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ALPHA THETA MEETING

The Young Women Take Time for the Study of Parliamentary Practice.

Last Monday evening the Alpha Theta Society varied their usual program by a study of Parliamentary practice. A committee had been appointed and had formulated plans by which the more important details of Parliamentary law were brought to the consideration of the Society. In accordance with these plans the society adjourned itself into a meeting of the Faculty, different members representing different teachers. The parts of the Dean, Miss Eddy, and Prof. Cook were assigned to the more capable members.

A committee consisting of Miss Mullenbach, Miss Eddy, Prof. Mitchell, Mrs. St. John and Miss Bruske, presented a report looking toward the improvement of the rules regulating the social conduct of the students. The first improvement suggested that no girl be allowed to attend prayer meeting and evening church service except when invited by a young man. This was adopted.

The second suggested that Juniors and Seniors be allowed Friday and Saturday evening privileges until ten o'clock. Professor Cook offered an amendment to the effect that lights be turned off at eight o'clock in order to keep expenses down. The rule was adopted as amended.

The third suggestion in regard to Tuesday evening dances in Wright Hall was tabled. Next the committee proposed that the recreation hour from 4:15 till 6 p. m. be given the students to spend in anyway they saw fit, provided that they spend it out of doors. Lost.

The fifth change advocated that Senior boys be forbidden to stiddy with Freshman girls, and Freshman boys with Senior girls. Miss Houghawout amended the question by substituting the word "permitted" in place of "forbidden" and adding the clause "as long as they do not call each other by their first names." Carried.

The committee also recommended that the Freshmen be assigned front seats in chapel, hoping that such a change would put an end to frequent skipping. This arrangement was very satisfactory to Miss Eddy as she would then be able to look at "Art" more easily. Miss Booth offered the amendment that "Art" be assigned a seat next Miss Eddy, and Prof. Adams added an amendment to this one suggesting that "Bill" Ewing be given the seat at her other side. The amendments and the question were enthusiastically carried. The last change the committee wished to make was that in future when any faculty member feels she must act as chaperone for any riding or boating party, she hire a special carriage or boat for her own use. This suggestion was also a welcome one to Miss Eddy because holding hands in a crowd

without being seen is very difficult, and Art, she was sure, would always be willing to pay the extra expense. Prof. Cook suddenly remarked that Mr. Henderson had not yet paid his board bills.

An amendment was added which substituted the condition that students hire the chaperone's carriage or boat, instead of the chaperone being obliged to secure it her self. Carried.

This completed the committee's report. Professor Notestein moved that a new search lantern be bought for Miss Houghawout, and Miss Booth offered an amendment providing for a new field glass. Professor Cook suggested that the old ones be fixed. Both the amendment and motion carried.

Miss Houghawout then moved that softer slippers be bought for Miss Waring. Carried. Miss Houghawout also moved that the Pioneer Hall pump be repaired. At present she stated the boys are continually passing Wright Hall on their way to Prexy's pump each evening and it is such hard work to keep the girls away from the windows that she could not afford to do it at her present salary. Professor Cook objected to the expense and added an amendment providing that the boys do the work instead of a hired plumber. The whole question was laid on the table.

Miss Mullenbach presented a petition signed Cook & Fraser, asking that cushioned seats be put in each alcove in the library. Prof. Adams was so tired that he insisted the meeting adjourn and the remainder of the important business will be transacted next week.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

St. Patrick's heart would have been made glad if he could have witnessed the celebration of his anniversary at Alma last week Tuesday. Many of the young women wore light gowns with bright green bows and sashes, while the young men, as well, showed their reverence for the famous patriarch by wearing emblems of green.

The chapel exercises were prolonged through the nine o'clock hour and the student body was indeed glad to listen to the interesting and instructive lecture on St. Patrick, which was so ably delivered by the Rev. Mr. Mason of St. Louis. Mr. Mason is of Scotch birth spending some years in Ireland as a preacher and is therefore very capable of depicting the Irish situation.

He said in part as follows: "The top o' the mornin' to ye! Hurrah for Ireland! Ireland is well known but almost ninety percent of the Irish who live in our country have come from the southern part of Ireland and are known as the poor Irish; one of the first questions asked here is if the United States has government, to which he replies, 'I'm agin the gov'ment.' The English know the Irish through their dealings with them as the farmers with the small lots. Paddy and Bridget are Irish but they are busy.

The Scotch are the only people who know the Irish. There are thousands

of Irish in Scotland. They are of Irish blood with Scotch tongues.

Contrary to accepted tradition, Saint Patrick was born in Scotland—a land of churches, bibles and Sabbaths. When St. Patrick was a lad of fifteen years, he was stolen from the banks of the Clyde by a band of brigand Picts and was kept in captivity in Ireland for six years with the herds in the mountains of Belfast.

From the top of the mountain he could see the hills of bonny Scotland, and as he watched he loved the God of his fathers and his grandfathers. St. Patrick escaped from Ireland, and studied for the Presbyterian ministry. He longed to return to the land of his captivity and bring them the word of God. Before long he realized his desire and Ireland became a power for good under Presbyterian rule with Saint Patrick as its leader. Ireland was the last country to yield to the Roman See but now it is the most bigoted and most subdued. Home rule is not what Ireland wants, but she does need another St. Patrick."

FROEBEL PROGRAM.

The following program was given Monday evening, March twenty-third: Quotations on Life and Work.

Sketch of Fra Angelica's life and how it affected his work, Ethel Springer.

The peculiarities of the Florentine School, Grace McCord.

Analyze "The Coronation of the Virgin." Why considered so great? Anna Niles.

Vocal solo, Retta Caldwell.

Criticism of the "Angel" Pictures, Margaret Morrison.

Signs of the influence of the Early Renaissance, as found in the picture of the "Madonna of Perugia," Mrytles Hagerman.

Ideas concerning "The Annunciation." Belle Wallace.

Criticism of the picture, "The Flight into Egypt," Helen Strange.

Twelve of the most noted Italian artists have been selected for study. The programs are arranged by the different members of the society.

NEW THEODOLITE.

A valuable addition was made to the mathematical department last week. The kindness of a friend of the college has made possible the purchase of one of Gurley & Co's finest theodolites. The instrument is the best of its kind, combining a level and transit and a solar compass attachment. The instrument will be an invaluable aid to the class in surveying. Other instruments to be used in the physical laboratory are on their way and will put it in use soon.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Dr. and Mrs. Bruske left for the South last Friday morning. The Dr. has been granted an extended leave of absence and will probably spend much of his time in the south. Professor Frank N. Notestein, Dean of the Faculty, will serve as acting President during Dr. Bruske's absence.

HELD OPEN HOUSE

Pioneer Hall was the Scene of Much Merriment Friday Evening.—"County Fair."

On Friday evening Pioneer Hall under the guise of a County Fair was thrown open to the faculty and all the college girls. Numerous posters directed the visitors to the various attractions. To each one was given a small bunch of colored tickets giving entrance to the booths. For a yellow ticket one might have three throws at "darkey dodger" whose facial contortions were calculated to frighten the thrower. For a purple ticket three rings at the canes; gray, three throws at the barrel; pink, three shots at the target; red gave a trial at roulette, and for a green ticket one might aim at the rag babies.

For the best shot a No. 1 ticket was awarded, entitling the holder to an ice; No. 2 was good for a sandwich and No. 3 for a lemonade. Considering the usual accuracy of a girl's aim, the hosts might naturally have supposed that a small amount of refreshments would do, but such was not the case. In many a corner could be seen an exchange of three lemonade tickets for a sandwich, or two eating at one ice, while one unfortunate whose aim was exceptionally poor, was observed hooking a sandwich to go with her ice.

At stated intervals the quartet sang and at 10 p. m. all gathered in the Y. M. C. A. room for a final program.

A large phonograph of unusual construction and inward peculiarities, rendered selections which hit many and missed few, Faculty not excepted. This number finally ended with three loud explosions which seemed to indicate that the machine had slipped a cog, so the quartet kindly sang a number which hinted delicately of farewell.

The striking posters which adorned the walls added not a little to the gala appearance. Among them were:

"In case of fire, wring the towel. Lathers has one."

"German poney stabled in the basement"

"I'd carry more work if I didn't have this spring fever."

"Won't you come home, Dell Bayley?"

"Just three more days of Grace."

"Bachelor's House. As ye sew, so shall ye rip."

"Come in and get Hood-winked."

"Gee Whiz! I'm glad I'm free, So says the coach,

Whenever any girls approach."

Though the guests were loath to go after an evening so brimful of pleasure, yet striking hours called all to duty. They departed with the heartfelt wish that Pioneer will always continue its worthy custom of "open house."

Our regular stock was destroyed in a Railroad wreck at Greenville. This makes it necessary to use "print" paper in order to avoid delay.

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The Leap year brings responsibilities as well as privileges, as the present management of the Almanian can well testify. To follow the pace set by the previous Almanian and not to lower its standard is a task to try one's mettle. So we make our bow to the public and dodge behind scenes before the missiles reach us.

It's a kind subscriber that doesn't knock, and the paid up subscriber gladdens the heart of the Editor.

The cider barrel has been lowered considerably and the midnight oil burned low during the construction of this week's paper.

Have we ever grumbled at editors in the past? Whisper the answer low!

Will we ever grumble in the future? Shout it from the housetops! "Never, never, quoth the raven, 'nevermore.'"

What is so keen as the spirit of chase? None but he who has experienced it can describe the joy of chasing after society notes and finally running down the quarry.

Our bow will be very short and our departure shorter, so he who aims cabbages (or cabbage roses) must have quick eye and sure aim.

Y. M. C. A.

The 26th annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of Michigan, will take place at Bay City on Friday, March 27th, from 2 to 9 p. m. Alma ought to be represented at this convention by a large delegation. The total expense from Alma including railroad fare both ways will not exceed three dollars. The speakers are rare men and well worth going to hear. They include Rev. John H. Boyd, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Detroit, Mr. C. T. Wang, of China, Robt. E. Lewis, state secretary of the Ohio Y. M. C. A. and Edward P. Bailey of Chicago. The toastmaster for the banquet in the evening will be George B. Moody, vice president Newcomb Endicott Co. of Detroit. Begin now

to plan being present at this convention.

The college will be visited this week by George P. Hood, traveling secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement. Mr. Hood is a graduate of Amherst College. He probably will conduct the prayer meeting on Wednesday night.

HEY FELLOWS!

Warm sugar social at Horn's studio Wednesday. Any time after four p. m. Come and bring your Frow. Ten cents.

ECHOES OF OPEN HOUSE.

Who got the clocks?
The quicker this room gets dirty,
the quicker I'll feel at home.—Ingles.

Twenty-three received a marguerite.
Let us hope it is not a substitute for
the original.

Pour some more syrup on these keys.
They don't feel natural.—Anderson.

We are casting a medal marked
"Vigilance" to be presented to "Patrolman Harper" in recognition of his excellent work in warding off stray cats, dead rats, wire cutters, fire companies, etc.,

Some phonograph records to exchange
See R. Campell.

Who stole Marshall's register
Open House at Wright Hall, Friday,
May 9.

THE SKIPPERS' LAMENT.

Last night as I came from the city,
Last night as I walked with my girl,
I was seen by the Dean, what a pity!
For it set my poor head in a whirl!

Chorus:—Bring back, Oh bring back!
Oh bring my Prexy to me!

I took my sweetheart for an outing,
For a stroll up the Ann Arbor track
But the Dean and Miss Eddy were
scouting

And sternly they ordered us back!

Chorus:—

The Dean took us into her study,
She talked with us there for a while!
I'm certain that there is nobody
But the Dean that can wear such a smile!

Chorus:—

She wrote a short note to my father,
I'll see him myself very soon:
O, for Prexy to stop all this bother,
But I might as well wish for the moon!

Chorus:—

I dreamed a dream of spirit land,
A land that was very fair
Where college life was simply grand
And a student had no care.

Where we used to walk in the Milky
Way

Without a Dean to watch us,
Where in chapel we used to spend the
day

And Prexy couldn't catch us.

Were Profs' eyes weren't like those of
hawks,

Where cons were never given,
Where "Friday nights" lasted till
twelve o'clock—

Say, I hope it's like that in heaven.

IN THE RAIN.

She (After prodding him violently in
the eye with her umbrella)—"Oh, I
beg your pardon.

He—Don't mention it. It was my
lookout anyway.



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IN GERMAN.

Mullenbach—I wonder how many
times "Lessing" has turned over since
we started this.
Bill Bayly—A good many times I
suppose. I know I'd like to turn him
over.

There was a man in Wallertou
A tourist lost a dollartou.
He had a wart,
This fellow smart,
That he attached his collartou.
—St. Louis Post

Mary baked an angel cake
Baked it for dear Johnny's sake
His sweet sake;
And he ate it every crumb
Then he thought he heard the drum
And the angel saying come.
And he went.—Ex

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SENIORS.

The Senior rhetorical class has been mentioned before and though it is modest we feel that the public will not appreciate its work unless we give it frequent mention at least.

At a recent meeting we had to discuss the relative merits and demerits of the Elective versus the required course of study. Now many wise things are said in the senior rhetorical class and many difficult problems are solved, but on this particular occasion several of us were 'straddle the fence.' Our kind professor having our consternation fall under his observation added to our edification by the following extemporization: 'For the duties of life first comes the school preparation followed by the aspiration for a college education. This brings an inclination for diversification or specialization; but concentration finally leads to graduation at the age of twenty-five. After this preparation comes the avocation and on due reflection a choice of vocation brings a situation, the location of which is in the nation of Five-years Starvation. This at the age of thirty is exasperation from which finally comes a consummation or the beginning of ruin or exultation in death, the emancipation which leads one to salvation or everlasting damnation. My contention is that this preparation is too much of an elongation for our duration of life.' If this allegation meets with your disapprobation as a practical demonstration, have kindly consideration for the professor's imagination which evolved this amusing bit of gabulation. Otherwise there would have been no senior notes this week.

ZETA SIGMA.

Election of officers for the spring term occupied the better part of last Monday evening. Mr. Helmer was the unanimous choice for President. Roy Campbell was put in the Vice President's chair. John Campbell will keep the records as secretary while Mr. Hill will handle the finances. The election of janitor seemed to have lost its usual excitement. Although there were twentythree men nominated for the place, the general sentiment seemed to have centered upon Mr. Hoben. He was unanimously elected. The usual ice cream and peanuts at Stevie's followed, Helmer and Hoben footing the bill.

PHI PHI ALPHA.

Thorough pruning is already beginning to show good results in Society. The programs are improving with each meeting. The merciless criticisms the different speakers have been receiving have helped very much and a strong society for next year seems to be assured. Debating and oratory as usual are the main lines of work.

The officers of the Y. W. C. A. elected at the regular annual meeting were:

President, Grace Brown; vice president, Ione Peacock; secretary, Grace McCord; treasurer, Lois Fraker. We are looking forward to an Inter-collegiate meeting Sunday April 19. Letters are expected from several of the former members concerning both city and college association work. Girls from other colleges have been invited to be present and to give talks on the work in their association.

LEAP YEAR ADVICE.

(By Thomas L. Masson.)

Before permitting yourself to be kissed, it is well to struggle. Don't overdo the matter, however. A little practice will enable you to know just when to yield.

If the girl insists on taking you into her lap protest steadily for some time—as long as you think she will stand it, but hang on. To get down from such a place that any stage of the game would be very rude.

The proper moment to put your head on her shoulder depends upon circumstances. If you are several feet taller than she is, allow her to sit down on the sofa first; you can then turn yourself along the floor until you strike the right angle.

Never say, 'Darling, this is so sudden.' Tell her, on the contrary, that you've been expecting it to happen so long you were getting uneasy. This will give her a chance to vary the monotony by sitting on you.

Accept the ring in the same kindly spirit it is given. You can take it off quietly to have it tested, and if it isn't up to the mark, inform her coyly that it has been a tradition in your family for generations back that the young man should have his choice out of several.

Have it understood at the start that she is to send you no gifts. For you can depend upon it that even in leap year the kind of things a girl would send a man are not available security anywhere.

Finally—always have the last word—and kiss.—Harper's Weekly.

PHILOMATHEAN

Philomathean, did you say!
Why, we're working every day;
With firm hand and level head,
By wise Gertrude we are led;
And Carmen though she is vice
Does not always give advice;
But as for Jessie with her smile
She does her duty all the while;
Ruth the daughter of A. P.
Keeps close track of every fee;
While Maud rises from her seat
And teaches us correct to speak.
Carrie with her giggly wit
For the Almanian writes a bit;
And Sara tries her best to please;
While Chrissy does things at her ease.
For music, yes! we have Leora,
Theresa, Marium, Ella, Dora.
Frances does not her duty shirk
But always helps in every work.
Bessie, Mable, and quiet Grace
Are always here with smiling face;
While last of all is Iffie, too,
Who lately joined our noble crew.

We're not very bright, we know,
But then, we're working so,
In a very short time
You'll see us climb,
And then you'll hear from us—By Joe!

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ALUMNI TALK.

Miss Susie Hawes, '07, and Miss Caroline Hastings, '04, were campus visitors last Saturday. Miss Hawes is located in Ovid and Miss Hastings in St. Louis.

Miss Mae Trompor ex '05, is taking a course in domestic science at the Thomas Training School of Detroit, Mich.

Miss Marion Paddock formerly a resident of Alma, and a student in the college, now resides in Detroit, where she is filling an excellent position with the Ling Piano Co.

Clarence Dafoe, sp. '07, and a member of Alma's championship baseball team, is now employed in the bank of A. L. Wright & Co., Bad Axe.

W. B. Gleason, ccm. '05, of Marlette, Mich, is the proprietor of a drug store in Alanson, Mich., and is enjoying Alma every opportunity.

Charles Joslin, with '02, of Alanson, Mich., is now employed as an electrical engineer in Spokane, Wash.

Henry Ridpath, ac. '04, of Petoskey, has just returned to his home from Everett, Wash., where he has been employed for some time.

Miss Maybelle Howard, assistant last year in the vocal department of the School of Music, has moved to Owosso and writes a letter of warm appreciation for the Almanian.

A. L. Winckler, ex '03 was married to Miss Elizabeth Ballantyne at Toronto, Canada, on February 25, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Winckler will be at home at Copper Cliff, Canada after March 4. Mr. Winckler has a responsible position with a copper mining company at the above place. We extend hearty congratulations.

Miss Pauline Hazelton '03 writes us a letter of hearty commendation for the Almanian from Winamac, Ind., where she is assisant supt, of schools.

Will Cooper has completed his course at Johns Hopkins and is now at his home in Detroit.

We are glad to hear from Miss Winifred Heston, Alma '93. She was active in all Y. W. C. A. and Alpha Theta work. After her medical course in Cincinnati, O., Dr. Heston was sent by the Women's Presbyterian Board of the Northwest to Kalpur, India, where she has been rendering efficient service since 1902. A letter has recently been received from Kalpur telling of her interesting work.

CAMPUS GOSSIP.

During Pres. Bruske's absence Prof. J. E. Mitchell has consented to take charge of the class in Ethics, and Prof. Adams that of logic.

Miss Eddy was called home, unexpectedly, owing to the illness of a relative.

Messrs. Sutherland and Tomes broke fast Friday evening and dined at Wright Hall.

Miss Minthorn has discontinued her studies at Alma and gone to her home at Lake City.

Mrs. N. C. Mason and Miss Lena, stopped over Friday with Miss Frances Mason.

Some of the occupants of Hood Museum are paying an unexpected visit to Wright Hall. The girls now have a Teddy Bear to hug in their loneliness.

Friday evening the volunteer fire department of Alma had a chance to show their usual bravery. But unfortunately it was but a false alarm and their services were not needed. It seems they are not used to County

Fairs in Alma.

Coach Harper has been the guest of Mayor Francis King during last week.

The greater part of the contents of Hood Museum found their way to Wright Hall during "Open House" at Pioneer. Teddy bears were much in evidence.

This fine weather is covering the campus with baseball and weight men as well as keeping the strolling places filled with "stiddies." Sugar bushes are popular places to "skip" to.

Don't expect any more Almanians for a week or two. Vacation begins this week. While you are resting write us a letter with a dollar in it. We're hard up for money.

The sun is shining on the brooks,
We are all yawning o'er our books.

We long to play

But here we stay

And curse our blooming luck. Gadzooks

Recently a young college gentleman with hair of sunset tendencies visited not far from Alma. He wore a stunning necktie which matched his hair beautifully. He evidently made a hit for on his departure Grandma was heard to remark "I wish the young gentleman with whiskers would come again.

BITTER GRIEF.

Oh, would I were an athlete,
A warrior strong and bold,
Could rush the pigskin, throw the weights,

And all alone could hold
A hundred ponds above my head
Of iron, gray and cold.
Then I could have a waiter's job
(At least, so I've been told.)

Oh, would I were to be some day
A preacher to mankind,
Were working now with that in view,
Methinks some help I'd find.
One hundred dollars from the board
In cash, so hard and cold.
I'd also have a waiter's job.
(At least, so I've been told.)

Oh, would I were a right smart chap
With also of brains to burn,
Were quick and spry, and both my hands

To skillful work could turn,
Possessed the tact and wherewithal.
To get within the fold,
Then I could have a waiter's job.
(Alas, so I've been told.)

Alas, alack—an idle dream!
For I am not athletic;
Me—in the pulpit chair—
A sight almost pathetic;
I don't possess the wherewithal
To get within the fold.
No waiter's job for me this year.
(Alas, so I've been told.)

—What would happen if
—William lost his job.
—if Chase turned optimist
—If Prexie swallowed his whiskers
—If the curl came out of Peggie's hair
—if Sutton told what he thinks of the Harbor Springs' people
—if Crissie swallowed her gum.
—if Horst went to Spruce next summer
—If John D. used Herpicide
—if Wilson took a reef in his legs
—if Big Mac did his hair up on rags.

Little Bill Wilson sat at the table
And never served butter
Tho he was well able,
He always passed it over
For all the girls to do.
Bill, read a book on etiquette
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