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THE LIVING LINK

The Mystery Regarding the Nature of This Organization Made Plain at Last.

Many students lately have asked, "What organization is the 'Living Link?'" With a view of making known this organization this article is written:

The "Living Link" has for its main purpose the collection of money for foreign missions. By the help of the Alumni and old students, together with the present student body, money is raised for the support of the college missionary, Mr. Weston T. Johnson, at Tokio, Japan. Mr. Johnson graduated from Alma in 1899. Each member of the student body will be asked to give to this worthy cause and sign a pledge card which will entitle one to membership. The sum of money that is pledged will hold good for all years afterwards, even after one ceases to be a student in the College. Each year the pledged amount will be due again. However, at any time by a written resignation sent to the Secretary of the "Link" it is to be understood.

Surely this is a very worthy cause, and every student should carefully consider it. Although the "Link" was organized only a few months ago its success seems assured.

The officers for this year are as follows: Pres., Miss Myrtle Hagerman; Vice-Pres., Norman H. Angell; Secretary, Wm. J. Sutherland; Treasurer, Irwin E. Bradfield.

HALLOWEEN PARTY.

Last Friday night the Alma students held their annual Halloween masquerade at Wright Hall. The great reception Hall was decorated with autumn leaves, red apples, jack o'lanterns and corn stalks. The masks began to arrive at eight o'clock. Foot ball warriors, coons, chefs, Buster Browns, poppies, Greeks, trained nurses, French maids, Japs, Chinamen, farmers, ghosts, little girls, cow boys, feuding girls, western girls, society swells, etc., were present. Mr. Horn, the popular photographer, was on hand to get a flashlight of the assembly. The pictures will be out soon and will make a valuable addition to a student's collection. After the grand march all unmasked and indulged in sweet cider and doughnuts. The fortune teller, a wrinkled old crone, dressed in the most perfect gypsy style held forth in a secluded corner, discounting futures in a most interesting manner. Later she appeared as one of the most popular Hall girls. In another corner the maskers were bobbing for apples in a tub of water, while at one side a merry Virginia reel was in progress. The gong struck at 10 o'clock sharp and ended the pretty function all too soon.

Harry E. Reed, 1901, is now employed as commercial teacher in the Bay City E. S. High School. Mr. Reed was the President of the Senior class, and will be remembered as the student who placed the picture of Wm. Jennings Bryan on the very top of the tower on the Administration building, where all the Republicans of Alma could not reach it.

BETTER ROOTING WANTED.

This year's foot ball mass meetings have gone with a rush. The rooting on the field has been electrical in its effects. Attendance at games has been extraordinarily complete and the fellows and co-eds have responded to Yell Master Graves' leading in a body. But there is still vast room for improvement in our rooting. Alma students do not give the Alma yell as it should be given. The new songs, too, need to be practiced thoroughly. Now there will not be another game on Davis Field until Nov. 23, when the Aggies come to Alma. It is quite within the bounds of probability that they will bring a great number of rooters, more than we will have. Now, Alma has cordial feelings toward M. A. C., but still we mean to beat them if we can. And do we want to be outclassed in rooting while our men are beating them at foot ball? Hardly!

It has been suggested that we hold several mass meetings prior to that M. A. C. game. The idea is a good one for many reasons. First, it will help support the team; second, getting together in that way will fill the student body more full of enthusiasm for their college; third, going to Alma mass meetings fills a student so chockful of Alma spirit that it is a live. Let's have a meeting this week. The quartette will lead the singing, Brown and Anderson will play the accompaniments and Graves or McCollum will lead the yells.

ABOUT THE CAMPUS

The girl's gymnasium work has commenced. The members of the different classes with their hours have been posted on the chapel bulletin board.

An Almanian reporter chanced to be in the Y. M. C. A. room recently and noticed that the wall paper was sadly defaced and in need of repair. This year would be a good time to repaper the room. Both the men's literary societies have money for similar expenditures; why can't the Y. M. C. A. men get together and raise enough money to paper the room?

Harold Avery, of Phi Phi Alpha, and Chas. Hunt will speak in an oratorical contest in Grand Rapids Friday evening, November 1.

An important amendment to the constitution of the Inter-Society Debating League has been adopted. It is to the effect that the subject selected for the Inter-Society debate shall be the same as selected for Inter-Collegiate Triangular debates with Olivet and Kalamazoo.

Warren L. Rogers, State Student Secretary, addressed the Y. M. C. A. a week ago Sunday on the subject of "The College Man's Religion." The room was filled, and the Seating Committee had to hang out the S. R. O. sign. Mr. Rogers is increasingly welcome at Alma. We are looking ahead to his next visit.

Teacher (Virgil class)—Mr. Hogg, what does a Subjective Genitive express?

Hogg—Why-a-a, it denotes a person who has a feeling.

Roy Robertson, Com. '06-'07, is now engaged in the grain elevator business with his father at Foscoria, Mich.

A MUSICAL EVENT

Piano Recital Given on Saturday and Sunday Evenings in Wright Hall Reception Rooms.

Last Saturday evening about seventy invited guests from the city assembled in the parlors of Wright Hall to listen to a recital given by Miss Ransom, head of the piano department. Mrs. St. John, unfortunately, was called from the city a few hours before the function occurred. This somewhat marred the pleasure of the occasion but Miss Ransom's finished technique and exquisite interpretations were enjoyed to the full by her critical audience.

Sunday evening at lunch the students were startled by the announcement that they were all invited into the reception room for an hour of music, with Miss Ransom at the piano. This unexpected infraction of the severe Sunday rules of Alma's Presbyterian stronghold caused several of the young men to faint for joy but they recovered soon. A large number of students flocked into the large reception hall and listened with intense eagerness to the music. Miss Ransom's playing held her hearers spellbound and all were in a condition of rapt attention to Pioneer fervently hoping that some such good fortune would fall their way again in the future.

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By Wm. Wheels.

1. The first on our list is our "Prex," Who reels off stale jokes by the pecks.

He tries once in a while To make the Dean smile, But he can't; she only gets vexed.

2. A mathematician dubbed "Pink" Has often attempted to think What were best for us all— To let us play ball, Or turn Davis Field into a rink.

3. Beside these is Prof. Ha—Ha— What? She'd just as soon slam you as not. She came from Nebrasker. Don't you think so? Just asker. If she starts once she'll tell you a lot.

"Put expenses down," said Prexie to the Freshmen.

"My sentiments exactly," said the charter member of the I Tap A Kegs as he ate the spread furnished by Mr. "Fresh."

JUST AS THE

After the work of a hard long day, Just at the time for sleep, Two happy dorm girls their good

tall, The other was Ethel dear, Always their secrets, though great or small

They tell when each other is near.

Chorus: One told of Roy, her ideal man,

The other had more than one.

Fickle and changing as girls only can

Their fancies only run.

One lived in the Northland so far away,

The other in Lansing town,

They once again their good night say,

Just as the bed went down,

Now I creep into my bed

And pull the covers o'er my head.

If the old fellows should come for me

They'd never find me, I'm so weel!

—Harold Brown.

Translating into French—"I have an uncle and aunt in the country."

Miss Smith—"J'ai un oncle et une tante a la champagne!"

Freshman Girl—I'm working on those Y. W. C. A. banners. I'll surely go to heaven.

Freshman Boy—Have you the papers to show for it?

F. G.—No, but I've got a license to butt in.

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Alpha Theta.

The work in society this year is to be magazine study, chiefly current events. Alternating Mondays, however, partake of the nature of story evenings, when reports of stories by standard authors, found in library magazines, will also be taken up. The work promises to be both interesting and profitable.

The new girls are Misses Allen, Blair, Fellows, Markham, Peacock, Tanner, Redman, Heuber, Bond, Bayley, Hood, Gillard, Seaver, Carey, Hughes, Francis and Mrs. Sebring.

On a cold, windy day they stood on Davis Field watching a foot ball game. Says Rood, turning up his coat collar, "In this breeze I'm sure I'd freeze if in my heart I'd no flame."

Miss Fraser wants to know why Frank Locker is called Pie Beta. Will someone please inform her?

Student—Did Ferris' team look serious when they went away Saturday night?

"Bob"—They had a face on 'em as lang as yer ar-r-m.

Student—And they looked solemn-like, did they?

"Bob"—Yes, as solemn as a juice-harp!

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The Sophomore band, O pray take heed,
As shades of night were falling,
Seized on a doughty Freshman,
(A danger most appalling)
They chained him and they guarded
And then they deeply pondered
Why the awful Freshman failed
Toward liberty to saunter.
They can not scale the cruel, cruel walls,

They can not storm the peak;
A rush is "horrid" anyway,
Will ye not learn ere 'tis too late
Wherein your places be?
To Miss Houghawout they speak.
The janitor must scale the height,
Must risk his blooming neck
Whilst Sophomores "in the grasses"
Their thoughts in doggerel deck.
O! merry Sophs, and mighty,
Take heed unto your betters
And challenge "nineteen-leven" to
A "wough ol' game of checka-a-as."

To Our Adversaries.

Look heavenward, ye gumlipped '10s;
Behold our flag on high.
Take courage from your Freshman friends,
Whose spirits never die.

To scheme and plot is of your part,
To capture one by ten;
But will you never have the heart
To show yourselves true men?
You wriggled on the ground like quakes
With Freshmen overhead;
And now think how your President

quakes
To hear the Freshman tread.
Your wits were taxed to know just how
Our banner got so high
And had the '8s not helped you out
Your hopes must surely die.

And ye, O class of nineteen eight,
What is propriety?
If ye would learn just how to act
Behold the class of '09
Take our advice on what you lack
And make their wisdom thine.
And to those others may this be brought,
Be careful of your words;
We know your deed; we read your thought;
Beware our midnight dirge.
Again, ye self praised class of '10,
Behold the brick built stack;
Observe our number there, and then
Pray for the nerve you lack.

Seniors.

Last Friday evening the Seniors enjoyed a bounteous spread in Wright Hall. Nor did this function fail to reach the old time standard of "the best a going" that has always accompanied the social affairs of the class of '08. This is the first party we have had as Seniors and for that reason it was a special pleasure when we think of the good times ahead and the caps and gowns. There is a satisfaction in this not to be realized until experienced; and you envious Freshies, we warn you, do not expect to attain unto the wisdom of Seniors and still persist in your present heathenish ways. Lay aside your self proclaimed importance and heed this timely word!

Wisdom comes with the years. This truth was impressed upon us last Friday evening when we took an inventory of ourselves and found that we were all present but "Bob." We were sorry that he too had not learned the folly of stiddying. Things were said about the absent one which

we will not be unkind enough to repeat, inasmuch as "Bob" explained that it will not happen again. He "didn't understand." Be sure you keep your word, Bob. Hal was absent at roll call and we were in the midst of vindictive speeches about him when fortunately for his reputation he appeared on the scene.

There are sages of experience among the Seniors who pronounce stiddying a curse to college life, and to other things as well. Thus it has been concluded we will not tolerate it in our ranks. It is hoped the movement will spread and that all Benedicts will be ostracized from their respective classes.

Many important plans were discussed at our last meeting for the work of the year, and everything is now well under way. We are not at liberty to impart to the public the many good things we have in store for it. But be patient and that virtue will soon be rewarded.

We wish to extend to Miss Mullenbach a vote of thanks for her kindly assistance in taking the flash light picture of the class last Friday night. We also extend our sympathy for the unfortunate accident which occurred in connection with this, and regret exceedingly that service so willingly given should have been met by such a climax.

Don't make the mistake of "France" what he thinks of second year "Dutch." You might regret it. "Hal" is in the same class but is less vindictive for he thinks he has a "stand in" with his teacher.

Herman preaches at Milan every Sunday and on his way back generally stops at the University. "Phil" regrets that he isn't in Herman's place then for the latter often sees Alice. But that's neither here nor there. We are glad to hear the reports that come back to us from Alice and unite in wishing her every success in her new work.

"Confound that Caesar!" An exclamation which certain three Seniors are guilty of, occasionally, when they are not in a position to use stronger ones. Well, Caesar in one's Senior year is rather embarrassing.

Zeta Sigma.

Work is going on in the usual systematic way. We are back again in our room and doing business at the old stand. Plans for the annual debate and oratorical contests have been adopted and in conjunction with the other society the dates for said contests have been decided upon.

We thank the decoration committee for their thorough and tasty re-decoration.

Hill, Brown and Decamp are among our number. We extend greetings.

Phi Phi Alpha.

The Phi's issue the challenge for the intersociety debate this year.

The entries for the society oratorical contest have been made. The contest will be of unusually high grade this year.

Philomathean.

The new girls who had successfully passed the required examinations were formally received into the society Monday evening; and afterward were given an informal reception. Refreshments were served, after which a jolly good time was enjoyed by all.

Regular work began Monday, October twenty-first, and with Miss Whitney as President the ensuing year promises to be a banner one for the society.

Library.

Recent visitors at the library are Hon. J. W. S. Pierson, of Stanton, and Rev. A. C. Wilson, of Milford.

The library is in receipt of the following books donated by Rev. L. S. Brooke, class '96:

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Alma students are going to present Shakespeare's comedy, "Much Ado About Nothing," sometime during this school year. Great enthusiasm is being aroused over the prospect, and a large number of students are trying out for places on the cast. Meetings are being held afternoons at 4:15 for trial readings.

The idea is to put on the play in costume at the local opera house, and if successful there it may be taken to neighboring towns, thus enabling people to get an understanding of what a Shakespeare play really is. The cast requires a fairly large number of actors, and plentiful opportunity is hereby given for students who do not expect to engage in debating or oratory to distinguish themselves. It is an opportunity to do something for your college, something in a new way, hitherto untried here.

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Reddy—Loves young dream is often drowned in mud puddles.

Sofomore Filosofy.

Prof. Notestein said in Physics class that the sun in cooling gives off heat. The Professor has two sons, why doesn't he feed them ice cream and save the winter coal bill?

Prof. (In Astronomy) — Miss Brown, what do you know about the moon?

Miss Brown (absently mindedly)—He went away Monday.

On the Side Lines.

K. G. Fresh—Which fellow on the team is it who has a pig's skin?

New Prep.—Why do they call the

ones who yell, "rooter?"

Senior—Why, because they are all wrapped up in the pigskin.

Junior Girl—See, Dan Duncanson is running the team to-day.

Fresh Girl—I should say he was. I don't see what fun he finds in running them up and down the field all the time like that.

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