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ORATORICAL BENEFIT

Evening of Entertainment—Proceeds Go to Make up Prizes.

ADDS INTEREST TO CONTEST.

Misses Alexander, Goel, Johnston, Amsbury and Udel Give Program. Prof. Adams Elocutionist

To raise the necessary wherewithall for creating prizes to be given in the womans and mens contests in oratory, an entertaining program was rendered in the college chapel Tuesday evening. Because of a not overflowing audience the prizes are not as large as was hoped for the entertainment however was quite to the contrary. It was varied between music and elocution the musical numbers perhaps making up the bulk of the program. Miss Alexander's soli, as usual were charming. She sings with an air of simplicity that entirely captivates her listeners. Miss Goel, whose public performances possibly lack the polish of experience, succeeded however in eliciting much applause. Miss Johnston was the third member of the vocal trio and in the trio numbers the voices harmonized perfectly. Miss Amsbury, playing all of the accompaniments, as well as a piano solo, demonstrated her ability to the satisfaction of everyone. Miss Udel in her violin solo "Adoration" showed what an intensely human instrument the violin is when well played.

The other end of the program was taken care of by Prof. Adams, who arose to the occasion with a repatoire of a Robert Mantel, appearing with six different selections representing as many different emotions, varying from humor to pathos. The complete program is as follows:—

PART I

Solo—A Gypsy Maiden,.....
Miss Alexander
Trio—O, Skylark for Thy Wing...
Misses Alexander, Johnston, Goel
Solo—Were I a Gardner.....
Miss Goel
Reading—(a) My Ships.....
(b) The Laughing Philosopher.....
Mr. Adams
Piano Solo.....
Miss Amsbury
Solo—Hear Ye, Isreal (Elijah).....
Miss Alexander

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AND NOW FOR BASKET BALL.

BASKET B. SCHEDULE

Will Play Many of the Other Colleges This Year.

THE CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP

To Be Fought out Between Seniors and Juniors
Sophs. Freshmen, Preps and Commercials

With the foot ball season behind us attention will now be turned to basket ball and indoor track. This ought to be a banner year in basket ball and whether Alma's team wins or loses, the complete schedule which Coach Corritthers is formulating will make things interesting at least. First come the class games which have always aroused the excitement to the top notch, sometimes carrying it a bit too high. Class games are always scrappy and bring out a wholesome class spirit, however let us not allow our enthusiasm to run away with us and permit any such action as occurred at one of the games last year. The Seniors and Juniors will unite to form one team of the four, the Sophs will enter a team of their own, likewise the Freshies, while the Preps and Commercials will also unite to make the fourth. Coach has arranged for a series of games that, with the exception of the final championship game, will be played off before the Christmas vacation. This series allows every team one chance at every other team. Then the two winners will play it out for the class banner, probably playing for the best two out of three.

The best material developed in the class teams will constitute the college team. This team will be picked immediately after the Holidays and then the fun will begin in earnest. In previous years the colleges of the M. I. A. A. have not clashed in basket ball to any great extent. This year the prospects are good for having a stiff schedule. Undoubtedly Alma will be able to schedule games with Olivet, Albion, Hillsdale, M. A. C., Central Normals and Cadillac Y. M. C. A. This will carry basket ball beyond the merely local games that usually make up the schedule. We have no definite knowledge of just how strong these various schools are in basket ball but we needn't worry but that they will be plenty strong enough to

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Student Volunteer Movement

The student volunteer movement, for a number of years identified with the christian work of the college, received a strong impetus toward a more earnest endeavor in the visit of Miss Flora Robinson, the traveling secretary of the national student volunteer movement. Miss Robinson's whole time has been at the disposal of the students and she has talked personally with many of the students regarding missionary work as a life calling. Sunday afternoon she addressed a union meeting of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A., taking as her text the words of Saul of Tarsus, "Lord, what would'st thou have me to do?" Her address was inspiring and to the point, chief stress being laid upon the fact that if we once face the question squarely, "Lord what would'st Thou have me to do?" the battle would be half won. She said in part. "Life is not merely judged by the positive actions of good, but more probably by the negative good in it; not so much what we actually do but more what we might have done. The best actions are often left undone and for these things we will have to give an account, because we have set at naught our life's design. If we would honestly face the question of the text it would not only save us from a negative life but would

lead us into a life of positive activity.

Taking up the life of Keeth Faulkner as an illustration Miss Robinson clearly showed that "As long as heathen continents lay in darkness the burden of proof lies upon us" and that we must accept the responsibility of the "evangelization of the world in this generation." She said, "The measure of a life is not its length, that life is longest lived that serves the highest purposes. The organization of the student volunteer movement was the outgrowth of the influence of the life of Keeth Faulkner, after he had long passed away. We do not measure our life by what we might do but by what we are doing. Our religious life naturally falls under two heads, first subjective (due to our dispositions, inclinations, talents, family advantages, etc.) and second the objective, or better, location of our religious activity. Our vocation, that is our subjective life, is decided for us by these same inclinations, dispositions and talents but the location of our activities we can decide for our selves."

Dwelling for some length upon the needs of the foreign field Miss Robinson made this the subject of a strong appeal for more workers, stating that "if four out of every one hundred christians would enlist the demands of the board for workers would be filled and the evangelization of the world in this

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Oratorical Support.

At the musical entertainment given Tuesday evening Dec. 1st, the proceeds were sufficient to make a cash prize of five dollars to the winners of the women's and men's contest respectively. That the prizes could not be larger is to be regretted. The honor of representing one's college in the state contest is, perhaps, compensation enough. However taking into consideration of the time expended as well as the extra expense incurred a financial reimbursement in not to be sniffed at. The idea of giving an evening of entertainment is one way of solving the question of how to create the prizes. There are others, of course, but this plan seems to put it up to the students, whether they will support the orators or not. We can all help. If we are not able to write an oration or deliver one, that is of sufficient merit to enter the contest with, we can at least give our support by attending just such entertainments as this one. Furthermore we can show our enthusiasm by a large attendance at local contests. Nothing so disheartens a speaker as empty seats, while on the other hand nothing so thoroughly inspires him to his best as an overflowing, appreciative audience.

Flood Dams Field.

Sure - why not? The skating may be good now on the river, but how long will it last? The first fall of snow will spoil it for all winter. There is absolutely no reason why we cannot have good skating through the whole season. The faculty are willing, in fact are desirous that it be done, all that remains is a little "ambush" on our own part; and the rest is easy. In the first place after the first good snowfall it will be necessary to

bank in the entire field with a good solid snow bank. Then the water can be let in from the hydrants on the field and the professor of Physics assures us, that nature will freeze the water in a beautiful sheet of tempting ice every time the thermometer falls as low as 32 degrees F., without the least cause for worry on our part. How simple! The next thing to do would be to divide the fellows, that were interested, into gangs of, say, ten each and give each gang the privilege of keeping the ice clean, for a week respectively. And then, oh joy, through storm and sunshine, a constant pleasure would await us each day at 4.15. The fact of its being extra safe might even induce the powers that be to the extent of granting privileges for evening skating parties or something equally as hilarious. Every great movement, especially if a new one, demands a leader. Here's the opportunity - the psychological moment has arrived. Where is the man?

Verses - By the Item Box Spider

Each Tuesday in the college year,
Though tired as can be,
They gather in room number eight,
Our darling Faculty.
They sit all huddled in a group,
And nary a smile do you see,
In spite of now and then a "joke",
To please the Faculty.
Thus they sit and talk and fiddle,
Discuss each act of you and me,
To question if we're doing,
Cording to rules of Faculties.
They even check, each timely plan,
We may present in form of plea,
For how can we know what is best,
So think our Faculty.
So they worry and work till night
come on,
Reciting whims of destiny,
For they must shield us from harm,
Our darling Faculty.

Y. M. & Y. W. TOPICS

Prayer Meeting: Dec. 9 - What is
Worth While. Phil. 4: 1-23.
Met. 16: 26.

Y. W. C. A. Dec. 13 - Our Body
in Christ, Romans 12: 1-18.

Y. M. C. A. Dec. 13 - United
Prayer answered by Revival. Act
1: 12, 14: 1-6; 38, 39.

G. McComb states an
good authority that Bryan
Will Lecture for a liv-

ing from now on. Recent articles
On Scope & Views

have appeared in all the leading
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the occasion of joyous merriment.

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ALUMNI

Our old friend Jose Garcia is located at Lefoyeta, New Mexico. A few years back Jose was the only man on the campus who could cuss in six different languages.

Rev. Chas. M. Boyce a special student in Alma from 1822 to 1894 is now the successful pastor of the 1st Presbyterian church of Harrisville, Mich.

Miss Gladys Nelson '08 is giving splendid satisfaction as associate principal and teacher of Latin and English in the East Tawas High School.

Miss Nellie Hobson K. G. '05 has been engaged for her third year of service in the East Tawas Kindergarten School.

Prof. Howard Potter class of '06 and the popular Supt. of schools in East Tawas is busily engaged in preparations to move into the elegant new high school building being erected in that place. The building, when completed, will be one of the best in the state for the size of the city. It is two stories in height, with a basement which will be used for laboratory purposes, contains four large session rooms and seven class rooms. The cost of erection will be about \$25000. Prof. Potter is a man who brings things to pass.

Plainfield, New Jersey.

Before a congregation that filled the edifice and included the pastor and many laity of most of the evangelical churches of the city and borough, Rev. John Y. Broek was installed as pastor of Trinity Reformed church, last night, succeeding Rev. Dr. Corneilus Schenck, who served in that capacity for twenty years. The services by which the pastor-elect was induced into office were both beautiful and impressive and during the two hours required for it, the large congregation listened with marked interest. The church was simply, but attractively decorated for the event.

The installation services were in charge of the Classis of Newark, and its president, Rev. A. P. Tulp, presided.

Seated on the pulpit platform with Mr. Tulp were Rev. Dr. J. A. Chambliss, pastor of the First Baptist church and president of the plainfield Minister's Association; Rev. Dr. James I. Vance, pastor of the North Reformed church, Newark; Rev. Dr. E. P. Johnson, of New Brunswick, for sometime acting pastor; Rev. Alburto Broek, pastor of the Clinton Avenue Reformed church, Newark, and brother of Rev. Y. Broek, and Rev. Dr. E. G. Read, formerly of Somerville, but now of this city. The pastor-elect occupied a seat among the congregation, directly in front of the pulpit and took no part in the service until the close.

Among those who attended the installation services was a loyal

band of workers from the Grand Avenue Reformed church, Asbury Park, the pastorate of which Mr. Broek had just left. The party included Deacon and Mrs John Stines, Mr. and Mrs George Reighton, Mrs Grace W. Keutgen, Miss Belle Hope and W. H. Conner, deacon and treasurer.

The party remained throughout the entire service and at the close took occasion to speak in the highest terms of praise of Mr. Broek, not forgetting to express their regrets that they were to lose his services.

The following dispatch from Lapeer will be read with regret by Mr. Sidebotham's college friends: "Rev. R. H. Sidebotham, 34 years old, died at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon as a result of the injuries received in a gasoline explosion while he was attempting to kindle a fire in the morning.

Mr. Sidebotham was well known all over the state as a lecturer as well as minister. He was a graduate of Alma college and Princeton seminary, and for eight years a Presbyterian missionary in Korea, erecting several churches and schools while there. He was home at the present time on a years furlough and intended returning there in the early spring. His father is Rev. William Sidebotham, of Lake City, Mich., a prominent Presbyterian worker. Besides his father, mother and widow, Mr. Sidebotham is survived by two children, Alfred, 8, and Marguerite, 3 years old, both of whom were born in Korea; two brothers, Wesley, of Brooklyn, Mich., and Robert, a senior in Princeton seminary, and two sisters, Emly, a home missionary teacher for the last eight years in Hungerford academy, Utah, and Isabella, principal of the Emerson school in Cadillac. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon.

ALPHA THETA

The Thanksgiving program given last Monday evening was as follows; an original Thanksgiving story by Winifred Markham, reading of a Thanksgiving poem by Lois Fraker, a review of a Thanksgiving paper by Ruth Hoovey.

Women Oratorical Contest

Monday evening, Dec. 14th, will occur the women's oratorical contest. This is the second year Alma has held a woman's contest. The winner in this contest will represent Alma in the state contest. Everybody turn out and make the contest an enthusiastic one.

We Are not the only school in the inter-collegiate that is **Going to Have** a good basket ball team this year. What to do with

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ORATORICAL BENEFIT

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 Trio—Down in the Dewey Dell...
 Misses Alexander, Johnston, Goel
 PART II
 Solo—"A Night in Naishophur...."
 Miss Goel
 Reading—(a) Our Folks.....
 (b) The Thirty-nine Lovers.....
 Mr. Adams
 Solo—April Morn.....
 Miss Alexander
 Solo—A Lover in Damascus.....
 Miss Goel
 Reading—(a) Deutchie Advertisement.....
 (b) Rivermouth Rocks...
 Mr. Adams
 Violin Solo—Adoration.....
 Miss Udell
 Duet—Mrs. Proctor and Mrs. Doctor
 Misses Alexander and Goel

CAMPUS NOTES

Miss Tanner ex' 11 has been making an extended visit at the hall. Possibly the board is better than last year, possibly not, at any rate she is reported as saying that she had her fill.

Herb Ellers Alma's star shortstop of last year's championship team rambled into Pioneer the other night. "Just couldn't get by without dropping in to see the fellows."

Wasn't the beef steak and brown gravy an awful tumble from Turkey and Oysters. Wow!

If the walls of Pioneer Hall should receive a coat of white wash, the Alumni for the last ten years would be blotted out forever and probably straightway forgotten.

Talk about rank injustice. Some students spend thirty minutes every other day in the gym, swinging a three ounce dumbbell and receive for their trouble two hours credit. Certain others whom we could mention, spend four hours weekly swinging a broom and mop in the same gym, and instead of getting two hours credit—get certain other things we could mention.

The class reporters have evidently agreed among themselves that "mum" is the word.

Hey! you fellows that tore up the walk, a cement sidewalk can't be laid in zero weather.

Our faculty gets together every Tuesday afternoon to find out what is best to do and then does something else.

One or two of the latest song hits picked up by those who left town for Thanksgiving recess.



"I want Some One To Call Me Dearie."

Miss Cary

BASKET BALL SCHEDULE.

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 make things lively. Basket ball is one of the cleanest and liveliest games in our athletic curriculum and a few games with the other colleges will serve much to develop a good team. Competition is the spice of life and as long as we stick to our own petty field we can never expect the best results.
 The schedule is not definitely decided upon as to dates but will be printed in the next issue.

Student Volunteer Movement

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 generation made more of a possibility or if even one from every hundred students should enlist the most exacting requirements of the board for workers would be realized." She then brought up many questions one naturally raised when contemplating entering the mission work. These were easily met and satisfactorily answered. In conclusion M. S. Robinson urged upon her hearers the importance of making a decision and having a definite aim in life.

Special music was furnished by Miss Allen and Mr. Ralph McNitt.



"Gee—I wish I had a Girl Like the other Fellows Have."

Smith

Titus says that he **Has Entered** into every activity of the **School** life, even to guardsmen in Much Ado About Nothing, but that he will never do it **Again.**

Campbell says he knows a man that

Will Be Married next month.

It was sometime **During** the fall term that the faculty decided to have **Christmas** recess begin on Wednesday. Although a little tough, now, yet it gives us a longer summer

Vacation.

FLATTERING.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 1 '08
 Weekly Almanian,
 GENTLEMEN:—

You can't appreciate how valuable we find the Almanian. The first week it came we discovered that it just fitted the "warmer" in our new gas range. Coming every week so regularly it saves the trouble of folding or cutting a larger paper, and hence keeps the warmer clean and bright. Wishing you every success, I am,
 Very Truly Yours,

MINNE. SOTA.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 2, '08.
 Weekly Almanian,
 GENTLEMEN:—

We want you to know how necessary the Almanian is becoming to us. In truth it is a part of our every day life. There is something about the paper that our darling baby just dotes upon. He seems to know it from all others, and refuses to cut up anything else. The Saturday Post gives him fits, and the Ladies Home Journal he simply howls about and will not be pacified till we give him the Almanian. Keep up the good work.
 Sincerely etc etc,
 James K. Racket.

London, Eng., Nov. 7 '08
 Weekly Almanian,
 GENTLEMEN:—

We want to congratulate you upon the success of your paper thus far. It is the choicest bit of Foreign news that can be found here. Yesterday the British Parliament voted to incorporate it in their list and moved to transfer it verbatim to their records. With best wishes for a successful year,
 Fraternally Yours,
 Prime Minister to
 H. M.

"Anse Judson ran a porous mustard plaster through his pionola the other day. It must have played a hot tune.

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