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## HOPE AND ALBION WIN CONTESTS

### JESSIE TAKES THIRD PLACE---"HI" WINS FOURTH

#### THE NEW PATRIOTISM

Miss Jessie Duncanson.

War has always been the pastime of nations. From the tales of traditional valor which constitute the history of barbarism down to the unrecorded outrages of the present war in Europe, might has made right. At the very beginning of history the unsullied earth was besmirched by the blood of a murdered Abel. Once, he who had the strongest arm and the toughest sinew was hailed as King. He cared no more for human life than for a passing breeze. He sacrificed the prosperity, the culture and the virtue of mankind on the altar of inordinate ambition. He carried his trusted weapon with him to the grave, as the talisman of eternal glory and renown.

The benefit of hero worship is poor return for the ravages of war; nor can we adequately estimate the loss entailed by the death of a single man. What shall we say, then, of the waste incurred on the battlefields of history? We would fight the ravages of contagion, and thwart the devastation of disease, yet we indulge in an inane hero worship that gloats over the massacre of human life, as an Indian brave fondles his scalp-locks. Mothers crone the songs of war to their children, the schoolboy is taught to salute the flag as symbolizing the glory of combat; youth is encouraged to fabricate for itself the career of a Napoleon, or an Alexander.

What is war? Paint for me the picture of a battlefield. The air is saturated with sulphurous poison, everywhere a deafening clamor, cries, shrieks, the neighing of wounded horses. Fields that should be kissed with daisies, grow slippery with blood. Infuriated fiends, our glorified heroes, hack each other with their swords. The bayonet feels for the cloth, pricks the flesh, rends the muscle, breaks the bone and protrudes a crimson point. When dusk comes, and the rain falls and the bodies of the slain freeze where they fell, then Satan, the Prince of War, gloats triumphantly over the ruin he has wrought.

Today, in the United States, many million people, schooled in the customs and traditions of all lands, have been merged into a single nation, speaking the same language, living under the same flag, worshipping the same God. The carnage of war is thus proved not to be a necessary consequence of racial difference and diversity of interest. The marvelous growth and unprecedented prosperity of such a body of thinking, industrious men and women prove to the certainty of demonstration that the larger steps in human progress must come through the fellowship of people who speak different languages, cherish unlike customs, and follow distinct ideals; thru the federation of nations; through the establishment of a larger unit of civilization.

Turn back into the history of our modern conveniences. Germany offered the printing press, America's Fulton invented the steamboat, France contrived the aeroplane, until today we have almost reached perfection in commerce and industry through our composite civilization. Yet, there exists in primitive vigor a misguided patriotism, that is continually driving us beyond the rational idea of peace. Each of these nations, while joyfully

### Amy Fee of Albion Wins Woman's Contest— Cornelius Wirenga, Hope's Representative Wins Men's Contest

### Record Crowd at Tabernacle-Alma Places High

The Eighth Annual Women's Contest of the Michigan Intercollegiate Oratorical League held Friday afternoon in the auditorium of the Presbyterian church in this city, was won by Miss Amy Fee of Albion college with the oration, "A Matron or a Mother." Second place in this contest was awarded to Miss Eva R. Arent of the Michigan State Normal College with the oration, "The Sport of Kings." THIRD PLACE WENT TO OUR OWN REPRESENTATIVE, MISS JESSIE DUNCANSON, WITH HER ORATION, "THE NEW PATRIOTISM."

The Eighteenth Annual Men's Contest of the Michigan Intercollegiate Oratorical League, held in the new Tabernacle Friday evening was won by Mr. Cornelius R. Wirenga of Hope college with the oration, "The Newer Patriotism." Second place was given to Albion's representative, Mr. Guy Fox, with the oration, "The Next Battlefield." Mr. Carleton B. Miller of Hillsdale, was awarded third place with the oration entitled, "The Practical American." ALMA'S REPRESENTATIVE IN THIS CONTEST, MR. MAURICE COLE, TIED WITH ELWOOD D. STANBERRY OF YPSILANTI FOR FOURTH PLACE.

The college spirit of the various institutions represented in these contests was at its best throughout the afternoon and evening. Every college had a noisy, enthusiastic delegation cheering their contestants on. More concerning the doings of the day will be found in the column headed "WHAT WE NOTICED."

Alma's representatives brought honor and glory to the Maroon and Cream. We are proud of the fine showing made by them.

contributing to the world's material progress and happiness, vies with the other in its multiplication of the weapons of rapine. Like children boasting of their toys, they brag of their submarines and battleships. They tax their people to the verge of penury, in order that standing armies may be maintained. Year by year appropriations for the munitions and accoutrements of war are increased, that weaker nations may be robbed of their autonomy, and rivals in commerce may be broken in power and beggared in wealth.

"In the United States," says Senator Burton, "annual budgets for the enormous waste flourish with tropical luxuriance. During this last year our appropriations amounted to more than a billion dollars. This sum, whose vastness is almost beyond the realization of the ordinary individual, is more than the cost of prosecuting the civil war during its last year, when every nerve was strained to crush the Southern armies. Since 1908, each year the billion dollar mark has been exceeded and now the public mind has adjusted itself to these enormous budgets. An excited imagination has woven a halo of patriotism about the heads of the men who conceive them." Churches beg benevolence for the city poor. Men pay taxes to maintain orphanages; saloons and palaces of vice thrive in the face of insufficient funds to successfully combat the all but inexhaustible resources of their masters; our Lord's last great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," is disobeyed, because we cannot command the few paltry dollars required for sending the message of hope and salvation to the backward nations of the world, whose day of opportunity hastens to its close in unbroken gloom. Since the beginning of the war in Europe, enough money has been spent on battleships and armaments to christianize the world. Yet, all the time, this christian nation of ours is pouring out untold wealth for target practice and parade furbelows. How long must we submit to this waste? How long must we lower our standard of life to the level of the blood-lusting

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#### WHAT WE NOTICED

The two Oratorical contests held in this city Friday of last week will go down in the history of the Michigan Intercollegiate Oratorical League as two of the best contests ever held in this state. It was Alma's privilege to entertain the delegations from the other colleges this year, and our only regret is that we shall have to wait nine years to do it again. This was the first time that the Women's contest has ever been held here, and only the second time we have had the honor of holding the Men's contest.

At the Tabernacle. The big new Tabernacle, which is being used by Evangelist Loose for his revival meetings, was turned over to the college authorities for the Men's contest Friday evening. After Freidman and Gates turned their committees loose in this edifice it took on a somewhat different appearance than was wont to greet the eye on other occasions. Maroon and Green bunting hung gracefully from the rafters above; the canary and black of Adrian, the green and pink of Albion, the blue and white of Hillsdale, the orange and black of Kalamazoo, the green and white of Ypsilanti, the red and white of Olivet and the colors of Hope were in evidence everywhere; and huge Alma blankets and pennants covered up all the would-be bare spots. Too much cannot be said in praise of the decorators.

Record Breaking Crowds. Close to seven hundred people attended the Women's contest in the Presbyterian church and it is estimated that twelve and thirteen hundred people were present at the Men's contest in the Tabernacle. Think of it—nearly two thousand people were in attendance at the two contests. If thirteen hundred is not a record attendance for a Michigan Oratorical contest then we would like to know what the record is so we can break it in 1924. Alma, the "little college in the northern wilds of Michigan"—so far away from the other colleges that large delegations of visitors could not be in attendance—turns out the largest crowds in the history of Michigan oratory. Are we proud? You bet.

Great College Spirit. Much spirit was displayed by the various colleges at the afternoon contest, but the real college roof raising enthusiasm was displayed in the evening. Promptly at seven minutes after seven the Almites headed by their college band started things going in real Alma style with cheers for all the visiting colleges. At seven-ten the Hopeites marched in lock-step from the front entrance singing "The Dutch Have Come." It might be said right here that Hope had the largest delegation of the visiting colleges, and their spirit was, as it always is, of the very best. The "Io triumphe" of Al-

bion; the "rah rah rah" of Adrian; the "breek-ki-ki-kex koax koax" of Kalamazoo; the "O! C! rah rah" of Olivet; Hope's "zip rah bang"; the "hip-zoo! rah-zoo!" of Ypsilanti; Hillsdale's "fi fi fo fum" and our own "Alma, Alma, rah!" filled the air for about fifteen minutes before the contest. It sure was inspiring to see the twelve or thirteen hundred people stand while Hope and Alma sang their college songs. The spirit displayed by all the colleges last Friday evening will be long remembered.

The college band, directed by Ray Tomlin, added much to the spirit of the evening and we want to thank them for their part in the program.

Alma Ranks High. Jessie Duncanson won third place for Alma and was but one point back of second place. Maurice Cole tied for fourth place with Ypsilanti. We may well be proud of the excellent showing made by "Jes" and "Hi." Our place on the program was not the best by any means for to be the first speaker is probably the worst place one can have, but every college has to take it once every nine years, so why fret. We are just as proud of our representatives as Hope and Albion are of their winners. Why shouldn't we be when we can take a third and a fourth with nine colleges in the league?

By referring to the grades in the Men's contest it will be seen that Albion had a trifle better grade, but Hope's representative secured three firsts which by the rules brought our Dutch friends first place, and the honor of representing Michigan at the Interstate contest to be held at Knox college, Illinois.

The judges for the Women's contest were: Prof. William V. Pooley, of Evanston, Illinois; Supt. L. L. Forsythe of Ionia, and Prof. Wilbur Hurphaires of Ann Arbor. The judges for the Men's contest were: Attorney A. A. Covert of Detroit; Attorney A. F. Shaw of Grand Rapids; Judge F. D. M. Davis of Ionia; Supt. E. C. Warriner of Saginaw and C. C. Vaughn of St. Johns.

John Marchmont, a former college man, visited on the campus the latter part of the week.

#### THE NEWER CITIZENSHIP

By Maurice Cole.

(Alma's oration in the Men's contest.)

The day has come in American history when provincialism is outgrown. Progress in commercial, industrial and social life has forced us to look beyond the narrow confines of our own national boundary to the broad field of world interest. American merchantmen plow the waters of every sea; our products compete in the markets of the world. Our prosperity has become dependent to so great an extent upon that of every other land that failure, loss and depression abroad means failure, loss and depression at home. We can no longer sit idly by while nations sacrifice the welfare of the human race on the cruel altar of self-aggrandizement. Both the achievements of the past and the opportunities of the future urge us on to the consummation of our world duty.

Already a high degree of civil liberty has been established for our people by constitutional provisions. The United States has shown that that form of government which derives its authority from the consent of the governed is best suited to the healthful growth and development of all people; that special privilege puts in jeopardy the rights of the many; that class hatred defeats all human progress; that distinctions of birth and the prestige of wealth should not guarantee to the possessor any unmerited protection; and that national conscience is the true measure of national development. These testaments to true progress are the outgrowth of democratic principles practiced and thoroughly tested by an energetic and highly capable people. Nearly two centuries of experience have convinced us that they are the elements which form the bulwark of our national strength. Confined to our own life in the past, they now demand of us a broader dissemination throughout the world.

The attitude we have hitherto assumed toward our world duty has been very indefinite. We have endeavored, with admirable success, to preserve friendly intercourse with all other nations. Incidentally we have established such a reputation for fair-dealing that today we command the respect and confidence of the whole world. But, there our work has stopped. We have put forth no active efforts to accomplish definite results, nor have we inaugurated an active policy of diplomacy. Far different has been the course of other nations. England, interpreting her mission in terms of empire, has encircled the globe with a chain of colonial possessions. Germany has interpreted her destiny as being the conquest of all nations and the establishment of her own permanent supremacy. Viewing Great Britain's growth with apprehension she is even now waging the greatest war of history to assert her power.

The natural growth of the United States has been along different lines. Herself, in the beginning, a group of colonies, she considers a policy of colonization as unsuited to her own welfare. Secure in the peace of her isolated domain, race supremacy thru militarism is repugnant to her ideals. She has conceived of a greater destiny, where her own strength is not

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#### GRADES IN WOMEN'S CONTEST

JUDGE—	Pooley	Forsythe	Hurphsires.	Grade.
Albion	1	1	2	4
Ypsilanti	2	2	4	8
ALMA	3	3	3	9
Hope	5	6	1	12
Kalamazoo	6	4	5	15
Olivet	4	5	6	15
Adrian	7	8	7	22
Hillsdale	8	7	8	23

#### GRADES IN MEN'S CONTEST

JUDGE—	Covert	Shaw	Davis	Warriner	Vaughn	Grade
Hope	1	1	5	2	1	10
Albion	2	2	2	1	2	9
Hillsdale	4	3	3	4	4	18
ALMA	3	5	8	5	3	24
Ypsilanti	5	7	1	3	8	42
Olivet	6	4	7	6	6	29
Adrian	3	6	6	8	5	33
Kalamazoo	7	8	4	7	7	33

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◆ NESBIT ELECTED CAPTAIN ◆

◆ Steve Nesbit, '16, was the unanimous choice of his teammates to captain next year's basketball team. Steve is one of the most popular men in college and his election to the captaincy of the 1916 quintet was a pleasing one to the student body.  
◆ Nesbit is one of the best guards ever developed here, and with the material that will be available next year we predict for him the honor of leading one of the best basketball teams in the history of the college.  
◆ "Nisbits," as he is known about the campus, is a Junior, a member of Phi Phi Alpha; a leader in Y. M. C. A.; a member of last year's championship baseball team; and an Alma man from the ground up. Congratulations, Steve!

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◆ FINE SPIRIT "WHIT." ◆

◆ One of the editors was given the following note, which is self-explanatory:  
◆ To the Almanian:  
◆ I would like to be in a position to deserve all the praise given me in the last Almanian. Although I have worked hard for the band the credit for the Minstrel show should go to R. A. Beyers, who worked day and night collecting material and training the end men. He should be praised and not me.

◆ "WHIT."  
◆ We did not mean to slight "Rudie" in any way for the praise that was surely coming to him. This is fine spirit on Whittington's part and we wish to thank him for calling our attention to the fact that Mr. Beyers did the work for the Minstrel show, which was one of the best ever given here.

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◆ FORRESTER WRITES ◆

◆ Editor Almanian,  
◆ Alma, Mich.  
◆ Dear Sir:—Enclosed please find check for \$1.25 to balance year's subscription.  
◆ I do not seem to receive my paper very regularly, but enjoy copies exceedingly.  
◆ The paper is being put up in A-1 shape and should demand the best of support.  
◆ Yours respectfully,  
◆ M. M. Forrester.

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◆ ZETA SIGMA ◆

◆ At the weekly meeting of Zeta Sigma, held in the society rooms Monday evening, the following program was given:  
◆ Paper: "Progress of the European War Up to the Present Time," Jerry Marks.  
◆ Prepared Talk: "Duties of the Student Manager of Athletics," Oscar Anderson.  
◆ Reading by Rudolph Beyers.  
◆ Impromptu were responded to by George Doyle and Hobert Chapel.

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◆ SOME SOPRANO SECTION IN THE BIG CHOIR. ◆

◆ Did you see that soprano section in the choir at the Tabernacle last Wednesday evening? If you didn't you didn't miss much. But did you hear them sing? We are sure that you did and that was your reason for leaving. Among the warblers in this section was to be found such noted singers as "Jerry" Marks, "Digger" Gallagher, "Hobe" Chapel, "Brud" Hyde, "Ole" Anderson and others not worth mentioning. It is said that they were not all soprano singers, but that they sang in this section because of the more desirable seats.

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barbarian? They tell us that armaments constitute the only guarantee of peace. This doctrine has been preached from the platform and paraded in the public press until multitudes have come to accept it as the final word, touching the infamous gospel of force. Under the sanction of this dictum the nations of the earth have gone on increasing their armies and navies, their coast defenses and interior fortifications, until their gigantic proportions can be expressed only in terms of world magnitude. In vain have the common people groaned and suffered under an unbearable burden of taxation, hoping against hope, that some time either they or their children would receive in the blessings of peace some compensation for the costly sacrifice. When Russia, rendered unscrupulous by her consciousness of military strength, finds her way thru Siberia to the Orient, Japan, because she was armed to the teeth, plunged headlong into war, only to be answered in the language of shrapnel and shell. Even the Balkan states, though too poor in purse to protect themselves from the recurrent invasion of famine, unblushingly mortgage the prosperity and happiness of unborn generations for the sake of indulging themselves in the luxury of being pillaged and butchered. England and Germany building battleships, casting artillery and inventing explosives, proudly congratulate themselves on being the Peace Makers of Europe. But, look at Europe today. Her mountains belching hate and flame, her valleys strewn with dead, her rivers running red with blood! Armaments the guarantees of Peace! It is the philosophy of sham, foredoomed to failure. For, when battleships bristle in our harbors, the God of War goes forth to slay.

◆ They tell us that armaments are insurance policies, for the protection of society against possible losses to be incurred from invasion and conquest. But, what premium does society pay on this sort of insurance? The six greatest nations of Europe have poured into the money chest of militarism the appalling sum of six billion ninety-two million dollars during the last 30 years. And now who is going to collect for them the face value of the policy? An incendiary fanatic drops a match in the powder magazine of Europe and a cataclysm of war shakes the foundations of the world; the art, the learning, the civilization of a thousand years crumble like a paper ship in the grinding teeth of a polar sea. Drench the house in kerosene and you will soon hear the roar of flames in the rafters.

◆ They tell us that liberty is safe and justice secure, only when a nation is prepared for war. But what war-accoutred nation of Europe dared take up the gauntlet in defense of the Congo against the cruel exploitation of Leopold! Whose soldiers ever entered the trenches to succor Korea or Manchuria! What Russian Cossack or German battery or British battleship ever moved to restrain the "unspeakable Turk," when he went forth to massacre in Armenia? The armed nations of the world stand eternally shackled in the fetters of their own forging, while tyranny grinds liberty to powder under its iron heel. Justice vainly lifts her bleeding hands in supplication to the God of War.

◆ Either reason or force must always control in human affairs. Political and territorial integrity can be secured only by law or by war. The peace propaganda proposes to substitute law for war. The towns and cities of the world have long since replaced force with reason in municipal life and the internal affairs of the civilized nations of the earth have been successfully reduced to order by the application of law. Only international relationships now appeal to the arbitrament of war. This progress in civilization has been achieved through a slow but sure development, the several steps of which can be clearly defined. The family constituted the first unit of civilization. Then, every man's home was his castle, to be defended with his life. Gradually the interests of the family were merged with the interests of the clan, every fighting man binding himself to defend the tribal supremacy with both his property and his life. When the single clan found itself unable to resist the assault of some superior foe, it struck hands with other clans and thus the state rose to pre-eminence in political organizations. This new and large unit supplanted the right of private vengeance with courts of equity and the right of trial by jury. When single states co-alesced to form nations, all internal disputes were transferred from the battlefield to the chamber of justice. If international peace is ever to be secured, the same principle that has led to the abolition of war within the family, the tribe, and the state must be carried one step farther and applied to the several nations of the world. As soon as any single nation becomes convinced of the

futility of war it must align itself with every nation of like mind to form a federation of nations.

◆ While it may be true that the world is not yet ready for the complete application of this principle, the hour has certainly struck when the first steps can be confidently taken. A league of peace should be immediately established. The difficulties in the way of such an enterprise are by no means insurmountable. Almost every nation on earth has been established by confederations, and national confederations are nothing more than leagues of peace. But to render any such alliance effective, each constituent nation must sacredly respect the property rights of every other; arbitration must be invoked where diplomacy fails; congresses must be created and clothed with power to enact all general legislation. Armaments must be materially and immediately reduced. They must be so radically decreased that they will establish nothing more than superiority over the military resources of any single nation or combination of nations that still cling to the fatal policy of militarism. By disarming a little above the danger mark, for the sake of self-preservation if for no higher reason, all defensive power will be placed under the control of the federal authority. This will eliminate the risk of war within the league and protect against assault from without.

◆ What part are the American people to take in this next great achievement of civilization? No crisis in all the annals of history has ever cried more loudly for a leader. Shall America look blindly on while some nation less favored by fortune and fate for such a task heeds this cry of a bleeding world for justice and liberty and law? God forbid! By our composite population, by our isolated position and by the nature of our political institutions God has equipped us to lead mankind and not to follow, in the establishment of universal peace. Let ours be the voice that will dominate and direct this great world movement. America! Hear thou the Cry! Flag of our Country, emblem of Justice, for whose integrity Washington bled at Valley Forge, and Lincoln paid the last full measure of devotion, unfurl thyself over a united world whose King is the Prince of Peace.

◆ LOCAL ITEMS ◆

◆ Richards and Hodge have changed their rooming place in Pioneer hall. We wonder why.  
◆ Friday is Alma College Day at the Tabernacle. Be there.  
◆ Ermah Cotey spent the week-end with Bess Brown at Farwell.  
◆ Lucile Lott entertained Miss Stump of Lansing over the week-end.  
◆ Dr. Blaisdell left the city Saturday evening for a lecture tour in the interests of the college.  
◆ Most of the fellows attended the Men's meeting at the Tabernacle Sunday.  
◆ Saturday afternoon the college orchestra played at the big opening of Slater's store. In the evening the band furnished the music, while Beyers and Oscar Anderson put on some clever comedy stunts. The latest dances were also demonstrated by these young men.  
◆ The college band played at Fred Slater's big opening Saturday evening.  
◆ Messrs. Freidman, Nisbet, Johnston and McCloy and the Misses \*\*\*\*\* met the visitors to the state contests at the trains Thursday evening. It is reported that a young man by the name of Cole got an awful pounding when the fellows got back to Pioneer hall.  
◆ Is your Almanian subscription paid? If not, why not?  
◆ Alexander Duncanson of Mt. Pleasant attended the state oratorical contest here Friday.  
◆ John Wax was in Saginaw on business the latter part of the week.  
◆ "Dutch" Hoyt of football fame was about the campus the latter part of the week. Hoyt intends to enter college against next fall.  
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◆ Chester Robinson accompanied the second team to Marion Friday.  
◆ Bernice Ireland spent the week-end in Lansing.  
◆ We need that dollar twenty-five. How about it?  
◆ Bess Brown spent the week-end with her parents at Farwell.  
◆ Mrs. Fred Soule left for Baltimore last week.

◆ PRETTY WARM. ◆  
◆ Izzy—Did you enjoy yourself at the minstrel the other night?  
◆ French—No. Had a rotten time.  
◆ Izzy—Whatsmatter? Steam pipes too close to back seat?

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## ALUMNI NOTES

"WHO'S WHO AND WHY"

Mr. S. E. Lynd, now at 512 Shrader St., San Francisco, Cal., was an Alma student from '87 to '89. After leaving here he studied at the Chicago Theological Seminary and the University of Chicago, finally taking his degree of Ph.D. from the Indiana University. For a number of years he was director of the Montara College of Arts and Crafts at San Francisco, and recently has been official lecturer for the Panama Pacific International Exposition, touring in this capacity most of the states west of the Mississippi. In a letter recently received from him he says, "I was unfortunate in not graduating from Alma College, which I shall always regret. In all the other institutions which I attended nowhere did I find the same inspiration that I found as a boy in good old Alma College."

men as Soule and Angell occupying positions of influence in this great city. With kindest regards and good wishes to all Alma men and women, I remain,

Sincerely yours,  
WILLIAM WINTON.  
Mr. Winton also enclosed a circular, which he received from Seattle, Washington, concerning a lecture to be given at the First Presbyterian Church by Rev. Sherman L. Divine, '98. The lecture was entitled "Round the World in 80 Minutes."

The following article taken from the February 25th issue of the Continent will be of interest to the friends of Harold G. Gaunt, '06:

**To Buy Its Own Birthday Gift.**  
In preparation for a celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of its organization in March, the Second Church of East Liverpool, Ohio, is undertaking to clear off a debt of \$1,500. Rev. Harold G. Gaunt is pastor.

### PHILOMATHEAN

The Philomathean Society held its regular meeting Monday evening. After the initiation of Miss Merle McKay into the society the regular program was enjoyed. The roll call was responded to by the name of a favorite novelist and why? After a short business meeting the society adjourned. Refreshments and a social time were enjoyed the remainder of the hour.

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### WHAT'S DOING ON THE CAMPUS

- March 12th—Friday—Alma College Night at the Tabernacle.
- March 13th—Saturday—Alpha Theta—Zeta Sigma at Wright hall.  
Philomathean—Phi Phi Alpha at Phi Phi Room.
- March 20th—Saturday—Classical club.
- March 26th—Friday—Spring vacation.

### "YOUNGSTERS" OF PSYCHOLOGY CLASS HAVE BIG TIME

Play "Pussy Wants a Corner" and Indulge in Other Strenuous Games  
Dr. Randels took the "youngsters" in his class in Psychology over to the Kindergarten Building last Wednesday, and allowed them to participate in some "nerve racking" games such as "Leap Frog," "Journeying to Jerusalem," "Pussy Wants a Corner" and "Beasts, Birds and Fish."

The one hour spent in this manner brought back ye olden days, and needless to say much excitement ensued. Among the feature acts of the afternoon was one in which Master "Gordie" French, the "prim" little "Montie" McFarlane, the "little" Anderson boys, "Jake" and "Ole," and "Vernie" Van Duzen participated in an exciting game of "Pussy Wants a Corner." Because of his great work in the capacity of guardian of the Pioneer Hall Cat, Dr. Randels chose "Vernie" to be Pussy, and the time this young man had in catching "Ole" is already campus gossip. One of the big feats of the day was the teaching of the Doctor to skip, and this he did very well—after considerable practice, thanks to "Fritzie" Voltz, his instructor. One of the little Anderson boys proved himself to be a shark at guessing proverbs. The big event of the hour was the Leap Frog race between teams captained by Master Maurice Cole and Master Alfred Papworth. The end of the race—which, by the way, was a tie—found "Gordie" sprawled out on the floor and little "Bobbie" McAllister sorting himself out from among the chairs.

Lack of space forbids our enumerating the feats of other star performers. The fact that everyone had a good time leads us to believe that they all felt very much at home.

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proportionate to the amount she can take from others or the extent to which she can annoy and oppress her weaker neighbors, but where it is directly dependent upon their health, their growth and their prosperity. Endowed to a remarkable degree with a genius for governmental organization, the United States combines with it her past, unhampered by objectionable treaties, and her future, rich in the wealth of natural resource and life; combines with it her security on all sides from hostile invasion, and emerges as one specially girded to lead in the race for world betterment.

This work which we have taken for ourselves may be accomplished in several ways. A wholesome example on our part will do much to influence those people over whom we may have no stronger claim. No one can deny that since the establishment of our government, we, as a great experiment in democracy, have held the attention of the world. Our success has served as an inspiration to others. The many states of South America, profiting by what we have done, have thrown off the yoke of foreign oppression and have launched forth in government as independent states. Aristocracy has been overthrown in France and England and sovereignty, organized in the Third Estates and the Commons, finds expression of its will thru democratic organization. We would not claim for ourselves all the credit for these changes. Such can result only from centuries of developing thought. The fact, however, that a successful democracy had been established in America has spurred Europe on, and representative government has become a reality.

While it is not in keeping with our national policy to create an Empire of the Seas and annex outlying colonies, still in the course of our diplomatic negotiations it has seemed advisable to take under our supervision certain scattered provinces. The course we have followed and shall follow in connection with these will prove an important factor in the creation of proper example.

When Spain, unreasonable and merciless in her treatment of Cuba, sought to coerce her, the government of the United States intervened, sacrificing wealth and blood protected her, and left her free, independent and happy in the possession of a government where extensive privileges are guaranteed the individual.

Again, in the Philippines we are following the same broadminded and generous principle, sending to that unenlightened island-group soldiers to quell uprisings hostile to the existing order; teachers to educate and uplift the natives, and specialists of every nature to experiment and study, so that in time they, too, may be left rulers of themselves and capable of self-government along the broadest democratic lines.

Our treatment of Mexico is moulded on the same principle and ideal of government which has directed our previous conduct. We do not issue an unreasonable and hostile ultimatum to our unfortunate neighbor at the south; we do not mass huge armies on her borders nor fill her harbors with dreadnaughts, eager to begin a destructive bombardment. Rather do we offer friendly advice, mediation, assistance. We place peace above all else, and have recourse to war only as a last resort. We permit her the natural and intended use of her resources instead of forcing her into an unnatural condition of life. We befriend her, we do not beset her in her misfortune by ruthless invasion. Mexico might easily be added to the territory of the United States. Her defense would fall with but feeble resistance. But, what shall it profit a nation though it gain vast territory and extension of power if it loses its high ideal? From the ever-present demagogue we shall hear the cry, "Idealism," but it is only by unceasing struggle for the ideal that true progress can be attained. We are accused of being too materialistic. In this, then, let us be idealistic.

In this broader view of our relations to our sister nations, statesmen must keep pace with the national mind. From now on they must aggressively carry to the courts of every nation the principles of democratic government. They must encourage international congresses as a means to a better understanding and feeling between nations. As in the Russo-Japanese conflict of a decade ago, so today should American statesmen endeavor to arrange between the warring nations of Europe a meeting, in which the mediatory services of our nation may secure peace, and restore order and prosperity to an entire continent. The national mind is convinced that war is both barbarous and murderous. Let us demand that our representatives in foreign courts reflect the true attitude of the American people.

The policy of the United States

must also incorporate an active plan for disarmament. So long as the youth of any nation have thrust into their hands the implements of war and are taught and skilled in their use, just so long will that nation be a military aggressor. We cannot dream war without some day attempting to realize that dream. Impression will seek expression in national life as surely as it will in individual conduct. So long as any nation has as its greatest aspiration supremacy of force on land or sea, just so long will the very atmosphere of that nation be filled with jealousy, hatred and fear. We have before us even now a most significant example of this fact. European nations have dreamed of battleships, submarines, siege-guns and aeroplanes; they have filled the minds of their people with visions of world empire, until, unable longer to restrain themselves, they have broken out in terrible conflict, disregarding all laws of humanity and justice, destroying achievements which generations of industry have produced and laying in their bloody wake ruin, despair, poverty, famine and, greater than all else, an increased contempt for their enemies.

As a nation thinketh in its heart so is it. As a nation directs the thought and energy of its people, so may it expect to receive its reward. The United States must not only lead in the disarming of nations, but must seek to create a universal movement in the direction of a greater respect for all people.

To what extent can you and I assist our nation in developing a civilization which shall forever lead the world towards ideals of peace and justice? More than the citizen of any other political organization on the globe, the citizen of the United States is able to direct and fashion the destiny of the nation. In our right of suffrage we hold the power which shall either advance our nation to the pinnacle of world leadership, or shall leave it to stagnation and decay. In the too oft disregarded ballot the American nation alone finds the expression of its sovereign will. For that will we are responsible and our responsibility should cause us to shake off the lethargy of disinterest and instill within us the determination to put to the best possible use the birth-right which every democracy places in the hands of her citizens, the ballot. It is the expression of our inward thought that alone can determine our national policy. Discretion at the polls can effect reforms which regiments of infantry can never nullify. But, hand in hand with discretion must go independence with the ballot. We can no longer be chained by affiliation to parties long since devoid of national usefulness. We must formulate our opinions for ourselves and not conform to those devised by an organization seeking self-perpetuation. We must remember that our policy should be the national policy, and our interest the interest of the nation. Let us direct our support into these channels where we are assured the greatest benefits will accrue, not to our people alone, but to the people of every nation and of every generation. Let us remember that our respect among nations depends not upon our submarines and superdreadnaughts, not upon rows of glistening bayonets in the hands of uniformed soldiers. Rather it depends upon the extent to which we carry the doctrine of friendliness, of helpfulness and of fair-dealing to all people. Let us remember that therein lies the greatest opportunity of bequeathing to generations yet unborn that hope of the future when all shall be united under the common law of man.

**OH JOY, OH BLISS,  
OH, GORDON**

What is that? Is that a man at the north window of the northeast corner room of the Wolfe Fraternity house? Yes, sad to say, it is. But what is that he holds in his hand, it surely is not a table cloth is it? No, it is not a tablecloth, but it is a handkerchief he has been lustily waving at some "unknown" person standing in the kitchen window at Dr. Clizbe's house.  
Moral: Never use the flag signaling system, but get a wireless.

**FROEBEL INSTITUTION**

Last Monday evening, February 22, Mary Du Rousey of Detroit and Hazel Tuck of Marlette were initiated into the Froebel Society, according to the regular form of initiation. These girls increase the enrollment of active membership to 46. Both girls are live wires and the Froebels are glad to welcome them into the society.

Following the initiation all members adjourned to the grill-room where a sociable evening was enjoyed. Apple and fresh buttered pop-corn—popped while you wait—were served. After much of the excitement had subsided Miss Robinson, in her very charming manner, entertained the group by two of her pleasing stories. The girls then dispersed and only by the creaking of the stairs did Miss Waite know they had obeyed the rules of the special privilege.

**DR. NOTESTINE LECTURES**

At a joint meeting of the Young Men's and the Young Women's Bible classes of the Presbyterian Church, Dr. Notestine gave one of the series of special lectures on the subject of "Teachers and Teaching." After giving a history of the science of teaching and criticizing the profession in general the Doctor dwelt for some time upon the advantages which teachers have; how they secure an ever-increasing circle of friends and the pleasure which comes to them by being able to influence and enrich other lives, who in turn will become leaders in the world. There is no doubt but what everyone in attendance was benefited by this splendid talk. The class feels very fortunate in having such a capable man as Dr. Notestine to lecture to them, and hope that they may have the pleasure of listening to him again before the year is over.

**OUR PROFESSORS  
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Last Wednesday morning in chapel Professor Veatch in urging students to sing in the big choir at the Tabernacle suggested that there were some exceptionally good singers sitting in the faculty row, who had not volunteered their services. When Director Veatch named Dean Mitchell and Doctor Randels, as being two of the men he had in mind, the former at the instigation of the later hurled a chapel hymnal at the speaker. The aim was good and caught the Director amidstips.

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