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For many years past it has been felt that our base ball men should have coats, and the time has at last come when this long-felt want should materialize. There is no question but what Alma will have one of the greatest teams in her history next spring. Wouldn't it send a thrill through you to see old Alma's men trot out on Davis Field next year before every game wearing maroon coats trimmed in white? If you are interested in the way the team plays you surely will look when on the field. In the next issue of the Almanian we are going to submit a plan for getting these coats for our baseball men. Wait and watch for the announcement and in the meantime talk this matter up. Our baseball men must have these coats and it is going to depend greatly on the spirit of the student body as to whether they will get them. The track and football men have blankets. Are we going to give the cold shoulder to the base ball team? Now is the time to get busy and show the base ball men we are going to stand back of them.

Kalamazoo, Olivet and Hillsdale are fighting it out in the state papers for the M. I. A. A. championship. Why not give it to Adrian?

Every time we lead the Intercollegiate all the other schools say there is no such thing as football championship under the M. A. A. rules. To read the Hillsdale and Kalamazoo papers we are inclined to believe there is one this year.

The European war fades in the background when these schools decide to settle the championship. The "hoof and mouth disease" is getting worse in the southern part of the state.

To an Alma student reading the Kalamazoo College Index must seem the same as an Englishman reading an account of the English people from a German newspaper.

Will someone please get a new monkey wrench (or a sledge hammer) and fix that ornament, called the drinking fountain, which stands just inside the door in Pioneer hall.

It might be well to have some hours posted up when we can go to Wright hall during the epidemic, so that there will be no mistakes as to the time we are privileged to go there.

Why is it that a young man not boarding at Wright hall will be ousted from the reception room, while everyone not boarding at that place is allowed to go there to prayer meeting? It would seem that there would be more danger of picking up germs in a crowd than while in the reception room alone. If these things were explained, considerable embarrassment might be avoided by the students not boarding at Wright hall. We're human and we have feelings.

Coach Mather's selection of an All M. I. A. A. team published in last Thursday's Detroit Free Press reminds one of Walter Camp's All (Yale) American teams. He only placed six of his own Kalamazoo players on the team. He sure does hate that Kazoobunch.

ZETA SIGMA BANQUET.
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 —and followed closely to the sentence, "While I keep my sense, I shall prefer nothing to a pleasant friend."
 The next speaker to be honored with the privilege of a toast was Dr. J. T. Ewing head of Classical Department of Alma College. "Suaviter in modo, fortiter in re" ("more gentle-grace makes the wagon run better"), discloses the fact that the doctor was to discourse on "Efficiency." A delightfully instructive toast it proved, dealt with as it was under the three heads of "efficiency in will, efficiency in form, and efficiency in spirit."
 "Our Guests" was an exceedingly splendid toast—wit and humor agreeably seasoning the whole. Montie McFarlane was the author—or perhaps better, the perpetrator. Mr. McFarlane's toast was composed of such outbursts as this:
 "Give man all things, and leave out woman, and this is a cold, bleak world. It is written that man was created and placed in a garden, with all the beauties of Nature surrounding. But in the midst of all this, he was not happy. Then the Creator, in His infinite wisdom and pity sent him an entertainer—woman. Even He, who

created the countless stars would not undertake woman until he had had some previous experience. So all other things He created first. Then He rested. As the sacred record is silent on the subject we will give woman the benefit of the doubt as to whether He has ever rested since. Man was caused to fall into a deep sleep, and a rib was taken from him,—out of it He made a woman. Some cynic has said that "Man's first sleep was his last repose." When that rib was taken it left our heart exposed—left such a deficiency in our anatomy that nothing but a return of the finished product has ever completely removed our feeling of goneness. Most of us have it yet!

"Whatever Adam tried to do around the house, Eve was never suited—she was simply bound to raise Cain. Few voyages on the sea of matrimony have not been disturbed by squalls and hurricanes, and it may be even by tempests—but these don't disturb the depths—it is like the other seas. Scientists say that though the waves roll mountain high, and navies founder, a few thousand feet below the surface the waters are undisturbed. No man has ever sounded the depths of a woman's nature. No sane man ever dreamed that he could understand the reason.

"With all her peculiarities, she is what makes life worth living. She is the wielder of the moral pruning hook—she is the leader in all movements for race betterment. We agree with the Creator when, having made woman, he saw that she 'was good.'"
 We have given this toast in part because of the tribute it pays to our guests, and all woman-kind.

One of the very best toasts of the evening was given by Miss Ethel Thompson. Her subject was, "Our Affiliation." In her pleasing manner, Miss Thompson gave a most excellent talk. She toasted, in verse, each member of the graduating class, who was also a member of Zeta Sigma. Interesting and spicy throughout was this little verse. Turning to her subject, the speaker paid a glowing tribute to all Zeta Sigma men, past and present, and spoke of the tie that binds, and always will bind Alpha Theta with Zeta Sigma.

Emerald Garlock, who gave the Freshman toast, spoke on "First Impressions." He told of his confusing the terms Zeta Sigma with Beta Sigma—the society of the royal paddle. This impression was not favorable. However, a few weeks changed this impression, and after his initiation into Zeta Sigma he says this was his impression:

"Men to the right of me,
 Men to the left of me,
 Men all around me
 Standing—and sitting.
 They were men true as steel
 While I a Freshman weal
 Stood like an onion-peel
 'Strong with impressions.'"
 Mr. Garlock's toast was a very commendable one.

The alumnus to speak to the assembled guests was a former member of Zeta Sigma, who is making good at the law profession in Grand Rapids, Mr. John M. Dunham. His toast was entitled, "Additions and Subtractions." He spoke in an entertainingly instructive manner—giving a message of value to each one present. He spoke of the acts in life which might be termed additions—and in contrast of those which may be termed subtractions. Mr. Dunham held the interest and attention of all by his remarkable speech.

President Dr. T. C. Blaisdell concluded the enjoyable occasion with a toast on "Giving One's Self." In his remarks the doctor emphasized the positive need of giving one's self absolutely and wholly to the task at hand. He spoke of the man at the kettle drums in the orchestra—and a great man in congress. Each of these tended strictly to business, each an asset, each a success, because they gave themselves. His last remarks were a toast to all at the banquet, who rose and drank together.

The banquet was over. It was truly called one of the most successful and pleasant affairs of the college year.

ALTRON CLUB.
 The Altron Club, the new medical society recently organized, held its regular meeting last Tuesday evening. The literary program consisted of a very interesting prepared talk on "What is a Good Pre-Medical Education," by George Doyle. An unusual pleasure was experienced at this meeting because of the presence of Dr. Eisman and Dr. Moon, both of Detroit, and formerly connected with Alma College. A splendid talk was given by each of these men before the club.
 On Saturday morning a breakfast was given in their honor, which also served as a send-off to these Alma men who have made good.

Dr. MacCurdy has the guidance of the Club's efforts and interests, which fact alone proves for certain that a most profitable year will be spent by the members.

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LOCAL ITEMS

Attorney John M. Dunham of Grand Rapids was here for the Zeta Sigma banquet.

Margaret Yerkes and Louise Thayer returned to school Wednesday.

"Pug" Wood and "Tar" Robinson officiated the Fenton-Ionia high school game at the former place Saturday.

"Carp" Carpenter and Reed Stimpson returned to their college work Wednesday.

Basket ball practice will start in earnest after the Thanksgiving recess.

Martha Townsend of Brown City was a guest at the Zeta Sigma banquet Friday evening.

The skating rink is again open to the public.

The baseball team must have coats for this spring. In the next issue of the Almanian we will tell you how we are going to get them.

Harry Helmer officiated at the Flint-Bay City game Saturday.

Eddie Brehm of Cadillac was back for the Zeta Sigma banquet.

Special college parties were held in the rink Friday evening and Saturday afternoon.

Don't forget the Senior play December 10th.

There are 118 boys in College and more than seventy of them are out for basket ball. Sounds good, doesn't it?

Sidney Cook has been engaged to edit the Alma Record while Mark Hanna will tend to the advertising end.

Ward Hodge visited with his relatives in Breckenridge over the weekend.

WINS GOLD MEDAL CONTEST.

Miss Jessie Duncanson, a sophomore in College, won great honors for herself and for her college by winning first place in the Gold Medal Contest, held recently at Owosso in connection with the state meeting of the W. C. T. U.

Miss Duncanson has won many first prizes in various contests held about the state in the past two years. She will certainly be heard from in the local Women's Oratorical Contest, which will be held in the near future to choose Alma's representative to the State Contest.

PHILOMATHEAN.

On Monday evening, November 16th, the Philomathean Literary Society was called to order, and opened in the usual manner. Roll call was responded to by giving the name of a noted artist, mentioning a few facts concerning him, and naming some of his works. After a short business meeting a story was given by Gladys Dershem. The meeting was then adjourned, and the rest of the evening was spent in making plans for the fair, which is to be held December 12th.

CLASS TEAMS.

The freshmen basket ball men elected Clifford Steggal of Bay City to captain their basket ball team this year.

The sophomores chose Edward Johnstone to lead their class basket ball team.

The Juniors and Seniors have not as yet chosen their captains. More announcements next issue.

PHI PHI ALPHA.

Phi Phi Alpha held its regular meeting last Monday evening.

The literary program was good, and was appreciated by all.

Mr. Wilson read a paper on "The Twilight Sleep," which was very instructive. A parody on Poe's Raven, entitled "The Etiquette of the Street," was given by P. Cash. This bit of verse was received with tremendous enthusiasm. A very interesting talk on "The Future of China" was given by Halteman. After two impromptu speeches a short debate was held.

Prof. Ritchie gave us an instructive talk. We were glad to listen to his impressions of the society, and profited by his advice. We appreciated his visit very much, and hope this will be merely the beginning of a lasting friendship.

After a short business meeting the society adjourned.


SOPHOMORE DOINGS.

On account of the unexpected departure of John E. Ludwick, the Sophomore class met last Wednesday to elect another member to assist the maroon and cream staff and gain experience for next year's publication. Chester R. Robinson was chosen as representative.

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ALUMNI NOTES

"WHO'S WHO AND WHY"



REV. JOHN YONKER BROEK

It is a great pleasure for the Almanian staff to run a cut of the Rev. Broek, who is doing such fine work at Plainfield, New Jersey. Several weeks ago the Almanian published a short sketch of this man's life and work.

In the issue of the Continent dated October 15th is an account of the meeting of Yucan Presbytery held at Seward, Alaska. A quorum was present, but a quorum of this presbytery consists of three members. One of the three members present was James E. McBride, of the class of 1904, who is a missionary at Cordova, Alaska. The account states that the meeting was held in a bungalow seven miles from town in the midst of a grove of beautiful spruce and poplar trees. It says, "The Presbytery conducted its own committee of entertainment. Mr. McBride, as Nimrod, slew more than one snow-shoe rabbit to take the place of the spring chicken of erstwhile Iowa experiences."

The article states that Cordova, the center of Mr. McBride's work, is the location of large railroad shops, and around it are many camps.

Mr. McBride went from a Chicago church to this field a little less than a year ago.

Fenton high, coached by DeWitt Marks, ex-'14, defeated Ionia high, coached by Dwight Harwood, ex-'14, at the former place Saturday, 40 to 3. "De" has one of the best high school teams in the state this year, having lost but one game.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Bagley were recently made happy by the arrival of a baby boy. Mr. Bagley is in the banking business in Morrice, Okla. The younger Bagley will enter Alma in 1932.

Alma College men are making great reputations as football officials. In this state Frank Hurst, '06, and Harry Helmer, '09, handle all the big high school games. Ralph Von Thurn has handled a large number of high school and college games. Joe Magidsohn, former Alma star, and All-American halfback, officiates all of Wisconsin's Conference games. Dennis Grady, former Alma coach, will officiate the Grand Rapids-Muskegon game Saturday.

A LITTLE OFF, OLIVET.

The following was taken from the account of the Alma-Olivet game as published in the Olivet College Echo: "It was at this point of the game that Alma completed a pretty pass and the man receiving it after wriggling loose from a tackle made by Champion, ran over the goal line. His forward progress, however, had been stopped and the referee having blown his whistle at that time did not allow the touchdown. An argument ensued as to the matter of whether the player had been completely checked or not, but as the whistle had been sounded the ball was dead anyway."

If the writer of the above article had done any thinking before writing it up for the Echo he might have avoided placing himself and his paper in an embarrassing position, as far as explaining why that touchdown was not allowed. It would have been much better if they had never tried to explain it. In the first place Referee Knight admitted after the game that the ball was not called back because its forward progress was stopped, but because he accidentally blew his whistle while taking a breath. As a matter of fact, no one heard the whistle and the Olivet players began to line up back of the goal posts to await Alma's trial at goal. But here's where the Olivet writer got his foot in the bucket by saying, "His forward progress, however, had been stopped and the referee having blown his whistle at that time did not allow the touchdown." Now as everyone who attended the game knows Champion was on the two-yard line when he made his unsuccessful attempt to stop Hyde, and if as the Echo says the "forward progress had been stopped here," then why did the referee take the ball back to the 23-yard line instead of leaving it on the 2-yard line where they say the ball was stopped. Leaving the ball on the 2-yard line with 1st down even Olivet will admit that Alma could carry it over for the winning score with four downs to do it in.

The above is not an alibi, but merely to set forth the inconsistency of Olivet's statements and to show that the Congregationalists in a fashion admit Alma's right to a victory.

EXCHANGES.

Albion—The following taken from the editorial column of the Pleiad: "Kazoo beat us 32 to 0, and Hillsdale beat us 30 to 0. My, what a rotten team Alma must have."

If we had been unsportsmenlike last year we would have said: "M. A. C. beat us 57 to 0, and Notre Dame beat us 62 to 0. (Alma 33, Albion 0). My, my, what a r-o-t-t-e-n team Albion must have." Still, on looking back a few years we don't blame Albion much for rejoicing; their victories over Alma come about as often as Halley's comet.

Adrian—Adrian is making great plans for a championship basketball team. Prospects at the down-state school haven't been as good in years, and that is saying something for the Adrianites have had some mighty fine teams in years past.

Hillsdale—Hillsdale is lamenting the fact that Alma and Olivet are getting considerable news in the state papers while their "championship" team never gets in the limelight. Too bad, Hillsdale. It has been so long since the state editors have heard of a championship at your institution (so late in the season) that they can hardly make it out to be such.

Kazoo—This year's freshman class at Kalamazoo College numbers 81. We take it this is the largest freshman class that ever entered that institution.

Olivet.—The "Echo," in speaking of the Alma-Olivet game, says, "it was one of the cleanest games ever played."

That is the way these games should be and we hope that they will be such for years to come.

Hope.—The "Anchor," published by the students at Hope College, has left the magazine style of publication for the newspaper form. Congratulations, you have a fine publication.

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HAMILTON HOLT LECTURES IN CHAPEL.

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peace to disarm in advance of the others. The first is impractical—the second, we are not ready for—the third—make an effort to secure enough nations to disarm in advance of the others. As each nation joins the league the standing army can be reduced until no nation has either navy, or army. Thus shall world-peace be secured,—not in one day, perhaps,—but certainly in days to come.

"May it not be for the United States to add to her Declaration of Independence, a Declaration of Interdependence?"

THE THANKSGIVING STORY.

(Continued from page 1.)
that they remain faithful to the task which Providence had assigned to them. It took great courage to watch the last tie that bound them to their homeland sail away perhaps never to return. But they were men and women of matchless courage.

The long months of the winter dragged slowly past. The warm snoring tune brightened their hopes. The ensuing months were prosperous and happy ones. The Pilgrims, always ready to acknowledge the mercies and goodness of God, accordingly determined to set aside a period for the purpose of feasting and giving thanks. Accordingly, gunners were dispatched to seek wild turkeys, while others caught fish, gathered fruits, and picked a great variety of nuts. They built kitchens, and though having none of the utensils which the modern woman requires, the womenfolk prepared a most sumptuous meal. The earth, air and sea had yielded an abundant supply. Roast turkey, dressed with beech-nuts, venison pasties, savory meat stews with dumplings, delicious oysters, broiled fish, grapes, and nuts in endless amount. There, with the Indians as their guests, these staunch-hearted forefathers of ours partook of the feast that the Provider of all good things had given them. In their midst was an Elder Brewster. Calling upon his companions to remain steadfast in their faith, in their hope and courage he uttered a prophecy:—

"Blessed will it be for us,—blessed for this land—blessed for this vast continent. Nay, from generation to generation shall this blessing descend. Generations shall come to look back upon this hour, and these scenes agonizing trial, this day of small things, and say: Here was our beginning as a people. These were our fathers. Through their trials we inherit our blessings. Their faith is our faith; their hope, our hope; their God, our God." His prophecy has been fulfilled. For Thanksgiving was recommended by Congress annually during the Revolution. An intermission, due to growing skepticism, followed. However, in 1789 Washington ordered a day of thanksgiving for the adoption of the Federal Constitution. Since that time various days in November have been recommended by different presidents and governors. In 1864, through a proclamation by President Lincoln, the regular observance of a national day of Thanksgiving was instituted. The last Thursday in November is always chosen as this day. One might wonder why. It is thought that Thursday was the day chosen by the Pilgrims, because it was near the middle of the week, and would give opportunity for the scattered members of a big family to come together and return again without the desecration of the Sabbath. The month of November was chosen because the harvests were all gathered and in. Hence this custom, which belongs peculiarly to the American people, came to be.

HOME COMING.

The big Homecoming which had been heralded in the Almanian ever since college began this fall is now history. Probably at no previous time in the history of the institution has there been so many "old grads" and former students back to old Alma as were gathered here November 14th, the day of the Olivet game. The diphtheria epidemic which broke out in Wright Hall necessitated the calling off of the big football banquet, which was to have been held in the women's building in the evening. This prevented the Alumni and students from getting together for a get acquainted meeting.

During the forenoon the "old grads" were busy shaking hands with one another and looking up old acquaintances among the faculty and town's people. At the game the Alumni joined the college cheering section and in the bleachers on the north side of the field. They were all loud in their praise of the football men and the great fight they put up. This isn't a good place to mention what they had to say about referee Knight. After the game the "old grads" sauntered away in small groups recalling former battles with our ancient rival, only to return again to the Campus after dinner to touch off the big bonfire in front of Wright Hall, which Knight forgot to light in his haste to escape in an

automobile from the angry freshmen. Speeches were made by the alumni, faculty and students. Yells and songs helped to make the time spent about the fire very enjoyable. After the fire had died down everyone adjourned to the chapel, where a song festival was held for about an hour.

Sunday noon all the alumni attended a luncheon in Wright Hall, which was served in their honor. In the afternoon many attended the "everybody out to Y. M. C. A. meeting" and several took part.

This visit to the Campus of their former school days was an enjoyable one to both the "old grads" and the present student body as it tended to bring them in closer touch with one another. We sincerely hope that next year we may have an even larger and better gathering of alumni at Alma.

CHAPEL TALK.

Last Friday morning the students had the pleasure of listening to short speeches by Dr. Nadal of Olivet, Mr. Keeler, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Prof. Cody, one of the Assistant Superintendents of Schools in Detroit. Mr. Keeler left with the students the one thought of "thoroughness" in preparation and in after life. Supt. Cody gave the "benediction," as he said, after Keeler's "sermon." He gave those expecting to enter the field of teaching an invitation to go to Detroit. Dr. Nadal spoke extensively on the "Crippled Condition of the Olivet Football Team," and urged our men to spare them.

The remarks made by these men were well received, and their visit to our Campus was an enjoyable one to the students at least.

We were disappointed in not having more guests from Olivet for the Homecoming.

"Bill" wants it announced through the columns of the Almanian that he has a "\$3 cravenetted hat and a \$25 overcoat." A box of candy will be given to the first person guessing who "Bill" is.

HEARD IN ENGLISH CLASS.

Prof. R.: "Why will our next game with Olivet be like heaven?"

Student (wee, small voice of faith): "Because we'll all be there."

Prof. R.: "Wrong! Because there will be no (K) night there."

Wife: "I suppose if you should meet some pretty young girl you should cease to care for me?"

Husband: "What nonsense you talk. What do I care for youth and beauty? You suit me all right."

Cherub: "Why did you let that bad man in?"

St. Peter: "Oh! his name is McAllister, and he sells aluminum wear. I had to let him in, or be talked to death."

"Your money or your life," growled the fool-pad.

"Take me loife," responded the Irishman, "O'im savin' me money for me old age."

-If a file in a rasping tone should call the auger a bore, and the monkey wrench a nut from the vise, would the plane just smooth things over?

Bashful Student (seeking a job): "Have you an opening for me?"

Proprietor: "Yes; there's one behind you,—shut it as you go out, please."

Prof. Ritchie: "Why will next year's game with Olivet be like heaven?"

Ritchie, answering own question: "Because there'll be no '(K)night' there."

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