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BOARD OF CONTROL

One Act Farce Showing What Happens:—Committee Reports, Resolutions, Etc.

Prof. Mitchell—Board of Control will come to order. Are we all here? In Concert—All here, Professor. Prof. Mitchell—Minutes of last meeting, Mr. Secretary.

McCullum (reads)—Last meeting of Almanian Board of Control held sometime in December

I kept the minutes in the back of an envelope and I thought the envelope was dated but it wasn't so I haven't the date.

Roll-call, all present. Requests, Graves requested to be excused at 4:15. Had to study for special history report. Request granted. Reports, McCollum on finance. Dunham on subscriptions. Cobb on plans for "new hash," "Graves on "dead advertising." Reports adopted. Graves moved adjournment, motion lost. Cobb moved that we open under new business. Motion prevailed. Cobb moved that associate editor try real hard and write something for next issue. McCollum moved Editor-in-Chief write editorial on "stidying" for next issue. Motion prevailed. Graves moved adjournment, motion lost. Dunham moved all fountain pens acquired by ads should be sold. Motion lost. Chair suggests no personalities be indulged in. Graves moved adjournment. Motion prevailed.

Prof. Mitchell—Alterations or corrections?

Mr. Cobb—In this connection Mr. Chairman I would suggest that Mr. McCollum be empowered to draw upon the Almanian account to the extent of five cents for procuring a book to keep the minutes in.

Prof. Mitchell.—The suggestion is good one and is sustained by the chair. Special reports.

Mr. Dunham—Mr. Chairman, I would like to report for the subscription management. We have at present upon our books two hundred regular subscribers, ten paid, six who say they will pay and eighty-three who say they don't want the paper and won't pay for it under any conditions. We are seventy-three dollars in debt and unless the advertising management can show the long green we are strictly up against it. Mr. Chairman, I move the adoption of this report.

Prof. Mitchell—Any remarks?

Mr. Cobb—Can the advertising manager show the long green?

Mr. Graves—My report will show.

Mr. Dunham—What?

Mr. Graves—Anything but the long green.

Prof. Mitchell—Any objections to report? If not it is adopted as given. Other reports?

Mr. McCollum—Mr. Chairman, I would like to give the treasurer's report. Received from Dunham for subscriptions to date seven dollars. From Graves, advertising twelve dollars

From Cobb—subscriptions, two dollars. Collected myself seven dollars. Total twenty-eight dollars. Bill from Brown ninety-three dollars (groans), post office six dollars, postage, bills, and incidentals, two dollars, total one hundred one dollars (more groans.) Cash on hand nothing. Deficit seventy-three dollars. Mr. Chairman, I move the adoption of this report.

Prof. Mitchell—Is there any way of making up the deficit.

Mr. Cobb—No way, Mr. Chairman.

Prof. Mitchell—You've heard the report. Any remarks? If not it is adopted as given. Other reports?

Mr. Graves—Mr. Chairman, I would like to report for the advertising management. We have at present one hundred and ten inches of advertising. Ten inches we receive fifteen cents an inch for; seven inches we get twelve and one half cents an inch for, and the rest is dead. We have owing to us for previous advertising four dollars and eighty cents and six fountain pens. I tried to collect some of that this morning so I could make a report but Lee Mercantile hit me over the head

MRS. RACHEL PIERSON.

The delightful personality of Mrs. Pierson is one of the sweet recollections of the early days of the college. Rev. Job Pierson, D. D., and Mrs. Pierson came to Alma College in 1889. Together they founded the library. They remained until 1893 when failing health compelled them to retire from the position where they had been so very useful. They left behind them a well established, careful selected library and a warm place in the hearts of all friends of the college. Dr. Pierson was called from his life in 1896. Mrs. Pierson survived him until January 12th, 1903. They now rest side by side in Oakwood cemetery, Troy, New York. "They were beautiful in life and in death they were not divided." They were from first to last true friends of Alma College. Mr. John W. S. Pierson, who is one of their sons has taken up their work for the college and is one of our most energetic and zealous trustees.

PHI PHI BANQUET

Enjoyable Event at Wright House
—Mr. Roy Thomas of Olivet,
Guest of Honor.

The annual Lincoln's birthday banquet of the Phi Phi Alpha Literary Society held last Monday evening in the dining room of the Wright House was an unusually enjoyable function. The evening was ideal enough to put every guest in the best possible spirit when, after an hour's pleasant conversation in the hotel parlor, the long procession led by Herman N. Morse, '08, filed into the beautifully decorated dining room. The decorations were lines of Phi Phi Alpha banners in black and scarlet, the society colors, diverging from the center of the room where hung Olivet and Alma banners side by side in honor of the presence of the guest of the evening, Mr. Roy K. Thomas from the Phi Alpha Phi fraternity at Olivet.

After a blessing asked by Mr. Morse an elaborate menu was served in faultless manner. The banquet banquets did full justice to the ample spread arranged by Landlord Barron and enjoyed two happy hours of laughter and friendly conversation. The Phi spirit began its good work early in the evening and before the feast was fairly under way everyone was completely at ease and having a fine time.

After cafe noir had been served Toastmaster Paul J. Allured, '07, called for toasts after leading up to the subject in a most felicitous and happy manner. Clark Hull, '10, responded to the toast, "Lincoln, the Lawyer." Very characteristically Mr. Hull clothed a deep and important truth with beautiful language and with witty remarks and apt allusions drove firmly home the truth that Lincoln was an honest lawyer because it was impossible for him to succeed in dishonesty and that his striving for success did not make him great so much as his intrinsic greatness made him strive. Miss Edna Brown gave the toast "Leap Year Reveries" for the Froebel Society gracefully and with a great deal of charm. Her most difficult subject was developed in a way that showed great originality as well as possessing the real Froebelian flavor. The friendly spirit between the Froebel and the Phi Phi Alpha Societies was strengthened by Miss Brown's toast. Herman Morse '08 responded to the toast "Co-eds." Mr. Morse showed great erudition and insight in defending himself from the allegation that he had any knowledge whatever of his subject. However he closed by remarking that since he knew naught of "Earth's noblest thing—a woman perfected" he brought with him an illustration. Before calling the last toast Mr. E. Blake McDonald with '09 read a telegram from "Indian" Louis Anderson who wished success and growth to Phi Phi Alpha.

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Annual Inter-Society Debate

Monday Evening, February 17, 1908

THE QUESTION: Resolved that the National Government should levy a progressive inheritance tax, constitutionality conceded.

Affirmative—Zeta Sigma

G. P. HORST

A. L. SAYLES

D. M. CASSERLIN

Negative—Phi Phi Alpha

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with a sack of flour and Forquer sicked his dog on me so I collected nothing.

Mr. Chairman, I move the adoption of this report and also that we adjourn.

Prof. Mitchell—One thing at a time, Mr. Graves. Your motion to adjourn is out of order. What shall we do with the report.

Mr. Cobb—Burn it.

Mr. Dunham—Now, Mr. Chairman, when I was in high school they—

Mr. McCollum—Mr. Chairman.

Prof. Mitchell—Mr. McCollum.

Mr. McCollum—Move the report be adopted.

Mr. Cobb—Support.

Prof. Mitchell—Usual sign. Report is adopted.

Mr. Graves—Move we adjourn.

Mr. Cobb—Skating is punk.

Prof. Mitchell—Support? No support. We will continue.

Mr. McCollum—Got inspiration last night. Wrote some dope (groans.) Put paper in pocket. Can't find.

Mr. Cobb—As usual.

Prof. Mitchell—Any suggestions as to literary department, methods of

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CAMPUS VISITORS.

Visitors on the campus have been very plentiful during the last few days

Miss Leta Gilbert, kg. '05 from Bay City and Miss Marie Sibley, kg. '06 from Detroit, Paul J. Allured, '07, now assisant secretary in the City Y. M. C. A. at Ann Arbor; F. Blake McDonald, with '09, now at the U. of M. were among the student visitors.

Rev. S. P. Todd, the college field agent, made one of his flying visits last Thursday, taking in the annual Senior parade at 11 a. m.

Miss Lilah Tanner entertained her mother at Wright Hall over Sunday.

Newcomer—Does the Dean arrange the tables alphabetically?

Junior—No, diabolically.

"A—(as H—carves vigorously)—Put your foot on it!

H—No, thanks, it's near enough to sole-leather now.

Miss Co-ed—I chafe against the college rules and regulations (as she made a Welsh rabbit at 10:30.)

Jimmie—Does every emotion result in action?

Ma—ll—No, we don't dare!

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Alma enters with this week upon the 44th semester of her usefulness. The outlook ahead is most encouraging. To those who have observed the growth of the College since October 14, 1886, when the Synod of Michigan Resolved, that in view of all the facts brought before them. They would with God's help establish and endow a college within their bounds, the year 1908 holds peculiar satisfaction. The financial question is quite well settled, not entirely through the Synod, perhaps, but with a great deal of loyal co-operation and sympathy on their part. The question of a student body is being settled as each year brings an increasing number to us. That Alma's curriculum tends to fit a man or woman for success is becoming widely recognized, that Alma's college spirit is "splendidly virile," as a prominent Presbyterian minister has said, is becoming still better known. Alma looks forward to worthy achievement in the future without a fear.

Interest and enthusiasm, on the part of students, for Alma is perhaps at high tide this year. No clique spirit, all college spirit, seems the sentiment. This is due primarily to the excellency of the faculty; and secondly to the fact that the things in which students delight, such as oratory, debate, music, foot-ball and track athletics, are flourishing. Besides the intrinsic excellence of Alma as a "College on the University plan" there are here those other things which students love to excel in and best of all love to talk of when absent from their Alma Mater.

The Almanian has for a long time been wishing to say a word in regard to chapel attendance, and its value. It has remained however, for the Hillsdale Collegian to express our views on the subject in a most adequate manner. We reprint below two paragraphs from Brother Walrath's pen.

"The importance of attending chapel is a truth so apparent and practical, that it is often entirely overlooked and slighted by those who should ob-

serve it most closely. The fact is that chapel services are the key to the whole social life of the college, and without attending them no one can expect to enter in any degree into the spirit of the institution or become a part of it.

Absences from chapel first cause the individual to lose track of current happenings, then to lose interest, and finally to enter that hopeless state of entire indifference, which soon is liable to develop into a case of chronic soreness, on everything and everybody, with the result that a good man, full of possibilities, ultimately becomes discouraged, disgusted and disanimated and ends it all by leaving school.

NATURE IN AMERICAN LITERATURE.

(A paper read before the faculty of Alma College, January 14, 1908, by Professor M. E. Houghawout.)

It is interesting to notice the part that Nature has played in American Literature, how the love and appreciation of it have developed in our writers, and how this love and appreciation have reacted on the readers, and helped in the general movement which has brought man to nature and nature to man, and how through one the other has been given new visions and truths of the God of both.

You should not expect great outpourings on such a subject among those straight-laced colonists who sought a home in the "midst of the forest primeval" and "beneath the murmuring pines and the hemlocks;" for they were fully occupied with harsher interpretations of divinity, and an undue contemplation of the beauties of nature might have disturbed the severe theological flow of their thought. There was in that day one who dared lift up her voice in verse—and that one was a woman Mistress Anne Bradstreet. She sang of the nightingale in America woods. There were no nightingales in American woods, but Chaucer and all his followers in England had sung of nightingales and what else could you expect of one who signed herself "The Tenth Muse Lately Sprung up in America?"

And so it was not just because the people were too sanctimonious to write of the beauties of the outdoors. It was because they were not observant, not original enough to see that in our country was grandeur worth of being written of in prose and verse. There really was no one who dared to find the beauties in this desolate pioneer country of ours, so far separated from the civilization and the land where literature had been written.

Cooper made a start with his Indians in American woods. Irving wrote legends of the Catskills, charming, it is true, as is all the expression from the pen of that genial reflector of humor and pathos. But Irving left the Catskills and the Hudson for castles in Spain and Yule-log scenes in English mead-halls, and while we would not for worlds lose that part of our literature, we have lost what he might have given us that would have interpreted to us the nature of that early day. Bryant was the first to see American nature on a par with English nature in its worthiness as a subject for writing. He discovered that water-fowl were as good as English skylarks, and the violets and gentians character-



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ALPHA THETA.

Last Monday night the Alpha Theta held its semi-annual election of officers with the following results:

Edith Cook, president; Elvena Hoover, vice president; Mary Hughes, secretary; Inez Pollard, treasurer; Lois Fraker, corresponding secretary; Ruth Pierson, 1st Critic; Helen Cook, 2d critic; Hazel Fraser, Almanian reporter; Ethel Carey, sentinel; Adele Bayley, guard.

After the election the society proceeded to "Stevie's" where it enjoyed candy and mild drinks, and indulged in speech making. A ride home by part of the members on a grocer's wagon concluded the wild hilarities.

The work of next semester is to be a study of several European countries from a literary standpoint. Quotations from authors of the country studied, papers on its literary movements, and an occasional debate on some live question concerning it are to be in order.

It has been suggested that the girls be restrained from their mad rush for position of janitor, and that the matter be settled by lots. In the last campaign for that position two were seriously injured.

ZETA SIGMA.

Zeta Sigma will soon entertain Alpha Theta who will give their program.

Members of Alpha Theta braved the cold and neck deep snow drifts Monday evening to give us a yell. In our enthusiasm and haste to return it, Horst fell over a chair and Bradford jammed his finger in the window. Nine rahs for Alpha Theta, and a Tiger.

Janitor has received instructions to mop the floor immediately and again before next June whether it needs it or not.

Janitor is a popular man and will undoubtedly do as he is told.

Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. will meet next Sunday, February 16, at the hour, 4:30 o'clock in the Association room. The subject is "Two Women of High Rank and Great Opportunity, (a) Jezebel. (b) Esther."

Y. M. C. A.

Plans for sending delegates to the Niagara Convention in June are being formed. There is no reason why Alma should not be well represented.

Some time between now and next June the Y. M. C. A. will give an entertainment, the proceeds of which will be used for sending delegates. Who will go? Plan on it and arrange things accordingly.

The mission classes are now launched and will begin their various journeys to Japan, China, the land of Islam, as well as the length and breadth of our own land. We have four foreign and one home mission class. McFadden will lead a class in Japanese missions.

"Japan and Its Regeneration" is the text. Angell conducts the beginners class, "Unfinished Tasks." Helmer leads a class in the interesting subject of Islam. Alexander Duncanson will have a class on "Effective Workers in Needy Fields," while Graves conducts the home mission class. "The Call

of the Home-land," is the text. They will all prove interesting and those who have not yet signed up ought to get busy.

SENIORS

Last Thursday the Theism class was honored by the presence of Mrs. Bruske, Rev. Funnell, Rev. Elder, Rev. Williams, Dr. Clizbe and Rev. Todd. Dr. Bruske did us the honor to think that we would not disgrace him by a poor recitation: at least we concluded so or he would not have ran so great a risk as to invite that austere assembly to listen to the results of his critical examination of the class. As for ourselves we were somewhat in doubt as to the results and had some fear lest we prove to be "like fourteen foundered horses on a smooth road." However, at the conclusion of the recitation what was our surprise when the words greeted our ears, that, "You have done so remarkably well today that there will be no written examination tomorrow." With loud applause we left the class room grateful to Dr. Bruske for his confidence.

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gathering news etc.

Mr. Dunham—Mr. Chairman, now when I was in high school we—

Mr. McCollum—Move we adjourn.
Prof. Mitchell—Support? No support. Continue. Mr. Dunham.

Mr. Dunham—As I was saying, when I was in high school we used to have a department with a special editor to look after the—

Mr. Cobb—Move we adjourn.
Prof. Mitchell—Support?

Mr. Cobb—Support.
Prof. Mitchell—Person moving cannot support motion.
Continue Mr. Dunham.

Mr. Dunham—We had a special editor to look after this department. His work was to—

Mr. Graves—What department
Mr. Dunham—The one I just mentioned. If you'd get your mind off that river and—

Mr. McCollum—His work is to what?
Mr. Dunham—To look after all the jokes and grinds, get them in good style and hand them in—

Mr. Cobb—Before Saurday night?
Mr. Dunham—Of course.

Mr. Graves—Move McCollum persuade some girl to be Wright Hall reporter. There ought to be enough doing there in a week to fill two columns.

Mr. Collum—Support.
Prof. Michell—Usual sign. Motion prevails. Mr. Secretary, you are to instruct Mr. McCollum as per motion.

Mr. McCollum—Aye, aye, sir.
Mr. Graves—Yes, you, sir. Who did you think, sir?

Mr. McCollum—No, sir, not I, sir. Number 10 sir.

Mr. Cobb—Move we adjourn.
Mr. Dunham—Support.

Prof. Mitchell—A word before you go, honest neighbors, first, get subscriptions; thirdly, get ads, get news; secondly, get jokes; and to conclude, get fountain pens, mine is worn out; sixth and lastly, get your bills paid. Parley Braw, Board of Control. Be vigilant, I beseech you.
Curtain.

Towse—"Are you going to take a girl to the lecture?" Lang, "No, I'm going to stag it." "Why?" Because I haven't any doe."—Pleiad

Give an illustration of the difference between vision and sight."
"Why er-some girls are visions and some are sights."

He—"I know of a girl that got a pearl out of an oyster."

She—"That's nothing; my sister got a diamond from a lobster."—Ex.

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heart and hand to any lady of his acquaintance I am not certain but that the relation between him and Dame nature was more than that of a platonic friendship. She knew how to make a victim of him, and from all I can see she had no conscience in the matter, and his worship of her was quite object, I think. It is said he knew the streams and fishes so well that he could catch the fish with his hands. And he had the power to sit so still and so long on a rock that he seemed to have become a part of it, and the animals and insects, at first startled, would creep back to him, and watch him curiously instead of being frightened. His books are records of these observations. They are filled with those birds and flowers, and ponds. He is never sentimental nor gushy in his worship of this Dame who has enslaved him, but always with a manly self respect, he records his observation of her beauties and her habits and intersperses his love lore here and there with his quaint surprising philosophy of life. He was a great character--was Thoreau. Our real prophet of Nature! And his honor in his own country was not unlike that of any other prophet, for of the first edition of his book, he brought home two-thirds the number, and remarked that he now had a library of nine hundred volumes, over seven hundred of which he had written himself. But he brought Americans back to love God's world as God left it at his making, and he made people see the vanity of mercenary lives and feel the burden that settles itself upon great possessions, and he made people satisfied with simple and saner and more natural ways of living.

Emerson's "Nature" is more widely known than any of Thoreau's works, but it was largely from Thoreau that Emerson learned to appreciate the beauties of the world outside of his library. For Emerson was a town-boy and loved books. He tried to cultivate his love for nature by taking long walks in the woods, but he tells us that at first he used to carry a book along to "read on the way!" And it was through Thoreau, he says, that his love became a real affection instead of his superficial desire for culture. And so while Americans owe much to Emerson's writings, we do not often think that that too goes back to Thoreau--this prophet of nature, who was not without honor save his own country.

(To be concluded in next week's issue.)

PHI PHI INAUGURAL.

The Phi Phi Alpha Literary Society held their semi-annual inauguration last week, Monday. The officers who were inaugurated were as follows: President, John H. Marchmont; vice president, M. Leroy Marshall; 1st critic, Herman N. Morse; 2d critic, F. W. Cobb; secretary, John F. StCyr; treasurer, Norman H. Angell; biographer, Allan D. McFadden; reporter, Cass Chase; marshal, James Hogg; janitor, William J. Sutherland. Speeches of the different officers were very full of thought and inspiration, calling attention to weaknesses in the society and pointing out means of remedy.

Now that exams are over and we are reasonably sure of the outcome we will make bold to state that we procured caps and gowns some time ago and probably will wear them in the near future.

PHI PHI ALPHA BANQUET.

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"Inter-Collegiate Fraternalism" was the concluding number of the program Mr. Roy K. Thomas in responding to that sentiment fully sustained Olive's reputation both for culture and for a manly spirit. Mr. Thomas's thought was that in the small college the fraternal literary society took the place of home ties. Yet even that was not sufficient for college men since all kinds of intercollegiate activities were found necessary for the maintaining of a healthy college spirit. So therefore this new bond of fraternalism between Alma and Olive must result in added strength and worth for both Phi Phi Alpha and Phi Alpha Phi. And in strengthening the two organizations the two colleges were strengthened also.

In concluding the toasts Mr. Allured called for a deeper loyalty and a spirit of harder work on the part of the Phi Phi Alpha men as well as a broader spirit in regard to the college as a whole. After drinking a toast to the "Phi Spirit" the banqueters left the place with the consciousness of having spent one of the most enjoyable evenings of their college life.

Guests from out of town were the Misses Anna Gilbert of Bay City; Berenice Mills, of Ashley; Hattie B. Mills of Ashley; Mr. Roy Thomas of Olive; Paul Allured of Ann Arbor; Blake McDonald of Ann Arbor; and Ray Moon of M. A. C.

Last fall Marshall and Locker were sitting in their room studying on opposite sides of the table. "Oh, say, Marsh," said Buck, looking up, "there's a fly on the end of your nose." "Oh, there is, is there?" answered Marsh grouchily. "Well, brush it off then, you're nearer it than I."

CAMPUS GOSSIP.

Get busy!

Bohning begins again.

Go to the debate next Monday night! Mr. Herman Morse spent a pleasant week's end at Milan.

Pay subscriptions just as soon as possible. We need the money.

Geo. Horst filled the pulpit of Rev. Bradfield at Cass City, Sunday.

Eighteen men out for baseball practice last Saturday. Prospects are great for next spring.

Sleighting is just as good as ever. Enthusiastic parties took advantage of the fine weather last Friday and Saturday to make trips to neighboring cities.

Students are regretting the departure of LeGrand Swarthout and Percy Monteith of the Freshman class. They will enter college next semester.

The baseball squad welcomes a new addition. Mr. Stewart Hoben, of Adrian, catcher of the Adrian highschool team and a star basketball center, entered the Freshman class this week.

M. A. C. is now out of the Intercollegiate. By the action of the M. I. A. A. directors at their recent meeting in Lansing Adrian was taken in to fill the place left vacant by the Agricultural College. The action of M. A. C. in withdrawing will not affect Alma's relations with her, which have always been most pleasant and profitable. A track meet May 2, at M. A. C., four baseball games on next spring schedule and a two-year football contracted look good to Alma.

A baseball date has been arranged with the U. of M. for May 16, at Ann Arbor. Alma will take on Ypsilanti, Friday, May the fifteenth. The baseball situation in the intercollegiate is somewhat different this year than last, owing to the ruling made at the last Board Meeting that the championship in both baseball and football shall be decided on the percentage basis.

AFTER INVENTORY SALES

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