Scene: Near cemetery. Characters: Prof., wife, frisky horse, carriage, auto.

New students continue to arrive. Young, Kinney and Brown, Freshmen; Rock, commercial.

Norman Angell'10, Mrs. Elizabeth Green, Miss Jackson, Miss Hoover, returned last week.

Inglis "borrows" to own a new canoe and be popular.

F. R. Hurst, '04, now county secretary of the Lenawee Y. M. C. A., was in Alma between trains Monday night.

Prof. Adams has been obliged to spend a few days off the campus taking treatment for an illness of the throat which threatened to assume malignant proportions.

Few students get out to watch practice. Davis Field is just the place for spectators now. You'll see more than the Almanian can tell you of. Reserved seats for the girls. Better come.

Finlayson says he's just getting known around the state.

Use the item box. We want the news.

THE FIRST RECEPTION

Alma Students Gather at Wright Hall For Formal Opening of Year

Last Friday evening the annual "sitting down," or semester reception at which the students are expected to make each others acquaintance, was held under the auspices of the Christian associations. The weather conditions were most "uni deal" but a large number of students, nearly 150, were present. New faculty members braved the storm.

The two reception committees under the leadership of Miss Zaida Markham and Mr. "Pum" Stanley Graves provided an interesting program. After a "talkfest" of an hour, in which the traditional "Who Are You" cards played a prominent part, a musical program was carried out. This was very enjoyable, esp cially the playing by Miss Ellen A. Ransom, the new head of the piano department, whom many of the students heard for the first time.

Some novel and ingenious charades were given and a prize awarded to the successful gnesser who proved to be one of the new girls. Mr. John St.Cyr and Miss Mary Sharp led the grand march. After the grand march ensued more conversation until 11 o'clock when the men headed once more bravely into the howling rain storm.

SERMON TO STUDENTS

Dr. Bruske Preaches on the Subject of a Better Knowledge of the Scriptures

Dr. Bruske preached the annual sermon to the students last Sunday. His text was found in Second Timothy, 3:2. He took for his theme the different methods of studying the Bible. The address was surprisingly full of fresh matter and opened up a new world of ideas to his hearers. Deep and clear, scholarly and vital, the discourse dwelt upon the study of the Bible by topics, by separate books, and by texts. That this sermon will be talked about through the year and that it will give a strong impetus to Bible study cannot be doubted.

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CLASS AND SOCIETY

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FRESHMEN.

The Freshman class met Monday, Sept. 22, at 12:45 in Room 4. A committee on a class yell was appointed consisting of Don Casterlin, Roy Phillips, and Florence Hood.

Winifred Markham was elected Almanian reporter for the Freshman class.

JUNIOR.

The Juniors, after five attempts to choose between Lois Fraker and Maynard Cook for their President, finally decided on Mr. Cook. Their other officers are:

Lois Fraker, Vice President.
Byron Chapel, Secretary and Treas.
Hazel Frazier, Freshman Adviser.
Inez Pollard, Almanian Reporter.
Something will be doing soon. We're only waiting for Miss Hoover and Mr. Craig, who will increase our number to eleven.

Fine work, Freshmen! Keep it up.

ALPHA THETA.

The society starts out this year with eleven old members, who held the first meeting last Monday evening. A number of new members were proposed and their names are being considered by the society. Many new girls have entered the college this year, making prospects bright for a great deal of splendid material among new students. Every member is needed next Monday evening to vote on next names, and to help in decorating the society room. Don't forget your five cent stunt, girls, for of course we'll all be hungry.

Committees are at work revising the constitution and making final arrangements for our year's work.

ZETA SIGMA.

Zeta Sigma starts her year's work strengthened by a number of new members, eight of whom were welcomed Monday night. Mr. Horst is President the first term and seems to be perfectly at home with the gavel. No doubt those perplexing questions of parliamentary law often defying the skill of the best man in the chair will be quickly disposed of. The literary work of the week is going to press living questions of the day will be in the process of hot debate. Impromptu speeches by old and new members contained a spirit of enthusiasm which if followed to the end of the year must surely bring success to Zeta Sigma and at the same time be of excellent service to her members. Much was said in praise of the other societies and an earnest hope was expressed that only the most open, frank, and generously rivalry should exist between them.

PHI PHI ALPHA.

The first regular meeting of the place in the society rooms on the evening of Sept. 23rd. Many of the old faces were absent, including H. N. Morse, Pres., and John Marchmont, Vice-Pres., who will both be back in a few weeks.

Three new men were initiated into the society: Titus, Avery and Wilson. All are good students and will make a good addition.

The society room presents a very neat appearance with additional pictures and new window shades.

A ten dollar prize has been offered by Louis Anderson, ex '10, and Walter Pollard, ex '09, for the Freshmen oratorical contest which will be held sometime next semester.

The new handbooks for the first semester are ready. Excellent programs have been arranged and debating will be a prominent part of the programs.

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Subscribers Approve of the New Weekly and Write Enthusiastic Letters

The first issue of the Almanian has been heard from. There has been a "slam" or two, but the communications we print below are all congratulations.

Let me congratulate you upon the first issue of "The Weekly Almanian." It is certainly a very creditable paper, and you must have worked hard to publish it the very week that college opened.

Sincerely your friend,
MARY C. GELSTON.
403 E. Wash. St.,
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Your first issue reached me yesterday and I write you just a word of praise. It's good, almost too good in fact, but I sincerely hope that you can keep it up.

Sincerely,
J. L. McBRIDE, '04.
Second Presbyterian Church,
Duluth, Minn.

Am so very glad the name is not changed to "Maroon and Cream," as I had heard. This old name will suit the Alumnae better.

Sincerely,
EDNA M. ALLEN.
Ingleside, via Levering, Mich.

I have thought about writing you some time ago and congratulating you on the appearance of the first weekly Almanian. It was great and is destined to become a success.

P. A. R. BRADLEY.
Battle Creek, Mich.

It will be a success from start to finish.

L. A. ANDERSON.
Manistique, Mich.

You can send me your paper. It's all right.

F. R. HURST, '04.
Tecumseh, Mich.

I congratulate you on your paper. It's one of the best steps the college has taken in that direction.

REV. A. J. FUNNELL.
527 State street.

First issue of the new paper meant great success to the enterprise.

JOHN Y. BROOK.
Grand Avenue Reformed Church,
Asbury Park, N. J.

The appearance of the paper is excellent. I am sure it will interest the alumni.

REV. LOUIS BROOKE.
Howell, Mich.

It's great. Keep it up.

P. J. ALLURED '07.
Ann Arbor, Mich.

SUGGESTION.

There lays on our desk the following "Suggestion: That the Christian Association topics and those for the Union Prayer Meetings be announced in the Almanian before the meetings." Well, as a matter of fact, they are. Our fair reader will find this out if she will turn to the columns where such things are published. But that is a minor matter. What we would like is that this suggestion should have been made to those Associations. They should be interested in that matter more than the Almanian staff. We want the news, certainly; but at times it is hard to get. Picture to yourself the editor running after the representatives of these said Associations begging, pleading, even commanding that they disgorge the precious topics with their references. Do the Christian Associations ever think of using the Item Box? Never. Do they worry about getting their notes to the Almanian in time for publication. Not in the

least. And shouldn't they be interested? We leave the answer to our readers.

NEW ONES ON THE SWIPES

Owing to the constantly increasing number of boarders at Wright Hall the Swipe force has been increased to greater numbers than ever before. Swipe Campbell, the latest addition to the force, has to "butt in" to avoid being last every day. Wonder if this is the way he beat Swipe "Mr. McComb" last year?

Horst's minstrel troop is now complete. We may look for something special at Friday night receptions, given by the "Spruce Stock Co." "Mac" is thinking of taking stock.

Mac—"Say, Hal, when are you going to leave town?"

Hal—"I dunno. If you want to butt in, you may do so until after football season."

Swipe Sutt must have been out in the sun lately because he is looking Tanner.

P. B. Locker, (trying to keep order—"Who's responsible for this."

Mac—"You'll be responsible if someone falls on you."

Our new captain pays particular good attention to John D.'s tables.

"I must have seconds on all things to eat.

Or else go further down below; For in the corner, with considerable heat,

The winds have begun to blow."

—Rabbi.
"Oh, for the twinkle of Margaret's eyes!

Oh, for Mary's grin!
Hurrah for Jane's look so wise!
Hurrah for the fate of Jim!"

—Marsh.
Craig is doing things brown in the catch penny business.

Cheer up, Swipes, no more scraping over dishes when we get the farm; we will use pumpkins.

Hwoot Sai.
This week's Swipe Reporter.

Prex [in ethics]—Define religion. Mr. Helmer. Hal—What a fellow has when he worships. Prex—But he might have the stomach ache.

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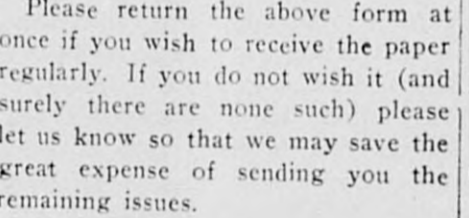
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