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ALUMNI MEET HERE

An Entertainment at the Home of J. W. Robinson

NEW ASSOCIATION FORMED

Prof. J. E. Mitchell is the President; Kendall P. Brooks, Secretary—Treasurer

One of the most pleasant events of the holiday vacation was the reunion of old "grads" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robinson of this city on Wednesday evening, December 28. There were over thirty graduates of the college present, some of whom had come from as far east as New York city, and as far west as Seattle. The reunion was for the purpose of a good social evening, and the organization of the Central Alumni Association. That the meeting was one of extreme pleasure may be imagined when one thinks of the many friendships of college days that were renewed and the many old friends brought together for the first time since those college days. The guests met at the Robinson house at eight o'clock and spent an hour and a half in visiting and calling up old time events. Mr. Robinson then gave several selections on the victrola. At ten o'clock refreshments were served by Misses Florence Hood, '11, and Ruth Cook, '14.

After the sandwiches and coffee and ice cream and cake had been disposed of, Prof. J. E. Mitchell called upon several of those present for short speeches. Watson B. Robinson, '01, who is now a corporation lawyer in New York city, was called forth first and gave a brief address that teemed with "Jack's" old time loyalty for Alma. Kendall P. Brooks, '97, who recently returned from two years' work in Germany, and who now occupies the chair of physics in Mr. Pleasant Normal, responded next with many helpful suggestions in regard to ways in which the Alumni can help the college. F. R. Hurst, '04, was next on the program. Mr. Hurst spoke of the necessity of the aid of the Alumni scattered about the country in increasing the enrollment of Alma. President Bruske was asked to deliver the closing address, and gave an eloquent plea for the aid of the former students in accomplishing the aims of the college.

At a short business meeting which followed a central alumni association was formed with Prof. Mitchell as president and Prof. K. P. Brooks, secretary-treasurer. A committee consisting of F. R. Hurst, Gretta Bagley, '07, and H. H. Soule, '03, was appointed to formulate a constitution and by-laws for the association.

HOWARD A. POTTER

Howard A. Potter of Ithaca has been secured as a successor to Miss Eddy. Mr. Potter will teach all of the subjects formerly taught by Miss Eddy. Mr. Potter will teach all of the subjects formerly taught by Miss Eddy with the exception of beginning Latin, which is now under the charge of Prof.

J. T. Ewing.

Mr. Potter is an Ithaca man having been graduated from the high school of that city in 1902. He entered Alma college that year being graduated in '06 as valedictorian of his class. Splendid efficiency characterized the work of Mr. Potter during his four years here. In his Sophomore year he was an instructor in mathematics at the Carson City high school. At the same time he continued his college studies with a high degree of scholarship.

Alma welcomes Mr. Potter back to the campus both because he is one of our "grads" and because he is an excellent instructor.

NEW BOOKS IN LIBRARY.

Comstock—Manual of Study of Insects.
West—British Freshmen Algae.
Holland—Moth Book.
Warming—Ecology of Plants.
Smith—History of Modern Mathematics.
MacFarlane—Vector Analysis.
McClung—Conductions of Electricity Thru Gas.
Michelson—Light Waves.
Bryant—History of Astronomy.
Clerke—System of the Stars.
Poore—Solar System.
Nasmyth—The Moon.
Pierson—Among Farmyard People.
McPherson—Transportation in Europe.
Goodnow—Municipal Government.
Deming—Government of American Cities.
Lawrence—Bacon is Shakespeare.
Hauptmann—Die Weber.
Hauptmann—Vor Sonnenaufgang.
Herzog—Hanseaten.
Goethe—Faust.
Frenssen—Hilligenlei.
Scheffel—Eggerhard.
Bielschowsky—Goethe, His Life and Works.
Fulda—Judendfreunde.
Freytag—Das Nibelungenlied.
Viebig—Das Schlafende Heer.

PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday evening's prayer meeting was devoted to the consideration of missions, especially in foreign fields, as directly concerning Alma college. Prof. Notestein led the meeting but turned the larger part of the discussion over to Dr. Bruske, who spoke of Alma's past in furnishing missionaries and its work in the future in providing many more. The class of 1896, he pointed out, was the most productive of missionaries, it having three. Letters were read from Charles Ernest Scott ('98) who is stationed in China and from Winifred S. Heston, M. D. ('96). The letter from Miss Heston was written on board the Mauretania en route to India, whither the lady has returned after a respite from her work. Miss Heston has recently written a book entitled "Blue Stocking in India," which relates the events of the life of a missionary in India. The book is published by McClurg's and has had a very substantial demand. Besides being a writer, Miss Heston is a very skilful surgeon. An effort will be made to secure letters from other of Alma's former students who are now in missionary fields.

Miss Heston Leaves.

Miss Winifred Heston ('96) sailed from New York for Liverpool on December 17, and left England on the sixth of this month, bound for Jhelam, Punjab, India. An East Jordan paper gives the following account of a reception tendered Miss

Heston before her departure:

"Monday evening was the occasion for a large reception which was tendered Winifred Heston, M. D., a local girl who fitted herself for foreign missionary work. After graduating from Alma college in the class of '96, she completed the medical course at the University of Cincinnati, was assigned work in India, where she labored in her chosen profession for seven years, returning home in poor health. Miss Heston has delivered some lectures on India, but has spent most of the few months since her return, in quiet at her home.

The favors with which each guest was invested was a decided novelty, being a miniature blue stocking attached to a white card and surrounded by letters spelling India, the idea being to remind all of the recent surprise created when the extremely fascinating book "A Blue Stocking in India" appeared on sale, with the name of Winifred Heston, M. D., as author. The book vividly describes the country of India, its people and the work of missionaries, as well as some wonderful experiences of Miss Heston during her seven years there and little realized by her friends.

Miss Heston left Wednesday for Grand Rapids, Toledo and Philadelphia. At the latter place she expects to sail to the Orient and resume her life's work."

DEBATING.

A short time before the Christmas vacation the Phi Phi Alpha and Zeta Sigma literary societies picked the men who should represent the college in the triangular debate against Hope and Olivet colleges. Don Call, E. A. Thompson, O. M. Miscnar and Dewitt Marks are the Zeta men and A. H. Lindley, Lester von Thurn and William Pohly are the Phi Phi men on the squad. Work has already been begun towards preparing for the debate which will be on the question of commission form of government for American cities of over 20,000 inhabitants, Alma upholding the negative against Olivet and the affirmative against Hope.

HOLIDAY GREETING.

The Almanian has had the pleasure of receiving a neat folder with the following greeting: May the Christmas joy be in our hearts and homes this glad, festive day, and continue to abide with us, all the days of the coming New Year. Rev. Harold Garfield Gaunt, Minister, First Presbyterian Church, Wheaton, Minn.

BROKE EVEN.

Two games of basketball were played by a team made up of the college squad during the Xmas vacation. On December 26 the men met the Detroit Y. M. C. A. team at Detroit. Alma put up a surprisingly strong game, holding the Y. M. team to 29 points, while they succeeded in getting 15 points. On Dec. 30 the fellows played the Cadillac Y. M. C. A. at Cadillac, and took an easy victory, 41-28.

Captain Cook was out of both games, and will not be able to play this year, owing to his recent illness. While his absence will greatly weaken the team, our men's recent showing has made us confident of a strong team.

Tomorrow night the team will make their first appearance at home with Mt. Pleasant as their opponents. Everyone should turn out and help the fellows to win.

NEW YORK ALUMNI

Men of Alma are Making Good in the City

FRED J. SOULE A DOCTOR

George Sutton, Herman Morse, John H. Marchmont, Harry Marsh and Norman H. Angell

Fred J. Soule, '06, has successfully passed the examination for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Columbia University. Dr. Soule is now pastor of the first Baptist church at Summerville, N. J. He is president of the Eastern Alma College Alumni Association. Mr. Soule was in Alma just before Christmas vacation.

George Sutton, '08, is taking graduate work for the Master of Arts in Columbia University. Mr. Sutton was recently elected a member of the University Glee Club. Mr. Sutton will go on all the long trips to be taken by the club.

Herman Morse, '08, is completing his third year in Union Theo. Seminary. He is also taking graduate work in Columbia.

John H. Marchmont, Ex '10, one of the best debaters ever turned out by Alma, is now taking first year work in Columbia Law School. Mr. Marchmont was recently elected one of the nine student members of the Board of Directors of Hartley Hall, at Columbia University. Mr. Marchmont has also been elected permanent class treasurer for a term of five years of the class of 1910, Columbia College.

Harry Marsh, Ex '11, is now a senior in Columbia College. Mr. Marsh is treasurer of the Philolexion Literary Society, one of the oldest societies of its kind in the United States, being organized in 1902. The total active membership of the society is limited to 40 students of Columbia College, every member of which must be vitally connected with some literary work in the University. Mr. Marsh took one of the leading parts in the annual play presented by this society.

Norman H. Angell is the membership secretary of the Twenty-Third Street branch of the New York Y. M. C. A.

FRED SOULE TALKS

Fred J. Soule '06 of Somerville, N. J., who has recently received his doctor's degree from Columbia university, addressed the students in chapel on Dec. 14. Mr. Soule took the opportunity to get it back at Dr. Bruske and others of the faculty in a way that tickled the students. He also stated what in his mind seemed to be the advantages of the small schools over the university, namely, the greater chance for social, religious, athletic, and in certain respects intellectual life. He considered the close personal contact with the professors to be of much value, but deplored the fact that the students did not devote themselves to specializing while in the smaller schools.

Vergil Ayres of Addison, a track and baseball man, has entered college.

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ON VACATIONS

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After a careful perusal of the dictionary, we have come to the conclusion that the writer is about right. In the humdrum of work there is little time for originality. What is acquired must be got on the run. To spend an hour or two on something of our very own would be delightful those 'steep pages of history did not have to be got out before the eight o'clock class.

Library Honor System.

The matter of sneaking magazines from the library is a matter of faculty concern at present, and that judicious body says that unless we students show that we are worthy to be trusted back in the stacks, the privilege of wandering through the vistas of volumes and sorting out the book we want will be taken from us. That would be too bad for the alcoves are excellent cozy corners. However, there is no reason why the honor system which has been in vogue for so many years in the library should be killed. Magazines after this will be removed under certain conditions, if you please, and not under certain coats.

The reason we are sure that the honor system will not be further misused is because the students did not abuse it in regard to returning from the Christmas vacation. Appreciating the kindness of the faculty in granting their petition, nearly every student was in his place in chapel the first morning of school, which is quite an extraordinary occurrence. The honor system worked.

One's Career.

How far one can lay out plans for his life's career and how soon he ought to do that is a question that has perplexed many. To the average man, a college course without a definite and predetermined object seems wasteful and meaningless. Yet it is doubtful if one college student out of ten excepting those taking certain professional courses in medicine, engineering or whatever it may be, can tell exactly what he is planning to do after

graduation. That this lack of purpose is detrimental to the best interests of the student goes without saying. On the other hand any attempt to formulate a fixed career to be followed will invariably result in failure.

After all, we are so much under the guidance of circumstances that the main object of all education, it would seem, is to prepare ourselves for opportunity. It is hard to force ourselves forward faster than openings appear, but it is oftentimes easy to take advantage of the openings if we are only prepared for them. Roosevelt (no doubt you remember him) is a man who obtained as broad an education as he possibly could with the avowed purpose of being prepared for anything. Trace the events of the life of any successful man and you will find that his success was due mainly to his ability to take advantage of his opportunities.

If you want a moral here it is: Work hard at what you're at and leave it to the future to bring up the opportunities.

WHAT THEY SAY.

The Almanian is in receipt of a number of very interesting letters from former students. It is impossible to give them completely but we humbly offer the following scraps.

Roy Phillips, Shabbona, Mich.: I have been on a business trip down in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Please remember me to all the old bunch and especially to the basket ball bunch.

John M. Dunham, Ann Arbor, Mich.: The Alma crowd here is not as large as in some past years. It shows that Alma students are staying in Alma to finish their courses, something we hope will become a more popular thing than ever. But those who are here are making good in every sense of the word and Alma may well be proud of them.

R. S. Brown, Stevenson, Minn.: Am on a visit home (Ithaca) for a few days.

W. H. Long, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.: You are keeping us in touch with the old school by making us familiar with those Alma doings which we are interested in.

Moses O. Chapney, Elk Rapids, Mich. (firm of Chapney Bros., fruit, dairy and grain farming): Please find enclosed a one dollar spot for Almanian. The paper is fine.

Mrs. J. T. Clarke, Harbor Springs, Mich.: I agree with your correspondent who asks for less athletic news and more otherwise. The paper is always welcome and the alumni column eagerly read first of all.

J. C. Foote, Litt. B. Department of English, State Normal School, Bloomsburg, Penna.: The Almanian is a weekly necessity with me. I wish you continued success.

Harlan O. Wittemore, ('09), Dept. Chemistry and Biology, Highland Kas.: I take great pleasure in receiving the splendid paper every week and will add that it takes preference over everything else when it gets here, strongly resembling in that respect a good stiff Oklahoma zephyr.

Edwar Titus, Alma, Mich.: I am not a subscriber to the "Weakly Almanian" and you will please stop sending me that sheet.

WRITER A THESIS

Recently there has been placed in the college library the doctor's thesis of Fred Judson Soule of the class of '06.

For three years past Mr. Soule has been pursuing his theological studies at Union Seminary and his university work at Columbia, completing both at the close of the last academic year.

The thesis has to do with what towns, especially in the lake region, are doing to increase their group efficiency, and is of very special interest to Alma citizens, for "Blankton," the place described, is our own city.

The whole subject is strangely analy-

zed, and presented in a most clear, concise and admirable manner. We congratulate Dr. Soule on this splendid piece of work.

The Detroit Free Press is now delivered at the library in the morning by the carrier instead of in the afternoon by the postman. This involves a little additional expense but the convenience is worth it. A new classical weekly may also be found among the magazines at the library.

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ZETA SIGMA ELECTION

The Zeta Sigma officers for the coming term are:

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- Treasurer—Clifford Edgerton.
- First Critic—Leslie Keigen.
- Second Critic—Don Call.
- Janitor—Carroll Hyde.

Opening Lecture.

Tuesday morning the regular chapel exercises were given over largely to the opening lecture by Dr. Bruske. The president addressed the students on the subject of universal peace.

Dr. Clizbe Away.

Dr. Jay Clizbe has been to Boston, where he took treatment for his eyes under a specialist. During the doctor's absence, Rev. H. L. Crain had charge of his classes.

"Bob" Cook Better.

Robert Cook, who a short time ago underwent an operation for appendicitis, has recovered sufficiently so that he is able to "up and around."

The Brotherless Girl.

The following article was written by a member of the sociology class in Hastings college (Nebraska) and was published in the Hastings Collegian. "Being that we ain't no" brotherless sister, nor brother's sister, nor sister's brother, we can't vouch for the weighty statements made, but at least they make interesting reading.

Generally speaking the first thing noticeable in a brotherless girl is the vague imagination she has that she is worshipped from afar by innumerable opposites, and is a look-out committee of one for masculine adoration. She primps and poses and is more affected and artificial when in the company with young men. This is something the matter-of-fact brother will not stand for in his sister; he criticises her, her friends and clothes.

"Girls with brothers usually expect boys to do things for them as a matter of course, and don't think a fellow admires her because of some little politeness. But she is so accustomed to having brothers do things for her that she often forgets to be gracious, while the brotherless,—to use Geo. Eliot's phraseology,—'considers it a great service if a lad snuffs out a candle for her.'

"Furthermore, the brotherless pick flaws in men that the other girls wouldn't notice. She is shocked when, in an outburst of temper a chap says things, and thinks it disrespectful when he takes off his coat on a hot day; thinking nothing of his comfort. Her sense of propriety, is usually, over-cultured, and she gets the most of her ideas from reading the answers to correspondents in the various newspapers, thereby falling short of the real state of affairs. When it rains and she has no umbrella, she expects a fellow to hand over his protection at once, and criticises him when he does not.

"The girl without a brother cannot take a joke and cries at the drop of the hat, when she is teased. The other variety has her feelings educated. She goes hunting with her brother and is neither afraid of the horse, nor screams at the sound of a shot-gun.

"Girls with brothers are not so conceited for brother soon transposes her imaginative faculties until they are in proper position.

"When a young man calls on a brotherless one, she is in a flutter of expectancy feeling that he must be entertained and treated just right. On the other hand the girl with a brother expects the caller to entertain her.

"As a whole the girl with brothers has broader views. She is quick with her sympathy in his troubles and illness, and this is a natural stage in the development of finer qualities."

Alumni News.

Stewart Hoben, for two years catcher on the Alma baseball team, is now located in Winnipeg, where he holds a lucrative position as salesman for the Ideal Fence company.

Seymour Boyd, ex-'12, is living in Springfield, Ohio, where he is in the employment of the International Harvester company. Mr. Boyd is inspector of mowing machines for the large concern and has his residence at the city Y. M. C. A.

Miss Mary Gorsline, ex-'12, spent Wednesday and Thursday on the campus, visiting friends. Miss Gorsline left Thursday afternoon for Montana where she will take charge of a school for the remainder of the school year.

In arguing the affirmative of the woman suffrage question, "Bobby" Wilson says: "You all know, honorable judges, that a great many women who are old enough are not married. Will these women vote as their husbands do?" Leon Kolvoord followed with the impressive exclamations, "Look at our street cars! at our theatres! Everywhere there are two women trying to get into the same seat with one man!"

FAVORS MEDALS

Editor Almanian.

Dear Sir: Find enclosed one dollar \$1, Almanian subscription for current year. Sorry to have neglected the matter so long, as I appreciate the Almanian and what it is doing for Alma. I was greatly interested in your suggestion, in the oratorical supplement to the issue of Dec. 12, with regard to the endowing of a medal fund, providing yearly for eight medals for orators and debaters. I am heartily in favor of such a move. I should be glad to learn more, either thru the columns of the Almanian or a personal letter, of any plans that may be forming with that in view. If there is any chance of getting such a fund established this year, you may count me in on it. With best wishes for your continued success, I am

Fraternally,
Hermann N. Morse.

New York, Dec. 18, 1910.

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The first meal the Spider got was a hot tamale.

"Please Publish:

Willie looked at Marguerite,
'Oh, what a pretty Miss!'
He crept a little closer;
Then gently stole—away!"

—Anon.

The Spider has crept upon a number of items from their home papers which may interest Alma students:

"When Bill King's boy Rob got off the train down to the stashun las Sattidy with his big red sweater with a big letter A on the stummick one of Enoch Hinslow's dray horses was so skart he keefed over and broak the waggin tung rite off."—Rollin Tinkler.

"Doc Lambert wuz down to the post offis this morning and sed his boy Reedeedee hed jist got back from Almy where he is studding fur a preecher. Doc sez tooishun and labiritory expences is oful high up to the skule."—Wyandotte Wheezer.

"When Jake Wilson's boy Bobbie got home from Almy COLLIDGE tother day, Jake lit onto him all straddled out. He sez if Bob don't take off them green socks and quit walkin like a hen with frozen feet, he's goin to make him stay to home and milk cows all winter."—Tecumseh Babbler.

"A young man answering to the name of A. G. Edgerton of Cass City (Mich.) was discovered yesterday wandering aimlessly up and down the Western Boulevard in the vicinity of Porter street. At the police station, after he had taken off his shoes, he told his story, which was to the effect that he and another young man named Chapel of Parma (Mich.) had become separated earlier in the day. Chapel was found later in Kresge's five-and-ten-cent store, talking to a clerk. The young men complained that somebody had thrown lighted cigars at them while in a Detroit theater. Both recovered sufficiently to be allowed to proceed unaccompanied."—Detroit Enterprise, Dec. 28.

"Our distinguished fellow citizen Besvin Anderson, arrived in town fur a few days respit from his stren you us COLLIDGE dooties. Besvin was arrayed in a big six-dollars-white swetter with a letter A on the buzzum as big as the one in Aaron Goldfield's sine. Besvin sez he likes to go to COLLIDGE, but he don't like the atheletiks."—Elk Rapids Echo.

'POLOGIES TO ANON

Blank-lank looked at Blank-lank-lank
"By gad, you're pretty. May
I steal just one?" he said,
Then gently stole away.

WHEN MARG LAWFS

A tempting tilt to gracious head of
gold,
And straight beneath the frank brow's

high disdain,
The flash of treasures that the mind
can hold—
The golden glance remote from bliss
or bane—

When Margare. Laughs.
—C. Rudyard in Harped's Weekly.

Horrors! They're wearing them
here, oto. Those crosses between a
stocking cap and a tam-'o-shanter.
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boys an opportunity to meet the best
girls, and the best girls the same chance.
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Kansas City. We are in the south-east-
ern corner of Kansas, just a few miles
from Mo., on the east, Oklahoma on the
south. We moved here last July from
Paw Paw, Michigan. We are delighted
with the country and people. We have
a fine church and people. I also teach
Bible in our Oswego College, which is a
Presbyterian college for ladies. I enjoy
this extra work and it helps me to keep
young. We are having splendid weather
we hardly need a fire during the day
and often sit with the doors open.
Kansas is a great state. Prohibition is
a great success. No liquor sold here
either by druggists or anyone else. I
have almost forgotten how a drunkard
looks and acts.

Here's wishing old Alma a Merry
Christmas and may her heart be ever
tender and her pocket-book never
slender.

Maurice Grigsby '98,
Oswego, Kans., Dec. 15, 1910.

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