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THE ALUMNI BANQUET

Held in Chicago on Washington's Birthday.

PROF. MITCHELL TOASTS ALMA

All the Speeches Bring Good Tidings for Alma's Future.

The Alma College Association of the Northwest met for its annual banquet at the Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago on the evening of the 22d. There were not so many present as in former years, owing to a lack of effort to acquaint the alumni and old students in and about the city, of the meeting and of urging all to be present, but a good time was enjoyed by all. Among those present were Mrs. Cora Mason Flint, who has not been present at former banquets, and who some will remember as a student here away back in '88 and '89; Ira M. Hatch, with the Lakeside Press in Chicago, and one of the big men of the city; Ambrose B. Wight of the class of '95, principal of the Talcott school of Chicago, with something like 1,800 pupils, an equipment of \$2,000,000 and a faculty twice as large as that of Alma College; James S. Wright, a student back in the '90's, and now a prominent lawyer of Chicago; Mrs. Mary Cook Streng of the class of '92, with her husband, Mr. Streng, a prominent business man of Chicago, connected with the Marshall Field Co.; Miss Carolyn Arnold Butler, '01, her sister, Mrs. Sadie Butler Northrup, together with Mr. Northrup, also a business man of Chicago; and the renowned W. G. S. Miller, one of the most loyal students Alma has ever had, and one of her most efficient workers. Mr. Miller is now a lawyer for the U. S. Steel Company at their new town of Gary, near Chicago. Prof. Mitchell, representing the college, was present and outlined the policy of the College for the immediate future, as to endowment, buildings, scholarships, students, etc.

At the suggestion of Mr. Streng a movement was made toward effecting a closer organization of the association, so as to keep in closer touch with the College and to secure a larger representation at the annual banquets. A committee consisting of Prof. A. P. Cook, for

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Froebels Entertain Phi Phi's.

Once more the Froebels entertained the Phi Phi's royally and everything reminded everyone of Washington, even down to the Virginia reel.

The meeting was at first turned over into the hands of the Phi Phi's, who rendered their literary program, before the two societies. The critic said it was one of their best productions, but no one knows whether it was or was not, sarcasm. "Jim" Hogg's was the first number, it was an original poem that all the Froebels voted true to life, especially Alma. Next Adrian Graham gave an essay on "Washington, the Patriot." Cass Chase led forth in oratory in a report on "American Invasion of Mexico," followed by selections from "Washington's Farewell address" by Marshall.

The critics report, however, made the hit of the evening as far as true literary work was concerned. Carefully he criticised each speaker on their "position" reluctance or over anxiety to "eyeing" the audience, etc.

Once more the Froebels became masters of ceremony and that to the fullest extent. After that America contest, which truly tested the practical knowledge of the Phi Phi's, all indulged in some of the favorite kindergarten games, such as, "won't you come and skip with me," etc. Then followed some progressive games of painting, block-building, paper cutting and in these the Phi Phi's proved themselves art students under the careful guidance of those worthy Froebel's. But those refreshments and the way they were served—and seconds on everything several times if you wanted!!! The Virginia reel was then settled upon, and it in turn settled those refreshments, settled the weighty problem of "May I Accompany You Home?" And finally, settled the fact firmly in the minds of all Phi Phi's that the Froebel's are the best ever.

Consider The Library.

Olivet seems to be face to face with the same difficulty in regard to their library as we are at Alma. The following letter, clipped from the Echo, expresses our sentiments exactly:

Dear Editor—I wish to make a protest through the Echo against the methods some students have of using the library, on account of

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The Alumni Question.

In the words of Louis Brooke, '96, in a recent address before a number of the students of Alma, "There is no Alumni question,"—and he is correct. When you come right down to the last analysis, what is the alumni question of any college? Simply this, to keep the alumni interested in the college, to make them think often of their Alma Mater, and endeavor to get their support, financial and otherwise, for maintenance of its various undertakings. This, in the main, is the practical analysis of the alumni question of any college, of Alma college. How to keep the alumni of Alma college interested, how best to make them feel that they are yet under its wings and still owe alliance to the maroon and cream. Mr. Brooke asserts that there is no such problem before Alma college—that she has no alumni question, that the alumni question is already solved, only we don't know it. The reason is obvious and worthy of consideration. The alumni themselves decide it—we, the present student body do not. The alumni, themselves, are interested in the college, we do not have to interest them, the alumni, themselves, feel that they have a vital part in all of the undertakings of the college—who doubts it for a moment? The alumni, themselves, are as loyal to the Maroon and Cream as we are. It is not for us to point that out. The simple fact is that the only thing for us to do is only to give them a chance—a chance to help us, a chance to advise us, a chance to come and speak to us—that's all they want. They are ready and willing, they are capable and experienced—it remains for us to open up the way to them and we'll find them ready and willing, yes, anxious to assist us, anxious to come back from time to time and help us along our way. There are scores of alumni within easy distance of Alma who are ready at any moment to help us to the extent of their opportunity. We ought to have one back every two or three weeks. Only create a demand, only give them the opportunity and we will quickly see demonstrated Mr. Brooke's statement, the simple fact that "there is no alumni question."

How about a Y. M. C. A. banquet this year? They have been a success in years gone by. The ladies of the church are ready and willing to help us put up the best spread to be had for the money.

EARLY BASEBALL DOPE

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SOME BASKET BALL FROLICS

In the Gymnasium Saturday Night. Creates No End of Amusement.

Baseball prospects have taken a decided jump during the past two weeks as the men have had a chance to show their worth, or at least enough so, that the coach and close observers are growing more and more elated over the outlook for another winning combination, with which we hope to again capture the M. I. A. A. baseball championship and consequently retain the much-sought-after cup.

The batting cage has been in use a little over a week and already the men are showing improvement along that line and are batting in very good form for such early practice, which ought to make good in the batting way, so essential to college baseball.

The fielding practice consists in fielding batted balls and in throwing to basemen. The coach hopes by this indoor practice to overcome some of the fielding and throwing faults which can be corrected in doors so that when the team is able to start out-door work he will not have this as a hindrance.

Of the new men, Call of Petoskey is showing up strong as a batter, and as an infielder; McCurdy has been doing well at batting and looks good as a possible member of the team, his specialty is first base, but he has played in the outfield. Hole, of Mancelona, is a promising right handed pitcher, but can play other infield positions and is developing into a strong batter; Graham of Crosswell, is rather light but has been fielding cleanly, handles himself well, shows good form as a batter. Clark of Clinton third baseman with a good high school record has been doing well and bids fair to make a hard race for the team. Laughlin of Chicago, is trying for the outfield position and will make a valuable man. Robt. Cook, after four years of "prep" training is endeavoring to land an outfield position and is working hard to improve his batting and under Coach Carrithers,

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Prof. Mitchell Stays.

Every college should be proud of its Alumni. Every Alumnus should be proud of his college. When Dr. Bruske announced in the chapel a few mornings back, that he had been engaged in a tug of war, with a western school at one end of the rope and Alma College at the other, his meaning for the moment was not exactly clear.

When the facts developed, however, that the said western state school was trying to capture our own Prof. Mitchell, by enticing offers; were endeavoring to have him enroll as a member of their faculty; and that our own Prof. Mitchell had put all their offers from him, flattering though they were, and had decided to remain with Alma college, his Alma Mater, when all this was made plain the applause was deafening.

And why shouldn't it be? Is there any among our faculty, who stands closer to the present student body than Prof. Mitchell? You alumni for years back, tell us, who befriended you when you were in trouble? Who persuaded you to remain in college and go on and finish when everything seemed to be going to smash; who by his enthusiasm, brought from the most discouraging prospects a banner year in athletics, not once only, but time and again; who was it that used to come up to your room when you were sick and leave behind an encouraging aftermath; who landed that job for you the year you could get none; who was it that used to come up to your room and just talk things over like any of the fellows; who was always the first to speak in the Y. M. C. A. and by his words and very presence make the meeting a success, who—well, never mind, you need not tell us—we know—yes indeed we know. We are getting the same help, we are getting the same encouragement, the same

advice, the same enthusiasm from the same man. We are one on this question, Professor Mitchell stays. Hallelujah. Amen.

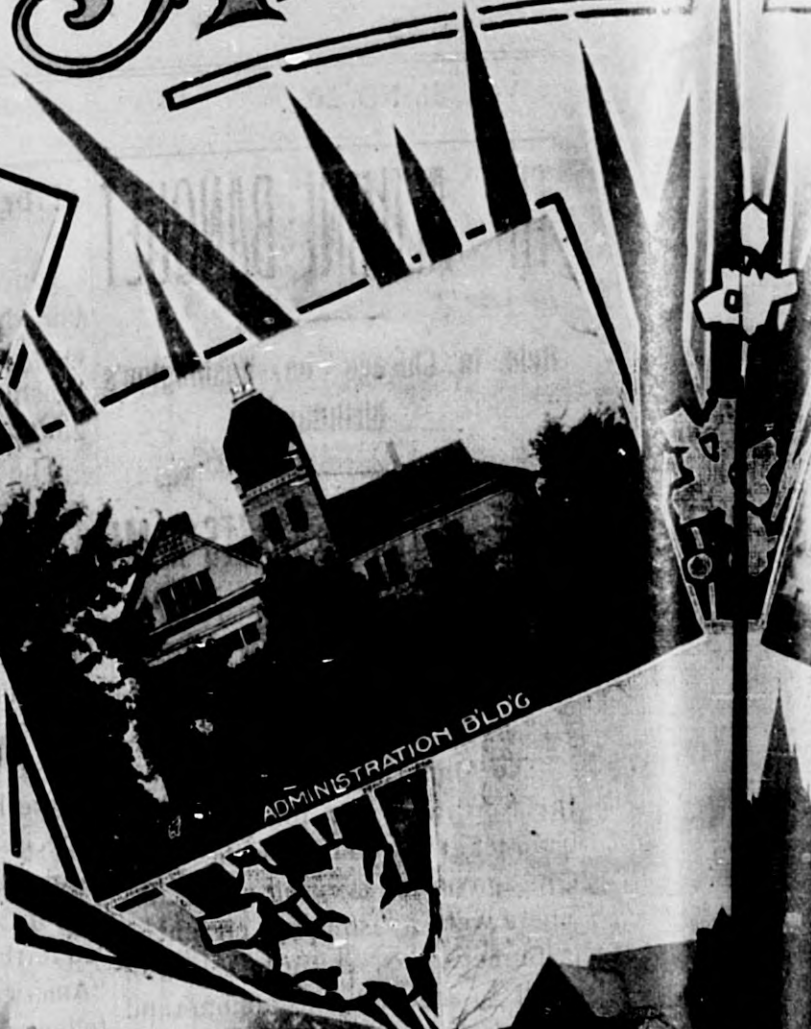
Miss Marjorie Roe has been obliged, on account of health, to leave Alma College for the remainder of the year. She has made many friends here who regret her departure and hope to see her here again next fall.

It takes an opportunity to draw out the man. Hume was, beyond a doubt, the man.

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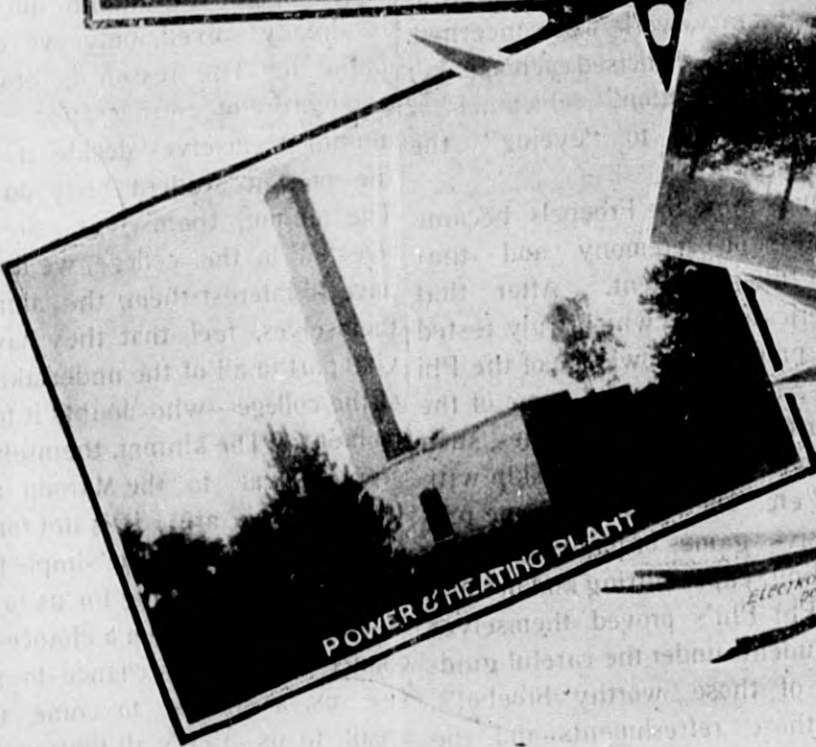
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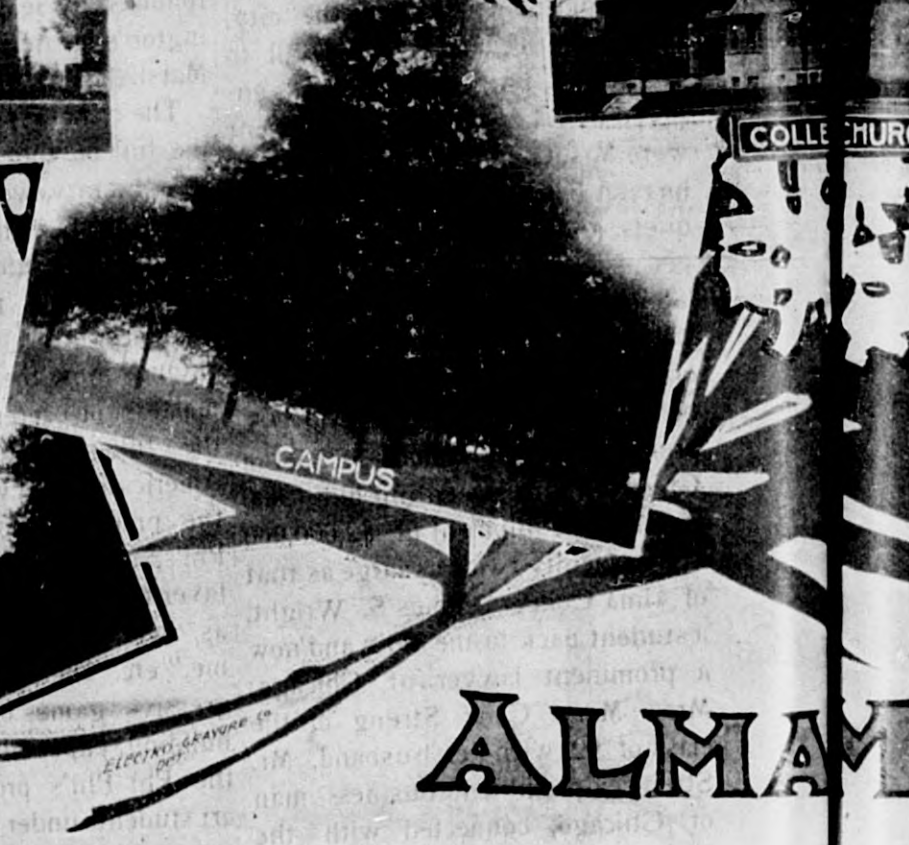
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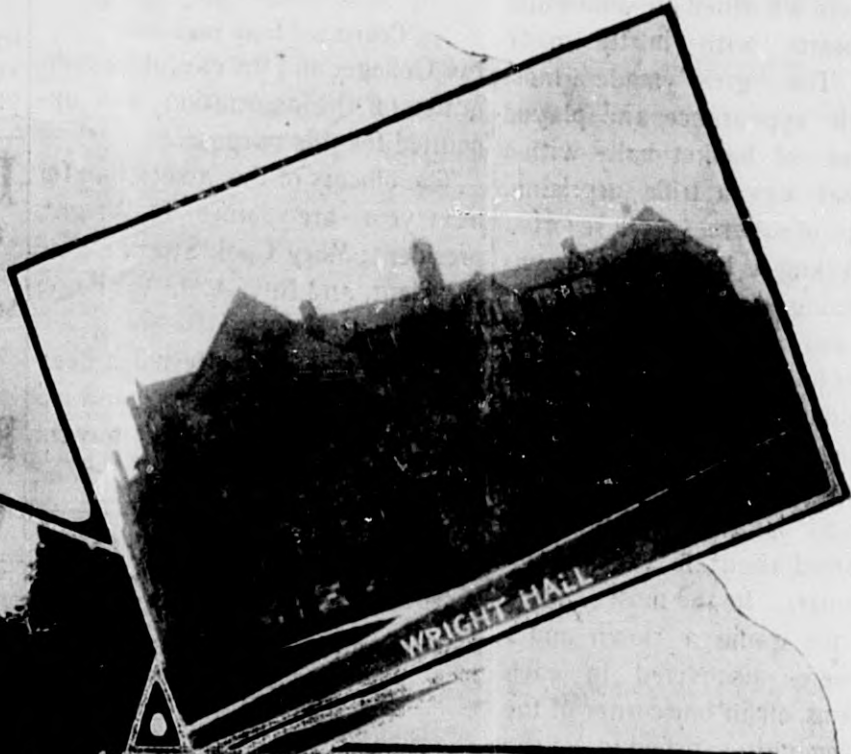
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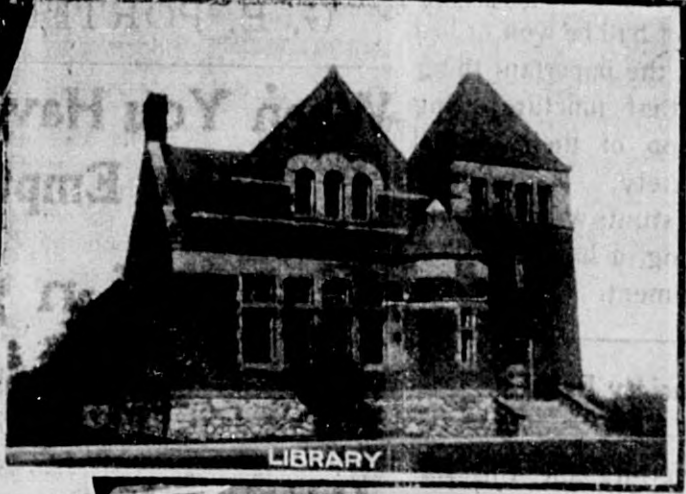
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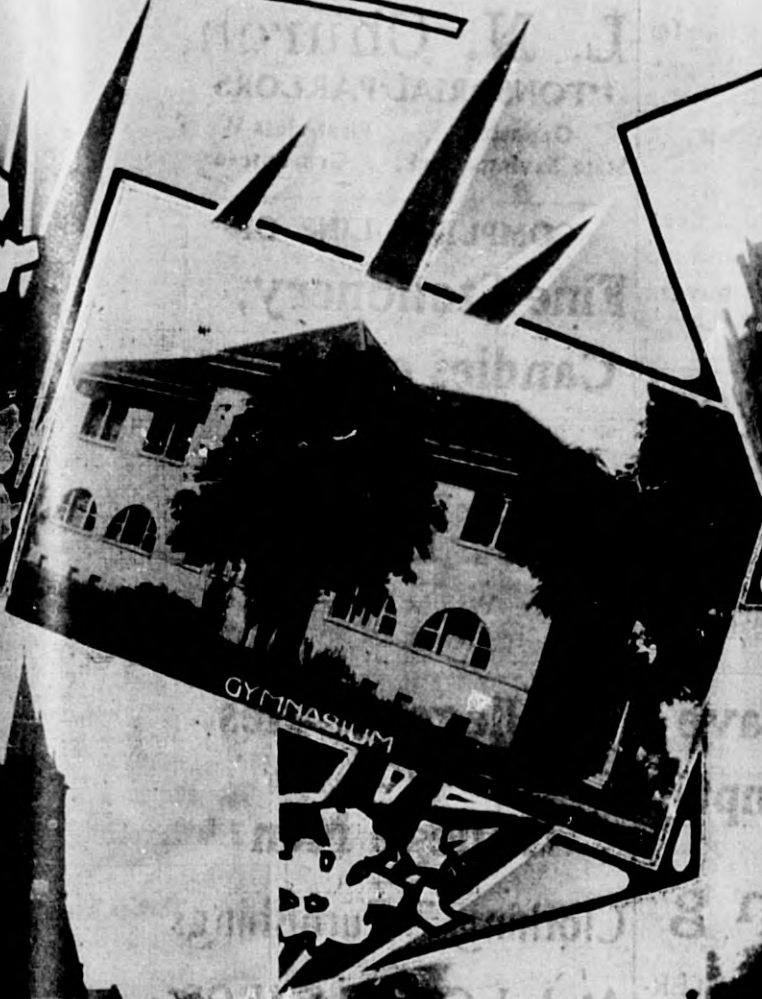
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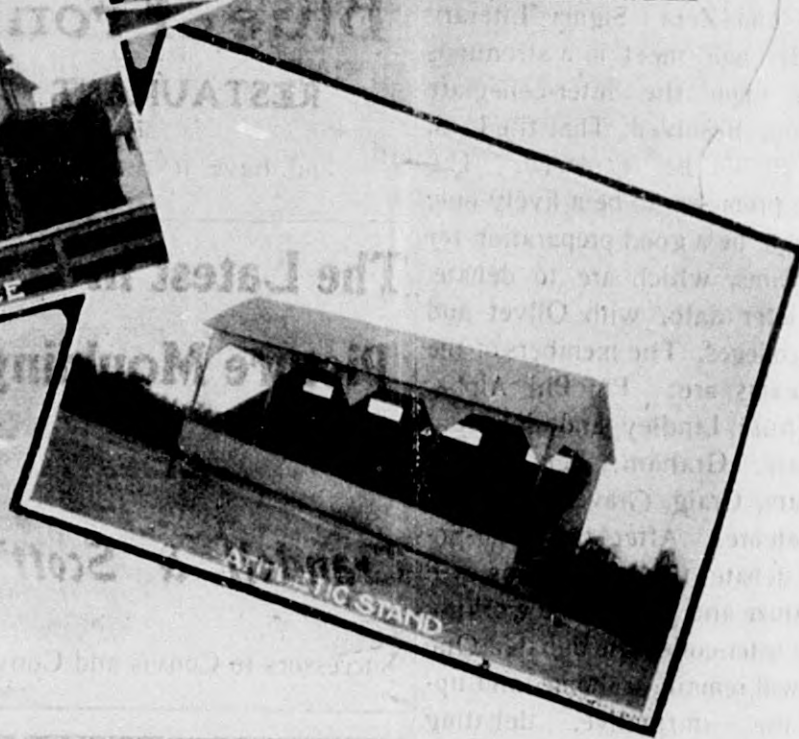
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which we must either be subjected to inconvenience, or stoop to the methods used by a few heedless ones. On a certain day last semester, for example, when there was a lull in the routine work of classes, I wished to improve the time by "doing" my collateral. After making an extra effort to be at the library as soon as it opened, I hastened to the seminary room only to find that the book I needed was gone. Search by the librarian did not succeed in unearthing the book, and there was no record of it left at the desk. The mystery of its disappearance was solved later when a student quietly returned the book without saying anything about it. This is not an isolated case, or it wouldn't be worth mentioning, but has occurred more than once in my experience.

The privilege of free access to the stack rooms is a great favor to the students; but if it is continued, the honor system must not be abused, and it is probable that many such instances as the above would result in its permanent withdrawal. I don't think it is fair that all the students should suffer for the sake of a few, and, therefore, suggest that everyone show disapproval of such infringement of rules, and even report them if necessary. A STUDENT.

Who Goes to Kazoo?

All the state college exchanges at hand, unite on one thing, that their orator or orators will undoubtedly take first place, in the contest at Kalamazoo this coming Friday. Hence we make the same statement, regardless of the fact that all cannot gain the coveted honor, and hereby officially join all the other colleges in declaring that OUR orators will land first place.

The oratorical mass meeting was a huge success, the orations were delivered in first class style, and all that's lacking is to know who goes to Kazoo? The best of entertainment for all who go will be provided at Kalamazoo, the only expense being the fare. Come now, brace up, get the feeling and go. Take the 8:14 train Friday morning, which gets you into Kalamazoo in plenty of time for the ladies' contest at 3 o'clock. The two contests will be an inspiration to all and to visit another college—especially a good one—is a valuable addition to your education. Who goes to Kazoo?

"Pa what is foot ball coach?"
"The ambulance, I should imagine."—Ex.

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EARLY BASEBALL DOPE.

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ought to prove a valuable man before the season ends.

Koepfgen is also out this year for the college team and is working hard with the desire to procure a place in the outfield.

Of the old men Capt. Johnson and "Sandy" Duncanson, both left handers will capably take care of the pitchers end of the game and "Sandy" ought to hit better than ever this year as he is using his old batting form. Hoben and Campbell will endeavor to hold down the catching department, Phillips is trying for second and is stronger than ever, Dearing and Brown are trying for first base.

As a whole the prospects are brighter and with diligent practice indoors until spring vacation the team ought to be in first class shape to start outdoor work when they return for the spring term.

To round off the basket ball season a new idea was sprung Saturday evening, when two thrilling games, from the sides lines at least, were played for the amusement of the spectators, and for the moderate sum of ten cents per. The jolly bunch of swipes, who play a prominent part in college affairs—fact is they keep us all alive and could take the very bread from our mouths if they so desired—the swipes challenged an all-college team and got most unmercifully drubbed in an exciting game ending thirty-three to eighteen in favor of the college. The swipes made up for their failure to get baskets by the noise made by their official thunder producers, Inglis and McComb, who held down one corner of the gymnasium with an array of trays and clubs and other ear splitting devices, that would put modern stage appliances to shame. Enthusiasm ran high on the side lines, the majority of the rooters being for the swipes.

The line up:

Swipes		College
Koepfgen	R. F.	Graham
Johnson	L. E.	Hooper
Campbell	C.	Hoben
McComb	R. G.	Fraker.
Phillips	L. G.	Hole

Field Baskets, Swipes.
Campbell, 4; Koepfgen, 2.
Phillips, 2; McComb, 1.
College: Hoben, 9; Hooper, 5;
Fraker, 2; Graham, 1.
Fouls, Hoben 1 out of 1; Campbell 0 out of 0.
Umpire—Carrithers, Illinois.

The second game of the evening, however, was about the richest exhibition of "Evolutionized Co-ed Basket Ball" put before an audience. The first team dressed as clowns played the second team attired as girls. The playing that followed was naturally somewhat curious. The clowns executed many a ludi-

crous antic that set the crowd most frantic with laughter, yea, their faces were wreathed in smiles and their hearts with mirth made lighter. The "girls" made a most laughable appearance and played the game—of basket ball—with a vigor that was a trifle surprising. All sorts of schemes were resorted to in effecting a basket, the clowns often lining up in true foot ball fashion and rushing the "girls" off their feet in a most boisterous manner, would get the ball down the field, climb upon each others backs and drop it in the ring, the crowd roaring and laughing, while the "girls" stood about in a most helpless manner. In the most exciting part of the game a clown and a "girl" were discovered in each others arms, off in one corner of the court, seemingly satisfied to let the game of basket ball be won or lost on its merits, the important thing for them, at that juncture, being the continuation of their mutual admiration society. Many other equally funny stunts were brought about producing a half hour of hilarious merriment.

Inter-Society Debate.

Monday evening the Phi Phi Alpha and Zeta Sigma Literary Societies will meet in a strenuous debate upon the inter-collegiate question, Resolved, That the U. S. navy should be increased. The debate promises to be a lively one, and will be a good preparation for both teams, which are to debate, at a later date, with Olivet and Hope colleges. The members of the two teams are: Phi Phi Alpha, Von Thurn, Lindley and Johnson; alternate, Graham; Zeta Sigma, Dunham, Craig, Graves; alternate, Whittemore. After the inter-Society debate the two teams will reorganize and commence working for the inter-collegiate debate. One team will remain at home and uphold the affirmative, debating against Hope college who sends their negative team here. The other team, debating the negative will be sent to Olivet.

Miss Irene Burton received a short visit from her mother.

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the College, and the executive committee for the association was appointed for this purpose.

The officers of the association for next year are James S. Wright, president; Mary Cook Streng, vice president, and Rev. A. J. VanPage, secretary-treasurer.

Those present manifested a deep interest in the College and a willingness to do their part toward advancing its interests.

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