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NEW HONOR SYSTEM

A Move Which It Is Hoped Will Improve Scholarship.

NOT WON BY COMPETITION

Individual Merit to be Rewarded—Chance For All to Win Highest Honors.

The faculty has recently adopted a new system of grades and credits, which goes into effect at once in all college classes subject to such readjustments as may prove to be necessary. Attention is called to the following exposition of the new system.

1. Each semester course receives credit not only in "hours" but also in "honor points," the number of which varies according to the final grade received.

2. The relation between grades and honor points is shown in the following table:

| Grade | Meaning | Honor-points |
|-------|-------------|--------------|
| A | Excellent | 6 |
| A— | | 5 |
| B | Good | 4 |
| B— | | 3 |
| C | Fair | 2 |
| C— | | 1 |
| D | Passed | 0 |
| E | Conditioned | -1 |
| F | Failure | -2 |

3. A minimum of 120 credit-hours and 80 honor-points is required for graduation; or an average of 15 credit-hours and 10 honor-points per semester.

5. Graduation honors are awarded as follows: for a minimum of 140 honor-points, third honor (cum laude); 180 honor-points second honor (magna cum laude); for 220 honor-points, first honors (summa cum laude.)

5. Unexcused absences from recitation lower the final grade and consequently the number of honor points in the course concerned.

6. For each unexcused absence from church or chapel 1-5 of an honor-point shall be deducted from the number of honor-points in the number of honor points earned in a semester.

The results the new plan aims to secure are, first, a higher quality of work on the part of the average student; second, the public recognition and approval by the institution of excellence in scholarship; and, third, the maintenance of a high ideal of conduct and attainment in college effort.

JUNIOR

It beats the dutch! Ya! What does? Why the class of 1911 of course. Yes it was last Friday night and we certainly had the one best time. Members of latent geniuses came to light too, people whom we had never suspected of such a thing, betrayed the most marked artistic ability, for instance our esteemed Prexy whose amazing performance of "Annie Laurie" entranced us all. Yea, verily, and those wedding gown descriptions

style. Then, to aid digestion, we all gathered around the piano and musical sounds floated out upon the balmy air to the striking accompaniment of a chorus of bricks rattling on the pavement, evidently coming from the windows of all the houses of that neighboring blocks, one depraved citizen even yelled "Scat!" and the best of it was that we got home—early.

What's the matter with Flopsy? She's all right! Who's all right? Flopsy!

CLASSICAL CLUB

Fine Program Given In Biological Laboratory to Interested Audience

ESSAYS AND LANTERN VIEWS

Steady Increase in Membership and Quality of Productions—Good things to Come.

The best and most interesting program of the year was that given before the club last Saturday evening in the Biological laboratory. After the members had answered to roll call by reciting some Latin proverb and also translating it the literary productions were given. The first was a description of Roman family life, given by Mr. Yonker. The relations existing between the different members of the immediate family and the slaves and was clearly brought out; also the relation of the family to the state.

Miss Randall read a paper on the family life of the Greeks in which she described everything from hobby-horses to marriage customs and did it in a commendable manner. Every phase of their family life and customs was clearly portrayed. Both of these productions were the result of careful preparation and indicate the interest taken in the work we are following.

Prof. Ewing has been trying for some time to arrange a date for a lecture to be given by some man who has traveled in Italy, or Greece and now we can state definitely that on January 14, Prof. Arthur S. Cooley of Auburndale, Mass. will give an illustrated lecture, in Alma, his subject being "A Tour in Greece." Mr. Cooley has traveled extensively in Italy and Greece and has a wide reputation among the colleges and universities in this country for his ability as a successful lecturer. He has a large number of well chosen stereoptican views which make his speeches all the more interesting and instructive. Every effort will be put forth to make it a success and no person, whither a student or citizen, who has any interest whatever in such subjects, can afford this miss this opportunity.

Allen McFadden, ex-'10 visited Alma for a few days last week on return to Grand Rapids, after attending the State Sunday School convention.

The Students' Ten Commandments.

By John M. Thomas, D. D.

1. Thou shalt keep the services of God and man before thine heart as the end of thy work.

2. Thou shalt inquire of each study what it has for thee as a worker for a better world, not relinquishing thy pursuit of it until thou hast gained its profit unto this end.

3. Thou shalt love the truth and only the truth, and shalt welcome all truth gladly, whether it bring thee of the world joy or suffering, pleasure or hardship.

4. Thou shalt meet each task at the moment assigned for it with a willing heart.

5. Thou shalt work each day to the limit of thy strength, consistently with the yet harder work which shall be thy duty on the morrow.

6. Thou shalt respect the rights and pleasures of others, claiming no privilege for thyself but the privilege of service, and allowing thyself no joy which does not increase the joy of thy fellowmen.

7. Thou shalt love thy friends more than thyself, thy college more than thy friends, thy country more than thy college, and God more than all else.

8. Thou shalt rejoice in the excellences of others, and despise all rewards saving gratitude of thy fellows and the approval of God.

9. Thou shalt live by thy best, holding thyself relentlessly to those ideas thou dost admire in other men.

10. Thou shalt make for thyself commandments harder than another can make for thee, and each day commandments more rigorous than thine own laws of the day before.

—Independent.

were worthy of the fashion paper of the Ladies Home Journal or the Delinator, they were so concise and vivid, particularly the pink and green one with the buttons. But that business of pinning shoes on the Dutch girl was the limit. Poor thing! She had shoes applied from the crown of her head to—well to everywhere but the sole of her foot. Keopfen got the prize.

Oh! dear, yes! The refreshments were just simply too utterly utter for any good use. The menu was in Dutch

NEW PREACHER SYNOD OF MICHIGAN

James Hall Ronald arrived at the home of Rev. and Mrs. H. N. Ron, ald of Plymouth, Monday morning—December 6, and has taken the Presbyterian manse. He is said not to be a great sermonizer but is very strong on delivery, especially in his evening sermons. Hugh N. is now assistant pastor of the Plymouth church.

Basket ball Saturday evening.

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ALUMNI NOTES

Miss Lena Drake, Kg. 10, is teaching school at Harbor Springs. She expects to visit friends on the campus at Thanksgiving time.

Oliver Hale has an address as long as your arm. It follows: Hon. Oliver Hole, Esq. Devil's Track Lake, care of Alger Smith, camp number two, Grand Marais, Minnesota.

F. W. Cobb, '08, a former editor in chief of the Almanian is still in charge of commercial work in the Broadway high school in Seattle, Wash. Mr. Cobb occupied the same position last year.

J. E. Webber '05 is in his last year's work at McCormack seminary and expects to return to Michigan to begin his ministry at the close of the present school year. Mrs. Webber and Jerry Jr. are visiting relatives in Holt during November and at Thanksgiving time Mr. Webber will visit for a few days in Holt and Lansing. He will deliver an address to the students at the M. A. C., Sunday, November 27.

Miss Rhoda Braddock, who taught kindergarten work in the schools of Bessemer the past year, is now teaching in Cheboygan schools.

Miss Dora Boiteau and Miss Leta Gilbert are teaching in the schools of Bay City. Harry E. Reed '11 is in charge of the commercial department in the schools of the same city. It was these who represented Alma Alumni in Bay City and made preparation for the excellent banquet for Alma delegates to the state teachers' association a few days ago.

A letter from Fren L. Preston, an Alma student from 1901 to 1905, states that he is on his last year's work in a medical college in Chicago. A part of his letter reads as follows: "I am back in the city this year putting in time as an intern in an emergency hospital. Part of the time I am with the ambulance and part of the time I take care of cases as they come in and the rest of the time I just peddle pills. I am yours with the old Alma yell." F. L. Preston.

The following letter from "Grandpa" Angell will be of interest to his host of student and alumni friends: Dear Friend Robt.: I thought I would write and tell you I appreciate the way you boot the foot ball around this year. I am sure would like to drop in and see a game. Appreciate the back numbers of the paper.

This is a great county out here. The snow capped mountains are not reproduced in art and we see them continually. We have a train east and west each day although the one from over Marshall pass may be fourteen hours late semi occasionally and then no mail from home that day. Hastily but sincerely, C. F. Angell, "Grandpa."

"Speaking of Alma reunions we had the first one west of the Rocky mountains at our house October 2, when Will Brown and his wife

Carolyn with their son, Barber, spent the day with us, thereby making six Almanites, counting the two comers of boys Bill and I have. Now there is another Almanite as we have a daughter three weeks old.

"Miss Grace Brown (now Mrs. Tate) lives in Denver, and Kate Thompson a little way over in Utah. Leola Lauderback Stoddard is in Butte Falls, Oregon, so you see we are filling up the west as well as Michigan. I ran into a Michigan fellow, Henesy, from Yale. He knew Ferguson, Adams and all those fellows and soon we were good friends.

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