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PROHIBITION ORATORICAL

The second annual Prohibition oratorical contest was held in the college chapel, Monday night, March 10. Enthusiasm ran high from the beginning to the end. The contest was a close one. Every man demonstrated his powers of public speech in a most pleasing and effective manner. The program was opened with a violin solo by Prof. Davis which received a hearty encore. The first oration "Pandora's Box" by Harry W. Staver was delivered in a most effective manner. Harry may especially be complimented on his convincing attitude. This oration received second place and the prize of five dollars.

Next came the oration "National Prohibition" by Henry Mosley. He appeared in his usual delightful manner moving his audience with his exceptional emotional powers.

Then came the oration "The American Issue" by Arthur J. McIntyre. This oration was smooth and showed considerable time had been put on the preparation. He delivered it in a most eloquent style, entering into it in such a manner that he had good control of his audience throughout the whole oration. Here "Matty" demonstrated what sticktoitiveness can accomplish. He received first place and will represent Alma in the state contest held at Hope in April also the twenty dollar prize.

By way of an innovation Paul Austin rendered an excellent vocal solo.

Verne VanDuzen appeared next with the oration "Onward." "Van" showed all kinds of progress since his last appearance upon an Alma platform and proved that he is a comer.

John Ludwick who kindly consented to enter the contest at the last minute in order to make up the number required for the prize showed that he has wonderful powers of delivery in reserve.

This contest was full of that spirit that will land Alma on top in oratorical and debating work and show other colleges that Alma has not only athletes of the brightest caliber but men equally good along this line. G. L. C.

CAMPUS GLEANINGS

The candidates for the debating teams are working hard now-a-days and the prospects are good for two winning teams this year. It is only a few weeks until Olivet will be here to meet one of the teams. The other team goes to Hope.

Those to pay their Almanian subscriptions the past week are: Ed Wyatt Rudyard; L. C. Laughlin, Chicago; Grant Cook, Alma; Robert McCallister, Alma; Alice Marsh, Detroit; L. C. Stinchcomb, Alma.

When you are deciding whether to tax yourselves for blankets think how handy the latter would have come in between halves at the Olivet game last fall.

Ever since the Prohibition contest the fountain in Pioneer Hall has refused to work. Shows that the orators had convincing arguments.

PIRATES OF PENZANCE

The presentation of the comic opera, "The Pirates of Penzance" last Friday night at the Realty opera house more than fulfilled the expectation of all. Prof. Veatch under whose direction it was given deserves much credit for his organizing and executive ability.

Among the performers Miss Bonnie Fuller deserves first mention. She took the role of Mable and her dainty, graceful manners and sweet voice met the approval of all. As leading lady she was beyond doubt the most interesting of the personae.

Bope Butler in the leading role represented the pirate apprentice in a credible manner and especially when it is considered that on account of hoarseness he was unable to rehearse for a week.

Miss Lorna Woodruff's work was of the quality of a professional. She was the "piratical maid of all work" and took the very difficult part in a manner showing much work of preparation. She put her whole self into it and adopted the personality of the rough maid in a surprising manner.

Judging from the interest of the crowd Clarence Goodrich was one of the most important characters. The Sergeant and his faithful band of minions were the life of the comedy.

Ward Hodge, the pirate chief did excellent work and he was rushed into the part in the eleventh hour to fill a vacancy.

Oscar Anderson's voice and appearance, in make-up, made him a typical pirate lieutenant. His ability as an organizer seemed evident even on the stage.

Paul Austin had a particularly difficult role as Major-General and took it well. "Dusty" was undoubtedly as good an old man as he will be at seventy.

The girls chorus met with strong enthusiasm at each appearance and certainly deserved the glad hand. The three leading sisters, Misses Gilmore, Page and Kelly deserve special mention.

The college orchestra, slightly strengthened by imported woodwind and drum talent, played the very difficult music professionally. This orchestra meets regularly under the direction of Prof. Veatch and is a credit to Alma College.

A good crowd was in attendance and was enthusiastic in applause.

P. S.—Through an oversight the Siamese twin stunt pulled off by "Fluff" and Mary was left out. It was an innovation in entertainment and may be called "The Confusion of Davis" or "Ralph to the Rescue."

H. A. Drake, 11, spent a little time on the campus last week before going to Ohio to take up his new pastorate there. He was a welcome visitor in the Phi Phi Alpha society hall and attended the Prohibition oratorical contest.

The track men will have a track meet with the high school team in the latter's new gymnasium Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Wilhelmine Ritter will lead the prayer meeting tomorrow night. The topic will be, "The Perfect Plan" and the scripture lesson, Romans 12.

ATHLETES' BLANKETS

If you, Alma College Students, had it in your power to help our athletes to make a better showing at the M. I. A. A. meet at Albion in June, than they otherwise would be able to without this small aid, would you lend a helping hand? It has been felt for sometime that the athletic teams should have blankets and now the opportunity has presented itself through Coach Bleamaster whereas it will be possible to obtain the afore-said blankets, if the students will vote to tax themselves the trifling amount of thirty cents each. You surely can sacrifice six dishes of ice-cream for the sake of Alma's athletes. Do it then. Vote "Yes" on the ballot printed at the bottom of this page and put it in the Almanian box (to the left of the door as you enter the "Ad" building) Wednesday morning. If a majority vote, yes, it will be taken for granted that the majority rule, and all the students in the college will be expected to come across with thirty cents.

Lets leave our hammers in our rooms this week and show the men that represent Alma in athletics that we are back of them.

Shall the students of the college be taxed thirty cents each to buy blankets for the athletic teams?

YES

NO

LIFE WORK CONFERENCE

At Detroit, March 20-22, there will be a Life Work Conference attended by junior and senior college men, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

Addresses will be given by Dr. Ozora S. Davis, president of the Chicago Theological Seminary; Rev. Chas. W. Gilkey, pastor of Hyde Park Baptist church, Chicago; Prof. Graham Taylor, Chicago Commons; Mr. R. H. Edwards and Mr. C. Ober, International secretaries Y. M. C. A., New York; Mr. Tracy McGregor, McGregor Institute of Detroit; Dr. Richard C. Hughes, Secretary for Universities of the Presbyterian Board of Education; Mr. Robt. E. Lewis, General Secretary Y. M. C. A., Cleveland; D. A. Studer, General Secretary Y. M. C. A., Detroit; many other organized authorities on the several lines of Christian and social professions.

The purpose of this conference is to represent to the Delegates the scope of the various choices of Christian work. It is hoped that each student will become more familiar with what is expected of him in his life work.

Every junior and senior is entitled to delegate privileges and local arrangements at Detroit are made for lodging and breakfasts for all attending.

Mr. and Mrs. Chisholm of Breckenridge visited the "Pirates of Penzance" Friday night.

Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Dr. Layman of Bad Axe were college visitor Friday.

Marie Pegg spent the week end with Lillian Goll at Breckenridge.

Eight more reciting days before vacation.

ORATORICAL ENTHUSIASM

Request has been made for the publication of a list of the orations given at the state oratorical contest at Albion, Friday, March 6th. We gladly respond to this request for too much cannot be said about an affair of so great an importance.

Intercollegiate contests of oratory and debate should meet with more enthusiasm than do the athletic contests, however, such is not the case. At Albion this year every college was represented with a rooting section but Alma, yet it took a special train to take Alma's football enthusiasts to Olivet. Next year the contest will be here but Alma will have to show more interest than she has at local contests or she will scarcely be heard in the cheering section.

A little enthusiasm was shown this year when about one sixth of the student body meandered down to the union station to give three paltry "Yeas" for the departing representatives. A traveling man was heard to say "What's this, a wedding party?"

Grant drew one first as it was but he probably would have drawn three firsts if the student body had stood by him with a little "pep." Miss May with the same support would surely have placed.

Below is the program as given. Look it over, yawn, stretch, then "shake off the dog" and get busy for next year.

WOMEN'S CONTEST

CHAIRMAN—GEORGE C. TAFT

The Snow - - - Elgar
The Shepherds of Israel - Morrison
St. Cecilia Club
Miss Phipps at the piano
H. J. Cozine, Director
Greeting - - - Mrs. Scipps
Albion—The Family of the Future
Geradine Townsend
Alma—America for Americans,
Lois May
Hillsdale—The Queen of the Moderns,
Louise Schafer
Violin Solo—The Brook Boiseffre
Miss Lou Byran
Hope—A Plea for Genuine Womanhood,
Adriana Sarah Kolyn
Kalamazoo—The Price of Profit
Anna M. Montieth
M. A. C.—Woman's Place in the American Future,
Sadie I. Bates
Andante - - - Haydn
Colby String Quartette
Ypsilanti—The Realization of America's Working Women, Edna M. Oatley
Olivet—Society's Debt to the Social Debtor,
Viola Howe
Adrain—The Evolution of a Nation,
Mary Gregg
Organ Recessional Mr. C. H. Bullis

MEN'S CONTEST

College Songs and Yells
March - - - Tobani
Albion College Orchestra
J. B. Martin, Conductor
Invocation - - - Dr. Mills
Greetings - - - Dr. Dickie
Albion—War against War,
Marshall Reed

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Ethel Adams, a student of Mt. Pleasant Normal spent the week end with Auda Gill.

Ferguson, MacAuley and Hall were recently initiated into the Phi Phi Alpha society.

Harry Staver preached at the Presbyterian Church in St. Louis last Sunday.

Gary Ind., has a woman chief of police.

CORNER ON DATES.

Wednesday March 18 Prayer meeting.
Friday March 20, Alpha Theatre Play.
Saturday March 21, Science Club.

FROEBEL BANQUET

The second annual banquet of the Froebel society was held in Wright Hall, Monday evening, March 9, at six o'clock.

The tables were arranged in the form of a letter F and decorated with red and white carnations, ferns and candles.

The regular time for this banquet is after the election of Officers at the beginning of the second semester, but this year was postponed until after our new member, Miss Atwood, had been initiated, Mrs. Mitchell made patroness and the coming of Miss Dexheimer made

this banquet especially interesting. The following toasts were given:

Toastmaster	Bertha Williams
Furbelows	Miss Robinson
Our Pin	Bertha Wagner
The Meaning of a Society	Miss Ward
The Old Girls	Margaret Robinson
Prospects	Miss Dexheimer
Impromptus	Miss Robinson
	Mrs. Mitchell
	Jane Green

Froebel Song

MENU

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	Cream Peas		
Mince Pie	Cheese	Blanched Almonds	
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ORATORICAL ENTHUSIASM
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Grant L. Cook
Hillsdale—The Modern Greek
Norman L. Huffaker
Trio—Cavatina - Raff
Miss Sulisbury, Contralto
Miss Byram, Miss Phipps, Mr. Bullis
Assisting
Hope—Mars and Madness, Harry Hoffa
Kalamazoo—Let Us have Peace,
John H. Crowe
Ypsilanti—The Powers that Be,
Hector A. McCrimson
Music—Intermezzo - Hoffman
Albion College Orchestra
Olivet—The Law's Delay
Robt. J. Hamilton
Adrian—The Social Regeneration of
America - Geo. T. Canterick
Overture—The Bridal Rose Lavallie
Albion College Orchestra
Organ - Mr. Bullis

EUROPEAN TRIP
Did you ever have a desire to go to Europe and see with your own eyes, all the things that you read about in books? The Classical club did so last Saturday evening when Mr. Sharp told of his trip last year. He didn't give a lecture he he told of his experience, giving the listeners side glimpses into what one actually comes into contact with while traveling in the Orient. He pictured Italy, that great country which was at one time most powerful and productive of such men as Galileo and Michael Angelo, and contrasted it with the present Italian immigrant.

Many beautiful pictures were shown of St. Peters and the Vatican that "treasure house of what art has done for centuries" where are frescoes and paintings without number illustrating the life of Jesus and the martyrs. Mr. Sharp told how by ginging a few coins the susceptible guide took him into the crypt, allowed him to explore the colleseum with its innumerable deno for wild beasts, and with a wonderous amount of faith showed the black stone under which are the remains of Romulus the founder of Rome.

Pompeii with all its curious and quaint fragments were illustrated and Mr. Sharp gave to each perscn present a number of very interesting snap shots which he had taken at various times during his trip.

He showed a picture of the Appian way and mentioned the story of Peter's meeting Christ while the terror stricken one was fleeing from persecution and of being questioned Quo Vadis. His impression of it he put in verse:

"Eternal city; seven hills,
The yellow Tiber leaves your feet,
And twice a thousand years have
passed
Since Paul walked up this ancient
street,
To martyrdom with steady stride;
Where now his name is glorified."

In closing he read a poem describing a traveler's feelings as he crosses the water having been from country to country trying to make himself understand and yet retain his native tongue.

The Classical Club wishes to express to Mr. Sharp their hearty appreciation for the interesting and instructive evening which he made possible. R. C.

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EXCHANGE

ALBION—The student of Albion have for several years held a Mock Congress at which the aspiring young Senators and Representatives meet and wax eloquent upon their various political measures. Plans are being made for another this year. It might be made an annual affair in other colleges to a great advantage if the general student's knowledge of politics were considered.

YPSILANTI—By April 1, 1915, the Michigan State Normal College will be the possessor of a new, long needed auditorium. The auditorium now in use will accommodate about one half of the students at a time.

OLIVET—Olivet College is making a big campaign for the purpose of placing the college on a firm financial foundation. The plan provides for adding \$100,000 annually for the next ten years. Men will be appointed in various centers who are to be responsible for securing certain amounts from their districts. While the campaign is being waged the current expenses of the college will be taken care of by a committee of Five Hundred. Each member of the committee will be responsible for \$100 a year for five years.

Swarthmore, a co-educational Quaker college of 500 hundred students, has refused a tendered bequest of \$2,000,000 because it provided that further participation in intercollegiate athletics be abandoned.

Statistics from thirty-seven representative colleges show that teaching is now the dominant profession of graduates, with 25 per cent, law 15 per cent, medicine 7 per cent, and the physical science applied to every day life, including farming take up 4 or 5 percent.

"TUF LUK"

"I see in the N. Y. Press," writes J. J. "that the book of Job has been dramatized by college students.

"A realistic setting calls for 300 camels, 50 yoke of oxen, and 500 asses. And everyone knows how hard it is to find so many camels and oxen."

LECTURE ON COMETS

On Wednesday evening, March 11, the students had the pleasure of listening to a lecture on "Comets", delivered by Dr. Notestein in the college chapel. The speaker began by stating, that from time to time, bodies very different in character and behaviour, from the planets came unheralded into our view, remained for a few weeks or months and passed off again into space; that these are the comets, the long haired stars, so named because the nucleus seems to be surrounded by a hazy cloud and usually carries with it a streaming train of light which Shakespeare describes as "crystal tresses." After stating that only about four hundred comets had been discovered up to the time of the invention of the telescope in 1608 and only a few more than that number since that time, he described the coma; the essential part of a comet; the nucleus, the star like point near the center of the coma; and the tail, which varies from five million to nearly six hundred million miles in length. The description was made more real by a number of well selected slides. Later the speaker described the different types of comets based on the kind of gas or vapor composing the tail. There were shown during the evening a number of fine views of noted comets, from the earliest authenticated appearance of Halley's comet, in 11 B. C. to the

present time. While these views were on the screen the doctor gave brief but interesting descriptions of the historical comets and also told of some of the superstitions connected with them. The Doctor quoted from many ancient and modern writers to show how the approach of a comet was supposed to be the forerunner of some great calamity such as war, famine, flood or the fall of rulers. In closing the Doctor described Prof. Arrhenius' light pressure theory as forming a large factor in the formation of a comets tail. Dr. Notestein's descriptive powers are good and the lecture was interesting and instructive from beginning to end.

ALUMNI NOTES

L. C. Laughlin a student here in '07 and '08, is in the employ of the Alexander H. Revell & Co. of Chicago. Mr. Laughlin resides at 141 S. Wabash Ave.

Edward H. Wyatt, Academy, 08, is in the agricultural line of work and is at the head the Sunnyside farm at Rudyard.

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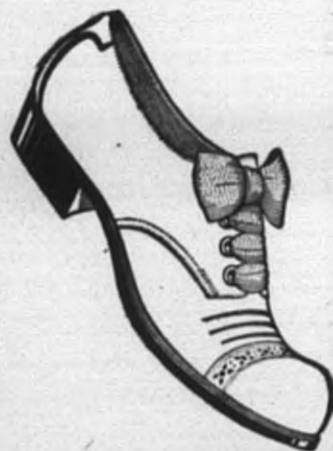
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