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## 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Brock of '02 and Helmer of '08 Return to Respond to Toasts

## CAMPBELL AS TOAST MASTER

Zeta Sigma Holds Her Annual Banquet at The Wright House, Tuesday Evening

It would not be enough to remark that from the standpoint of numbers alone the annual banquet of Zeta sigma Literary Society out shone all previous banquets. Indeed this is simply one of the many ways in which the last banquet excels all others. Every year they grow better and are more largely attended. Every year they grow more popular and interesting. This year's numbered thirty-two couples and the corresponding jollity of the occasion may well be imagined, when it is stated that Roy Campbell acted as toastmaster and such men as Phillips, Blaske and Helmer responded to toasts.

At nine o'clock a long line of jolly couples filed into the dining room of the Wright House eager to make fierce onslaught upon the festive board of "My Lord Barron." Course after course of good things from Tomato Bouillon for a starter to Cafe Noir and Punch at the finish were disposed of with astounding regularity. In the meantime jokes and stories were let loose upon all sides and not till the last one was told and the joke explained did the conversation ease up a little.

If laughter goes well with digestion then surely none should suffer from desepsia for the mirth reached a somewhat hysteric stage before even the second course was disposed of.

With dinner out of the way and every one feeling happy, Toastmaster Campbell took things in hand and thereby hangs the tale that tells of wit, humor and anecdote. For short stories that score a point, Campbell is surely unexcelled and his unique introductions were the marvel of the evening.

"Sandy" Duncanson was the initial man on the program and his toast, "Looking Backward" scored a hit. Sandy dwelt upon the past four years of college life with successes and failures and ended

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## ALUMNI.

R. G. Swigart '04, who received his master's degree at Alma last June, is principal of Mt. Pleasant High school. Mr. Swigart was formerly teacher of science in the same school, but this year has been promoted to the position of principal.

Mrs. Essie Hooper Sidebotham, '03, spent the Thanksgiving vacation with her parents in Alma.

mobile Co. at Detroit.

Martin Kramer, who took two years of work with '04, is chemist in a consultory laboratory in Chicago. He was recently joined by his wife and family and has moved into his new home at 616 E. 90th St. Mrs. Eleanore Christy Kramer spent three years at Alma and was also a member of the class of '04.

Benton Dunning, ex-'07, has re-

## ROCHESTER CON.

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When the portals of Convention Hall, Rochester, N. Y., swing open at 3:00 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1909, it will be to receive what will undoubtedly be the largest gathering of students assembled for a religious purpose. This will be the sixth convention of its kind, the attendance of those previously held will make clear the marvelous growth of the Student Volunteer Movement.

1st, 1891, Cleveland, Ohio 680 delegates.

2nd, 1894, Detroit, Mich., 1,324 delegates.

3rd, 1898, Cleveland, Ohio, 2,221 delegates.

4th, 1902, Toronto, Canada, 2,857 delegates

5th, 1909, Nashville, Tenn., 4,235 delegates.

Four conventions of a similar character have met in England.

The purpose of these conventions is to bring together representative delegates of students and professors of highest learning in Canada and the United States, and leaders of the missionary enterprise, both home and foreign for helpful association and inspiration; to consider unitedly the greatest problems incident to the world's reorganization; to gain an adequate conception of the missionary possibilities of the church; to pray and earnestly resolve to enter with greater consecration upon the work of extending the Kingdom of Christ among the Non-Christian nations.

The leading feature of this student gathering will be, first the address of some of the ablest missionary speakers of North America

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## The Average Freshman

When dear Willy starts for college,  
How his loving parents dream,  
Of a brow bulged out with knowledge,  
And of essays by the ream.

That when he comes home once more,  
He'll have glasses on his nose,  
Honors, at the least a score,  
And he'll never write in prose.

Christmas comes: how sad and shocking!  
Here is Willy; half-back now,  
And from foot ball, not from cramming,  
Come the bumps upon his brow.

Hair, six inches long; complexion,  
Tanned, not pale from nights of toil;  
And he's burned far more tobacco  
Than of classic midnight oil.

Standings, mostly "C" or lower;  
Verses, not a single rhyme,  
Tho' he writes for sporting columns  
When he thinks he has the time.

Memberships in clubs a dozen;  
"Frat." is his ambition's crown,  
Values more his big "A" sweater  
Than full dress, or cap and gown.

Speaks strange tongues; not Greek or Latin,  
But such words as these: "high ball";  
"Pony", "flunk", "exam", "cinch", "kick-off",  
"Goo-goo eyes", "cut gym", "five all".

All our ideals rudely shattered,  
To the real we meekly bow;  
What a change from mother's Willy  
Is this college fellow now!

Dan Duncanson, who played quarter on the varsity team during the seasons of '06 and '07 and helped the base ball team to two championships, was on the campus over Sunday. He refereed the Ithaca—Fenton High school game Saturday afternoon.

Eugene Brown, ex-'11, who played left field on the ball team last year, attended the foot ball game and reunion at Ann Arbor Nov. 13. Brown is now employed in the office of the Packard Anto-

mobile Co. at Detroit. Ben. played first base on the team three years and during his last year in school played a star game at half on the foot ball team. His old Alma friends wish him success in his professional career.

At Alma it was felt all the fall that if Joe Manidsohu were given a show at Michigan, he would play a fast game for the university. Joe played for two years at half-back on the Alma team and all Alma people are proud of the game he played.

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### ONCE MORE.

Again it seems wise to say a word or three concerning that song contest. A number of productions are on the way to the editor and more are in the making. One has already reached us. The time given for the contest will soon be half gone. Don't wait until the last day. Begin right now, if not sooner. You can't write a college song worth while in five minutes, and we want only the best.

### BASKET BALL PROSPECTS

With the Soph-Fresh and Scrub-Barbarian foot ball games settled comes the end of another foot ball season. Again has the foot ball armor been set aside for other things, in their season.

Though the majority of the games have been defeats, the season has been far from an unsuccessful one. Many an adverse circumstance at critical times hindered the team from doing its best work. Though many of the men were in experienced, they have acquitted themselves well, and under good coaching, have learnt much foot ball, which will show itself in a very distinct manner next year. Only one or two men will not return for next year and with this years experience, we should not feel backward in looking for a championship team next year. The awarding of A's and the election of next years captain will take place the middle of this week.

Next on the scene of college athletic world will appear the light clad basket ball player, looking for honor and distinction. Already Captain Keopfgen has been carry-on preliminary practice preceeding the annual inter-class games which will be pulled off before Christmas and thus form an opportunity to get a line on the varsity material on hand. The class games promise to be more close and exciting than

ever. Each class in the college will be represented by the strongest class team in its history. The Seniors will be represented by Campbell, McComb, Duncanson, Graves and Chase. The Juniors have Capt. Keopfgen, Fraker and Phillips of last year's varsity, T. Chapel, Lindley and Johnson. The Sophomores, R. Cook, Graham Pholey, Call, Boyd and others of experience. The Freshmen have Hooper, Ewing, and L. VonThurn, stars of last years second team, Edgerton and Misnar. all six foot basket ball men of experience and numerous others to pick from. As yet the class schedule is not complete but will printed in the next issue.

Of last years varsity team Capt. Keopfgen, Ex-Capt. Fraker and Campbell, and Phillips are in school and will endeavor to keek their place on the team. Hooper is the most likely candidate of the last years second team and can capably hold down either forward or guard position. Ewing and Graham also started last year at foward position and with L. VonThurn at guard will make a lively race for varsity honors. Pohley, a Sophomore but a new man in college, comes with a reputation



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and from appearance will give a good account of himself on the basket ball floor.

Edgerton shows up very favorably at center for a new man and with a little more experience, with his height and weight, ought to make a very valuable varsity man.

The season's schedule is still incomplete but negotiations are on with most of colleges and normal schools of the state and a very full list of games is promised.

At such an early date it is hard to make an estsmate of the teams probable strength but we can at least look forward to a very successful season. The team surely promises to be stronger than it has been in years.

most cordially invited. In the future notice of such programs will be given in the columns of The Almanian.

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Our society spent a very pleasant evening with its sister society, the Alpha Theta, on the 22nd of November. After listening to a splendid program, refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.

We have, at last, after a series of business meetings and social evenings, fairly begun our winter work in the study of English Cathedrals by a program on the development of architecture, and we are looking forward to very pleasant as well as profitable times together.

**FROEBEL**

The Froebels are doing some good program work, which consists of Greek and Roman Mythology, especially in reference to literature and art. Lantern slides from the Art Club of Saginaw, are used every other week. Program for Nov. 29, '09, as follows:

- 1 Answer roll call with quotations from the Bible.
- 2 Reading room report.
- 3 "Story of Beginning of all things." (including Myths of Creation to Titan Revolt.)
- 4 "Story of Beginning of all things." (from Titan's Revolt to the story of Epimetheus and Pandora,
- 5 Story of Epimetheus and Pandora.

**M. I. A. A. CONFERENCE**

The representatives of the various colleges in the M.I.A.A. met in Robinson hall Friday, Nov. 5th, and completed arrangements for the base ball schedule for the spring of 1910. April 22 Kalamazoo will play at Alma; April 23, Adrian at Albion and Kalamazoo at Alma; April 25, Adrian at Hillsdale; April 27, Albion at Olivet; April 30, Hillsdale at Adrian and Kalamazoo at Olivet; May 4, Albion at Kalamazoo; May 6, Adrian at Alma and Albion at Hillsdale; May 9, Hillsdale at Olivet; May 10, Kalamazoo at Albion; May 14, Albion at Alma, Olivet at Adrian and Kalamazoo at Hillsdale; May 18, Olivet at Albion; May 20, Alma at Hillsdale; May 21, Olivet at Kalamazoo; May 23, Hillsdale at Albion and Adrian at Olivet; May 25, Olivet at Alma and Kalamazoo at Adrian,

The championship contests will be played at Field Day when the three highest teams in percentage will compete with Kalamazoo in a double header, the two winning teams playing off the final game on the last day—Albion Pleiad.

According to this schedule our team will play at least six games, five of them being on our own home ground.

**SIDE-TALK**

Alma College has a number of things of which she may justly be

proud. The campus, the athletic field and the buildings, all are worthy of esteem. One of the things which causes "Peevy", especial pride is the museum. The building itself is fine, but that cannot be compared with the contents. We have heard it said by some of old time that the specimens collected in that building are beautiful. But what student of this college generation knows for himself? Months and months ago a few daring and fool hardy people entered the well guarded building and brought back glowing tales of the rare and radiant specimens therein. Many of the new students this year have cast longing glances museumward but none have entered; others have dared to sit on the steps on Friday nights, but not a peep at the hidden treasures did they get. So far as the students are concerned we might as well have no museum at all. As the situation now stands there are, it seems, only two ways in which admittance to the cloister may be gained. No. 1 is to wait until commencement week and take a chance with all the rest; No. 2 is to leave college, become a great man and bring back some exceedingly valuable specimen and then you will be allowed to enter the fast-barred portals and view the spot where your specimen is to stand, safely guarded from curious eyes.

Now who has authorized Mr. Buttinsky to say all this? Answer is no one. He just did it himself, must suffer for his crime. But before his decease he merely wanted to know what a museum is for, ours in particular.

The faculty have not authorized this statement, but we feel sure that they will soon arrange matters so this much-talked-of building may be open to students and college friends once or twice a month. Sure, why not? What is there to hinder?

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with an optimistic forecast of the future of Zeta Sigma. "The Dinner was toasted in fine shape by Mr. Blaske, who mounted to flights of oratory heretofore unattempted by mere man. After giving an historical development of the banquet from the days of our ancestors, who dwelt in caves, Mr. Blaske drew some lively comparisons with the modern banquet, incidentally taking a few random shots at some of those present. Mr. Phillips made the girls feel at home in a unique toast entitled "Our Guests." With all a hard subject and a difficult one, yet Mr. Phillips, drawing no doubt on his own personal experience, handled the subject very cleverly. The reply, "Our Hosts," was given by Miss Gillard, who rose to the occasion with alacrity. Her toast made the fellows feel like "Kings" and her flattery was only exceeded by the excellent way in which she handed it out.

The Freshmen had an able representative in Mr. Thompson, who responded to the toast "What Next." His language rang true to the highest and best wishes to Zeta Sigma, coupled with a firm determination of doing valent service in the ranks himself.

At this juncture Mr. Brock of '02, broke in upon the stillness with an impromptu address that was a marvel in structure, composition and delivery. His running fire of wit and oratory was only checked by the enthusiasm of his auditors, who applauded so loud and long that Mr. Brock could not raise his voice above the din.

Something new was sprung in in the nature of affiliation with the Adelpic Society of Olivet college. Mr. Townsend of Olivet was on hand representing his society and in an able toast "Affiliation" stated the situation. Mr. Graves responded for Zeta Sigma and expressed the pleasure as well as the benefit derived from the proposed affiliation

Last but not least came "Hal" Helmer, responding to the toast of "Good Fellowship." No one was better qualified. Good fellowship indeed prevailed the whole affair and with the usual parting remarks of the toastmaster, the Twentieth Anniversary banquet of Zeta Sigma Literary Society passed into history

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and other lands. These will constitute the program of the five evening sessions. These will forcibly emphasize the needs of the Non-Christian world today. Second, the discussions of each day concerning the fastening of mission interest among students, the financial problems of missions and the responsibility of the church at home in view of the consecration of students to the world-wide evangelization. There will be sectional conferences devoted to the needs of the great mission fields; conferences for delegates from different classes of institutions, conferences enabling the delegates to meet the missionary leaders of their own communions. A prominent place on the program will be given to addresses tending toward the deepening of the spiritual life of students in general. There will be an exhibition of missionary literature, including maps and periodicals, that will be thoroughly practical. The exhibit is so planned as to give the delegates the needed directions in choosing books to be studied in the mission classes of their respective colleges.

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