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ZETA SIGMA HOLDS ANNUAL BENQUE

banquet has gone down in the records curred on Wednesday, last week, he of history. For a quarter of a century this happy event in our college life has taken place. For a quarter of a century associations and memories never to be forgotten have been formed. Each year finds this brilliant affair a most complete success.

A glorious night was last Friday evening. A gentle snow was falling. just enough to hide the ugly bare spots. The breeze, seeming to appreciate what was taking place, sent the snow-flakes-so many millions of sparkling diamonds-flying hither and thither, and yonder. They laughedand played-and danced by the rays of the boulevard lamps-like fairies who love the chill weather. It was a night to bring the lustre to the eye of youth, and roses to the cheeks of maidens.

Promptly at eight-fifteen the guests began to arrive. Having removed the wraps, a general reception was held in the Wright House Parlor. Here friend met friend, alumni became acquainted with the new members-and a generally happy interchange of conversation was kept up. A fairer company one would look far to see. And in this connection it would hardly be fair not to mention the magnificient attire of the fairer sex. In strict keeping with the early winter modes, simplicity was the key-note throughout. There was the attractively fashionable full sheer tunic over a semi-tight satin or silk skirt; and the charmingly graceful two, and three circular flounce effects of lace or chiffon; or again there were those with border bead medallions. Soft, beautiful voile garments, wtih collar trimming' of fur were also in evidence -as well as dainty tunic frocks of Marquisette. Complete over-dresses of magnificent nett held their own with the rest. It would be impossible to describe the effect of the charming garments, when taken togetherdressy-stylish-up-to-date - delightful,-a complete blending of crepe de chines, satins, silks, attractive Robespierre collar effects, yoking, laces, and nett. Beautiful bouquets of red and white roses, and bunches of sweet

beauty of the gowns. While the orchestra played a rousing march tune, the banqueters, in double file, proceeded from the parlor to the banquet hall. Predominant throughout were the blue, and . the white of Zeta Sigma. Streamers of these colors were hung from pillar to pillar in diagonal fashion, while upon the walls were pennants and banners of both Zeta Sigma, and their sistersociety guests, Alpha Theta. The snow-white covers, laid for fifty couples, gave promise of good things to come. Standing at their places, those present bowed while thanks were given to the Provider of all good things by Professor C. I. Ritchie, of the English department, Alma College.

Clam Chowder, Boston style, opened the program, so far as the menu was concerned, olives and celery completed this course. Baked lake trout, lemon points followed in the second course, and a delicious bit of fish it was indeed. As course followed course the eatables seemed to become. more palatable. Delicious creamed chicken in timbals, mashed potatoes, and French peas came next; then Boston brown bread, that dainty breadconfection. Fruit salad, surrounded by an abundance of whipped cream, with salted wafers, served to add delight to the splendid occasion. But this was not that eleven games will be played, beall-sweet nut ice cream, sunshine sides a trip during Christmas vacacalte, and salted almonds. Next hot tion, probably to Grand Rapids, Tra-

Prexy's ox-goad was a very delightful preparation for the toasts of the

McCloy, acted as toast-master, in rangements have been made with the which capacity he acquitted himself high school authorities for the use with great credit. As is the custom with toast-masters, Mr. McCloy began telling stories (a most pernicious habit son for Alma. at banquets, by the way on the first speaker of the evening. Not to be outdone, however, Errol Stafford, who took as his toast "Fraternity," came back in regular sophomoric fashion. Mr. Stafford gave us some fine suggestions as to the meaning of fraternity

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HERMAN F. JOHNSON SPEAKER IN CHAPEL.

Chapel exercises were brightened somewhat by the address of Mr. Herman F. Johnson, travelling sercetary of the Intercollegiate Prohibition As-The twenty-fifth annual Zeta Sigma | sociation. At this meeting which ocgave a very interesting talk on "The Lawlessness of the Liquor Traffic." In the evening, at the prayer meeting held in Wright Hall, he gave some interesting and instructive remarks.

The purpose for which Mr. Johnson visited Alma was to renew interest along the line of Prohibition among nations as well.

five dollars to the local winner in the All people will be poorer because of prohibition contest to be held some war-and its fearful cost. The last, time next February. Now is the time the biological argument, is by far the

McINTYRE.

BASKET BALL PROSPECTS.

Although Coach Bleamaster has not there are about sixty men out for the various class teams. This number will be greatly increased when the official call for men is made after the do good work with. The class games the material at hand in the freshman class, there seems to be no reason whatever why Alma should not win a majority of her games. In fact, it would seem that Alma ought to come mighty near copping the M. I. A. A. peas tended to add still further to the title. Among the old men in school there are Wood, Austin, Cook, Goodich, H. Jackson, Cole and Siminton, and hatred, fear, and passion runs from last year's Junior class team. From last year's championship Sophomore team there are in school at the present time Oscar Anderson, McFarlane, Nesbit, and Beshgetoor, From last year's freshmen, Stafford, John stone, Spinney, and Hyde. There seems to be a great abundance of likely material in the freshmen class. A few of the yearlings who have reputations as basket ball players are. Steggall and Fletcher Gallagher, of Bay City Eastern; Gaffney, Hodge, and Jessup from Alma High, last yeaer's Central Michigan championship team; Fitch of Marlette; Schultz of Middleton; Richards of East Jordan; French of Coleman, besides several candidates who have not as yet reported. Four of the above named individuals are wearers of the basket ball "H," they being Wood, Goodrich, Cook and Austin. As yet the captain has not been chosen, but it will probably be settled this week as to who will lead the team. Whoever the fortunate person is, it looks as if he would have the honor of leading the greatest basket ball team Alma has ever turned out.

Manager Anderson has not completed the schedule, but it is known verse City, Ludington, Manistee and the northern part of the state. The students will be glad to hear that most of the games will be played with In-President of Zeta Sigma, Bryson tercollegiate teams and at home. Arof their fine new gym.

All in all it looks like a great sea-

Ruth Cook, 14, who is teaching in the Crosswell High School, this year. returned to visit with her parents over the week-end. While here she attended the Zeta Sigma banquet.

Watch for the date of the Senior

Alma received an especial treat on Saturday evening when Mr. Hamilton Holt, editor of the "Independent" Magazine, lectured on "World Disarmament." After a word of introduction from Dr. Blaisdell, Mr. Holt began his lecture. In speaking Mr. Hamilton Holt said:

"There are three arguments against war-the moral argument-the ecothe students. A local league has been nomic argument-and the biological formed here, and has a membership of argument. The first holds that war about twenty-five, while others have is barbarous—that it is nothing but signified their desire to join. It is murder. This has been an argument guests. hoped that a study class, under a com- for 1800 years, yet while it is valid. petent instructor, may be organized we still have wars. The economic for the second semester. It will be the argument argues against the cause aim of such a class to study the dif- of war. In the present conflict, \$30,ferent phases of this great social evil 000,000 is the estimated amount spent not only in our nation, but in other each day. Before the war is over the cost may be \$10,000,000,000 or even Students are also reminded that this twice that amount. War effects the association offers a prize of twenty- whole economic system of the world. to get busy, and prepare the winning most important - the argument against the killing of men. War is not a survival of the fit, it is a survival of the unfit. The very best in the nation are killed while the worst are left. During the Napoleonic wars it was estimated that the population as yet issued the call for basket ball, was reclined one-half inch in height. In Vinginia those enlisting were the finest in the state, the poorer physically and montally were left. At present, in Europe, there are per-Thanksgiving recess, and it is believed hans 1,000 men ready to fig at each there will be between seventy to nine- others throats. In the first lines are ty trying for the Varsity. This will those ranging, in age from 19 to 24; mean that Bleamaster will have some- in the second line there are those from thing to do to give each one a fair 24 to 28; in the third line from 28 to trimming of gold thread and show and at the same time cut the 35 or 40. Here there are the very squad down to a sufficient number to flowers of the nations-ready to die will start December first, each team mated that 800,000 Germans have alplaying three games. Through the ready been slain; and certainly as class games Coach should be able to many allies have fallen. Suppose the pick a goodly number to have a great war should last three months, or six Varsity squad. There are enough old months, or even a year-it is easy basket ball men in school to turn out enough to estimate the loss not only a championship team for the maroon in men-but also in the field of sciand cream, and when you add to these ence, literature, art, etc. Think, too, of the effect on the women, and children-the effect on the married, and the unmarried. Why do all these arguments prove of no avail-even while they are recognized as true? No an-

> movement? It is the substitution of law and order for war. "But today we are faced with a great question,-what to do after the the war. Three things must be done, first, extend democracy; second, cultivate the spirit of good will, and third, to create international peace institutions. The first must be brought about by means of political organization, while the second must be created by

swer can be given-except that per-

haps nations often get to such a place

where they fling reason to the winds,

riot. What is the matter with the

peac9e conference at the Hague? The

trouble is that it is or has been an

anti-war movement instead of a pro-

war movement. What is the peace

schools, churches, etc. "What has the Hague accomplish ed? Out of the first conference came the Hague court-a provision committee of inquiry-and the theory of good offices. Out of the second conference came a supreme court for world arbitration, modeled after the U.S. Supreme Court; the Porter proposition, and an arrangement for a third con-

"What has been done for peace among the nations, and within the nations? There are 600 posce exception organized, with an endowment of \$25, 000,000,-an interestional peace conference every year-Triendship socie-

stop the war, and, Who to be after opportunities are much greater. the war? Difficult it is to stop the war, but much eas be done afterward. First, the United States can

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ALTROIX BANQUET.

The "Altroix" Society, composed of the pre-medic students of the college, held their first banquet at the Arcada Cafe Saturday morning, Nov. 14th. An excellent four-course breakfast was served to the following men, viz.: Dr. Moon and Dr. Eisman of Detroit, Dr. McCurdy, Doyle, W. Galigher, F. Galigher, Pipenburg, Wilson, Wax, yearly celebration there breathes the Staggle, Lavley, McKenzie and Bev-

After all had done ample justice to the breakfast, William Galigher, president of the society, acting as coach-

Moon, who responded to the toast, liberty. There in the autumn of 1621, discussed the subject in a way that ness on every side-in the midst of a showed to those present how much a new and as yet strange world-the strong personality means to a doctor first Thanksgiving was celebrated. and how it can to a certain extent be The tale of this courageous comacquired. His helpful suggestions, pany's experiences has oft been told. mingled with his usual amount of Every child knows of the thrilling

wit were greatly enjoyed. Dr. Eisman next toasted the assembly on "Advantages and Disadvantages of a Doctor's Life." This was an excellent toast, and his easy manner in addressing the men was only excelled by his eloquent language. He pictured to the young men what a useful life was before a doctor and how he, if he tried, could live a life of greatest service to his fellow men. He contrasted the advantages with the disadvantages of a doctor's life in a way that clearly showed them both, yet showed too how the advantages much outweighed the disadvan-

Next came the toast by Dr. McCurdy on "The Relations of Biology to Medicine." This was of greatest interest to all, and plainly showed that Dr. McCurdy had given the subject a

Mr. Galigher called upon Mr. George Doyle to respond with a word of thanks on behalf of the society to the gentlemen who had so kindly toasted them. Mr. Doyle was overflowing with humor and common sense, and thanked them in a way is only George could, Mr. Doyle already has had a great deal of pracice, as he cared for all the injured on the football teams this fall. He has ecome so proficient in his line of work that he now is commonly known as

The banquet was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. From now on it will unoubtedly be an annual affair.

The secretary of the "Altroix" Sonety received a letter from the secretary of the Pre-medic Society of Detroit Central High School asking to become affiliated with them. This re-

uest was gladly granted. We are glad to note the interest manifested in the society, and the Almanian extends to them a wish for a prosperous future.

ALMA'S REAL MEANING

entire andergroduate course at Alma College is extremely fortunate. He

PHILOMATHEAN.

Philomathean Girls are again intake a stand for world organization, debted to Mrs. Notestein for the hos-All future Triple Ententes against pitality which she showed them Saturdual alliances must be stopped; kings day evening. Nov. 14th, when she must be deprived of the right to de- opened her home to them. This gave clare war. Three suggestions for the old members who were back for teth his hand to the plough and looketh world disarmament are (1) disarm by Homecoming an opportunity to meet back is not worthy of Me." So their force; (2) build a world federation, some of the new girls, and to talk duty to God and to those buried on and then disarm; (3) join a league of over several matters of interest and the brow of yonder hill demanded importance to all.

A STORY OF

Thursday, the 26th, will find us in the midst of the Thanksgiving season. Very naturally amid the mirth of this spirit of festivity whose story carries us back through far-stretching vistas of time; back beyond the childhood memories of Thanksgiving Day which our grandmothers cherished; back master of the morning, called their through those troublous years of attention to the fact that they then struggle for independence-back past had other feasts in store for them in the scenes of colonial days, when the way of toast from several of the huge turkeys roasted before a blazing log fire; back to the very thres-Mr. Galigher first called upon Dr. hold of our country's history and our The Doctor Personality." Dr. Moon with nothing but the boundless wilder-

> happenings of this company of brave men and women, who for their faith, who for the privilege of worshiping God according to their belief, were willing to undergo the dangers not only of the sea in crossing, but also the peril to be encountered in a new and unexplored land. Nevertheless though this story is an old one, it may be well for us to recall, in brief, the main

In the bleak and chilly winter, just four days prior to birthday of the Christ-child in the manger at Bethlehem, a little body of intrepid souls landed on Plymouth Rock. The year was 1620. How they praised God for that new land-that land, the gaining of which was to cost so dear! were no homes already built for them -there were no even roads upon which they might travel-nothing but the savage beasts-and the worse than savage - Red men. There on every hand rose the trees of the "forest primeval." No welcoming hand reached out to them-no smiling faces urged them on. Instead, there beckoned the hand of Want-Privationand Death. Nothing daunted these men of faith- who trusted in God, and their strong right arms set to work, They folled the sturdy trees, and in the cleared space built not homes, with electric lights, and carpets on the floor, not homes with pictures on papered walls, and comfortable beds in which to sleep. No! They built log huts that were full of cracks, and to keep out the wind they hung up the skins from the animals they shot. But they didn't simply build homes therea building reared to the glory of God

was built-and there they lived and

Those first days were dark days. The hardship was terrible. No language can tell of the pain and the anguish. The winter was cold-extremely cold. The suffering was intense. Sickness came. They fought the disease in vain. It was an awful winter. Only seven out of that hundred and five souls that landed were strong enough to minister to the sick The following extract from a person- and to bury the dead. They were destial letter recently received by President | tute of all comforts, necessary provi-Blaisdellfrom E. A. Thompson, 12, pays sion was lacking, the sick lay crowded a tribute to Alma which should be together in a quickly improvised hosmade known to all the student body: pital-huddled together in unfurnish-"I have been taking work in great ed dwellings where the snow sifted Universities since I left my Alma Mater, through in great heaps on the floor. but let me say this: Although I have They buried their beloved dead at enjoyed the work beyond what I had the weakness of the party. One by night, lest the Indians might know of which says that no nation can collect anticipated and every bit of it has been one they bore their beloved ones away, debts by force until after arbitration, exceptionally helpful, nowhere have I and laid the bodies from which the found a faculty that is more energetic spirit had departed, to rest beneath a ference to be held at some future nor professors who are so willing to do blanket of snow on the barren bluff everything they possibly can for the near the water's edge. They died in student who works, than I found in a glorious and noble struggle; and Alma. So I consider that the student though all marks of their graves were who has the apportunity of taking his effaced, though there was no funeral note, save the dirge of the mournful sea, breathed upon those sad and lonely burials in the silent depths of ties, and other institutions for the bus opportunities in debate, Y. M. C. A., the winter night, never for a moment promotion of peace, such as leagues Christian is low-ship, and personal touch were they forgotten or neglected. in colleges, universities, charches, etc. God casoed to Yound in a great Univer- Their memories were most lovingly "Two questions to think about, Rew (aby. Also us an athletic way his cherished, and those who had perished in the struggle and lay buried 'neath the snow, continued in spirit to live with those who remained to carry on the battle of faith.

> The day came for the return of the Mayflower to the homeland. There was a question to decide-shall we return or shall we stay? "He that put-

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felt that our base ball men should ed product has ever completely recome when this long felt want should of us have it yet! materialize. There is no question but baseball men must have these coats reason. and it is going to depend greatly on time to get busy and show the base woman, he saw that she 'was good.' " ball men we are going to stand back of them.

Kalamazoo, Olivet and Hillsdale are not give it to Adrian?

is one this year.

background when these schools de- Theta with Zeta Sigma. cide to settle the championship. The "hoof and mouth disease" is getting Freshman toast, spoke on "First Imworse in the southern part of the pressions." He told of his confus-

Kalamazoo College Index must seem able. However, a few weeks changthe same as an Englishman reading ed this impression, and after his inan account of the English people from itiation into Zeta Sigma he says this 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 mendable one. will be no mistakes as to the time we are privileged to go there.

boarding at Wright hall will be ousted Mr. John M. Dunham. His toast was 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 eraberrassment might be avoided by the students not boarding at Wright hall. We've 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 Kazoo bunch,

ZETA SIGMA BANQUET.

(Continued from page 15) and followed closely in 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 mode, fortiter in re" ("more anle-grease 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 agree-ably seasoning the whole. Montie and formerly connected with Alma McFarlane was the author.—or per-haps better, the perpetrator. Mr. by each of these men before the club. McFarlane's toast was composed of On Saturday morning a breakfast elect another member to assist the

such outbursts as this: woman, and this is a cold, bleak world, men who have made good. It is written that man was created and placed in a garden, with all the club's efforts and interests, which beauties of Nature surrounding. But fact alone proves for certain that a in the midst of all this, he was not most profitable year will be spent by 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,-T. Arnold Robinson, 16, Editor and Bus. Mgr. out of it He made a woman. Some cynic has said that 'Man's first sleep Entered as Second Class Matter, Sept. 24, 1907 was his last repose. When that rib. Acr of 1859, Alma, Mich. was taken it left our heart exposed left such a deficiency in our anatomy For many years past it has been that nothing but a return of the finishhave coats, and the time has at last moved our feeling of goneness. Most

"Whatever Adam tried to do around what Alma will have one of the great-the house, Eve was never suited-she est teams in her history next spring, was simply bound to raise Cain. Few Wouldn't it send a thrill through you voyages on the sea of matrimony have to see old Alma's men trot out on not been disturbed by squalls and Davis Field next year before every hurricanes, and it may be even by game wearing maroon coats trimmed tempests-but these don't disturb the in white? If you are interested in the depths-it is like the other seas. way the team plays you surely will Scientists say that though the waves look when on the field. In the next roll mountain high, and navies founder, issue of the Almanian we are going to a few thousand feet below the surface submit a plan for getting these coats the waters are undisturbed. No man for our baseball men. Wait and watch has ever sounded the depths of a for the announcement and in the woman's nature. No sane man ever meantime talk this matter up. Our dreamed that he could understand the

"With all her peculiarities, she is the spirit of the student body as to what makes life worth living. She is whether they will get them. The the wielder of the moral pruning hook track and football men have blankets. -she is the leader in all movements Are we going to give the cold shoulder for race betterment. We agree with to the base ball team? Now is the the Creator when, having made

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 fighting it out in the state papers evening was given by Miss Ethel for the M. I. A. A. championship. Why Thompson. Her subject was, "Our Affiliation." In her pleasing manner, Miss Thompson gave a most excellent Every time we lead the Intercolle- talk. She toasted, in verse, each giate all the other schools say there member of the graduating class, who is no such thing as football champion- was also a member of Zeta Sigma. ship under the M. A. A. A. rules. To Interesting and spicy throughout was read the Hillsdale and Kalamazoo pa- this little verse. Turning to her subpers we are inclined to believe there ject, the speaker paid a glowing tribute to all Zeta Sigma men, past and present, and spoke of the tie that The European war fades in the binds, and always will bind Alpha

Emerald Garlock, who gave the ing the terms Zeta Sigma with Beta Sigma-the society of the royal pad-To an Alma student reading the dle. This impression was not favorwas 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 Freshmen weal Stood like an onion-peel

'Strong with impressions.' " Mr. Garlock's toast was a very com-

The alumnus to speak to the assembled guests was a former member of Zeta Sigma, who is making good Why is it that a young man not at the law profession in Grand Rapids, 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 was appreciated by all. great man in congress. Each of these tended strictly to business, each an Twilight Sleep," which was very asset, each a success, because they instructive. A parody on Poe's gave themselves. His last remarks Raven, entitled "The Etiquette of the were a toast to all at the banquet, Street," was given by P. Cash. This who tose and drank together. bit of verse was received with tremen-

The banquet was over. It was ruly called one of the most success-

ALTROIX CLUB.

The Altroit Club, the new medic's The literary program consisted of a be merely the beginning of a lasting very interesting prepared talk on friendship. "What is a Good Pre-Medical Education," by George Doyle. An unusual pleasure was experienced at this meeting because of the presence of Dr.

"Give man all things, and leave out served as a send-off to these Alma

Dr. MacCurdy has the guidance of the members.

Duggan Contest Co., Dec. 1st.

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 Stimpon 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 ban-

quet 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

Don't forget the Senior play Decem-

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

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

Ward Hodge visited with his relatives in Breckenridge over the week-

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.

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

CLASS TEAMS.

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

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

Mr. Wilson read a paper on "The bit of verse was received with tremendous enthusiasm. A very interesting talk on "The Future of China" was and pleasant affairs of the college given by Halteman. After two impromptu speeches a short debate was

Prof. Ritchie gave us an instructive talk. We were glad to listen to his impressions of the society, and profitsociety recently organized, held its re- ed by his advice. We appreciated meeting last Tuesday evening. his visit very much, and hope this will

> After a short business meeting the society adjourned.

SOPHOMORE DOINGS.

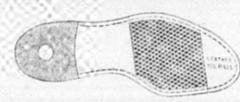
On account of the unexpected deparelect another member to assist the maroon and cream staff and gain experience for next year's publication. Chester R. Robinson was chosen as representative.

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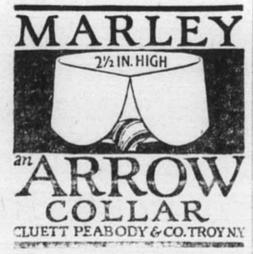
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ALUMNI NOTES

"WHO'S WHO AND WHY"



REV. JOHN YONKER BROEK

It is a great pleasure for the Alman- If the writer of the above article ian staff to run a cut of the Rev. had done any thinking before writing

around it are many camps.

Marks, ex-'14, defeated Ionia high, do it in. coached by Dwight Harwood, ex-'14, The above is not an alibi, but mereat the former place Saturday. 40 to 3. ly to set forth the inconsistency of "De" has one of the best high school Olivet's statements and to show that teams in the state this year, having the Congregationalists in a fashion 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 editorial column of the Pleiad: The younger Bagley will enter Alma "Kazoo beat us 32 to 0, and Hillsdale

of Wisconsin's Conference games, as Halley's comet. Dennis Grady, former Alma coach, will officiate the Grand Rapids-Muskegon game Saturday.

A LITTLE OFF, OLIVET.

account of the Alma-Olivet game as teams in years past. published in the Olivet College Echo:

"It was at this point of the game gling loose from a tackle made by papers while their "championship" sued as to the matter of whether the hardly make it out to be such. player had been completely checked or not, but as the whistle had been sounded the ball was dead anyway."

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Broek, who is doing such fine work it up for the Echo he might have at Plainfield, New Jersey. Several avoided placing himself and his paweeks ago the Almanian published a per in an embarrassing position, as short sketch of this man's life and far as explaining why that touchdown was not allowed. It would have been much better if they had never tried In the issue of the Continent dated to explain it. In the first place Ref-October 15th is an account of the eree Knight admitted after the game meeting of Yucon Presbytery held at that the ball was not called back be-Seward, ·Alaska. A quorum was cause its forward progress was stoppresent, but a quorum of this pres- ped, but because he accidentally blew bytery consists of three members. his whistle while taking a breath. As One of the three members present a matter of fact, no one heard the was James E. McBride, of the class whistle and the Olivet players began of 1904, who is a missionary at Cor- to line up back of the goal posts to dova, Alaska. The account states that await Alma's trial at goal. But here's the meeting was held in a bungalow where the Olivet writer got his foot seven miles from town in the midst in the bucket by saying, "His forof a grove of beautiful spruce and pop- ward progress, however, had been lar trees. It says, "The Presbytery stopped and the referee having blown conducted its own committee of en- his whistle at that time did not allow tertainment. Mr. McBride, as Nim- the touchdown." Now as everyone rod, slew more than one snow-shoe who attended the game knows Chamrabbit to take the place of the spring pion was on the two-yard line when chicken of erstwhile Iowa experi- he made his unsuccessful attempt to stop Hyde, and if as the Echo says the The article states that Cordova, the "forward progress had been stopped center of Mr. McBride's work, is the here," then why did the referee take location of large railroad shops, and the ball back to the 23-yard line instead of leaving it on the 2-yard line Mr. McBride went from a Chicago where they say the ball was stopped. church to this field a little less than Leaving the ball on the 2-yard line with 1st down even Olivet will admit that Alma could carry it over for Fenton high, coached by DeWitt the winning score with four downs to

admit Alma's right to a victory.

EXCHANGES.

Albion-The following taken from beat us 30 to 0. My, what a rotten team Alma must have.'

Alma College men are making If we had been unsportsmenlike great reputations as football officials. last year we would have said: "M. A. In this state Frank Hurst, '06, and C. beat us 57 to 0, and Notre Dame Harry Helmer, '09, handle all the beat us 62 to 0. (Alma 33, Albion 0). big high school games. Ralph Von My, my, what a r-o-t-t-e-n team Al-Thurn has handled a large number bion must have. " Still, on looking of high school and college games, back a few years we don't blame Al-Joe Magidsohn, former Alma star, and bion much for rejoicing; their victor-All-American halfback, officiates all ies over Alma come about as often

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 The following was taken from the Adrianites have had some mighty fine

Hillsdale-Hillsdale is lamenting that Alma completed a pretty pass the fact that Alma and Olivet are getand the man receiving it after wrig- ting considerable news in the state Champion, ran over the goal line. His team never gets in the limelight. Too forward progress, however, had been bad, Hillsdale. It has been so long stopped and the referee having blown since the state editors have heard of his whistle at that time did not al- a championship at your institution low the touchdown. An argument en- (so late in the season) that they can

> 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."

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HAMILTON HOLT LECTURES IN CHAPEL.

(Continued from page 1.) peace to disarm in advance of the others. The first is impractical-the second, we are not ready for-the thirdmake an effort to secure enough nations to disarm in advance of the oth- held for about an hour. ers. 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 certain- body out to Y. M. C. A. meeting" and ly in days to come.

"May it not be for the United States to add to her Declaration of Inde- former school days was an enjoyable pendence.?"

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 spring 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 deter- after life. Supt. Cody gave the "benemined to set aside a period for the purpose of feasting and giving thanks. Accordingly, gunners were dispatched to seek wild turkeys, while tion to go to Detroit. Dr. Nadal plane just smooth things over? others caught fish, gathered fruits, spoke extensively on the "Crippled and picked a great variety of nuts. They built kitchens, and though hav. Team," and urged our men to spare "Have you an opening for me?" ing none of the utensils which the them. modern woman requires, the womenfolk prepared a most sumptuous meal. were well received, and their visit to 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. Homecoming. 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 phophecy:-

"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 as a péople. 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.

HOMECOMING.

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

Sunday noon all the alumni attended a luncheon in Wright Hall, which was served in their honor. In the afternoon many attended the "everyseveral took part.

This visit to the Campus of their pendence, a Declaration of Interde-pendence.?" one to both the "old grads" and the some pretty young girl you should present student body as it tended to cease to care for me?" 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 had to let him in, or be talked to speeches by Dr. Nadal of Olivet, Mr. Keeler, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Prof. Cody, one of the Assistant Superintendents of the fool-pad. Schools in Detroit. Mr. Keeler left with the students the one thought of Irishman, "O'im savin' me money for "thoroughness" in preparation and in me old age." diction," as he said, after Keeler's | If a file in a rasping tone should "sermon." He gave those expecting call the auger a bore, and the monkey to enter the field of teaching an invita- wrench a nut from the vise, would the Condition of the Olivet' Football

The remarks made by these men you, -shut it as you go out, please." The earth, air and sea had yielded an our Campus was an enjoyable one to the students at least.

> We were disappointed in not having more guests from Olivet for the "Because there'll be no '(K)night'

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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 supose if you should meet

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

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"Your money or your life," growled

"Take me loife," responded the

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

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