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## ORATORICAL CONTEST

Annual Event Will Occur This Evening

## CHAPEL AT SEVEN-THIRTY

Four Orations Are to be Delivered—Musical Numbers on Program

The annual men's oratorical contest will be held tonight in the college chapel. The program is as follows:  
March Militaire.....Schubert  
Misses Bielby, Crosby, Amsbury and Freese

Invocation.....Rev. W. H. Cook  
Little Boy, Good Night.....Mary Turner Salter, Miss Conner  
The Two Larks.....Leschetizky

Miss Amsbury  
Greater Than Intellect. E. A. Thompson  
The Spirit of the Age.....A. H. Lindley  
The Man and the Dollar.....H. V. Wilcox  
The New Democracy.....E. W. Brehm

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A. J. Lacey, Esq., Detroit  
Prof. C. S. Larzelere, Mt. Pleasant  
Judges on Delivery—  
Rev. W. H. Cook, Alma  
Prof. F. E. Ellsworth, Alma  
Rev. J. F. Jackson, Alma

Of the orators, Lindley, '11, a Phi Phi Alpha man, has won second place in the two annual contests preceding this one. He was an Alma debater also these two years.

Thompson, '13, a Zeta Sigma man, was an Alma debater last year, and the valedictorian of his class in Ferris Institute the year before.

Brehm, '14, Zeta Sigma has had but little experience in oratory except in his high school at Cadillac.

Wilcox, '14, Phi Phi Alpha, won several district oratorical contests while in high school and was well to the fore in the state high school contest.

## LETTER FROM NEW YORK

November 29, 1910.

To the Editor of the Weekly Almanian:—

Friday, the 25th of November was Alma day in New York City. Where ever there are any Almites there is an Alma feeling that is bound to pull them together about every so often. It was to make this getting together easier for those in the East and to further the fellowship that should exist among all that have ever been at Alma, that the Alma Alumni Association of the East was organized last spring at a meeting held in the buildings of the Union Theological Seminary, in New York City. At that time, F. J. Soule was elected president; P. J. Allured, vice president; and H. N. Morse, secretary and treasurer. It was decided at that time that two regular meetings should be held every year. The association of the East is the youngest and probably the small-

est of Alma alumni associations, but its members believe that it need not on that account be any the less enthusiastic and loyal to our common Alma Mater.

The first regular meeting held under the constitution of this new association was the meeting of the 25th. A somewhat smaller number than had been expected met at the Hotel Brevoort (5th avenue and 8th street) and sat down to one of those French dinners for which the Hotel Brevoort is famous. The menu was the only formally prepared program for the evening's entertainment, there being no toastmaster or schedule of toasts; but we did not lack for stories on that account. Everything of interest about Alma life, from the historic I-tap-a-keg initiations (as recounted by the originators thereof) to the demerits and merits of the president's dog was thoroly gone over. There being three lawyers in the party, some of the weightier matters of the nation's destiny were also carefully settled. The session at the hotel lasted as late as was seemly. An overflow meeting was held in room 420 of the new Union Seminary buildings.

Before adjourning, the association, after giving a vote of thanks to the chairman of its social committee, voted to hold a more pretentious affair about the end of February, at which time all available Alma ladies would be invited to join us.

Those present were Watson Robinson, Israel Himmelhoch, Frederick Soule, Henry Soule, George Sutton, John Marchmont and Hermann Morse; three lawyers, two preachers and two others. Reurets were received from P. J. Allured, G. P. Horst, J. Y. Broek, E. B. McDonald, N. H. Angell, and Harry Marsh.

## FRANK KNOX VISITS WASHINGTON.

Former Alma Man Will Interview Roosevelt.

Seldom has a young man risen in the politics of a state so rapidly as has W. F. Knox in the political circles of Michigan during the past two years. Two years ago Mr. Knox took an active part in the republican campaign but did not come under statewide notice. This year he managed the campaign of Governor Elect Osborne in the Primaries and after Osborne's nomination was made chairman of the Republican State Committee. That the committee chose its leader wisely is shown by the success of the party when other whole states were reversing on the G. O. P. Mr. Knox left this week for Washington and New York where, among other things he will have a conference with Roosevelt. The Free Press in speaking of a recent visit of Knox to Detroit gives the following:

"W. Frank Knox, of Sault Ste. Marie, chairman of the Republican state central committee, was in the city yesterday on his way to Washington and New York. He received an invitation to attend the Gridiron club dinner, which will be held on Saturday, but according to statements made by him to his friends he is going to New York to secure a political conference with Col. Roosevelt, who commanded the Rough Riders, of which he was a member.

"Knox has figured out that Roosevelt will be a candidate for the next presidential nomination, the more so as he believes that President Taft's

message has put him out of the running. If Col. Roosevelt is going to be a candidate Knox wants to be his Michigan manager and will submit as nas credentials the fact that he is now at the head of the Republican state organization. Before leaving the city Knox talked the matter over with several of his friends, and promised to bring back something definite as to Col. Roosevelt's future political plans."

## On Breaking Dates.

It seems to us that one of the terriblest things a promising young man can do is to break dates with the ladies. For instance, when Rix boldly stood before Miss Haughawout, his voice trembling and threatening to shoot skyward into falsetto at any moment, and said "Miss Haughawout, may I have the pleasure of escorting (or some thing like that)—May I have the pleasure of escorting Miss Haughawout to play this evening?" without a doubt he should have done so. We would suggest that the next time in order not to get mixed he repeat the melodious strains of that vesper hymn, "For it's always Fairweather—" five times before venturing to make known his desires.

## Deserves Great Credit.

John Quincy Adams deserves great credit for the excellent manner in which the Comedy of Errors was presented. It is not the purpose of this paragraph to laud the play. Those who witnessed it have said that it was very well done. That is enough. But Coach Adams deserves especial credit for whatever worthy of praise was done last Tuesday evening. Not detracting from the honors of the individual players, it seems safe to say that there was none who can rightly claim any extraordinary ability along the dramatic line. Yet the fact that Professor Adams took this company of willing young people and in a few short weeks in spite of illness and losses of players, in spite of the fact that he himself had a difficult part of the play, produced as heavy a play as Shakespeare's Comedy of Errors in such a satisfactory way, shows remarkable coaching and executive ability.

## That 1911 Annual.

Last year the Senior class, under the leadership and inspiration of Stanley Graves, published Alma College's first annual, the Maroon and Cream. The publication was a decided success in a literary, artistic, and (let us hope) financial way. The Seniors, this year, so we understand, are planning some gift to the college and do not feel that they can swing another annual. However, the Seniors want somebody, preferably the whole college, to be instrumental in getting out an annual this spring. Right after the Christmas vacation will be none too soon to commence preparations for such an undertaking. Whoever feel that they have the responsibility of starting the ball a rolling ought to begin very soon.

"My Young Man" never goes alone to the lecture course. The traditions of the college forbid it. And to the credit of our co-education, a fellow can actually take a lady to the lecture course without being accused of matrimonial intentions. It is a happy custom. We advocate the social ostracism of any fellow who has to go alone.—Albion Pleiad.

## PLAY A SUCCESS.

Comedy Of Errors Presented By Students Of The College

## PROF. ADAMS THE COACH

No One Starred but Each Individual Player Played Well His Part. Costumes Gorgeous.

The Comedy of Errors was a great success from start to finish. The Realty Opera House was well filled; everybody expected to be pleased and nobody was disappointed. Before the audience was tired of watching the changeful appearance of the much used little hole in the curtain, up went the curtain disclosing a remarkable court well furnished with courtiers and a lofty throne upon which sat a stately crimson-clad monarch. Who would have recognized the Misenar we know as football player and sophomore president? An aged man in sombre garb whom we found out from the program was D. Royal Blaske, told us all we needed to know of the conditions of the play and all the courtiers, picturesque in pink or scarlet tights, wonderful capes and marvellous hair and complexions stood apparently unmoved as courtiers should be at the tragic story of his misfortunes. Truly nobly did the duke descend and modify his stern sentence upon the ancient who, had all innocently come to Ephesus.

We were sorry to see the curtain go down upon the gay looking, solemn acting company and were prepared, resigned ourselves to a long wait between scenes. The program said the next was to have altogether different setting. But all praise be to the stage manager, Miss Arndt, had scarcely begun her music on the piano when up went the curtain again and we got acquainted with Antiphodus, also of Syracuse, a dashing young man in scarlet and white with a plumed turban who straightway got his knavish servant Dromio and another Dromio of Ephesus confused and could not tell one from the other. Imagine the reverend gentleman Drake berating and beating servants! For Drake it was in spite of the long black ringlets.

Even between acts there was no distressing wait and when the curtain rose again there came an imperious lady in a trailing primrose gown, Miss Clara Havel, who stormed at her husband's shameful neglect of her in not getting home to dinner on time, which storming did not upset her pleasant younger sister whom we would know anywhere as our Hazel Dulong.

Affairs kept getting more twisted up. An Antiphodus of Ephesus exactly like the other Antiphodus appeared. The wrong one went to dinner, the right one was locked out and had to go elsewhere to dine.

Both Dromios continually got beatings from both masters because each did what he had been told to do and then reported to the wrong master. The slaves antics and grimaces were

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ON LILY LIVERS

It has been called to our attention that a statement we made last week in reporting the presentation of the vacation petition was rather uncalled for. The statement was to the effect that all the students, "except a few of the lily-livered ones," had signed the petition. Come to think of it, the fact that a few students refused to sign the petition in the face of the fact that all their fellows had might show courage rather than weakness. At any rate, we want to correct any impression which the statement might have made that the Almanian is inclined to cast a slur upon any who do not happen to believe as we do.

HONOR OUR PREXIE

President Bruske was chosen president of the Presbyterian College Union of the Middle West at the annual meeting of the organization in Chicago last week. The union is an organization composed of the presidents of the Presbyterian colleges of the middle west. Its purpose is mutual helpfulness in promoting higher education. At the meeting this year there were eighteen presidents in attendance, including the heads of such colleges as Lake Forest, MacCallister, Park College, Wooster, Wabash and others.

While in Chicago Dr. Bruske saw Jerome L. Webber, Wesley Bradfield and M. L. Marshall, all former Alma students, who are taking theological work in McCormick Seminary.

D. Royal Blaske and Robert Hume two of our platform men gave an entertainment on the lecture course at Carleton Friday evening.

Miss Mary Gorsline, who is teaching near Mt. Pleasant, was on the campus Thursday.

Miss Roberts played the pipe organ in the Presbyterian church at Caro Sunday at special services.

**Delay in receiving "metal" from Grand Rapids caused this week's Wright and Pioneer hall editions to be late. Our printers promise that this shall be the last delay caused by them.**

From Dr. Eckard, '98.

The Weekly Almanian:

My dear Fraters—Having once been editor of the Corpuscle, at that time

the official undergraduate paper of Rush Medical College, I can no longer resist the impulse to reward so energetic business manager as the Almanian evidently possesses. I am much gratified to see the continued growth and success of Alma college. With all best wishes for your success, I am, yours sincerely and fraternally,  
 E. M. ECKARD.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 5, 1910.

Dr. Eckard is a member of the executive board of the American Association of Railway Surgeons, a national organization of the most eminent surgeons of the country.

BASKET BALL

The new hardwood floor has been laid in the gym. Seats for spectators will be placed around the basket ball court. There is a large squad out to make the team, and the weeding process will soon be begun. The members of the squad who live in Alma will play two practice games during the Christmas vacation—one with Detroit Y. at Detroit and another with Cadillac Y. at Cadillac, the former December 26, the latter the second of January.

PHILO FAIR

The Philo girls wish to thank the faculty ladies and the girls of the college for their aid in making the fair the immense success that it was. Financially it was successful beyond the expectations of everyone, the amount realized being twice the sum set by the girls as a fair profit.

ROUND TABLE

The "Round Table," an organization of the faculty members of Mt. Pleasant Normal and Alma college and of the superintendents and principals of high schools in Central Michigan, banquetted at the Wright House Friday evening. There were thirty-five teachers present. Discussion of the subject of agricultural education in high schools was led by Prof. French of M. A. C.

LELAND POWERS

Leland Powers of Boston, without doubt a foremost Shakesperian interpreter, has been secured to give an interpretation of one of his dramas in Alma. A definite date, February 21, has been arranged. Alma people will consider themselves very fortunate in being able to hear Mr. Powers as his reputation over the whole country is the very highest. The interpretation will be given under the auspices of the college oratorical association.

'BOB' COOK ILL

Robert Cook was taken seriously ill Saturday, Sunday, about nine-thirty, he was taken to Brainerd's hospital and operated upon for appendicitis. The operation was entirely successful. However, "Bob" will be confined to his room for some time.

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# PLAY A SUCCESS.

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a great source of amusement to the crowd. Then Antipholus of Syracuse preferred the gentle sister to the shrewish wife who claimed him and there was a pretty love scene in a verdant park. But the fair lady stood up for her sister's rights bravely and sailed away in high dudgeon to tell her all about it.

Then the dainty pink goldsmith gave a gorgeous chain he had made for the Ephesian to the Syracusan and then E. A. Thompson had a chance to show his capacities for tragedy when the other man would not pay for it until it was delivered to him. Poor goldsmith! He owed the money to an irate merchant who wanted to set sail immediately. "Bobby" Wilson distinguished himself as a silver helmeted officer of the law and bravely did his duty in arresting Antipholus because he denied having the chain.

A gay gypsy Lesbia, Miss Mitchell, with whom Antipholus of Ephesus dined when his wife would not let him in, helped make trouble for him and he and his Dromio were pronounced mad beyond help by the shaky little old Doctor Pinch and were bound and shut up at home only escaping in time for the grand finale in front of a convent where the other Antipholus had taken refuge. A servant with her funny little brogue came flying in to tell of the escape to the ladies, the goldsmith, and merchant, demanding the staid little abbess to hand over the Antipholus within.

Then along came the duke with Aegeon being led to execution by two helmeted officers and an executioner with a ferocious looking battle-ax; and after Kolvoord, the Antipholus of Ephesus has especially distinguished himself in demanding justice, it was all straightened out and ended in a grand march into the convent.

It was all delightful to the last hop of J. G. Adams and his other self Brehms, the two Dromios, who were the last off the stage and it will not soon be forgotten.

Every one carried his role well and much praise is due to each individual player and especially to Professor Adams who besides doing the training kept the audience roaring at his antics. Rev. H. L. Crain gave much valuable assistance in the make-up work.

### Ode to the Scab.

(A la Funeraille Orationne)

Dear departed cute thing! It is with silent unutterable grief That I consign thee to thy final resting place.

I cannot weep! for some things touch the heart

With sorrow that an idle tear cannot efface.

But woe! and thrice alas! Thou hast left

An aching void whereon I gaze and gaze.

I seek a crumb of comfort from my neighbors,

But they, hard-hearted creatures laugh me to scorn.

Ah! wherefore didst thou leave me? Thy gentle cling touch upon my arm Made me all I was! Life was worth the living!

I had some one to protect, some one to care for!

The hours were spent in happy consciousness

That thou were ever with me. Thy gentle warnings

Kept me ever mindful that thou wert By my side.

But alack and two and a half times mum!

Gentle things are too soon unstrung! A breath and they are gone! Thus was it

With thee! A peep! A look! a single yank,\*\*\*

And off thou dost recoil.  
The wind grows dismal. I turn on my light;  
I peep from the window! It gives me a fright.  
A cold freezing horror grips hard at my heart,  
I roll into bed and sleep in the dark.\*\*\*\*

Notes: \*Nothing to do with labor conditions. \*\*This rhymes with mung-author's note a la Wordsworth. \*\*\* This word is of archaic origin, and is not to be confused with the word Yankee, that being the actor, this being the act. \*\*\*\*The seeming incoherence of the last lines was due to the extreme feeling as psychologists will verify is common when the mind is distressed. It shows that the author really understood his subject and by the vagueness left in the mind produces a tragic feeling more effective than a clear statement.

It is rumored that the Comedy of Errors was repeated, not by request, in some classes Wednesday.

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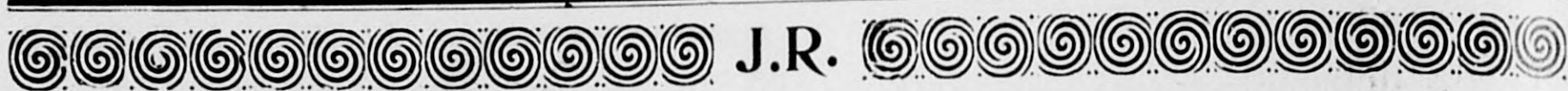
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**Thanksgiving Essay.**

The following is a Thanksgiving essay written by one of Alma's future greats, who lives in Clinton, Mich. This is "some" essay for a nine year old.

"I am thankful for clothes to wear and a good house to live in and a warm bed. I am thankful that I have a good father and mother and for clothes and for the stars that give us light and that there is rain to give us things to eat.

"I am thankful to have a school to go to school and for the pilgrims that went thru the hard ship. I am thankful for a church and for thanksgiving day and Christmas. I am thankful for shoes to wear and water and milk to drink. I am thankful for a sled to slide down hill with and meat and potatoes.

"I am thankful for chicken to eat and for things to give away to pore people and turkey to eat and for the snow and trees to give shade and a church to go to and for telephones and trains and that I have friends and that we are going to have a family gathering. I am thankful for chickens and for lectrick lights and for a good cat and good firnee.

"I am thankful for a brother and for the sun and moon and for the birds to keep the insects away from killing the trees.

"I am thankful for the farmers that wraise the wheet to make our bread."

ROLAND C. HAUSE.

November 22, 1910.

**Euterpe Society.**

Monday the Euterpe girls spent a delightful evening at the home of their president, Miss Grace Messinger. Writing of telegrams was the main feature of the evening, and this was followed by a delicious supper.

The study of French music still continues in the society interspersed from time to time with lively debates on current topics.

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