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U. OF M. FELLOWSHIP

Given by the College Faculty to Miss Faith M. Welton '14

FROM GD. RAPIDS

H. W. Whittemore '09 and Claude W. Satterlee '13 Were Previous Recipients of the Fellowship

The great prizes of the year, for the aspiring college senior or graduate, are coming to be the State College Fellowships established, three years ago by the Board of Regents of the University, and therefore we take pleasure in laying before our readers in some detail facts as to the conditions and value of the grant. By its terms the faculty of Alma college, as well as that of each of nine other colleges of the state, is authorized to nominate a member of its senior class or one of its graduates, of not more than four years' standing, as a candidate for a State College Fellowship with a monetary value of \$300 for the next college year. The candidate, when appointed by the Board of Regents, is placed on the same footing in Graduate Department as a University Fellow. He is required to pursue his studies under the direction of the professors of the department of graduate work in which he elects his subjects, and is liable to render service to the University to the extent of not over four hours per week throughout the year covered by his appointment.

No action of the Board of Regents in recent years has been more productive of better feeling toward the University on the part of colleges than this. It has led to closer co-operation with the institution in matters of common interest and has furnished a strong stimulus in the direction of the maintenance of high standards of collegiate work.

The first Alma college student to receive this honor was Harlow W. Whittemore, of the class of 1909, who spent the session of 1912-13 in study in the department of landscape design and who is now an assistant in that department. The present holder of the Fellowship is Claud W. Satterlee, '13, whose work is in Mathematics a subject for which he showed special aptitude while in college.

Faith M. Welton, the nominee for the next academic year, was graduated from the Grand Rapids High school with the class of 1911, classical course. She entered Alma college in the fall of that year with advanced credit in Greek, which with a somewhat larger amount of work than the average, will enable her to finish her college course with credit in three years. The Almanian joins with all her collegemates in congratulating Miss Welton on receiving a deserved honor, which we are sure she will wear in such a way as to bring high credit to her Alma Mater.

Dr. and Mrs. and Blaisdell went to Mt. Pleasant, Friday evening, where they had the pleasure of hearing Miss Helen Keller.

SENIOR SLEIGH RIDE

When it was announced that the Grays had invited the class of '14 to come to their home for a sleighing party, there was great rejoicing in the ranks of the seniors. But this was doomed to be short lived, for as soon as the project came to the notice of all that is mighty in Alma, he said, that it was not to be; undignified, immoral, impossible, for a class of seniors to go for a sleighing party after nightfall. Of course we all realize that the present senior class is one of the most undignified in the history of the college.

At last, when all arguments had been resorted to, he said that they might go if they would get proper chaperons, and enough of them. Oh, yes, if people could be found that were capable of taking these infants across their knees and spanking them, the seniors could go.

After some debating, it was decided that the hour was too late to disappoint the host and hostess, who had made some extensive preparations. So in spite of the fact, that they were granted that generous permission of returning at that extremely late hour of 9:30 p. m., the time that could be spent at the home of the Grays' would make up for the other conditions, so they'd go.

The long way's the sweet way, so they went the route known in the modest terms of railroaddom as the P. M. Flier. But the kind man who tells you who's who in the matters of railroads, said that under no conditions would the train stop at the parental abode of our host. Under the kind persuasion of the chaperon, however, he changed his mind and the class was transported to the beautiful city of Breckenridge.

They were nearly lost in the maze of streets, but finally arrived at the Gray house, the welcome, received, more than made up for the difficulties experienced. A delightful evening's entertainment had been planned, but Alice had hardly time to beat Archie at checkers, before the refreshments had to be served in time that we could keep our return date in the neighboring city.

Everyone agrees that, in spite of the kind permission, they had a fine time. To a great extent, this good time is due to the efforts of the chaperons. Never in the history of the class, has it been so fortunate in its choice, as it was on this occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are without peers in such a capacity, and the senior class wishes to express to them their heartiest gratitude.

The Grays are royal entertainers, and the feed that they gave us was prepared in a way that showed that, in spite of the fact they have no sympathy for chickens, they know the appetites of a bunch of college students.

The sleigh ride home was one of absolute enjoyment, from the first crack of the driver's whip till the sleighs pulled up in front of the finest girl's dorm in Michigan.

Preparations are being made for the week of Prayer to be held in the college the first week of the second semester. Dr. Thomas of Grand Rapids much to the delight of the students is to be here again this year for that week. Everyone is requested to make these meetings a special object of prayer.

Y. M. C. A.

A successful membership campaign was planned by the president of the Y. M. C. A. last Thursday of the nature of a tag day. Mr. Johnson had tags printed bearing the inscription, "Y. M. C. A. I am 'Won.'" Before the day ended nearly all the fellows and all of the faculty had become members of the "Y." Enthusiasm has run high in the organization throughout the year, and the winter term will mark much progress in the work of the association.

The Y. W. C. A. had a similar campaign the same day and secured about eighty members. Let those who have not yet paid get busy, because it needs your support to keep up the organizations, and without them our college would be rather dead. It is the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.'s that meet the new students at the beginning of the terms and care for them. Too it is the Y. M. and Y. W. that furnishes the opening receptions at the beginning of each semester and the other little festivities during the year. All enjoy these now let us support the organization that keeps them up.

ECONOMY IN LIGHTS

Miss Haefliger wishes to thank her Wright Hall Girls for their thoughtful assistance in helping reduce the light bills in the Rooming Department. Below is a comparative table showing the cost of current used in the Rooming Department during the first months of the school years of 1912 and 1913.

	1912	1913
Sept.	\$ 45.09	\$ 43.58
Oct.	79.70	67.95
Nov.	90.83	41.80
Dec.	74.17	35.19
Total	\$289.79	\$188.52

This makes a difference of \$101.17 between 1912 and 1913.

If a penny saved is a penny earned, the Wright Hall Girls about one hundred dollars for Alma college in four months.

THE NEW EDITOR

Last Wednesday at the meeting of the Almanian association Mr. Leon D. Gray, a senior in college, was elected editor of the Almanian. Mr. Gray promises to be an excellent man to fill this position as he has had experience in this line. He was on the Editorial Staff in Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., two years and for two years was editor in chief of the Mancelona High school Monthly. This is Mr. Gray's first year at Alma. He has had his former college work at Wheaton college and Northwestern University.

MISS MARIE HAEFLIGER'S ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mrs. T. C. Blaisdell entertained the lady teachers who live in Wright Hall at a very elaborate dinner last Saturday evening. At this time Mrs. Blaisdell formally announced the engagement of Miss Haefliger to Mr. Stanley Graves of Detroit. Mr. Graves is a very prosperous business man and graduate of Alma college.

LECTURE COURSE

Herbert Willett of Chicago University Gave Fine Lecture

FRIDAY EVENING

At Realty Opera House—One of the Most Interesting Lectures Ever Given in Alma

Those who heard Dr. Herbert Willett Friday night came away with the satisfaction of feeling that their time and money were well spent.

Dr. Willett is professor of Semitic Languages and Literatures in the University of Chicago and pastor of the Memorial Church of Christ. He is considered America's most attractive and scholarly lecturer on the literature and biography of the Bible.

The Lecturer was introduced by Dr. J. T. Ewing under whom he had studied Latin earlier in his career. Mr. Willett replied with a nice tribute to Dr. Ewing and his people as leaders in their community.

The lecture was introduced by incidents of great men who were awakened to the responsibility of their lives by quotations from the scriptures. St. Augustine, Dante, Savonarola and others were stimulated by such passages as: "The night is far spent, the day is at hand, let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light," or "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."

Dr. Willett quoted Walter Scott as saying on his death bed that there was only one book; and Queen Victoria as considering the Bible as the secret of England's greatness.

He went on to say that the Bible can be had at a nominal price in any known language. The Bible or parts of it are usually the first translations into a newly discovered language. It has withstood the attacks of the critic, the infidel and the would-be surpressor. It is not only foremost in Theology but foremost in literature, history and biography. The Bible is in itself its own proof of inspiration. It is a nation-builder and an educator. It was the education of John Ruskin and Charles Dickens.

The Bible is the most neglected book. People could not keep house without a Bible but they never read it. They believe it from cover to cover, but they do not know it or understand it. The American youth is being reared without the Bible. It has been cast out of the public schools. It is not taught in the higher institutions of learning of the state. In the Sunday schools twenty minutes a week are set aside for Bible study. Young people get very little knowledge of the book in the church services and few young people attend church. While the study of the Bible around the family altar is becoming to be looked upon as a religious rite of our grandfathers.

Dr. Willett gave instances of a college class that were tested for their knowledge of the Bible and it was found that (Continued on page 3.)

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CORNER ON DATES

Y. M. C. A., Sunday, January 25th,
3:15. Leader, A. J. Esselstyn.

Y. W. C. A., Sunday, Jan. 25, 3:15.

March 13, The Pirates of Penzance.

Wednesday evening, Jan. 21, Union
Prayer service in the college chapel.
Everybody out.

STUDENTS' RECITAL

A program of unusual interest was
given by the students of the Music De-
partment Friday at 4:15 in the college
chapel. This was the first student re-
cital since the holiday season and a large
and appreciative audience was present.

Every number was well given and the
program was interesting throughout.

These recitals will be given every
Friday afternoon during the remainder
of the school year to which the students
and friends of the college are cordially
invited.

The following program was presented;

- I—a. Prelude B flat minor DeKoven
- b. Prelude E flat minor DeKoven
Miss Warner
- II—a. Rosalie DeKoven
- b. At Drawing Cadman
Miss Page
- III—Rose in the Bud Forrester
Mr. Herrod
- IV—Polish Dance Scharwenka
Miss Palmer
- V—Memories Cadman
Miss Rowe
- VI—Winter Lullaby DeKoven
Miss Ellis
- VII—Serenade Sinding
Miss Welton
- VIII—My Sweet Repose Schubert
Miss Woodruff
- IX—On the Rode to Maladay Speaks
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CHANGE IN STAFF

Owing to the fact that your editor
thought that he had too much work to
do to give you as good a paper as you
are deserving of, he felt it necessary
for him to resign his position. During
this year you have given us some excel-
lent support in trying to give to you the
best issue each week we possibly could,
and for this assistance we most heartily
thank you, and hope you will join in
even more readily in supporting the
new editor, Mr. Leon D. Gray '14, who
was elected for the rest of the year at
the same meeting the present editor's
resignation was accepted.

We are sure that in Mr. Gray the
Almanian has a strong editor, one who
will work for it to the last minute to
make it the best paper ever. Now he
can not do this alone. He needs the

hearty co-operation of every reader.
Do all you can to aid him in this work.

If you see some feller tryin'
For to make some project go;
You can boost it up a trifle
That's your cue to let him know
That you're not a-goin' to knock it,
Just because it ain't your "shout"
But you're goin' to boost a little
'Cause he's got "the best thing out."

SENIORS 27 JUNIORS 19

The Seniors entered into conflict with
the Juniors last Saturday evening with
a clean slate and ran away with their
old friends by a score of 27 to 19.

There was a little more flavor to this
so called basketball game than the most
rabid fan enjoys, and when Milo finally
came back to earth to toot the timer's
whistle all concerned were fully satisfied.

The first half started out like a busted
speed law, for the seniors jumped into
the more prominent place on 'the score-
board before the referee could get his
second breath. Hyde, Johnson and
Vogt sponsored some clever team work
and basket shooting and quite raised the
juniors off their feet. Wood and his
boistrous band soon came to life and
the half ended with the score 11 to 9 in
favor of the seniors.

That nip and tuck game continued on
until late in the second period and help-
ed to make the crowd think that they
were getting their money's worth by
watching a close game. The seniors
were showing some fancy team work,
while the juniors proffered nothing
more than desultory passing at times.
Wood and Austin bore the brunt of the
offence and defence of the latter,
while all five men played fine basketball
for the seniors.

By their former victories the seniors
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LECTURE COURSE
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the majority knew practically nothing of its contents. He said that many people have to look in the index to find whether Ezra is after Chronicles or after Corinthians. In New Testament times many people could repeat the whole bible. Now it is difficult to find anyone who can repeat one book and many cannot repeat a chapter. And, yet, the Bible has been used considerably to uphold evil. Slavery used to be defended by passages in the Old Testament, which tell of the servants of the Patriarchs. But the misunderstanding arose from the lack of Bible knowledge. The Old Testament being the the history of a people in their development, it cannot be expected that everything, that was done in that Lation's history was right. If so there could have been no development. How well did Dr. Willett explain this by the ring metaphor. At one end of the circle God is represented as coming down to earth and carrying his people along in better living until the time of Christ. There in the center of the lower part of ring of Israel's develoment was the Savior, the expression of God's love to man, John 3:16. Then began the uplifting process, Christ lifting his people, all of mankind, on and upward toward the starry throne of God. So by this ring set with the one priceless stone, even Jesus Christ, is heaven and earth united.
L. D. G.

SOPHOMORES 24 FRESHMEN 14
The Spoh-Fresh game last Saturday night was somewhat of a procession from beginning to end with the Sophs scoring the first and last baskets, and then some. The ball seemed at home in the Fresh territory but wild throws seemed to be in order while the Sophs rarely lost an opportunity to score. The Schultz brothers and McFarlande were very important figures in the victory. The former generated the baskets and the latter kept viligant supervision of ambitious freshmen. Steve Nisbet played a fine game at center, while Cole and Anderson who alternated at guard broke up many a play. Spinney as usual played a fine game though he experienced more hard luck than any other player of the evening. Johnson was the only other first year man to show anything of much intrinsic value. The results of this put the Freshmen almost out of chances for championship. The Sophomores, however, improved and may yet be heard from. Final score; Sophomores 24, Freshmen 14.

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Miss C—"Would a stocking hold all you want for Christmas, Miss Robinson?"

Miss Robinson—"No, but a pair of shoes would."

Soph Girl—"Who do you think is the brightest boy in college?"

Fresh Girl—"Why 'Stub' Vogt, of course."

Soph—"Stub' Vogt! Why he isn't at all good in his studies."

Fresh—"Maybe not, but he dances the tango perfectly lovely."

Wanted—Chaperones for the seniors and juniors. Only people who have been married ten years need to apply. Proof of having been married the required time must be presented with application.

Near

Archie—"Oscar, did you know that Dr. Blaisdell is a near Vegetarian?"

Oscar—"Why a near Vegetarian?"

Archie—"He never eats meat except when invited 'out.'"

YOUR TAKEN

Ruth—"No 'Baldy' I am afraid I can't marry you. I want a man who possesses a noble ambition, whose heart is set on attaining some high and worthy object."

"Baldy"—"Well, don't I want you?"

Ruth—"Oh, 'Baldy' I am yours"

PHILO SLUMBER PARTY

The annual Philo slumber party was held in the society room, Friday night, January 9. After grand marches, snake dances, songs yells, and stunts which disturbed the would-be peaceful slumber of those in the Hall, the usual amount of sleep was indulged in by the Philos. Breakfast was served in the chaffing-dish room, after which the girls separated with a memory of a good time that would never be forgotten.



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VESPER SERVICE

At the term-opening Vesper Service in the college chapel. Sunday afternoon, Dr. Blaisdell gave an excellent address before a large part of the student body. His subject was "Education for Leadership."

After the opening hymns followed by prayer by a number of students, Dr. Blaisdell began his address with the reading of Christ's Baptism and Temptation. Then he drew a comparison between John, with his fiery enthusiasm, the forerunner of the Messiah and the Christ whom he baptised in the river Jordan, and who afterwards said "Suffer the little children to come unto me."

Following that with the account of Christ in the wilderness, he showed how the Man of Galilee was so intent upon the problems of His life's work that he neither ate nor slept. It was there He was tempted of Satan, but He came out of the wilderness after forty days of communion with the Father, as one with a divine purpose ready to fulfill the plan of salvation.

Then Dr. Blaisdell showed how only through following Christ and His teachings, can men become leaders today, that the great leaders are always those who are christian leaders; who have learned of His teachings through the study of His word, and who spend time in communion with him. He gave several striking examples of Lincoln's faith in prayer after which he closed with an appeal that the students of Alma might train to become this type of christian leader.

Professor Veatch had charge of the music, and a beautiful selection by the quartette added greatly to the service.

ZETA SIGMA

Last Monday evening the new officers of Zeta Sigma for the second term were installed by the retiring president Mr. F. S. Johnson. After which Mr. Rudolph Beyer was initiated into the society. Mr. Beyer is a splendid young man and promises to be able material for the society. Last term was one of the most successful terms in the history of Zeta Sigma, due to the hard work of the officers and the loyalty of the members, and it is felt that this loyal spirit is here to stay. Mr. Phillips, the new president, invited the members down to Steve's where they joined the Alpha Theta's in a treat.

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